

## Vote Pelham Public Library a Family Favorite

We already know the Pelham Public Library is something special—now let's make sure the rest of the Birmingham metro knows it, too! Voting is now open for Birmingham Parent magazine's annual "Family Favorites," and our hometown library is in the running for Favorite Library Branch.



Support the library by voting daily through August 15. Visit Birmingham Parents' website or social media pages, locate the "Family Favorites" section and the "Local" subcategory, and then cast your vote. Winners will be featured in the magazine's upcoming issue, so help us spread the word and show some hometown pride!



### Book Bargains Await at the Library's Annual Sale

Mark your calendars for the Pelham Public Library's annual book sale, happening August 1–30 in the Library's MakerSpace. This popular event features a wide selection of books for all ages, along with puzzles, games, and more. Most hardback books are just \$1.00, with children's and paperback books priced at \$0.50. DVDs and audiobooks are also available for \$1.00 each. Payments can be made with cash, card, or tap-to-pay.

Library Supervisor Melanie Carden says the sale is a win-win for the community and the library. "This annual sale is a great fundraiser that the Pelham community looks forward to every year," she said. "It gives us a chance to make room on our shelves while offering patrons the opportunity to discover great books at a great price." For the best selection, shop early; items tend to sell out quickly. And don't forget to check back later in the month for even deeper discounts.



### Let's Talk #BookTok: New Time, New Place, Same Bookish Fun

Pelham Public Library's popular Let's Talk #BookTok book club is switching things up for August. To make the group more accessible, organizer and librarian Liz Winn is experimenting with a new meeting day, time, and location. This month's meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Valhalla Board Game Café, located in Campus No. 124 at 2408 Pelham Parkway, Suite 400.

Why the change? "We've heard from many people who want to join but are busy on weekends," Winn explained. Valhalla's cozy atmosphere and refreshment options made it the perfect alternative to the library's MakerSpace. August's pick, "Can't Spell Treason without Tea" by Rebecca Thorne, is a cozy fantasy filled with magic, romance, and charm: perfect for readers looking for a feel-good story. As Winn says, "If you're in a reading slump, why not give Let's Talk BookTok a try?"

## Join the Conversation: August Virtual Author Talks

The Pelham Public Library's Virtual Author Talk series continues in August with three exciting programs featuring bestselling authors and expert voices. These free online events offer a chance to learn, connect, and be inspired, all from the comfort of your preferred device.

### Tuesday, August 5 at 1:00 p.m.

The Stories, Science, and History of Birds with Smithsonian biologist Jay Falk

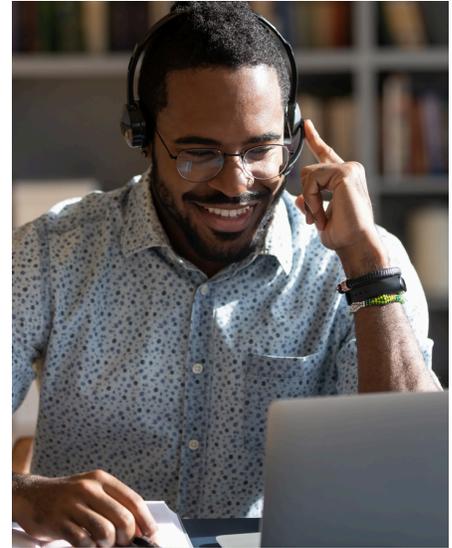
### Wednesday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Returning to Romance through Food and Flirty Fun in Fiction with Casey McQuiston, #1 NYT bestselling author of Red, White & Royal Blue

### Thursday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m.

How to Thrive in a World of Constant Chaos with organizational psychologist Dr. Tasha Eurich, author of Shatterproof

Click the links above to register for each session individually. You will receive a link to join the live session. Attend from anywhere and enjoy the conversation!



[See a complete list of upcoming programs here.](#)



## Preschool Storytime See You in September!

The Pelham Public Library's popular Preschool Storytime and P.J. Storytime programs are taking a short break during the month of August. Families can look forward to their return on Wednesday, September 3, when Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Ashley will once again lead sessions filled with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks.

Preschool Storytime is held every Wednesday at 9:15–9:45 a.m. and 10:30–11:00 a.m. P.J. Storytime takes place on Thursdays from 6:30–7:00 p.m.

Also, Dungeons & Dragons for Teens & Tweens is on hiatus until September.

