

## July 2020 Town Board Update

It's been just about four months since things were shut down in Westchester County due to COVID-19—but that has not stopped the Town of Pelham! The Town government and related activities have slowly begun to re-open.

Here is an update on some of our activities:

### Recreation Department

- Although we could not have our traditional Tiny Tots and Big Tots this year, the Recreation Department is offering many outdoor programs like basketball, dance, soccer, art, rugby, lacrosse and softball. Over 90 kids aged 5-12 years old and are running out of various locations... and the kids are having a blast!! We have extended programs into August.
- Recreation programs like our ladies' exercise and karate have been thriving virtually.
- The Recreation Tennis program has over 60 children and ladies' taking lessons and over 55 permits were issued to Pelham families to enjoy the courts.
- And speaking of Thrive, Pelham Recreation is glad to welcome Thrive Barre Classes to the Recreation Department. They are beginning outdoor classes this week at the Gazebo.
- **Pelham Recreation is currently seeking other fitness programs to partner with. If interested, reach out to recreation@pelhamrecreation.com.**

### Library

- The Town of Pelham Public Library is open for curbside pick-up with the option of borrowing materials from other Westchester public libraries for pick up at the Pelham Library using curbside services.
- Additionally, venues that are part of the library's popular museum pass program are beginning to open up, starting with the Stamford Nature Center. To reserve a museum pass, please go to the online reservation system. Both the pickup and return of the pass must be in person using curbside pickup services. Once you've made a reservation, please call the library to arrange a pick up time at 914-738-1234.
- The library is also offering free events, summer reading programs for kids, book clubs and story times. For more information on all of their offerings, please visit the library website- <https://www.pelhamlibrary.org/>
- **The library will be making an announcement this week about their upcoming reopening plans as early as next week.**

### Courts

- While traffic ticket enforcement has continued in an uninterrupted fashion, the ability to appeal those tickets and all other court functions have been closed for the past four months. The courts are preparing to open August 12 and 13, 2020 in accordance with the New York State Office of Court Administration guidelines. Individuals required to come to court on those days will be notified about staggered appearance times. The Pelham Town Court has numerous safety precautions in place, in accordance with all local, state and federal guidelines, to ensure the safety of both the court personnel, as well as the visitors to court. Such precautions include mandating face coverings when entering the courthouse, limiting the number of entrants into the courthouse, social distancing inside the courthouse, providing hand sanitizing to anyone who enters the premises, and adding plexiglass in spaces where personnel are interacting directly with the public. Court personnel will be doing temperature checks and health screening for anyone entering the courthouse.
- We ask the public for patience and cooperation in abiding by these safety precautions, which may be modified as guidelines change. For court related inquiries, contact the following:
  - Criminal cases: 914-738-7030 or ptobin@nycourts.gov
  - Traffic violations: 914-813-1651 or jbavosa@nycourts.gov
  - Parking tickets: 914-738-2205 or hengstrom@nycourts.gov

### **Pelham Town Empress Fly Car**

- For the Month of June 2020, there were 25 individuals transported from the Village of Pelham, 27 from the Manor, 2 individuals from the Hutchinson Parkway and 4 from I-95. Back-up ambulance response time 7 minutes 52 seconds 50% of the calls were answered in 5 minutes and under. **62% of calls were answered in 6 minutes and under.**

### **Grant Awarded for new and updated Fly Car**

- The Board has received the following \$109,000 grant that was sponsored by our State Senator Alessandra Biaggi. We are very grateful for this allocation so we can fund a new and updated Fly car for use by all of the residents of the Town of Pelham. Thank you Senator Biaggi!

### **Other Town Operations**

- The Town of Pelham government is back open, which includes the areas of: **The Town Clerk**, the **Comptroller**, the **Tax Assessor**, the **Recreation Department**, **Court Personnel** and the **Library**. The Town kindly requests that meetings with any of these departments be scheduled in advance, so as to ensure appropriate social distancing in Town Hall.

## Complete Your Census



**a few minutes and your response ensures that Pelham receives all the necessary resources for our schools, local, county, and state resources.**

Every Westchester household has received an invitation by mail to respond to the 2020 census. Pelham's response rate here is at 72.4%...be sure to add your numbers to the total and **let's reach 100% participation**. And very important to us, the census results will determine whether we get our fair share of federal funding for the schools in our community.

You may respond online or by phone. Please note that all census answers are kept anonymous and confidential and are only used to produce census statistics which allocates funding for schools and infrastructure. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to ensure that the information gathered is never published and cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court. For additional information, please visit the Westchester County census page.

Every day, we are encouraged by the news that Westchester County and the Town of Pelham continues to improve in the number of positive cases of COVID-19. We are proud to be a part of a Town that has taken the advice and precautions of our public officials and health experts seriously, and we are truly flattening the curve. The Town is working hard to make sure that our operations continue to the greatest extent possible for the remainder of the summer, and we prepare for the continuation of operations (albeit modified) for the Fall of 2020.

Our next Town Board meeting is Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 7pm--we hope to see you there.

Dan McLaughlin, Supervisor

Rae Szymanski, Deputy Supervisor

Kristen Burke, Councilwoman

Timothy Case, Councilman

Maura Curtin, Councilwoman