

# Pelham Chases Space Program Hosts an Evening with Astronaut Leland Melvin

BY JOYCE FARRELL

On October 3, the Pelham Chases Space program, a year-long, community-wide celebration of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) hosted an evening with "Chasing Space" author Leland Melvin. Local events throughout the year will include book discussions at the Pelham Public Library, related movies at the Pelham Picture House, various author talks, art exhibitions, astronaut food challenge, rocket building and more. Melvin, a former pro football player and a retired NASA astronaut, spoke to the sold-out auditorium, encouraging students to study STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.) He asserted that everything has an artistic piece to it, that math and music are the only absolutes, and that music affects both sides of the brain.

When Melvin was growing up in Lynchburg, Virginia, he was a fan of the show Star Trek, which, for the first time in television history, had a Black woman, Nichelle Nichols, as co-star, and remembers seeing Neil Armstrong walk on the moon. While many kids at that time wanted to be astronauts, Melvin did not. His role model



was Arthur Ashe, the first Black man to excel as a professional tennis player. Even though Mr. Melvin chose to play a different sport, football, Ashe's success inspired him.

Melvin's interest in science was sparked in a very unusual way. His father and educator, as was Melvin's mother, bought a bread company's old truck. Melvin helped him rewire it, put in propane, and install bunk beds to convert it into a camper. In doing so, he learned how to repurpose stuff with vision and sweat equity and bits of mechanical, electrical, and chemical engineering. Another time, his mother gave him a

chemistry set, with which he caused an explosion in their living room! Clearly, his parents were keen on encouraging his curiosity and creativity.

In addition to encouraging kids to study STEAM subjects, Melvin also encouraged them to always keep trying. When he was a kid in Lynchburg,

Virginia, Melvin was a big fan of two books, The Little Engine That Could and Curious George. Mr. Melvin played football in high school and continued into college thanks to his coach, Jimmy Green, who "always had a back," just like the man in the yellow hat in Curious George. Because of his support, Melvin knew it was important to keep trying, just like the little engine that could. This was especially evident during the homecoming game at his high school when he dropped the ball in the end zone. His coach, who "had his back," told him that he believed in him and told him to get back out there and do it again. Even the quarterback didn't



want to throw it to him, but Melvin ran down the sideline and caught the ball!

Someone having his back and his refusal to give up recurred several times in Melvin's life and were keys to his success. After working on an optical fiber sensor to monitor the X33 vehicle's integrity, he got a call to be an astronaut. While doing spacewalk training in Russia in a 5,000,000-gallon pool, he was lowered on a platform into the water but did not have the pad in his helmet that would protect his ears from the pressure. After emergency surgery on his ears, another "man in the yellow hat," the head

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# James Lauria, Recipient of the John L. Marshall Award; Nick Florio Hired As New Town Clerk; Halloween Parade on October 28

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At their October meeting on October 2, the Town Council approved Local Law #2 of 2023, overriding the tax cap that was established by Municipal Law 3 (c).

According to the Fly-car Stats Deputy Supervisor Rae Szymanski received from Empress Ambulance, there were forty-five mutual aid calls in Pelham, forty in Pelham Manor, one on I-95, and two on the Hutchinson River Parkway. The average response for the BLS (Basic Life Support) vehicle backing up the fly-car was ten minutes and ten seconds. The fly-car arrived 88% of the time in seven minutes and under and 96% of the time in eight minutes and under.

According to Councilwoman McLoughlin in her Recreation Department Report, there were thirty-five senior trips to medical appointments and a trip to for the seniors to Arthur Avenue. Also, after-school sports and other activities are in full swing and very well attended, winter basketball registration will open at the end of October, and the Halloween Parade will be on Saturday, October 28, at 4 p.m.

She also announced that the recipient of the John L. Marshall Award, given annually to a community member who, through volunteering, contributes significantly to the recreation department and the youth of the community, is James Lauria, a retired Pelham police sergeant and the son-in-law of Dr. Marshall.

Councilwoman McLoughlin reported that the AED Machines (Automated External Defibrillators) have arrived and will be set at Ingalls, Franklin, and Prospect Fields. Pictures and descriptions will be put on the website, and all coaches will be made aware of the devices' locations.

The recreation department is working with the public schools regarding parking at Glover Field, which has been difficult, especially during weekends. There will be new "No Parking" areas and police will be ticketing people parking on the grass. There is parking available above Friendship Field accessible from Imperia Drive, and Pelham Manor police will be monitoring that. Additionally, there is parking in an uncovered lot that is adjacent to the Target parking area.

Councilwoman Burke gave the Legal Committee report and announced that as of October 10, there is a new court clerk, Nick Florio, a long-time Pelham resident. She then reported that, according to the September Receiver

of Taxes Report, the total taxes received was \$27,437,639.20; most of this, \$27,196,231.65, was from school taxes. For a complete accounting, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5xpnOhkol0&t=616s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5xpnOhkol0&t=616s).

