

# EXPLORE



## At A Glance

Fire on the Water  
Oak Mountain State Park  
Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Gates open - 7:00 a.m.  
Gates close - 7:00 p.m.  
Fireworks - 9:00 p.m.

Flipside Watersports show  
begins at 5:00 p.m.

### BEFORE YOU GO:

[Watch our video for the event traffic plan.](#)

## CELEBRATING AMERICA It's Time for Fire on the Water

By: Anna McGough, Communications Office Intern

Oak Mountain State Park's annual firework show, Fire on the Water, is back and will surely be the highlight of the summer! Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024, will be a family-friendly, sunscreen-covered outdoor adventure-filled day that ends with a kaleidoscope show in the sky. Fire on the Water brings thousands of Alabamians from all over to celebrate our country. But it's more than a fireworks show; it's a day of community and fun. Enjoy a memorable time on the park's beaches, where you can swim, socialize, or chow down with friends, family, and strangers. Chloe Funkhouser with the Oak Mountain State Park Event Team said, "Local food trucks, music by DJ Blaze, interpretive programming, and wakeboarding entertainment provided by FlipSide Watersports are just a few of the activities you can enjoy."

City Manager Gretchen DiFante said this event holds special memories for her. "Fire on the Water was the first event I attended when I moved to Pelham seven years ago. I remember thinking how I'd never been to a fireworks display and party that was so fantastic. I continue to meet residents of Pelham who have never been to Oak Mountain State Park! My husband and I started a custom of bringing at least one Pelham family with us who has never visited Oak Mountain State Park and Fire on the Water. We bring a tent and games and make a whole day of the event. It is always a great day culminating in a spectacular fireworks show".

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The City of Pelham and OMSP are proud to host such a gathering. Funkhouser explained, “We see anywhere from 5,000 - 10,000+ guests in attendance”. With many making this their Fourth of July tradition, it is safe to say Fire on the Water is quite the day to experience. Join us in making this holiday a safe, exciting, and memorable one!

## What To Know

The park opens at 7:00 a.m., and families are encouraged to enjoy all Oak Mountain State Park offers. Grills and picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you’re staying for the fireworks show, you’ll want to bring chairs and blankets.

Food, beverage, and other vendors will arrive at 5:00 p.m., and a wakeboarding exhibition provided by Flip Side Watersports will start at 5:00 p.m. Prepare to be amazed by these professional wakeboarders!

### PLAN YOUR ARRIVAL TIME ACCORDINGLY

If you plan to attend Fire on the Water, the most important thing to remember is that gates close at 7:00 p.m. on July 3rd. The fireworks show begins at 9:00 p.m. sharp, so you’ll want to be in the park before 7:00 p.m.

### COST OF ADMISSION

Get the carload price and enter as early as 7:00 a.m. on July 3rd [by purchasing your ticket online](#) ahead of time. The carload price per vehicle is \$15. Pelham residents get a special carload price of \$10. Please print your receipt or have it ready to show on your phone. You must have a receipt to show our gate staff at park entrances. If you don’t pre-pay online, regular entry fees apply before 5:00 p.m., and the special carload rates apply from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Both gates will take cash and card payments.

### SAFETY

The Pelham Police and Fire Departments will be on-site to ensure everyone’s safety. At the end of the show, Pelham police officers will assist with traffic. There are three ways to leave the park, and you will be directed by



officers accordingly: 1) You may exit at the main park entrance. Here, you will make a right once you approach the roundabout. This route will take you to the north side of Pelham near Highway 119 and I-65. 2) You may also exit at the back of the park. This will take you towards Highway 119 near Briarwood Christian School. 3) The third option is to head towards Peavine Falls Road, taking the traffic circle, where officers will guide you to take a left. This direction will take you to Highway 33 or Highway 35. [Watch this video](#) to learn more about the traffic plan.



## Kidz Outdoors Pro Rodeo

By: Anna McGough, Communications Office Intern

Hold your horses! 3R Rodeo Company is riding into town July 19-20 for a two-night Professional Cowboy Association Pro Rodeo event. The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena is partnering with Kidz Outdoors and 3R Rodeo Company to host an adrenaline-rushing, rip-roaring night for a good cause. You'll witness a multitude of rodeo event categories, including bull riding, barrel racing, mutton racing, and much more.

Seth Greenberg, Executive Director of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena, is excited about hosting a rodeo in an arena that usually features a sheet of ice. "The event promises an exciting spectacle for our community and benefits a worthy cause. We proudly support Kidz Outdoors and their mission of providing outdoor experiences for children with special needs."

This locally based nonprofit empowers children who experience physical, mental, or behavioral drawbacks through recreational excursions and outdoor ventures. One hundred percent of the ticket proceeds go directly to Kidz Outdoors to ensure funding for their programs, allowing these children to continue to grow and learn through such experiences.

