

E-NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF PELHAM
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Celebrate the Season: A Guide to Holiday Events in Pelham

December is always a magical time in Pelham, and this year the city is filled with more holiday cheer, more community gatherings, and more ways to celebrate than ever before. From beloved traditions like the Santa Stops and Pelham Hometown Christmas, to new events such as Christmas in the Park and festive local theatre productions, there's something for every family to enjoy.

As you plan your month, here's your complete roundup of holiday happenings throughout Pelham.

Shop Local Elf Adventure

The holiday season kicks off with the third annual Shop Local Elf Adventure, a citywide scavenger hunt designed to spotlight Pelham's local retailers. From now through December 6, participants can pick up a passport at the Pelham

Recreation Center or download a copy from the Pelham Recreation Center webpage. Search for Pete the Elf at the local retailers listed on your passport, and collect a stamp at each one.

Submit your completed passport at the Elf Adventure Finale Party for a chance to win prizes.

Happening on Sunday, December 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the party at the Pelham Rec Center will include a bounce house, crafts, balloon artist, photos with Santa and the Grinch. Stay after for free outdoor roller skating from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

The event continues to grow each year as residents come together to support the small businesses that give Pelham its charm. Remember to snap photos of Pete for social media, tagging the business, Pelham Parks and Rec, and using the hashtag #PelhamElfAdventure.

THIS MONTH:

Santa Stop Schedule

Ice Skating for Beginners

Tech Upgrades

Camp for a Cause

Business Expansions

Shop Small This Holiday Season

Pelham BEAT Holiday Light Contest

Pelham BEAT is once again shining a spotlight on the most festive homes in the city with its annual Christmas Lights Contest. Residents are invited to submit photos of their holiday displays—whether classic, whimsical, or wonderfully over-the-top.

Entries are judged in multiple categories, including Classic Christmas, Griswold Christmas, Best All Around, and People's Choice. Winners will be announced following the Pelham Christmas Parade and tree lighting on December 13.

The contest is a fun way to showcase neighborhood creativity, and the People's Choice category encourages residents to join the fun by voting on Pelham BEAT's Facebook and Instagram pages.

A Pelham Hometown Christmas

One of the city's most anticipated traditions returns Saturday, December 13, with Pelham Hometown Christmas. This year's theme is Sounds of the Season, and former Mayor Gary Waters will serve as Grand Marshal of the parade.

A significant change for 2025 is the parade route. Instead of proceeding down Highway 119 as in years past, the parade will travel north along US 31 (Pelham Parkway) before ending at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The shift is designed to reduce disruptions to the many businesses along Highway 119.

Festivities begin at the Civic Complex at 2:30 p.m. with the opening of Candy Cane Lane and free ice skating for children 10 and under from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The parade begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the tree lighting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Indoor activities begin around 7:00 p.m., and the event concludes at 9:00 p.m.

New this year is a 28-player game theater with stadium seating, six large screens, and the latest video game consoles. Visitors will also enjoy choir performances, character meet-and-greets, holiday refreshments, ambassadors distributing the annual Christmas ornament, and the Pelham High School band leading the musical spirit of the season.

Pelham Hometown Christmas continues to be a joyful community celebration that brings together residents, students, volunteers, and local partners.

Pelham BEAT Christmas in the Park

For the first time, Pelham BEAT will host Christmas in the Park on Thursday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park. Local businesses and community groups are invited to join the festivities by decorating five-foot wooden snowmen for the new snowman trail. Judging will take place on December 16, with winners announced during the event.

Families can enjoy a caroling concert by the Pelham High School Choir, warm beverages from on-site food trucks, an appearance by Miss Shelby County, and the debut of the snowman trail. This new tradition is set to become a highlight of Pelham's holiday season.

Christmas on Ice

The Birmingham Figure Skating Club and the Pelham Skate



School will present Christmas on Ice on Saturday, December 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. The show will feature approximately 130 skaters performing holiday-themed routines, offering a festive evening of artistry and winter magic on the ice.

Tickets are available by emailing [Christian Newberry](mailto:Christian.Newberry@pelhamga.gov), or by purchasing them directly at the rink.