Councilwoman Curtin gave the Library Report. Novel Night, a huge fundraising effort by Friends of the Town of Pelham Public Library, was a great success. Over 500 people attended, and there were dozens of theme parties. K-Day was held on September 23, and the rainy weather necessitated the moving of the petting zoo to inside the library! There were 134 new library cards issued, with over 400 children visiting between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Councilman Curtin concluded her report by announcing upcoming events, including Demystifying Medicare on October 12, Defensive Driving on October 14, and Intro to Babysitting for those who are 11 and up. For more information and to register for the Defensive Driving course, call the library at 914-738-1234.

Supervisor O'Laughlin reported that the Toonerville Music Festival, though on a rainy day, was fun. Also, he, as well as the Town Controller, Samantha Losurdo, and Ruthann DeSimone, Supervisor McLaughlin's Administrative Assistant, met with the accountants on September 20, who were happy with the town's progress over the past three years; the financial statements will be available on the town's website.

Supervisor O'Laughlin and Deputy Supervisor Rae Szymanski had an ambulance meeting on September 28, which included fire and police department representatives, to discuss the contract drawn up by the town's attorney, Thomas Kleinberger, whose work on the contract was highly praised by Supervisor McLaughlin. Additionally, Councilwoman Curtin, Ms. DeSimone, and Supervisor McLaughlin had a meeting about the grant for the Daronco Townhouse and will be submitting the changes the town wants to make to the Historic Preservation representatives to make sure that their plans will be permitted. Also, Supervisor McLaughlin finished working on the grant for the ambulance and sent it immediately to the senator's and assemblywoman's offices as there is an ambulance that is now available for the town to purchase. Finally, Supervisor McLaughlin and two council members attended the WMOA (Westchester Municipal Officials Association) dinner at The Modern in New Rochelle. Innovative housing topics were discussed.

## Endorsement Statement

In this November's election, I endorse Dan McLaughlin, Sr., Clive Anderson, John DeChiaro, Antoinette Clemente and John Hynes.

I've been a resident of Pelham for 51 years. My family, including four children and thirteen grandchildren, has benefited from Pelham's education system. I've served on the Pelham Board of Education for six years, including two years as president, and spent 16 years in Town Government, with 14 years as supervisor. My extensive experience has given me insights into what makes an effective elected official for Pelham.

I've observed Dan, John, Antoinette, and John as dedicated public servants and neighbors over the years. Their unwavering commitment to Pelham has made a lasting impression. They are hardworking and devoted individuals.

In contrast to the others, Clive is relatively new to our community. But he has already demonstrated his dedication by serving on various community boards. What truly sets him apart is his profession as the owner of the Pelham Funeral Home and his role as a funeral director. He exemplifies caring, respect, and compassion, helping people navigate the most challenging times in their lives.

John Hynes is running for Westchester County Legislator, which may mark the first time Pelham

has county legislative representation. With a career spanning nearly three decades in the Pelham Police force, including a promotion to detective in 2002, he also dedicated himself to serving the community as a youth and DARE officer, as a PTA president, and he is actively engaged in the Danny Fund. He currently holds the role of Associate Director of Campus Safety at Iona University. In contrast, while I have met his opponent (who seems like a very nice person) she remains relatively unknown to most of us. We need real representation at the County level.

The Pelham Town Leadership Committee which I chair (PelhamTownLeadersip.com) also endorses these terrific candidates. This committee identifies candidates who, regardless of their national party affiliation – whether Democrat, Republican or independent, understand what needs to be done at a local level to ensure that Pelham remains an amazing place to live. As I hope you agree, in these divisive times such thoughtful perspectives are crucial.

I urge you to join the Pelham Town Leadership Committee and me in voting for these exceptional individuals. Together, we can enhance our local community, making Pelham an even better place to live.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Solimine Sr.

## Candidate Statement for John De Chiaro for Town Justice

I'm seeking your support for the position of Pelham Town Justice for the next four years, with a deep commitment to restoring the Court's full effectiveness and professionalism. I previously served successfully as Town Justice for eight years and am eager to take on this responsibility again.

The reason for my candidacy in this November's election is rooted in my concern about the current status of the Court. Some of the "modernizations" of the current court, which were presented as successes, were the achievements of others in the court system. And with the pandemic lockdowns, remote procedures were mandated by New York State and then implemented by the dedicated clerks of the Pelham Court.

Of more significant concern is the fact that the essential trial work must be shared equally among the Justices and the Court deserves the full support of a competent and experienced co-Judge.

Let me explain my extensive legal background. My journey commenced in 1978 as a clerk in the Court of Claims, where I oversaw numerous trials and issued decisions for both civil and criminal cases. Subsequently, I entered private practice, amassing 46 years of experience in litigating a diverse array of civil and criminal cases to verdict.

I was initially elected as Pelham Town Justice in 2011 and re elected in 2015, owing to



my extensive experience, legal expertise, and proven track record. During my eight years on the bench, I presided over numerous trials, rendered vital legal decisions, and provided fair and effective service to both Pelham residents, litigants and the attorneys appearing before me.