The CEO of Kidz Outdoors, Carol Clark, appeared ecstatic for this mesmerizing and purposeful night. "We hope to have a full house at this fantastic rodeo event that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children we serve. Some of those children, who are from six states, will attend the rodeo."

See how the professionals do it while supporting a great cause!

You can purchase tickets through [Ticketmaster](#). Please visit the [Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena website](#) for more information about the Pro Rodeo.



## Let's Play Pickleball!

By: Lucas Kalba, City Manager's Office Intern

Summer is a great time to get in the swing of America's fastest-growing sport. Pelham Parks & Recreation will offer a clinic on July 20th with three different sessions for those who have never played the sport and those who want to sharpen their skills.

The Advanced Clinic will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Pelham Recreation Center. It is recommended for people who have been playing pickleball for at least six months. Participants will learn more challenging patterns, different types of volleys, and how to serve the ball better.

There are two beginner clinics: one from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and the other from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Beginner Clinic teaches the four basic shots to play pickleball: drive, volley, serve, and dinking. Beginners will also explore the basics of court coverage and different playing patterns.

This clinic is an excellent opportunity to gain new skills and have fun! The clinic is for people ages 16 and over and is \$18 per person. Space is limited, so please sign up on the Pelham Parks & Recreation website today.

## Movies Under the Stars

By: Lucas Kalba, City Manager's Office Intern

After a great start to this year's Movies Under the Stars in June, the movie series continues this month with a showing of "Migration" (PG). Bring the entire family out to walk the red carpet and enjoy a fun outdoor experience!

The event will be held on Friday, July 12th, at Pelham City Park. Local food trucks will be on-site at 6:30 p.m., and park staff will offer fun games and activities. The movie will start between 8:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. The event is free, and no tickets are needed. You'll want to bring chairs and blankets to spread out and enjoy the movie. See you there, Pelham!



## July Summer Camps

The days of summer break are slowly dwindling, but there are still plenty of opportunities for Pelham students to take advantage of local summer camps in the month of July. Here are some of the offerings:

### Tennis

#### **Pelham Racquet Club Summer Camp**

July 22-25 (Monday - Thursday | Friday-rain makeup)

\$200/week; \$175 sibling or additional week discount

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Drills & skills

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Lunch & cool down/rehydrate

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Tennis games

[Learn more about PRC Summer Camp.](#)

#### **Pelham Tennis Center Youth Summer Camp**

July 8-11 (Monday - Thursday | Friday-rain makeup)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\$160/week; Discounts for families or multiple weeks

[Learn more about PTC Summer Camp.](#)



### Hockey/Figure Skating

#### **Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena: Skate Camp**

Two Opportunities: July 8-12 & July 22-26

Two Options: Learn to Skate, or Hockey

Ages 6-18

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Activities include: On/Off ice training, drills & skills, arts, crafts, & games, and lunch & snacks

\$315 per week

Learn more or register on the [Pelham Civic Complex website.](#)



### Dance

#### **Tippi Toes Princess Camp - Pelham Recreation Center**

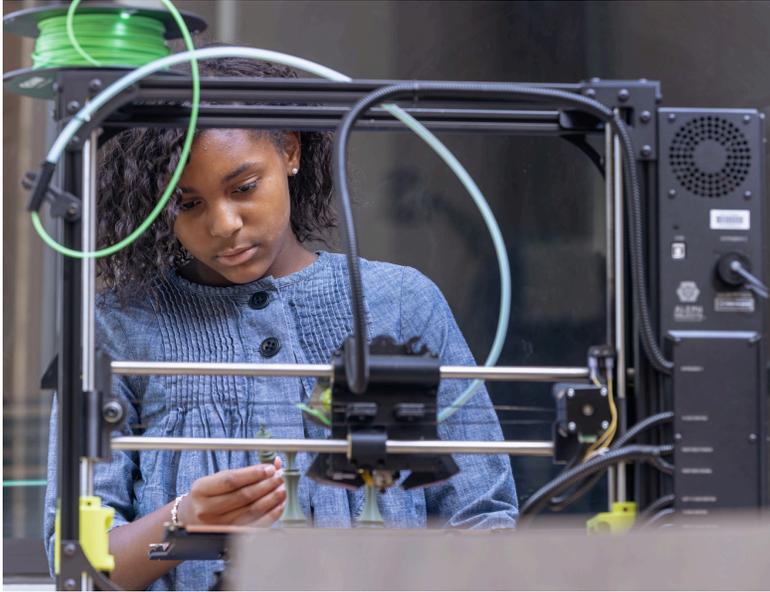
July 22-26

Ages 4-7

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\$200 per child

Learn more or register at [Tippi Toes Birmingham.](#)

