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DPW Finishes Work on Village Sidewalks, Performed Catch Basin Cleaning

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Village of Pelham Mayor Chance Mullen called the October 27th meeting to order, beginning with a report from Trustee Allison Anderson, saying that the Department of Public Works had just finished work on sidewalks throughout the Village and are finishing catch basin cleaning, keeping stormwater moving and reducing localized flooding.

In addition, leaves for pickup should be left on the grass strip between the road and sidewalk, not on the roadway.

Then the Fifth Annual Pelham Pumpkin Smash and Plant Swap will take place on Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Village Lot behind 195 Sparks Avenue, diverting organic waste from landfills to be recycled into nutrient-rich compost.

Trustee Krystal Howell announced that she attended an EcoPel event on October 25th, EcoPel Healthy Yards Meet-Up and a



showing of "American River" at the Picture House. Howell stressed that with the time change, it is more dangerous for bikers between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. "Make sure that your bikes have reflectors," Howell conveyed.

Next, Fire Chief Robert Benkwitt III said that the Village Fire Department responded to 78 incidents; 18 alarms; one brush fire; six motor vehicle accidents; 38 EMS; three investigations; two hazard calls and a Mutual Aid call with Pelham Manor. The Fire Chief emphasized that everyone

should check their heating systems and fireplaces now that the cooler weather is setting in.

Tom Watson, Executive Director of Sustainable Westchester presented an update in which he conveyed

the Village achieved Climate Smart Community Certification through local actions, including installing its first electric vehicle charging stations in downtown Pelham; converting all streetlights to energy-efficient LEDs and expanding local food scrap recycling which diverted 72.6 tons in 2025

and nearly 330 tons total since 2021.

Regarding Accounts Payable, the Village Board of Trustees authorized payment for services rendered and materials received in the amount of \$309,228.24.

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Pelham Art Center Announces 2026 Holiday Boutique

The Pelham Art Center is pleased to announce its annual Holiday Boutique, returning November 21 through December 23. The Holiday Boutique showcases a selection of local art, handmade goods, and artisan gifts, offering visitors an opportunity to find unique holiday presents while supporting local artists and the Pelham Art Center's community programs.

"Curating a Holiday Boutique of handcrafted items is a perfect fit for Pelham Art Center. We want shoppers to find something for everyone on their list—from big statement pieces to smaller gifts, and across a range of price points," said Nancy Mazzei, Interim Executive Director, Pelham Art Center. This year's Holiday Boutique will feature handmade crafts and artisan gifts created by local artists and makers. The selection will include a variety of mediums and disciplines, including ceramics, painting, illustration, candle making, fiber arts, jewelry, and more. Whether visitors are shopping for a family member, friend, teacher, or someone special, the boutique offers a range of thoughtful, handmade gifts while providing a direct way to support artists in the local community.

The Holiday Boutique will open with a

reception on Saturday, November 21, from 12–2 PM, welcoming community members to visit the gallery, meet fellow art enthusiasts, and begin their holiday shopping.

Throughout the season, the gallery will be open for holiday shopping Monday through Friday, from 9 AM–5 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 AM–4 PM. The boutique will also offer several special events and opportunities for visitors to participate in the holiday season at the Art Center.

On Saturday, November 28, from 10 AM–4 PM, the Pelham Art Center will celebrate Small Business Saturday, encouraging shoppers to support local artists, makers, and small businesses during the holiday season.

From December 6–12, Pelham Art Center members will receive 10% off their Holiday Boutique purchases during Members Discount Week.

The Holiday Boutique will also feature a raffle, giving visitors the opportunity to purchase tickets for a chance to win additional curated items.

The Gift of Making – Holiday Workshop: As part of this year's holiday programming, the Pelham Art Center will offer The Gift of Making, a special parent-and-child

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Save The Date Christmas Tree Sale to Support Local Charitable Causes

Huguenot Memorial Church's Annual Charitable Christmas Tree Sale will be on Saturday, December 5 starting at 8:00am, at 901 Pelhamdale Avenue.