My roots in Pelham extend deep, as I have resided here for 34 years. My wife, Mary Beth, and I have celebrated 25 years of marriage, and our son, Gianfranco, a proud Pelham school graduate, currently attends St. John's University.

It is crucial to recognize that winning an election and donning a black robe do not inherently translate into a competent Judge. Competence in this role is honed through courtroom experience. While accomplishments outside the courtroom may be highlighted, the equitable administration of justice demands hands on engagement with legal matters. My 46 year legal career equips me with the legal knowledge and practical experience vital for the role of a Judge.

Most importantly, and throughout my tenure on the bench, I consistently applied a common sense approach to ensure fairness for both litigants and counsel.

I am pursuing this office not for personal gain or recognition but to re-establish wisdom, integrity, and scholarship to a court that is in need of these qualities. I respectfully urge you to set aside loyalty to national party affiliation, and thoughtfully consider your choice on election day.

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# Amplify Pelham Science Research Program's Annual "Wag-a-thon" Event Scheduled for October 22

AMPLIFY (the parent support group for the Pelham Science Research Program) has announced the date of its 3rd annual Wag-a-Thon, a community and family fundraising event that raises money to support Science Research student endeavors at Pelham Memorial High School as they prepare and present their research at state, national and international symposia throughout the school year. All Pelham community members are invited to walk in support of the program. \*Pedestrians without dogs are also welcome! For more information about the program, visit [www.pelhamscienceresearch.org](http://www.pelhamscienceresearch.org).

The Wag-a-Thon begins at noon on Sunday, October 22, 2023, and will wrap up by 2:00pm. Participants can pre-register online or register on-site at the registration desk on Esplanade Ave., across the street from the Huguenot Church parking lot. (Those who make the suggested minimum donation of \$30 or more receive branded "dog tags" and treats!) The entire walk takes place on the Esplanade, south of Boston Post Road. Walkers will walk to Grant Ave., then loop back around the other side of the Esplanade (heading north), finishing up where they started. The course is less than a mile from start to finish. Food and beverages will be sold to further support the program.

The Pelham Science Research Program is a rigorous four-year educational initiative designed to empower and nurture students in pursuit of their academic and professional passions. PMHS Science Research teachers guide students through their high school years with a structured framework to identify, explore, and follow their unique interests in science, technology, humanities, engineering, mathematics, entrepreneurship, and research. A distinctive feature of the program occurs during the summer of students' junior and senior years, when they collaborate with seasoned professionals in their chosen field. This hands-on experience enables students to actively engage in cutting-edge research, gain valuable entrepreneurial skills, and immerse themselves in the practical application of their knowledge, thus fostering a deep and lasting love for science and research.

"We constantly seek to engage and involve our community in supporting the growth and development of our aspiring young scientists. Building strong relationships with parents, mentors, professionals, organizations, businesses and alumni is essential in nurturing their passion and potential," said Steven Beltecas, Science Research Director.

Funds raised through events like the October 22 Wag-a-Thon and other Amplify fundraising initiatives throughout the year support aspects that go above the everyday school budget,



offsetting expenses related to student grants for research ideas, registrations for students who require financial assistance, and discounted branded merchandise to promote the program's identity. Additionally, these funds ensure that dedicated young scientists have access to late-night sustenance and snacks as they often work tirelessly at school in preparation for various symposia throughout the school year. "The money raised contributes directly to creating a nurturing and resourceful community that empowers our students to excel and explore their passions to the fullest extent," said Science Research Teacher, Joseph DiBello.



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"This year, in response to the program's growing popularity and increasing student enrollment, we are thrilled to welcome the addition of a real-life scientist, a testament to our community's dedication to academic excellence, who has infused the program with a unique and invaluable perspective," DiBello said. Lori Tortorella, PhD, a former scientist from Weill Cornell, who is also a 10th-grade chemistry teacher at PMHS, is already making a substantial impact by actively guiding our juniors and seniors, equipping them with the essential skills for their research endeavors, writing, and presentations. "With the combined sup-

port and guidance of Director of Math & Science Dr. Callahan and PMHS Principal Berkowitz, this expansion with Dr. Tortorella's expertise propels the program towards even greater achievements," said Beltecas.

Regardless of your background or skillset, there is a role for everyone to play in encouraging the curiosity and advancement of our research students and the program welcomes the community's involvement. "Whether it's offering mentorship, sharing your expertise, providing resources, or simply showing your support, your involvement can make a meaningful impact on the future of our students, helping them to reach their full potential and make significant contributions to the world. Together, we can inspire and empower the next generation of researchers, innovators and leaders," said Dr. Tortorella.

To make a donation to the Amplify Pelham Science Research Program, visit <https://www.pelhamscienceresearch.org/donate>. To register for the Wag-a-Thon, visit the registration page: <https://wag-a-thon-2023.cheddarup.com>.

## News from Pelham Together

A Town Hall Meeting will take place discussing A Conversation with and for Our Teens at the Daronco Town House on October 18 at 7pm. Help create a place where young people and other community members can come together to discuss what it's like to be a teenager in Pelham today so that we can make it better for all of us. We hope parents of all-aged children will join, along with teens, to hear as many voices as possible. No registration necessary.

