

May 2021 Pelham Town Board Update

Dear Pelham Neighbors:

As we enter the second year since the Coronavirus pandemic began, we are proud to say that more than half of Westchester County *and* at least 60% of Pelham residents 18 and older are fully vaccinated—well ahead of the national average! With the COVID positive tests at very low rates (currently .8% 7-day average in the County), with vaccines rolling out to our youth, and with many of the COVID-19 restrictions being lifted in the coming weeks, the end is certainly in sight. But to get there, we must continue to do it together! Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to get vaccinated and [Kick COVID to the Curb!](#) As we continue to make progress towards normalcy, we also ask everyone to continue to take safety precautions by continuing mask-wearing, and distancing until more community members, including our children, become vaccinated.

In the past few weeks, we have celebrated our teachers, our nurses and our mother's, and thank them for all that they do every day, especially in light of the challenges over this past year with COVID-19. This week, we honored our law enforcement officers, including police officers in both villages and our Town Constables, for their tremendous service to the Pelham community.

This **Memorial Day**, we will be honoring our veterans. While we will not be having our traditional parade due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will be having a service for our veterans at Veteran's Memorial Park. Details will be posted on our webpage shortly. We hope to see you all there, in a safe manner.

Other Town News

Town Hall Will Open May 17th

Beginning May 17, 2021, Town Hall will be open for in-person business. We ask that appointments be made in advance to maintain COVID precautions.

Grievance Day June 15, 2021

Grievance day this year is June 15, 2021 in-person at Town Hall. Hours will be 8:30 am to 12:30, and 5:30 to 9:00 pm. While this is open to the public, appointments must be made in advance by contacting the Town Assessor at assessor@townofpelham.com.

COVID restrictions will be in place, including but not limited to the following:

- Face masks must be worn while inside

- Screening questionnaire will required in advance
- Temperature checks will be performed at the entrance
- Only one case will be heard at a time inside the building
- In lieu of appearing in-person, applications can be made and dropped in the Town Hall mail slot. Applications must be made no later than 8pm grievance day June 15, 2021.

Recreation Department

Spring youth programs are in full swing, and summer camps will be running again this summer half-days. While most of the camps are full, there is still availability for Big Tots. Sign-ups are online at: <https://www.pelhamrecreation.com/> For any questions, please contact: recreation@pelhamrecreation.com.

Senior Programming

Pelham senior events will begin again June 7th, including our summer concert series at the Gazebo. Stay tuned for more information.

Pelham's senior advocate has been hard at work assisting Pelham community members in making appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. Please contact Carolyn Veith at recreation@pelhamrecreation.com for assistance.

Please also check out the Recreation page for information on the **Resident Emergency Assistance List (R.E.A.L) program**, which is a list of senior citizens and residents with special needs who reside in the Village of Pelham and Pelham Manor, providing the Town with important contact information so that the Town and both Village police departments can access in the event of adverse weather or power emergencies.

Library

The Town of Pelham Public Library is now fully open, and also continues to offer [curbside services](#). Please check out their website for upcoming events and updates: <https://www.pelhamlibrary.org/> **including our outdoor in-person story-time with Mr. Oz!** Due to pandemic-related social distancing guidelines, currently a limited number of visitors are allowed to browse the collections for 20 minutes and check out materials. The library is continuing contactless curbside pickup.

Here is how to use the curbside program: place a hold for the materials on our online catalog and you will get notified when your items are available to pick up. Call 914-738-1234 to arrange a convenient pick up time; call again from outside the building and items will be brought out. If you have any problems with your library card, or you need to get a new card, please email pelhamlibrary@wlsmail.org.

Courts

The Pelham Town court is now fully open. Please see our webpage for further updates and details: <https://townofpelham.com/courts/>.

In addition, the Court has been awarded two grants from the NYS Office of Court Administration (\$10,335.73 and \$7,366.00) for security upgrades to Daronco Townhouse. We are in the process of making those upgrades.

Pelham Town Empress Fly Car

For the month of April 2021, the average response time for the BLS units backing up the fly car was 7:56. One of the fly car's response this month was 10 minutes; however, was for a second call in the town and the fly car responded from the first call that went BLS.

Calls on Hutchinson River Parkway: 3

Calls in Pelham Village: 43

Calls in Pelham Manor: 22

Visit the Town of Pelham's webpage! <https://townofpelham.com/>

The new Town webpage is up and running! We have information on all Town departments, news alerts, forms and permits, a link for online tax payments, and information on the Town government. **Please visit our page to sign up for Town updates.**

Please also visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TownOfPelham> for regular updates.

Pelham's Town Historian

Pelham resident Arthur Scinta is the Town's new Historian. Please check out the webpage: <https://pelham-town-historian.gator.site/> to view some of the Town's digitized historical documents, including photos of historical homes, churches, municipal buildings and commercial buildings.

Energy Smart Pelham

The Environmental Coalition of the Pelhams (EcoPel) and Sustainable Westchester has launched. Discover customized clean heating and cooling solutions for your home, understand how energy efficiency can save you money, and learn about financial incentives and rebates offered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and your utility by visiting: <https://sustainablewestchester.org/> or calling (914) 242-4725 ext. 122.

Hate Crimes: #SpeakUpWestchester

Sadly, hate crimes against our AAPI community members continues to be a significant concern. Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Westchester District Attorney Mimi E. Rocah have launched #SpeakUpWestchester, to fight back against these racist attacks. While hate incidents do not always violate the law, they should always be reported by those targeted and bystanders. Please help us spread the word about the resources available to Westchester residents, and that hate has no home here in Pelham. Information for reporting can be found [here](#).

We are excited to finally announce that our next Town Board meeting is Monday June 7, 2021 in-person at Daronco Townhouse. We are also working on a webcast of our Town meetings, and hope to have that available in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Dan McLaughlin, Supervisor

Rae Szymanski, Deputy Supervisor

Kristen Burke, Councilwoman

Timothy Case, Councilman

Maura Curtin, Councilwoman