For sale: Fraser fir trees in all sizes, decorated and undecorated wreaths, poinsettias, swag, and pine roping. Visit with Santa Claus, shop the holiday market, and warm up with some hot chocolate and coffee! All forms of payment will be accepted.

Saturday, December 5, 2025 at 8am
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AAA to Present Defensive Driving Course, “Road Safety Starts With You”



BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Pelham Manor Mayor Jennifer Monachino Lapey opened the October 26th Board Meeting, with Deputy Mayor/Trustee Breda A. Bennett presenting an update regarding traffic and pedestrian safety, Road Safety Starts with You. “On Saturday, November 21st, AAA will be here, presenting a defensive driving course,” Bennett noted.

Trustee Maurice Owen-Michaane said that he met County Executive Ken Jenkins, informing him of the 2023 Pelham Manor Village stormwater infrastructure assessment plan. Jenkins replied that it was more efficient to do smaller projects, one to five million dollars, rather than one big \$20-30 million project. Jenkins said that it is the County's responsibility to direct what goes on there, directing the Village to do a feasibility study. The Village is applying to the State to secure funds for the study.

Bennett noted that September was a relatively quiet police activity month, compared to August. Police Chief Gregory Sancho reported that Detective Robert Vogel successfully completed the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Investigative Photography During a Crime Scene technician course, held at the Westchester County Police Academy, Valhalla.

Village Treasurer Lindsey Luft reported a Total Fund Balance of \$16,269,925.97 as of August 31, 2026. In August 2026 the Pelham Manor Board approved a \$5,038.32 increase to their NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Snow and Ice Agreement reimbursement contract for a previous season to account for severe weather conditions.

Race Organizer Jim Arden requested to host the 2026 Pelham Half Marathon and 10K on Saturday, November 28th, which includes parts of Pelham Manor at the Pelham Gazebo.

Global Kids Annual Golf Classic at Pelham Country Club



On Tuesday, September 29, Global Kids hosted its Annual Golf Classic tournament at Pelham Country Club, bringing together partners and community leaders in support of the organization's work with young people across New York City and Washington, D.C.

Since the Golf Classic's launch in 2022, the event – which was developed by Global Kids Board Chair Richard Roberts – has supported the nonprofit's continued growth and impact, which now reaches more than 14,000 K-12 stu-

dents each year through its global education and leadership development programs.

Funds raised through the Golf Classic support these programs and provide students with resources and experiences to succeed in school, give back to their communities, and become engaged global citizens who drive lasting change. Guests enjoyed a day on Pelham Country Club's course, alongside Global Kids students, with breakfast and lunch, an awards cocktail reception, and more.



Budget and EMS Flycar Location Discussed at Town Board Meeting

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

Pelham Town Supervisor Theresa K. Mohan called the October 5th Legislative Meeting to order, stating that high-level budget discussions will occur all day on Wednesday, October 14th. The budget, by law, must be filed with the Town Clerk by Friday, October 30th.

There was some objection to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Flycar area being placed next to the Post Office. “We're not having that discussion tonight,” Councilwoman Maura Curtin said. “We had a meeting a couple of weeks ago where our Facilities Planner made a presentation. We are still trying to figure out the best location for that EMS station. What we have now is not adequate. There is no imminent decision made on how to move forward with that and the Board did not approve any \$3.6 million-dollar EMS location.”

Resolutions included authorizing the Pelham Town Court to apply for Justice Court Assistance Program funding (JCAP), under the auspices of the New York State Unified Court System. The Town Court can apply for a 2026-27 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

Another Resolution appoints members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Committee, serving staggered terms of two to three years as determined by the Town Board.

It was resolved that the Town Board to appoint the following individuals as voting members of the EMS Advisory Committee for the terms indicated: Two-Year Terms: Theresa Mohan, Town Supervisor; Roy Eappen, Resident and Volunteer. Three-Year Terms: Maura Curtin, Town Board Member; Gene Ianuzzi, Resident and Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Services Council (WREMSCO) Vice Chair.