WE'D LIKE YOUR INPUT. . . As Pelham Together fills out their calendar of programs and events for both parents and youth this year, they would like your input. Weigh in on the options in this (very) brief poll. Totally anonymous, takes 2 minutes. We really appreciate your thoughts! Visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-FGbxj4nWhTJYaz0sIBygPFOzaVdJj7wg2CAIlwNyn444WqA/viewform>

PT COUNSELING IS READY FOR A NEW SEASON! Pelham Together Counseling is starting a new season with new graduate student clinicians. They are currently accepting new referrals for counseling, including openings with a Spanish speaking clinician. Availability is limited. Counseling

is provided on a short-term basis and is still offered on a sliding scale. No one will be turned away for the inability to pay. Visit <https://pelhamtogether.org/pelham-together-counseling>

NEW YEAR, NEW FRIENDSHIPS: Heard In Rye, is hosting Dr. Eileen Kennedy-Moore (previous guest on Live With Kelly And Ryan and the Today Show), to describe five essential friendship skills that are part of the unspoken social curriculum for school-age children. It offers parents practical ideas for helping children to feel more comfortable and confident in social situations.

Nearly every child has trouble with friendships in some way, at some time. Friendship skills are never about just doing one thing. Children need to adjust their behavior flexibly to fit the situation and their goals.



Dr. Eileen Kennedy-Moore

You'll learn practical, research-based tips to help your child with 1) Reaching Out to Make Friends, 2) Stepping Back to Keep Friends, 3) Blending In to Join Friends, 4) Speaking Up to Share with Friends, and 5) Letting Go to Accept Friends. Thursday, Oct 19th, 12 noon. Visit <https://pelhamtogether.org/events-1/2023/10/19/5-friendship-skills-every-kid-needs-to-learn-for-parents>

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## Picture House Appoints New Executive Director

The Picture House Regional Film Center announced that Clayton Bushong was named new Executive Director. Clayton is a creative and visionary leader with over 15 years' experience in various roles at The Picture House Regional Film Center. For the past four months, he served as the Acting Executive Director and was most recently the Director of Programming, Business Development and Operations at the film center. Clayton has guided the artistic vision of The Picture House and, with his extensive knowledge of film, film criticism and film professionals, provides the organization with a leading voice for cinema in Southern Westchester and beyond. He also has overseen the film center's daily operations at its two locations, Pelham and Bronxville. Among the successful programming Clayton has developed, TPH Film Club has become a hallmark of the organization since its launch in 2014. Prior to his work at TPH, Clayton was founder and CEO of Gigante Media, a state-of-the-art online marketing company that specialized in music, books and movies. In the late 1990s, Clayton also worked for Magus Entertainment. As artist manager, tour coordinator and online developer, Clayton's client list included Aerosmith, Carly Simon, Idina Menzel, DJ Rap, Flybanger, Jennifer Paige, Fragile and more.

"Clay has been a vocal champion of The Picture House throughout his 15-year career working at the theater," said Katy Loria, Chair, Board of Directors, The Picture House Regional Film Center. "With incredible experience, Clay's vital understanding of the challenges and needs of TPH will make him a consummate leader for our organization. Clay's creative vision and industry acumen will undoubtedly further our fundraising efforts which remain essential for the success of TPH. We look forward to the plans and ideas he's developing for our future."

In his new role, Clayton hopes to continue to work closely with partner organizations but also looks to expand TPH's presence and impact in the Community. "I am excited to lead TPH forward in such a fascinating time for movie goers and exhibitors," said Clayton Bushong, Executive Director of The Picture House. "With this new landscape, I hope to make TPH more sustainable as an organization with our own initiatives, enriched programming, and enhanced concessions. As just one example, we are thrilled to launch the first phase of our multi-use space in the Bronxville Theater in late October which will offer amazing new programs to the community."

For more information about The Picture House, visit [www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org), call (914) 738-7337, or email [info@thepicturehouse.org](mailto:info@thepicturehouse.org).



Clayton Bushong

## From the Superintendent of Schools



Cheryl H. Champ, Ed. D.

As we continue to grapple with the aftereffects of the horrifying terror attacks perpetrated in Israel, we wanted to make you aware of a number of social media posts and statements attributed to Hamas that threatened violence in the U.S. on October 13. To be clear, these statements and posts did not reference Pelham or any other specific community and there is no reason to believe any of our students, staff or community members are in danger.

With that being said, in an abundance of caution, we advised both the Pelham and Pelham Manor Police Departments and are in regular contact with our safety and security consultants at Altaris. We also understand that the FBI is aware of these threats and has not found evidence to suggest they are specific or credible.

While we do not believe there is an actual safety threat, the immediacy of social media and the algorithms used to promote certain content mean that many of our students are seeing these upsetting and

potentially traumatizing posts in real time. We are asking for your partnership in speaking with your children about avoiding and sharing any such videos and actively monitoring your children's use of social media. Digital literacy has become an important focus of our educational program as we seek to provide students the tools they need to promote positive civic engagement and compassion for others. Among the applicable lessons that are woven into our curriculum in developmentally appropriate ways are the ideas that:

Around the globe, there are many people who are diligently working to solve differences peacefully.

