



June 2022 Pelham Town Board Update

Dear Pelham Friends and Neighbors:

It's been a busy spring in our tiny but mighty Town! June is Pride month, and the Town is celebrating with our banner displayed in Gazebo Park, alongside the Village of Pelham's Juneteenth banner.

This past Spring we celebrated some wonderful events:

- ✚ The 75th Anniversary of the **Pelham Rotary Society** took place on May 11th at the Pelham Arts Center. *The Town is very grateful for their generous donation of a bench in Gazebo Park.*
- ✚ We honored our Town war veterans at Pelham's annual **Memorial Day Parade** and ceremony on a lovely Memorial Day morning in our Veterans Memorial Park. **Maggie Klein** was the Grand Marshall of the Parade.
- ✚ Pelham Together held its **Summer Fest** on June 5th—with some of Pelham's finest bands, a rocking volleyball tournament, a dog parade, and topped off with a beer garden and delicious food by Rockwell's held in Wolf's Lane Park.
- ✚ The Town honored the newest **Eagle Scouts** with a moving ceremony on June 6th in the Town House.
- ✚ The Town celebrated with the **Pelham Children's Center** on the grand opening of its new playground which was upgraded thanks to a generous anonymous donor.

We look forward to the following events to come:

- ✚ **Summer concerts** are back, every Monday night at Gazebo Park. Food trucks will be onsite this year. The first one begins this Monday, 6/20 at 7:30 pm. *See the [Town Recreation website](#) for more details about times, performers and food trucks.*
- ✚ Please join us at the **Village of Pelham's 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Wolf's Lane Park, June 18th starting at 2pm.** Please see the [VOP website](#) for further details about this amazing event.
- ✚ **Grievance Day** (for taxes) is on Tuesday June 21, 2022, from 9am-11am, and 6pm-8pm at Town Hall. Appointments are recommended, but not required.



Other Town Updates

Courts

The Pelham Town Court is fully open and continues to stagger court appearances. Arraignments will now be in-person. In lieu of wearing masks, entrants can now show proof of vaccination.

Empress Fly Car

For the month of May 2022, the average response time for the ALS/BLS units backing up the fly car was: 8:50 minutes

Calls in Pelham Village: 39

Calls in Pelham Manor: 305

Calls on Hutchinson River Parkway: 1

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.

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, 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 Town of Pelham Public Library will be using the [online platform READsquared](#) for summer reading for 2022. Participants should register, enroll in our program, and then log



their reading minutes on their READSquared account in order to earn rewards. To view a video on YouTube explaining the sign-up process, [click here](#). If you prefer to sign up in

person or are having any trouble with the online platform, please stop by the Library and we will register your children. You can also call us at 914-738-1234 or email us at pelhamlibrary@wlsmail.org. For more information on the summer reading program [please visit the website](#).

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pelham Library is happy to announce the appointment of Matthew Kane to the Board. Kane is a marketing and advertising professional currently working for Digitas in New York. He previously worked at Penguin Group USA where he focused on their global digital business strategy in the world of eBooks. Kane will chair the Communications committee. He currently lives in Pelham Manor with his wife and two children.

Additionally, the Board is currently looking for a new member to fill a Board vacancy, specifically for an individual with a background in public relations (PR) to chair our Programming and Community Outreach Committee. A background in non-profit PR is a plus. This individual will work directly with the Library Director on strategic engagement of the Pelham community. This individual will also work directly across other committees, assisting them with the Library's initiatives identified in our Strategic Plan. If interested, please reach out to Board Chair Terrence Mullan at tmurg86@gmail.com for a discussion on next steps.

The library still has free at-home COVID testing kits available to anyone in the Town in the Pelham: <https://townofpelham.com/2022/03/11/free-covid-19-home-testing-kits/>

Recreation Department

Spring programs for adults and youths, are winding down, with **Summer programs** about to begin. An adult pickleball program was added this year, which has been a hit. Courts will be painted for the summer at Julianne's playground.

Registration for summer clinics are available online. There are still some spaces available for Tiny Tots and Big Tots Summer camps. Sign up online at:

<https://www.pelhamrecreation.com/>

For any questions, please contact: recreation@pelhamrecreation.com.



Senior Advocate

The Town of Pelham's **senior van** has already begun assisting Pelham seniors in traveling to doctor appointments, obtaining COVID-boosters, etc. Please contact Carolyn Veith at recreation@pelhamrecreation.com for assistance.

Town Historian

Last month, Town Historian Art Scinta chronicled the life of a Pelham war hero, Eli Page Howard. Please check out the page to learn about Mr. Howard, and other historical facts and figures of Pelham: <http://www.PelhamTownHistorian.com>, as well as the Town Historian Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pelhamtown.historian>.

Next Town Board Meeting

Our next Town Board meeting will take place **in-person** on Monday July 11, 2022, at 7pm in Town Hall. We will be voting on a local law to use video conferences for meetings in certain circumstances, and to raise the senior tax exemption, both in accordance with recent legislation. 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