South City Theatre Presents “Christmas Queens”

South City Theatre brings holiday humor and mystery to the stage with Christmas Queens, written by Alabama native Alicia Lane Dutton. The play follows the chaotic Catoosa County Christmas Queen Pageant, where former winners compete in a reunion event sponsored by a local catfish farmer. Louise, owner of The Limelight Theater, reluctantly agrees to host the pageant—but tensions rise as sabotage threatens the competition.

The cast includes Kathy Scruggs, Michael Wilbanks, Natali Jimenez, Katherine Simmons, Sally Montgomery, Lisa Nelson, Emily Wolfe, Max Berrios, and Valerie Brock, directed by Donna Williamson.

Performances run December 12–20 at South City Theatre’s location on Pelham Parkway. Additional show information and tickets are available at southcitytheatre.com.

Pelham Fire Department Santa Stops

For many Pelham families, Christmas Eve wouldn’t be complete without watching Santa

ride through the neighborhood atop a fire engine. The tradition continues this year as the Pelham Fire Department escorts Santa through the city, making 142 scheduled stops across five engine companies.

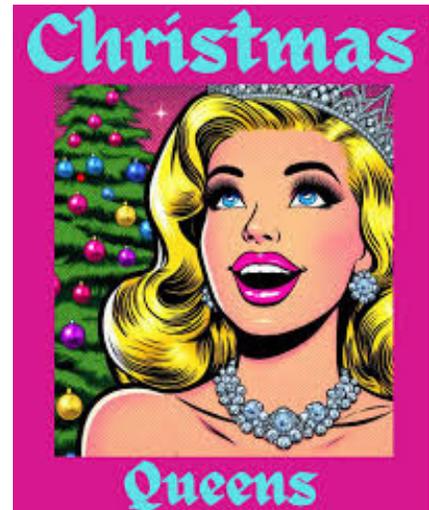
As always, Santa understands if firefighters must break from the route to respond to emergencies. The Pelham Fire Department will post schedule updates and any delays on its Facebook page throughout the evening.

The complete list of Santa Stops is on the next page of this newsletter.

Celebrate the Magic of December in Pelham

With events spanning nearly the entire month, Pelham is bursting with holiday spirit. Whether you’re hunting for Pete the Elf, cheering at the parade, enjoying live theatre, exploring Christmas in the Park, or waving to Santa on Christmas Eve, there’s no shortage of ways to make memories with family and friends.

December is a time to come together, celebrate community, and embrace the moments that make Pelham feel like home.





Santa

STOPS 2025



STATION 1

4:00 - HIGH RIDGE DRIVE @ HIGH RIDGE TRACE
4:08 - HIGH RIDGE DR. @ HIGHVIEW COVE
4:16 - 124 VILLAGE LN
4:24 - PELHAM PKWY @ CR 68 (THERAPY SOUTH LOT)
4:32 - 437 MID-RIDGE LN.
4:40 - 3405 PELHAM PKWY (PELHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST)
4:48 - HOLLAND LAKES DR. NORTH @ HOLLAND TRAIL
4:56 - HOLLAND LAKES DR. @ HOLLAND COVE
5:04 - HOLLAND LAKES DR. @ CREEKSIDE LN.
5:12 - CREEKSIDE LN. @ CREEKSIDE CIR
5:20 - CREEKSIDE LN. @ 253 CREEKSIDE LN.
5:28 - WALKER WAY @ STONEHAVEN WAY
5:36 - WALKER ROAD @ STONEBROOK LANE
5:44 - HEATHER LANE @ HEATHER RIDGE CIRCLE
5:52 - STONEHAVEN TRAIL @ STONEHILL CIRCLE
6:00 - STONEHAVEN TRAIL @ PEBBLE CIRCLE
6:16 - 186 STONEHAVEN DR. (CUL-DE-SAC AREA)
6:24 - KING VALLEY CIR. @ KING VALLEY DR.
6:32 - HEATHER RIDGE DR. @ HEATHER LN.
6:40 - KING VALLEY RD. @ KING VALLEY ST.
6:48 - IVY BROOK DR. @ MEADOWVIEW CIRCLE
6:56 - IVY BROOK TRAIL @ JUNIPER CIR
7:12 - YEAGER PKWY @ CAMBRIAN RIDGE TRL
7:22 - BROOKHOLLOW DR. @ ENTRANCE
7:30 - HIDDEN CREEK PKWY @ HIDDEN CREEK CIR
7:36 - HIDDEN CREEK PKWY @ HIDDEN CREEK TRAIL
7:44 - COALES BRANCH DR. @ COALES BRANCH LN