Treating others with kindness and respect, regardless of differences, is a pillar of our community. In fact, kindness, empathy and understanding each play a critical role in promoting peace and safety.

These skills are critically important in times such as these and we are grateful for your help in reinforcing those messages.

Though some of the resources provided below were shared earlier this week, we invite you, once again, to use them to guide conversations at home.

How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War – Common Sense Media

Talking to Children about Violence – National Association of School Psychologists

Helping Children Cope with Terrorism – National Association of School Psychologists

How to Talk to Your Children about Conflict and War – Unicef

Our counseling and clinical support staff remain prepared to help any student in need. If you have particular concerns about your child that you would like to share with school, please don't hesitate to reach out to appropriate counselors, clinical staff, school administrators or any other trusted adult within the District.



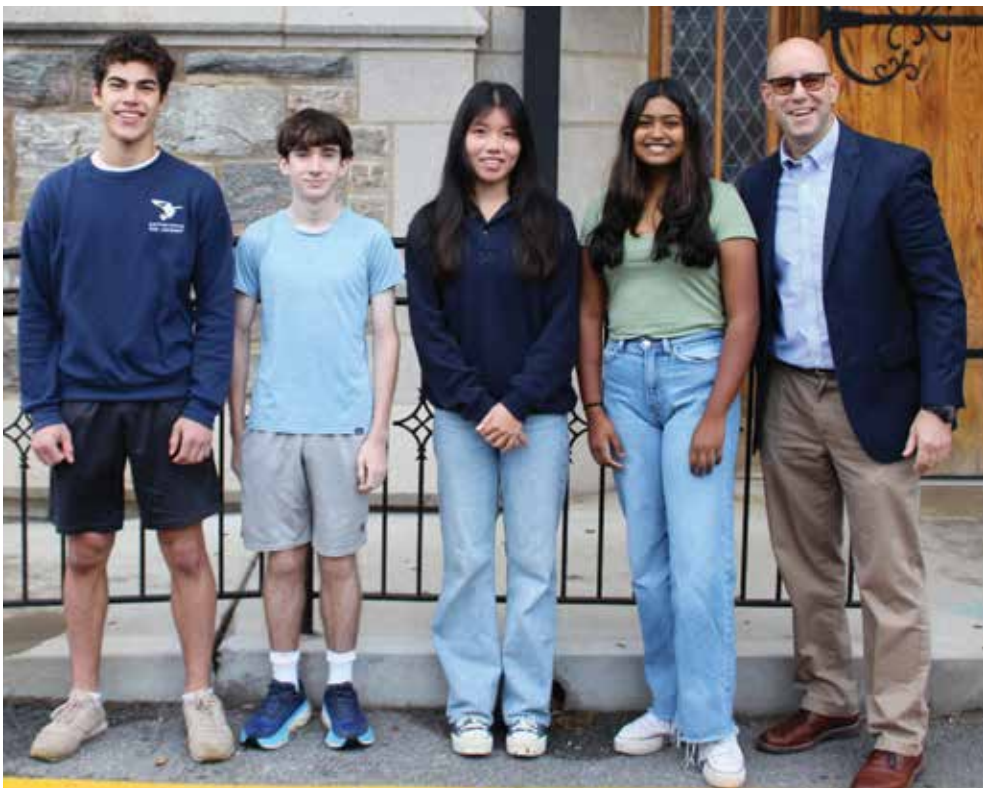
PMHS Student Earns Perfect Score on AP Exam

NMSQ Commended Students

Pelham Memorial High School is proud to announce PMHS Senior James Blackburn earned a PERFECT score on last year's AP Computer Science Principles Exam.

Blackburn is one of just 459 students in the world to earn every possible point on the exam. While it is extremely rare for students to achieve a perfect AP score on any exam, this marks the second straight year in which a PMHS student has done so.


Congratulations to James and Teacher James Rodgers on this incredible accomplishment!



Congratulations to PMHS seniors Vivian J. Guo, Isaac R. Lief, Charles Pilla and Aadita Roy who were recently recognized as Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program! Commended Students are recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on last year's PSAT Exam on which they scored among the top 50,000 in the U.S. Well done!

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## From the Pelham Public Schools

With school up and running and athletic and recreation events in full swing at the Glover Athletic Complex the Pelham Public Schools, along with the Pelham Manor Fire and Police Departments and Town of Pelham Recreation are seeking to create a safe traffic environment for our athletes, spectators and community as a whole.

As many of you know, parking is limited and there is often a significant amount of traffic at the start and conclusion of games and practices. In collaboration with our public safety partners, the District has put up additional signage and painted to indicate "no parking" areas. We ask that you please follow the appropriate signs and seek alternate parking locations if the regular lots are full. Doing so is essential in ensuring that emergency services are able to access Glover when necessary.

