



March 2022 Pelham Town Board Update

Dear Pelham Friends and Neighbors:

It's hard to believe that it has been two years since the coronavirus pandemic completely uprooted our lives, in ways that we could not have possibly dreamed. We are heartened to see that the number of transmissions and hospitalizations in the Town and the County are way down, and that most of the COVID-19-related restrictions have ended (including in our K-12 classrooms). We of course encourage everyone to stay vigilant and to continue testing when you have symptoms. Free at-home testing kits are available to anyone in the Town in the Pelham Public Library (which expire in May 2022). <https://townofpelham.com/2022/03/11/free-covid-19-home-testing-kits/>

In addition, like all of you, we have watched the horrors of war unfold in Ukraine. The Town of Pelham denounces these acts of violence and stands in support with the Ukrainian community and we will be displaying the Ukraine flag near the Daronco House. If you would like to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, please consider donations to [UNICEF](#), [UN Crisis Relief: Ukraine Humanitarian Fund](#), or [International Rescue Committee](#).

In other Town news, the Town is hosting a paper shredding event in the back of Town Hall on March 26, from 10 am – 1 pm. <https://townofpelham.com/2022/03/01/document-shredder-event/>

At the March Board Meeting, the Town voted to endorse the Healthy Yards Program. Please check out ways you can participate: <https://www.healthyyards.org/westchester/>. In addition, the Hudson Valley Clean Energy Community Coordinator presented on the grant opportunities available to the Town of Pelham, and the Town is currently reviewing all of the ways it can benefit from this program.

And finally, the Town of Pelham is supporting the Pelham Together **Project Hope** campaign. In the month of April, you will see beautifully knitted sleeves with the words Hope, Care, Kind and Love created by Pelham High School students around the trees along the Town House and the Gazebo area. We hope you come by and take a look!

Other Town Updates

Courts

The Pelham Town Court is fully open and continues to stagger court appearances. Arraignments will now be in-person. Face masks are still required in court at this time (in accordance with the NYS Office of Court Administration).

Pelham has hired two new part-time court clerks, both local to Pelham, and we are really excited to have them! They begin this week. Please see the [webpage](#) for further updates and details.

Empress Fly Car

For the month of February 2022, the average response time for the ALS/BLS units backing up the fly car was: 6:07 minutes

Calls on Hutchinson River Parkway: 5

Calls in Pelham Village: 29

Calls in Pelham Manor: 30

Calls on I-95: 1

Town representatives continue to work with Empress regarding its obligation to provide Advanced Life Support System (ALSS) backup if our Fly Car is in use. Staffing shortages for EMS vehicles is a problem being experienced by many municipalities. The Town is looking into various options for improved back-up services, such as partnering with local municipalities or even creating its own volunteer ambulance corps.

In addition, Pelham's new Flycar has been delivered. The purchase was made after a Board resolution allowed the purchase to come from the Town's Fund Balance account until we receive the reimbursement from the approved Grant. The Town has submitted the invoice for the grant and is waiting for the reimbursement of the \$109,000 that the Board authorized.

Library

The Town of Pelham Public Library is fully open and also continues to offer [curbside services](#). The outdoor events, including story times and the recent outdoor Pelham ice carving, have been a huge success and will continue pending good weather. Please check out their website for upcoming events and updates: <https://www.pelhamlibrary.org/>.

The Library has an opening on the Board of Trustees for a new member with digital communications experience. Interested residents can reach out to Board of Trustees President Terrence Mullan at Tmurg86@gmail.com.

Recreation Department

Winter programs for adults and youths, including recreational basketball, are winding down and sign-ups for spring and summer camps are now available online at: <https://www.pelhamrecreation.com/> For any questions, please contact: recreation@pelhamrecreation.com.

The Recreation Department will be hosting the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, in coordination with the Pelham Chamber of Commerce, on April 10th. Stay tuned for more details.

Senior Advocate

The Town of Pelham has received its new **senior van** and is now able to assist Pelham seniors in traveling to doctor appointments, COVID-boosters, etc. Please contact Carolyn Veith at recreation@pelhamrecreation.com for assistance.

Town Historian

In his first year in the role of Town Historian, Art Scinta created a new website featuring original research and articles about Pelham people and topics. Some of the highlights are included in Art's [2021 annual report](#). Please check out the Town Historian webpage: <http://www.PelhamTownHistorian.com>, as well as the Town Historian Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pelhamtown.historian> to see some of these articles, as well as new stories, photographs and other documents that Art will continue to add.

Next Town Board Meeting

Our next Town Board meeting will take place **in-person** on Monday April 4th, 2022, at 7pm in 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