STATION 2

4:00 - CHASE CREEK CIR @ ENTRANCE
4:08 - DAVID DR. @ KEITH RD.
4:16 - DAVID DR. @ INDIAN CREEK DR.
4:22 - CEDAR COVE DR. @ CEDAR COVE LN.
4:30 - VICTORY TRAIL @ PANTHER TRAIL
4:40 - CREEKVIEW DR. @ CREEKVIEW CIR
4:48 - CREEKVIEW DR. @ OVERHILL DR.
4:56 - CROSSCREEK TRAIL @ CREEKVIEW DR.
5:04 - CROSSCREEK CHURCH
5:12 - VALLEYVIEW RD @ CAHABA MANOR LN.
5:20 - CROSSCREEK TRAIL @ VALLEYVIEW DR.
5:28 - WILDERNESS RD. @ RYECROFT RD.
5:34 - WILDERNESS RD. @ COLESBURY
5:40 - FRONTIER DR. @ WILDERNESS RD.
5:50 - CANYON PARK DR. @ CANYON TRAIL
6:04 - RIDGE DR. @ CRESTMONT LN.
6:14 - CHANDALAR COURT
6:22 - SOUTHGATE MHP ENTRANCE
6:32 - GREEN PARK SOUTH MHP ENTRANCE
6:50 - VALLEYDALE MHP OFFICE
7:00 - TERRACE 31 APARTMENTS (BLD. A PARKING)
7:18 - CANOPY PARK APARTMENTS OFFICE
7:30 - EMERALD LAKE DR
7:40 - HIGH HAMPTON DR. @ HAMPTON LAKE DR.
7:46 - HIGH HAMPTON DR. @ HAMPTON LN
8:00 - LEGACY PARC DR. @ LEGACY PARC CIR

STATION 3

4:00 - GREY OAKS VLY @ GREY OAKS TER
4:06 - 1002 GREY OAKS VALLEY
4:12 - GREY OAKS CT @ GREY OAKS DR.
4:18 - GREY OAKS DR. @ GREY OAKS WAY
4:26 - WILD TIMBER PKWY @ WILD TIMBER DR.
4:36 - WOODRIDGE CIR @ WOODRIDGE DR.
4:42 - DICKERSON RD. @ DICKERSON LN.
4:50 - OAK FOREST WAY @ OAK FOREST TRAIL
5:00 - 125 HIGH CREST LN (@ GATE)
5:12 - CHATHAM CT WEST @ DEER SPRINGS CIR
5:20 - BENT RAIL LN @ CUL-DE-SAC
5:28 - KELLY DR. @ DEER SPRINGS RD.
5:40 - WEATHERLY WAY @ TALMADGE DR.
5:46 - WEATHERLY WAY @ CHESHIRE LN.
5:52 - WEATHERLY WAY @ CLOCK
6:00 - 200 WEATHERLY WAY (@ KINGS CREST LN.)
6:06 - KINGS CREST @ 245 KINGS CREST
6:12 - KINGS CREST LN @ WINDSOR CIR
6:26 - SIMMS LANDING @ SIMMS TRL

6:36 - GRAND RESERVE OFFICE

6:42 - HUNTLEY @ THE OFFICE

6:50 - PUBLIX

7:00 - BROOKSHIRE LN. @ 141 BROOKSHIRE LN.

7:10 - MALLARD POINT DR. @ MALLARD POINT CIR

7:18 - PINTAIL DR @ BLUE WING CIR

7:26 - SILVERLEAF DR. @ 161 SILVERLEAF DR.

7:34 - HUNTERS TRACE @ REDFOX DR.

7:42 - EAGLE COVE DR. @ EAGLE COVE LN (HWY 361 SIDE)

7:50 - EAGLE COVE DR. @ EAGLE COVE LN (HWY 35 SIDE)

STATION 4

4:00 - CAMELLIA RIDGE WAY @ CAMELLIA RIDGE COVE

4:06 - CAMELLIA RIDGE DR. @ CAMELLIA RIDGE WAY

4:14 - SOMMERSBY DR. @ SOMMERSBY CIR.