[Keep up with upcoming programs on the library website.](#)



## Dig Into Something New with the Pelham Garden Club

The Pelham Garden Club invites you to its next meeting on Thursday, August 14, for a lively and informative presentation titled "The Worm Turns: Composting with a Twist." Guest speaker Mikki Vineyard, a Shelby County Master Gardener, will share expert insights on composting in creative and effective ways. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting your hands dirty for the first time, this program is sure to give you something to think about and grow on.

The Pelham Garden Club meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Pelham Public Library. The club is open to all adults with an interest in gardening, regardless of your experience level or location. Meetings are free to attend, and guests are always welcome. To stay in the loop on future topics and community projects, [follow The Pelham Garden Club on Facebook.](#)



## Blues, BBQ, & Bourbon in Pelham!

The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena is the site of the inaugural Bourbon, Blues, & Bar-B-Que Bash on Saturday, August 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy live music from the Magic City Blues Society, free distillery samples, delicious BBQ, raffle prizes, and more. Hosted by the [Alabama Distillers Guild](#), this unique event supports Alabama's craft distilling industry. Tickets are \$50 on Eventbrite or \$60 at the door. VIP tables available. Don't miss this soulful Southern celebration, right here in Pelham!

You can learn more on the [Alabama Distillers Guild website](#).

## GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE CLOSURE

Ballantrae Golf Course will be closed Monday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 6 for greens aerification using a DryJect application. This essential maintenance helps keep the course in top condition. [Watch the process in action here.](#)



## LADIES GOLF CLINICS BEGINNING SOON

Ballantrae Golf Club will host Ladies Golf Clinics every Wednesday in September at 6:00 p.m. These fun, low-pressure sessions are perfect for beginners or anyone looking to improve their game. Each clinic is just \$15 per person, per session and provides a great opportunity to learn new skills in a relaxed and supportive environment.

## FRIDAY NIGHTS AT FIRESIDE GRILL

Kick off your weekend with dinner at Ballantrae Golf Club's Fireside Grill, now open late on Friday nights until 8:30 p.m. Enjoy delicious food, refreshing drinks, and stunning views with family and friends. Follow Ballantrae on social media for updates on special theme nights and other promotions. Everyone is welcome!



## Game, Set, Family Fun at Pelham Tennis Center

Looking for a fun way to spend a summer evening? Family Night at the Pelham Tennis Center is set for Thursday, August 8, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Pelham City Park.

For just \$25 per player, enjoy friendly matches, prizes, food, and music in a relaxed, family-

friendly atmosphere. Whether you're pairing up with your kids, playing as an adult team, or letting the juniors take the court solo, there's a division for everyone. Don't miss this chance to connect with the community and enjoy a great night of tennis under the lights!



## Serve Up Fun with Ready, Set, Tennis!

Looking to learn tennis or get back into the game? Ready, Set, Tennis is the perfect beginner program designed to teach adults the basics of this lifelong sport. Over the course of four weeks, participants will receive weekly lessons from a certified tennis pro covering forehand, backhand, overhead, volley, rallying, scoring, and etiquette.

This USTA-sponsored program costs just \$40 and includes four lessons, a T-shirt, and a new tennis racquet, making it an unbeatable deal! Choose from three convenient sessions:

Pelham Racquet Club – Thursdays, 9:00–10:00 a.m.  
August 21, 28 & September 4, 11

Pelham Racquet Club – Tuesdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m.  
September 2, 9, 16, 23

Pelham Tennis Center – Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
August 21, 28 & September 4, 11

Tennis is a fun way to stay active, make friends, and enjoy a new hobby. Spots fill up fast, so [register today!](#)



## Tournament Schedule at PRC

As we head into the final weeks of summer, Pelham Racquet Club is gearing up for an exciting lineup of tournaments. From junior competitions to seasonal favorites, there's something for every tennis fan. Spectators are always welcome, and admission is free. Come out and enjoy the action!

Upcoming Tournaments:

- August 9–11: Alabama State Closed Junior Tournament
- August 30–September 1: Southern 14s Level 4
- October 4–5: Octoberfest
- October 25–26: Fall Kickoff
- December 13–14: Frosty Cup (Levels 6 & 7)

Mark your calendars and support the athletes as they compete right here in Pelham!

## Salsa in the Park Returns in September

Now in its third year, Salsa in the Park has quickly become one of Pelham's most anticipated events to kick off the fall season. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, September 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park. The event is free to attend and promises a lively evening filled with dancing, music, food, and family fun.