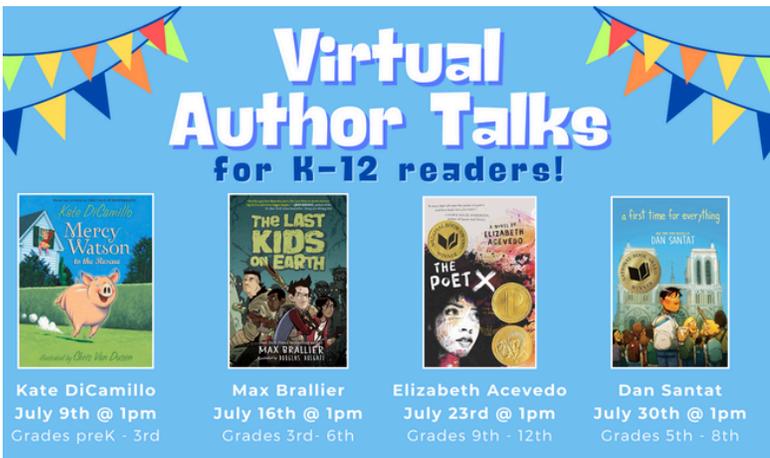


## This Month at the Library

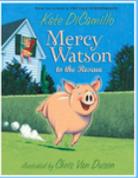
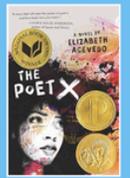
When the summer heat gets to be too much, the Pelham Public Library is a cool place to escape and get lost in a book. The library is so much more than books, and the full slate of activities planned this month proves there's something for people of all ages. Be sure to make plans to attend some of these exciting programs:

### Children

- Monday, July 1, 2:00 p.m. - Storytime with Vulcan
- Tuesday, July 2, 10:00 a.m. - Daytime Campout at the Park
- Wednesday, July 3 & 10, 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.- Summer Storytime
- Friday, July 5 & 12 10:00 a.m. - LEGO Brick Builders
- Monday, July 8, 2:00 p.m.- Adventure Safety: How Nature Keeps Us Safe
- Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 p.m.-Virtual Author Talk with Kate DiCamillo
- Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m. - That Puppet Guy: Travelin' Tales
- Thursday, July 11, 2:00 p.m. - STEAM Team!
- Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m. - Summer PJ Storytime
- Saturday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. - Hello Music Teacher
- Tuesday, July 16, 1:00 p.m. - Virtual Author Talk with Max Brallier



**Virtual Author Talks for K-12 readers!**

			
<b>Kate DiCamillo</b> July 9th @ 1pm Grades preK - 3rd	<b>Max Brallier</b> July 16th @ 1pm Grades 3rd - 6th	<b>Elizabeth Acevedo</b> July 23rd @ 1pm Grades 9th - 12th	<b>Dan Santat</b> July 30th @ 1pm Grades 5th - 8th

Register online at [Pelham Public Library](#)

### Teens

- Monday, July 1, 2:00 p.m. - Donuts & Drawing
- Tuesday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 5:00 p.m.- Dungeons & Dragons for Teens & Tweens
- Monday, July 8, 2:00 p.m.- Teen Crafternoon
- Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m. - McWane on the Move: Journey into the Unknown
- Tuesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m. - Virtual Author Talk with Elizabeth Acevedo
- Tuesday, July 30, 1:00 p.m. - Virtual Author Talk with Dan Santat

### Adults

- Monday, July 8, 6:00 p.m.- Adult Craft Workshop
- Thursday, July 11, 10:00 a.m.- Pelham Garden Club
- Thursday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. - The ABC & D's of Medicare
- Monday, July 22, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - American Red Cross Blood Drive

For details and registration, please visit the [Pelham Public Library website](#).



**THE ABC & D'S OF MEDICARE**

Thursday, July 18th  
10:00 a.m. Roberts Room B

Does Medicare confuse you? Hundreds age into Medicare each month in this area. It is a complex and confusing process for most individuals. Attend this program and get the facts. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 205.620.6418.

**REGISTER NOW** <https://www.pelhamlibraryal.gov/>

## HAPPENING IN PELHAM



### THURSDAY | JULY 4 7:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK BTC 43rd Annual Peavine Falls Run

Be a part of the 4th of July tradition in Alabama. The Birmingham Track Club hosts the 8.2 mile run, which begins at the Dogwood Pavilion in OMSP.

\$35 per participant.  
Sign up on the [Birmingham Track Club's website](#).

### THURSDAY | JULY 4 8:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Shiner Ridge Revival 7.4 Mile Trail Run

Zombie Trail Races pays homage to Double Oak Mountain's rich moonshining history. The race begins during the golden hour at the top of King's Chair.