As a reminder, parking is available on the surface lot next to the Target garage and a well-lit, paved path is available to reach the athletic fields. Additional parking is available at the Friendship Field lot that is accessible from Imperia Drive.

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# NEW YORK WILD'S Best of the Fest

The Picture House Regional Film Center announced that the New York WILD Film Festival, Wildlife Conservation Society and The Picture House will partner to host a captivating afternoon of New York WILD'S Best of the Fest on Sunday, October 29th in Bronxville starting at 2pm. Best of the Fest features five films that were selected from the 9th annual New York WILD Film Festival in March 2023. Films include Walking on Clouds, Haulout, Walking Two Worlds, Greywater, and Path of the Panther.

"We are thrilled to offer this exciting new program, New York WILD's Best of the Fest, and to continue our long-standing relationship with WCS," said Clayton Bushong, Executive Director of The Picture House. "The programs showcase a variety of thought-provoking documentaries which will further inform and inspire our community on the important work of WCS and New York WILD."

"As sponsor, WCS is proud of the festival's remarkable ability to engage audiences in important wildlife conservation and environmental protection issues," said John Cavelli, Executive Vice President for Public Affairs, Wildlife Conservation Society. "We are excited to work with the New York WILD Film Festival and The Picture House to bring these awe-inspiring films to Westchester."

New York WILD Film Festival showcases documentaries about exploration, adventure, conservation, wildlife, and the environment, bringing all things WILD to one of the most urban cities in the world. Through powerful, exhilarating films and conversations, the festival presents an extraordinary opportunity to exchange ideas, celebrate the wild, and effect change. New York WILD is a platform

to create excitement, identify critical issues, build partnerships, and reach audiences that care about exploring, discovering, and protecting our planet.

"More than ever people are fascinated with stories connected to the natural world and are increasingly aware of the urgency to save it," said Nancy Rosenthal, Founder and Executive Director, New York WILD Film Festival. "Documentary film has become an enormously powerful and popular medium for that kind of outreach. New York WILD is delighted to bring a selection of the 2023 best in festival films and expand the impact of these extraordinary stories to The Picture House."

Best of the Fest was curated from the 35 films featured in the 9th annual New York WILD Film Festival in New York City in March 2023. The program includes Q & A discussions following select films.

Film credits & synopses in order of scheduled programming:

Walking on Clouds

New York WILD Finalist

Director: Renan Kamizi

Brazil, 2022, 7m

This short film shows the highline crossing between two air balloons by athlete Rafael Bridi, performed at the end of 2021, in the city of Praia Grande, Santa Catarina, Brazil. He achieved the highest highline record in the world by the Guinness Book.

Haulout

New York WILD Best in Festival

Directors: Evgenia Arbugaeva & Maxim Arbugaev

UK, 2022, 25m

On a remote coast of the Russian Arctic in a

wind-battered hut, a lonely man waits to witness an ancient gathering. But warming seas and rising temperatures bring an unexpected change, and he soon finds himself overwhelmed. Nominated for Documentary Short at the 2023 Academy Awards.

Walking Two Worlds

New York WILD Finalist

Director: Maia Wikler

USA, 2022, 29m

19 year-old Quannah Chasinghorse, and her mother, Jody Potts-Joseph, take a stand to defend their sacred homelands and way of life while breaking barriers in Indigenous representation.

Greywater

WILD in New York Award

Director: Daniel Lombroso

USA, 2022, 15m

A filmmaker sets out to investigate a poaching ring and discovers a tangle of environmental justice issues in the New York City waterway.

Path of the Panther

New York WILD Best Conservation Film

Director: Eric Bendick

USA, 2022, 88m

Drawn in by the haunting specter of the Florida



From "Walking on Clouds"

panther, Nat Geo photographer Carlton Ward and a coalition of biologists, ranchers, conservationists, and indigenous peoples find themselves on the front lines of an accelerating battle between forces of renewal and destruction that have pushed the Everglades to the brink of ecological collapse.

For more information about The Picture House, visit [www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org)



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## FACT OR FICTION? BINGE DRINKING

One in a series of Project Community articles to provide teens and families with information and programs they need before tragedy strikes.

**Fact:** "You can drown in a teaspoon of water with alcohol toxicity." Alcohol depresses the gag reflex. The gag reflex guards the lungs from food or drink and consequently directs food to the esophagus and stomach. When the gag reflex is depressed even a small amount of water can cause drowning.

**Fiction:** "At the hospital, ones stomach is pumped to prevent the life-threatening effects of alcohol poisoning." The stomach is **not** pumped because alcohol is absorbed directly into the bloodstream and is dispersed throughout the body's organs. The progression of alcohol on the brain is: buzzed-forebrain, wasted-midbrain, dead-brain stem. The brainstem controls breathing and cardiac function.