We're proud to partner with the Community of Hope Health Clinic to offer free salsa lessons followed by open social dancing. Attendees can also enjoy live entertainment, shop with local vendors, visit the mobile health clinic, and grab dinner from a variety of food trucks. For the kids, there will be bounce houses, face painting, and a balloon artist to keep the fun going all evening.

Whether you're an experienced salsa dancer or just a fan of great music and vibrant culture, Salsa in the Park is the perfect way to celebrate the season. Registration is encouraged but not required. For more information, [email Alicia Walters](mailto:alicia.walters@pelham-nc.gov), Assistant Director, Pelham Parks & Recreation.



Game On!

### E-Sports Night

The next E-Sports Night at the Pelham Recreation Center is set for Friday, September 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open to kids ages 8–13, this fun-filled evening features friendly gaming competition, pizza, and drinks. Each event highlights one featured game. Options include Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart 8, Madden, and more.

Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up beginning August 1, 2025. If fewer than four players register, the tournament will be canceled and refunded.

Questions? [Email Kyle Downey](mailto:kyle.downey@pelham-nc.gov).

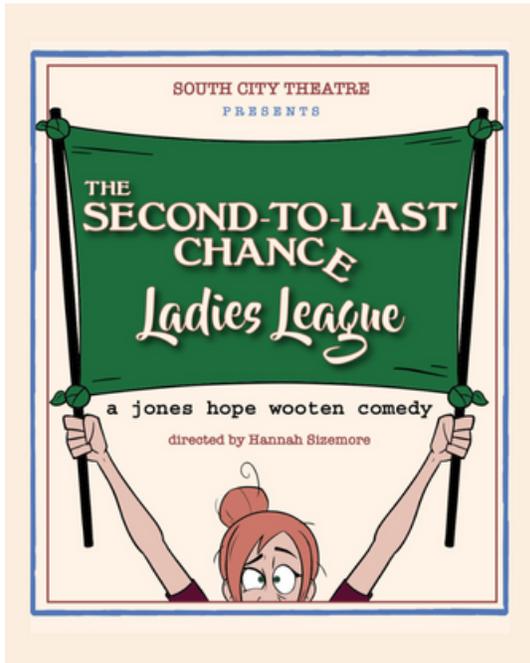


### Final Call for Fall Youth Sports Registration

Time is running out to register your child for fall youth sports in Pelham. Early bird registration for baseball, softball, and t-ball ends August 4. Late registration continues through August 10 with an added fee. These programs offer fun, instructional play against teams from surrounding cities. T-ball is available for children aged 4–5; baseball and softball are open to children aged 5–12.

Volleyball (grades 3–6) late registration is open through August 4. Practices are held at the Pelham Recreation Center with games played locally and against nearby communities.

[Learn more and register on the Pelham Parks & Recreation website.](https://www.pelham-nc.gov/parks-recreation)



## South City Theatre Presents Laugh-Out-Loud Comedy

South City Theatre brings the hilarious “The Second-to-Last Chance Ladies League” to the stage this August. Directed by Hannah Sizemore, this fast-paced Jones Hope Wooten comedy runs August 15–16 and 22–23 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on August 17 at 2:00 p.m.

The show reunites four best friends who take on new roles as event planners at a Southern wedding venue-turned-party space. With heart, humor, and plenty of chaos, their wild year of hosting showers, memorials, and more will keep audiences laughing from start to finish.

Performances take place at South City Theatre, 2969 Pelham Parkway, Suites J-K. Tickets and details are available on the South City Theatre website or by calling (205) 621-2128. Advance tickets: \$20 general, \$17 students/seniors, \$14 groups (10+); \$22 at the door.



## Panther Football: Ready for A Fresh Start

The Pelham Panthers football team is entering the 2025 season with renewed energy and a new head coach. Ross Newton, who was named head coach in January, brings a strong background in both high school and college football with previous coaching roles at Auburn, Samford, UCF, and Thompson High School.

Community support plays a significant role in the team’s momentum, and football on The Hill offers fun for the whole family. Mark your calendars for these matchups:

### 2025 PHS Football Schedule

Aug. 22 – vs. Pell City  
 Aug. 29 – at Oak Mountain  
 Sept. 5 – at Chelsea  
 Sept. 12 – vs. Calera  
 Sept. 19 – vs. Chilton County (HC)  
 Oct. 3 – at Spain Park  
 Oct. 10 – vs. Helena  
 Oct. 17 – at Ben Russell  
 Oct. 24 – vs. Leeds  
 Oct. 30 – at Fort Payne

Want to attend a game? [Check out the “Know Before You Go” guide on the Pelham City Schools website](#) for parking, ticketing, and stadium info.