It was further resolved that Mark Baumblatt, EMS Director shall participate in the EMS Advisory in an ex officio, non-voting capacity, in accordance with the Charter.

The next Resolution adopted the 2026 Adjusted Base Proportions for the Town and School District: Town of Pelham Homestead: 82.064789; Non-Homestead, 17.935211. Pelham School District Homestead, 82.047607; Non-Homestead, 17.952393.



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Historic Pelham Win Over Rye!

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Houlihan Lawrence Welcomes Susan Reische as Sales Leader in Bronxville

Houlihan Lawrence is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Reische as Sales Leader of the company's Bronxville office. In this role, Reische will focus on agent development and business growth while fostering the collaborative culture that has helped make Houlihan Lawrence the leading brokerage north of New York City.

With more than 30 years of experience across real estate, sales, marketing, and leadership, Reische brings a unique combination of industry expertise and strategic insight to her role. "We are delighted to welcome Susan to Bronxville, where Houlihan Lawrence was founded more than 135 years ago," said Liz Nunan, President & CEO of Houlihan Lawrence. "Her understanding of the Westchester market, combined with her experience in coaching, business development, and brand strategy, will be an asset to our Bronxville agents and community."

Prior to joining Houlihan Lawrence, Reische served as Strategic Growth and Sales Manager at William Raveis. She is known for her work in leadership development, agent coaching and mentorship, helping real estate professionals sharpen their businesses and build sustainable growth. Before entering the real estate industry, she held marketing and creative roles with global media companies based in Manhattan.

"I'm thrilled to be leading an office in a market that is so important to Houlihan Lawrence," said Reische. "Located in the heart of the village, our office is part of a community known for its beautiful architecture, strong sense of community and exceptional proximity to New York City. I look forward to working with our agents and continuing to serve Bronxville and the surrounding communi-



Susan Reische

ties." Reische holds an Associate Real Estate Broker license in New York and currently resides in Pelham.

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The Annual Holiday Boutique at The Manor Club is open to the public on Friday, November 6 from 10am to 7pm; Saturday, November 7 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, November 8 from 10am to 3pm. The \$5 entry bracelet is good for all three days!

In addition to unique vendors, look for treasures at Granny's Attic where there will be gently used items donated by TMC members. Santa will be ready to pose for pictures on Saturday, November 7 from 11am to 3pm. Be sure to have your camera or your phone with you for this free photo op. And, if you're ready to take a chance on some great prizes, we will have multiple raffles.

For those adults ready to celebrate, there will be complimentary Holiday Spirits on Friday, November 6 from 4pm to 7pm.

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Before December 31: Year-End Financial and Estate Planning Opportunities

BY BERNARD A. KROOKS,
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CERTIFIED ELDER LAW ATTORNEY

As 2026 draws to a close, many people focus on holiday preparations and making plans for the new year. However, the final months of the year also offer valuable opportunities to reduce taxes, support loved ones, and make important financial decisions.

Take Advantage of Annual Gift Tax Exclusions: One of the simplest ways to transfer wealth to the next generation is through annual exclusion gifting.

In 2026, you can give up to \$19,000 to any number of individuals without using your federal lifetime gift and estate tax exemption. Married couples can give \$38,000 per recipient, subject to gift-splitting rules.

For example, a married couple with three children and five grandchildren can transfer up to \$304,000 in 2026 without reducing their lifetime exemptions.

To qualify for the annual exclusion, you must complete these gifts by December 31, and the funds must clear your account before year-end. Certain gifts to trusts do not qualify for the annual exclusion, even if the amount gifted falls within the annual exclusion limit,

unless the trust contains special provisions that allow the gifts to qualify. Also, unused annual exclusions do not carry forward to future years.

Gifts that exceed the annual exclusion do not automatically trigger gift taxes. Instead, these gifts reduce your available lifetime federal gift and estate tax exemption and require you to file a gift tax return.

Pay Tuition and Medical Expenses Directly: Many families overlook another valuable gifting opportunity: paying someone else's tuition or medical expenses directly.