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- Dr. Cheryl McGibbon, MD  
- Dr. Anne D. Frost, Ph.D, Founder & CEO

Project Community, Inc. is one of Pelham's leading charitable organizations that has the unique distinction of having healthcare professionals provide visionary programs and solutions for teens, families and a healthy community. Known for its ever-popular COLOR RUN, its programs and workshops tackle Binge Drinking, Sexual Assault, Anxiety, Self Awareness, and Project CHILDD for the mentally & physically challenged. Visit [projectcommunity.us](http://projectcommunity.us)



# Fall Leaf Collection Has Begun



The Village Department of Public Works is ready for seasonal leaf cleanup. Every year, the Department of Public Works collects approximately 1,200 tons of fall leaves and yard debris. The 2023 Fall Leaf Collection Program began on October 15, 2023, and continue through December 15, 2023.

## DO'S AND DON'TS

### DO:

- Pile leaves neatly on the grass near the edge of the road/curbline
- Only pile leaves, nothing else, all other organics must be bagged
- Keep the leaf piles on your own property
- Use biodegradable paper bags only for yard waste (grass clippings, twigs, dead plants, etc.) All tree brush must be tied separately

and placed curbside with yard waste for collection.

### DON'TS:

- Place leaves in the roadway which can create traffic safety issues
- Block any walkways/sidewalks with leaf piles
- Place grass clippings, branches, or any other material with the leaves
- Pile leaves near fire hydrants, storm drain catch basins, or near corners where they can create a visual obstruction or block the flow of stormwater to the catch basin, causing localized flooding
- Place leaf piles over items that can cause damage, such as roadside boulders, gravel driveways/walkways, landscape lights, sprinkler heads, etc.

**Residents should put leaves at the curb or edge of the street (not in the street) and should NOT be commingled with brush and pine needles.**

All loose leaves and bagged organics are to be placed curbside between March 15th and April 30th and again between October 15th and December 15th. The Village Public Works Department picks up every day and works its way around the Village picking up a section at a time on a revolving basis. No pick up after Dec.15th. After December 15th items must be held until pickup begins again on March 15th. Do not mix twigs, branches, rubbish, or any other materials in the leaf piles as they contaminate the piles and they will not be accepted at the organic waste site.

**Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers:** The Village does not allow gas-powered leaf blowers to be used from May 1st to October 14th and from December 16th to March 14th. Violations by a property owner or your lawn maintenance provider can result in enforcement action against the property owner including a \$250.00 fine, by Village Police. Please use the attached flyer to distribute to property owners or lawn maintenance providers.

**Christmas trees** are picked up curbside from December 26th to January 31st only. Trees must be bare of all ornaments, lights, and stands, with no garlands, and no wreaths. Trees wrapped in garbage bags will not be picked up.

**No organic pick-up between December 15th and March 15th. Items must be held.**

## *Pelham Chases Space Program Hosts an Evening with Astronaut Leland Melvin*

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of the program, Daniel Goldin, came to visit him in the hospital. Melvin was sure that his dream to walk in space had ended, but Goldin assured him that just as NASA had never given up on the Hubbel telescope, he would never give up on Melvin.

Although Melvin was still medically disqualified from flying in space, things changed for him again after the Space Shuttle Columbia was destroyed when it returned to Earth. Melvin had regained partial hearing in one ear, and yet another “man in the yellow hat,” the chief of all flight surgeons believed in Melvin and cleared him medically. Melvin was assigned to the Space Shuttle Atlantis. Its mission was to install a laboratory at the International Space Station. While at the space station, Melvin had dinner with Russian and German astronauts, and his perspective changed as he and the others viewed the Earth, spoke of their hometowns, and “connected with all those who are, were, and will be.”

He ended his talk by encouraging the kids in the audience to never give up and keep going. “Believe in yourself, and listen to your parents and teachers.”

Dr. Tom Callahan, Director of Math and Science and Dr. Kim Riegel, a community member and founder of the nonprofit MINDSET, provided an overview of the new community-wide STEM collaboration centered around the book “Chasing Space.” Similar to “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind” initiative two years ago, this effort will focus on K-12 activities that integrate STEM and the humanities and include a number of community activities.

For more information visit <http://educationmindset.org/pelham-chases-space>

# Police Blotter

## October 11, 2023 – FIRE

Police responded to a fire in the garage of a residence on Fourth Avenue. All individuals were safely evacuated from the home as well as were the next-door neighbors on both sides of the home. There were no injuries reported. The Pelham Fire Department was able to put out the fire, and an investigation concluded that it was not due to arson. The owner's three pets were recovered by the fire department, and the owner will be staying in Queens at her daughter's home for the time being due to smoke residue throughout her home.

## October 10, 2023 – SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

Police were called to a construction site at Fifth Avenue and Third Street. The complainant advised the police that the front door to the mobile office appeared to have been damaged,

possibly by an unknown individual attempting to gain access. The complainant advised that no items had been taken.

## October 10, 2023 – SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

Police responded to a call from a woman on Washington Avenue who noticed that when she returned home at 9:00 a.m. on October 6 after having left at 7:00 p.m. on October 4, she noticed that beans were missing from her yard. Although she had cameras, they were unable to catch any incident of who or what could've caused this.

## October 5, 2023 – RECKLESS DRIVER

Police received a call notifying them of a reckless driver was in the vicinity of Fifth Ave-

nue and Third Street. The make and model of the vehicle were not reported. Police units canvased the area, yielding negative results.