4:20 - SUGAR DR. @ ENTRANCE

4:26 - SHINE DR. @ ENTRANCE

4:32 - COBBLESTONE TER. @ ENTRANCE

4:38 - AMANDA PLACE

4:46 - AARON RD. @ AARON PARC CT.

4:52 - ROYAL LN @ AARON RD.

4:58 - ROYAL LN @ ROYAL CHASE DR.

5:04 - ROYAL LN. @ ELIZABETH DR.

5:10 - ROYAL CT. @ ROYAL WAY

5:18 - SADDLE RUN CIR.

5:26 - BEAVER CREEK PKWY @ BEAVER TRAIL

5:32 - STRATSHIRE LN. @ NORRIDGE PLACE

5:40 - GREENWAY DR. @ STRATFORD CIR.

5:50 - MITOBA TR. @ HAYESBURY CT.

5:56 - HAYESBURY CT. @ 100 HAYESBURY LN.

6:04 - 140 KEENELAND GREEN

6:12 - TECUMSEH TRAIL @ WOODDALE LN.

6:18 - WOODDALE LN. @ GLENVIEW

6:24 - TRAIL RIDGE DR. @ TRAIL RIDGE CIR

6:30 - TRAIL RIDGE DR. @ BURNING TREE DR.

6:36 - INDIAN HILLS RD. @ CHANDAWOOD DR.

6:42 - CHANDAWOOD DR. @ BLAZING STAR

6:48 - CHANDAWOOD DR. @ CHANDAWOOD LN.

6:54 - CHANDAWOOD DR. @ DALTON DR.

7:00 - DALTON DR. @ CHANDALAR LN.

7:06 - CHANDAWAY DR. @ CHANDAGREEN LN.

7:12 - CHANDAWAY DR. @ CHANDALAR LN.

7:18 - CHANDALAR LN. @ HAMILTON RD.

7:24 - HAMILTON RD. @ DALTON DR.

7:30 - NORTH CHANDALAR LN. @ WELLINGTON DR.

7:36 - WILDWOOD DR. @ WELLINGTON DR.

7:42 - NORTH WILDWOOD DR. @ NORTH CHANDALAR DR.

7:48 - NORTH CHANDALAR DR. @ WINDSOR RIDGE DR.

STATION 5

4:00 - OAKLYN HILLS PAVILION (292 OAKLYN HILLS DR.)

4:08 - LAKELAND RIDGE @ GREY OAKS DR.

4:16 - ROLLING HILLS DR. @ OAKLYN HILLS DR.

4:24 - NORMANDY @ SWIM CLUB

4:32 - BENT CREEK WAY @ BENT CREEK TRACE

4:44 - DEER RIDGE LN. @ FAWN DR.

5:00 - WYSTERIA DR. @ CAMELLIA DR.

5:20 - PERTHSHIRE RD. @ PERTHSHIRE WAY

5:26 - DUNROBIN LN. @ DUNROBIN COVE

5:32 - STRATHAVEN RD. @ STRATHAVEN LN.

5:42 - STRATHAVEN LN. @ EASDALE LN.

5:50 - BALLANTRAE SWIM CLUB

6:00 - BIRKDALE LN. @ BALLANTRAE CLUB DR.

6:10 - KILKERAN LN. @ KILBERRY WAY

6:20 - KILKERAN LN. @ GLENN IRIS CIRCLE

6:30 - GLENEAGLES LN. @ CUL-DE-SAC

6:36 - BALLANTRAE PKWY @ ROUND-ABOUT

6:46 - STONEYKIRK RD. @ CALISTON WAY

6:56 - STONEYKIRK RD. @ STONEYKIRK LN.

7:06 - LAUCLIN WAY @ LAUCLIN LN (168)

7:16 - LAUCLIN WAY @ LAUCLIN LN (108)

7:24 - KINROSS LN. @ KINROSS CIR.

7:36 - COVE LN. @ COVE CIR.

7:46 - OXFORD WAY @ 383 OXFORD WAY

7:54 - WINDSOR LN. @ WINDSOR TRAIL

7:58 - WINDSOR LN. @ WINDSOR WAY

8:00 - WINDSOR LN. @ WINDSOR CIR