Federal gift tax law allows you to pay qualifying tuition expenses directly to an educational institution without using your annual gift tax exclusion, regardless of the amount. This applies to tuition at qualifying schools, including private elementary and secondary schools and colleges. It does not extend to room, board, books, or other educational expenses.

For example, grandparents can pay a grandchild's college tuition directly to the university and still give that grandchild an additional \$19,000 in 2026.

Similarly, you can pay qualifying medical expenses, such as a family member's surgery, dental care, or other medical treatment, directly to the medical provider without using your annual gift tax exclusion, regardless of

the amount paid.

The key is making payments directly to the institution or provider rather than reimbursing the individual.

Consider Funding a 529 College Savings Plan: For families interested in helping children or grandchildren with future education expenses, a 529 college savings plan offers another tax-advantaged opportunity. A special five-year election allows an individual to contribute up to \$95,000 in 2026 to a beneficiary's 529 plan and treat the contribution as spread over five years for gift tax purposes. Married couples can contribute up to \$190,000. However, this election uses the annual gift tax exclusion for that beneficiary for five years, meaning that additional gifts to the same beneficiary during that period will require reporting on a gift tax return.

Review Retirement Distributions and Charitable Giving: If you are subject to required minimum distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts, confirm that you have satisfied your distribution requirements before year-end. Failure to take an RMD can result in significant tax penalties.

Individuals age 70½ or older can also consider qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), which allow them to transfer up to \$111,000 in 2026 directly from their IRA to

qualifying charities. These distributions can satisfy all or part of an RMD while excluding the qualifying amount from taxable income.

For those who regularly support charitable organizations, this can be more tax-efficient than withdrawing funds and then making a donation.

Consider the Impact of Gifts on Long-Term Care Planning: Before making substantial gifts, consider whether you or your spouse might need long-term care in the future.

While annual exclusion gifts offer federal estate and gift tax advantages, they are not automatically exempt from Medicaid transfer rules. In New York, gifts made within five years before applying for nursing home Medicaid can create eligibility penalties, even when the gifts fall within the annual gift tax exclusion.

This distinction is particularly important for older adults considering transferring assets to children or grandchildren.

Start Planning Before the Deadline: Year-end planning involves more than minimizing taxes. It provides an opportunity to use available financial and benefits strategies while protecting your long-term security.

Whether you are considering gifts to family members, helping with education expenses, or evaluating retirement distributions, thought

What's Happening at the Pelham Public Library

Krochet Kritters with Kathy

Tuesdays in November, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us on Tuesday afternoons to crochet an amigurumi. "Amigurumi" means a crocheted or knitted stuffed toy in Japanese. We'll work on a new critter each month. All supplies (yarn, crochet hooks, and stitch markers) will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This month we'll be making a Thanksgiving Turkey Drumstick. This drop-in program is for ages 13 and up, and no registration is required. Attendees should have basic crochet skills. No instructor will be present.

Defensive Driving

Saturday November 7, 10 am-4 pm

Instructor Sam Eskander will lead a defensive driving course in person at the Library. This course will qualify you for a discount on your insurance and a point reduction on your license. The course runs six hours, with a 30-minute lunch break and two five-minute breaks (morning and afternoon). Cost: \$35 per participant, cash only. Registration is required. To register email kpalovick@pelhamlibrary.org.

Fall Seed Saving Workshop with EcoPel

Thursday, November 12, 6-8 pm

Learn how to harvest, dry, and store seeds from vegetables, herbs, and native flowers. Get ready to grow next season's garden and help stock the Pelham Library Seed Library. This program will take place in person at the Library, and regis-

tration is required. Register soon, as space and supplies are limited!

Making Kefir: Building Community Through Fermentation

Monday, November 16, 7-8 pm

Food has long brought people together. In this hands-on workshop, learn to make kefir, a delicious fermented milk drink enjoyed across Eurasia for centuries. Explore how recipes, food traditions, and practical knowledge connect communities, preserve cultural heritage, and promote sustainable food practices. Participants take home a kefir starter. This program takes place in person at the Library, and registration is required. Sign up soon, as space and supplies are limited.