## October 5, 2023 – RECKLESS DRIVER

Police received a report that a silver four-door Toyota sedan was traveling northbound in the southbound lane of Pelhamdale Avenue. Police units canvased the area, yielding negative results.

## October 1, 2023 – ROAD DAMAGED

Police responded to a report of a large sinkhole in the area of Highbrook and Colonial Avenues. On the scene, police found a small sinkhole in the sidewalk, taped it off, and left a note for the DPW.

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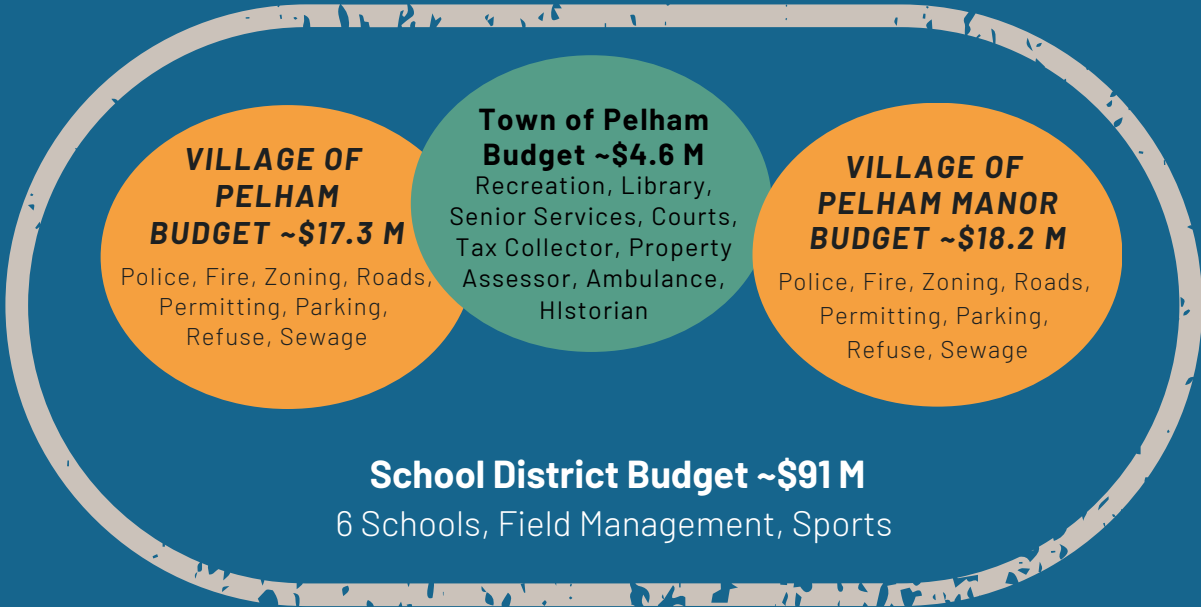


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**October 19 at 7pm**  
Canvas & Cabernet  
An evening of abstract art and wine.

**October 22 from 2 to 4pm**  
TMC Open House Meet & Greet  
Full club tour with brunchy bites.

**October 28 from 9am to 3pm**  
Blood Drive in Main Reception Room

**October 31 at 4pm**  
Open House Halloween Candy Grab & Go

**November 4-6**  
The Manor Club Holiday Boutique

To register for these events and find out more, visit  
<https://www.tmcofpelham.org/>

**Workshops at the Pelham Art Center**  
**Spooky Creatures**  
**Sunday, Oct. 22 | 10:30am-12:00pm**  
[For Youth 6-9] Join artist Susan Saas for a morning of SPOOK-tacular crafts for your little one to take home! Students will create Halloween themed creatures with a variety of materials.

**Fashion Illustration in Procreate**  
**Fridays, Oct. 27 - Dec. 1 | 3:30-4:45pm**  
[For Youth 8-12] In this workshop we will learn the basics of creating fashion sketches in Procreate. We will practice working in layers with the croquis as the base. Instructor: Kristin Moore-Gantz

For more events or to register, visit  
[pelhamartcenter.org](http://pelhamartcenter.org)



**The Thomas Chamber Music Ensemble** will perform Haydn's London Trios at St. Paul's Church National Historic Site, 897 South Columbus Avenue, Mount Vernon on **Saturday, November 4 at 2:30pm**. The program runs about one hour and includes talks on the history of St. Paul's. Parking and admission are free. Light refreshments served. Visit <https://home.nps.gov/sapa/index.htm>



This past August, the Pelham Art Center community suffered an insurmountable loss with the sudden passing of our visionary Executive Director, Charlotte Mouquin. On November 4th, Studio Café will pay tribute to Charlotte and her lasting legacy with a one-night only solo exhibition of her paintings, and a celebration fitting of her enthusiasm, creativity, and love of a great party. Join us as we honor Charlotte through her art, share memories and stories, and celebrate the continued success of the PAC, which will forever be a better place because of the mark that she made here. Purchase tickets at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/xLW/>

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