\$40 per participant.  
Learn more and sign up on the [Facebook event page](#).

### MONDAY | JULY 8 1:00 P.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Drumming

Improve your coordination, lift your mood, and exercise your brain, all while having fun! A professional instructor leads the class in a drum circle style.

Age 55+ | Free  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

### THURSDAY | JULY 11 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Pelham Garden Club Monthly Meeting

The Pelham Garden Club is open to adults interested in all areas of gardening. A Pelham residence is not required. Local experts present the program each month.

Age 18+ | Free  
More details on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

### FRIDAY | JULY 12 6:30 P.M. | ELIZABETH MOORE CHOCOLATE Single Origin Chocolate Tasting & Pairing

Taste 12 different chocolates together with wines and spirits plus fruit and nut confections. Savor the different origins and experience the nuances of each region.

\$45 per person, paid in advance of class.  
Learn more on the [Elizabeth Moore Chocolate website](#).

### SATURDAY | JULY 13 8:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Peavine Pick-up

Join The FARM (Functional Athletic Rehabilitation & Movement) to pick up trash in the Peavine Falls area. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Volunteers welcome.  
Visit the [Facebook event page](#) to learn more.

# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



## SATURDAY | JULY 13 1:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Saving the Sals! The Conservation of Eastern Tiger Salamanders

Join us for an exciting afternoon of learning about one of Alabama's protected species. Fun for all ages.

Free program. Park gate fees apply.  
Learn more at the [OMSP website](#).

## THURSDAY | JULY 18 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM SENIOR CENTER Baking Class

Teresa Cooper with Siggis Table teaches us how to make delicious baked goods. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary.

Adults 55+ | \$10/class | Space is limited.  
Call the Senior Center for more information: 205.620.6064

## FRIDAY | JULY 19 10:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Windows to Nature: Fairy Houses

Join us for a workshop filled with fairy stories and build a "leave in the woods" natural fairy house for Oak Mountain's tiny, magical creatures.

\$20 per child age 7-13 (includes park admission fee)  
Register on the [OMSP event web page](#).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY | JULY 20-21 ALL DAY | PELHAM RACQUET CLUB Summer Heat 10S

The Pelham Racquet Club courts are heating up with USTA Junior Circuit action. Boys and girls age 10 and under will participate in the Yellow and Green Ball Grand Prix.

Players: \$47.08 | Spectators free  
More information on the [Pelham Racquet Club website](#).

## SATURDAY-MONDAY | JULY 20-22 ALL DAY | PELHAM RACQUET CLUB Summer Closed L5

The tennis action continues at Pelham Racquet Club with the Summer Closed L5. The tournament includes players in the following categories: 12s, 14s, 16s, & 18s.

Spectators free.  
More information on the [Pelham Racquet Club website](#).

## SUNDAY | JULY 21 8:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Full Buck Moon Paddle

Join us for an evening paddle under the full Buck Moon. Watch the full moon rise over the mountain. The marina is open late for vessel rentals until 9:00 p.m.

Rental costs varies depending on vessel.  
See additional details on the [Facebook event page](#).

JULY 2024

## E-NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF PELHAM

GINA WOMACK, EDITOR



# HAPPENING IN PELHAM



## MONDAY | JULY 22

### TIME | LOCATION

#### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Help save a life and donate blood at the Pelham Public Library's convenient location.

Free

More details on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).



## FRIDAY | JULY 26

### 7:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE

#### Hootie & the Blowfish

Hootie & the Blowfish bring their Summer Camp with Trucks tour to Pelham, with special guests Collective Soul and Edwin McCain.

Ticket prices vary.

View seating charts and purchase tickets [here](#).

## SUNDAY | JULY 28

### 6:30 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE

#### Third Eye Blind

Get ready to rock as the Third Eye Blind Summer Gods 2024 Tour rolls into Pelham with special guests Yellowcard and ARIZONA.

Ticket prices vary.

View seating charts and purchase tickets [here](#).



Pelham Parks & Recreation

# Youth Volleyball Clinic

July 23, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 8-12 | \$20 per child

### 3-hour clinic includes:

- Basic skill development
- Indoor volleyball
- Sand volleyball

[Register Here](#)

 Call 205.620.6426 or email [Will Mayhall](#)



# P360 FOOTBALL WORKOUTS

JULY 8, 11, 15, 18  
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

PELHAM PARKS & RECREATION

OPTIONAL WORKOUTS FOR REGISTERED TACKLE & FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYERS ENTERING GRADES K-6.



**\$10 FOR ALL SESSIONS**

[INFO](#)



# Doubles Social

Join us for a night of tennis, food & fun at the Pelham Tennis Center!

 July 12th  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



COMING IN AUGUST

# Annual Book Sale

at the Pelham Public Library

