



Town of Pelham Board Update September 2023

Dear Pelham Friends and Neighbors:

Happy Fall!! While it's a busy time of year, we hope that you are all taking the time to enjoy some of the upcoming festivities throughout the Town, including Novel Night this coming Saturday and the Pelham Children's center [Pumpkin Festival](#) on October 14th at Gazebo Park.

In the coming weeks, the Town will be preparing its 2024 budget. A public hearing on the budget will take place at the December 4th Town Board meeting, with approval to take place at the December 18th meeting (if necessary). The most significant budget item will be for the new contract with Town of Eastchester for a **dedicated ambulance**, as well as the operation of our current EMS Fly Car vehicle. While we expect that this may mean going over the 2% tax cap (which the Board approved by Local Law #2 at the September Board meeting), we believe that having our own dedicated ambulance is a critical service for the health and safety of our community. We would like to extend our tremendous gratitude to the many community members who have been good partners and provided support and feedback throughout this process. This includes Pelham Village Fire Chief Robert Benkwitt, and community members Ray Florida, Gene Ianuzzi, as well as Katie Keenan, Ashley Mills, Katy Yang, Brittney Price and Jennifer Iacono, to name a few. Please find their letter of support to the Examiner [here](#). We would also like to thank NYS Senator Nathalia Fernandez and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin for securing approximately \$450,000 grants for the purchase of a new ambulance.

Other Town Updates

Recreation for Fall 2023

Youth and Adult Recreation Programs:

Fall youth programming is in full swing, which includes:

- Ballroom Dance
- Baseball & Softball
- Basketball/Hoop It Up
- Cheerleading
- Chess

- Cougar Boot Camp
- Dance
- Flag Football
- Half Day Programs
- Karate
- Ninja Warrior
- Quickstart Tennis
- Rugby 2nd thru 8th
- Rugby High School
- Running Club
- Soccer with Malcolm
- Tiny Feet
- Tiny Tiger
- Volleyball

There is also an adult soccer league, pickleball (which requires a permit, available online), and ladies volleyball. Please check out the Recreation website, <https://pelhamrecreation.com/>, further information and to sign up.

Senior Citizens Activities

The Senior Citizens Club continues to meet weekly, with a full list of activities, including exercise classes, yoga, arts and crafts, bingo and cards. Club membership is free.

Trip transportation is sponsored by the Recreation Department. Last month, the senior van transported seniors on 38 roundtrips to doctors and other important appointments. They also took two trips this month, including one to Mohegan Sun for the day.

- **Senior Citizen Club Meeting (Main Room)**
Monday / 1:00PM - 4:00PM
- **Senior Exercise (Main Room)**
Tuesdays and Thursdays / 10:00AM - 11:00AM
This type of class consists of various forms of stretching, random motion, isometric and low impact aerobics. All levels welcome/sit or stand.
- **Senior Cards (Main Room)**
Wednesdays and Fridays / 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Come socialize and enjoy playing various card games, bridge, poker, Mahjong. Coffee and Tea served.
- **Yoga (Main Room)**
Friday: 10:00AM - 11:00AM
This class consists of various forms of yoga exercises designed for Seniors.

Town of Pelham Library

Library programming and activities are in full swing! This past Saturday September 23rd was K-day, where over 120 Pelham kindergartners received their very first library card. They were treated with a petting zoo, arts, crafts and goody bags.

Novel Night is this coming Saturday September 30th, with 49 volunteers hosting dinners and over 900 guests supporting the Library. We would like to thank to Friends of Pelham Library and the Novel Night committee members for their tremendous hard work in organizing the event on behalf of the Library:

- Lauren Keenan and Fred Gallo, co-Presidents
- Sabrina Glaser, Treasurer
- Peter Occolowitz, Secretary
- Elizabeth Bewley, Chair Novel Night 2023
- Sanjay Naik, Chair Novel Night After Party

Current Friends Board Members

- Linda Bethea
- Jessyka Calzolaio
- Ravneeta Consul
- Linda Davidoff
- Gilyana Jones
- Laura Kalehoff
- Monika Konieczna
- Courtney Maron
- Sanjay Naik
- Amy O'Hara
- Jessica Pearson
- Lina Pearl
- Colleen Ring
- Elizabeth Ritchie
- Alexandra Valdes-Fauli

Programming

Outdoor story hour continues, with a special visit from Assemblywoman Amy Paulin last Wednesday. Please check out the website and calendar of events at

<https://www.pelhamlibrary.org/>

Courts

The courts were closed for two weeks in the summer for vacations but it is back open.

The court is finalizing its search for a new Court clerk and expects to announce the new appointee at the October Board meeting. For any questions about the courts, please visit the website: <https://townofpelham.com/courts/>

Pelham Fly Car Statistics

For the month of August 2023, The average response time for the units backing up the fly car was 9:56. Also there was one 10-minute response for the fly car that was due to responding from another cancelled call in Town.

Calls in Village of Pelham: 31

Calls in Village of Pelham Manor: 43

Calls on Hutchinson River Parkway: 4

Calls on I-95: 1

Supervisor's Report

The Town is working through the contract with Eastchester to commence its ambulance and EMS services on January 1, 2024. At the September 11th Board Meeting, the Town approved Local Law #2 to override the 2% tax cap, which will likely be needed to support the new contract. The Town has received close to \$450,000 in funding from State Senator Nathalia Fernandez and Amy Paulin for the purchase of our own ambulance, which it hopes will defray the cost of the services.

Supervisor McLaughlin was proud to report that on September 9th, he awarded an Eagle Scout proclamation to Pelham student Liam Mead. For his Eagle Scout Project Liam oversaw the installation of a safety upgrade to the church playground which is used daily by the Montessori School, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

Clerk's Office

Some of the services available at the Clerk's Office include:

- **Disabled parking permits**, available for Village of Pelham residents.
- **Dog Licenses**, available for Village of Pelham residents.

Further information, including applications for disabled parking and dog licenses, can be found on the Clerk's [website](#). **Village of Pelham Manor residents** must go to Village of Pelham Manor Village Clerk at 4 Penfield Place to acquire a Disabled permit and Dog license.

Next Town Board Meeting

Our next Town Board meeting will take place on Monday October 2, 2023 at 7pm at Town Hall. Please see our Town [website](#) for all updates.

Sincerely,

Dan McLaughlin, Supervisor
Rae Szymanski, Deputy Supervisor
Kristen Burke, Councilwoman
Maura Curtin, Councilwoman
Kara McLoughlin, Councilwoman