The Girl's Guide to Guts with Chloe Melas and Judy Batalion

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for an extra special evening at the Library on November 17, featuring two of Pelham's very own, Chloe Melas and Lisa Marie Riley. The night starts with a comedy set by One Funny Lisa Marie, followed by Chloe and Judy Batalion discussing their new book, "The Girl's Guide to Guts." Books will be available for sale and signing. Please note: this event is for adults 21 and over. Registration is highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Crafty Adults: Polymer Clay Bud Vases

Monday, November 23, 7-8 pm

Join our resident artist/instructor Sara Mallach this month as we make Polymer Clay Bud Vases in an autumnal color palette. These charming pieces are the perfect complement to a festive holiday tablescape or fall decor. This event will take place in-person at the Library, and each attendee must register separately. Click here to register. Sign up early, as space and supplies are limited. Class begins at 7 pm. Please arrive on time as late arrivals disrupt the class.

First Jewish Americans with New York Historical

Tuesday, December 1, 7-8 pm

How did Jewish settlers come to inhabit—and change—the New World? This virtual presentation from the New-York Historical Society traces their journey: from the homes in Europe, South America, and the Caribbean they were forced to leave, to their controversial arrival in New Amsterdam in 1654, to the political freedoms they won. This program takes place on Zoom and registration is required. Click here to register.

Tai Chi at the Library

Tuesdays in November, 10:30-11:30 am

Join Master Yao-Wah Chan for beginning Tai Chi. He has over 40 years of experience teaching throughout New York City and Westchester and is trained in multiple Chinese disciplines. Tai Chi is a series of slow, gentle, and medita-

tive body movements that can help you reduce pain, increase flexibility, improve balance, and cope with stress. These classes are walk-ins that do not require preregistration, but space is limited. Class begins at 10:30 am. Please arrive on time as late arrivals will not be admitted.

Mah Jongg Mondays and Tuesdays!

Mondays in November, 6-8 pm and

Tuesdays in November, 12:30-3 pm

We have two sessions for this popular drop-in Mah Jongg program for adults ages 18 and up. This program is for players of all skill levels who already know how to play American Mah Jongg. No beginners, please. The Library will provide Mah Jongg sets, but please bring your own Mah Jongg card. The Pelham Recreation Department is offering beginner Mah Jongg classes. For more information, visit their website or call them at 914-738-0153.

Far-Away Fiction Book Club

Thursday, November 19, 7-8 pm

If you're transported by stories that take place "once upon a time," or in "a galaxy far, far away," then join our fellowship of Sci-Fi/Fantasy book fans! This month's read will be This Kingdom Will Not Kill Me by Ilona Andrews. Discussions are held once a month on Thursdays at 7 pm, in person at the Library and on Zoom for those who wish to attend remotely (subject to change). Please email Tash at ngross@pelham-

Pelham Art Center Announces 2026 Holiday Boutique

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workshop on Friday, December 11, from 3–5 PM. Created as a complementary experience to the Holiday Boutique, the workshop invites families to create a one-of-a-kind, handmade gift for someone special.

During the two-hour workshop, children in grades K–3 will work with one of the Pelham Art Center’s teaching artists to create an elevated, heirloom-quality gift. At the same time, parents will participate in a guided holiday block-printing workshop, where they will design and print their own custom gift wrap.

At the end of the session, parents and children will reunite to wrap the child’s handmade gift using the custom-printed paper created during the workshop. The finished result is a personal, handmade holiday gift that is ready to give and designed to be cherished for years to come.

The workshop is \$80 per parent and child, including two participants, or \$40 per individual participant.

“This year, we also added our ‘Gift of Making’ workshop and asked local moms what day and time would work best for them to attend with their children. It’s part of our ongoing commitment to listening to our audience and creating programs around what works for them. When we do that, we see stronger attendance and, most importantly, more opportunities for families to have fun making art together. Nothing is better than the gift of art,” re-

marked Nancy Mazzei.

Artists Include:
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