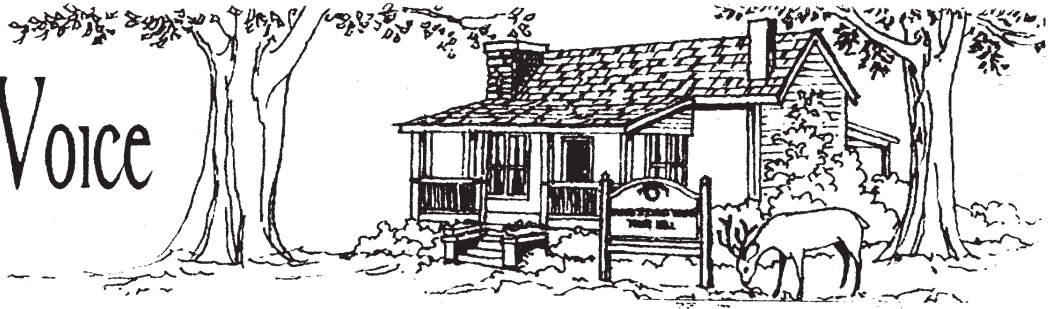


# The Village Voice



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# HAPPY VALENTINES!

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I am very proud and excited to see the opening of our new Walmart Marketplace. I applaud their management decision to play an active role in our community as evidenced by the fact that representatives are coming to our council meetings and socials to meet the residents and keep up with what is going on in our town. We appreciate the grant money given for our Childrens' Fund and our Oak Mountain schools. All in all, a great start to what I see as a long and prosperous relationship for both Walmart and Indian Springs Village.

On another note, please keep abreast of information coming out about the Oak Mountain State Park development proposed by the County, Pelham, and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The group, KOMW (Keep Oak Mountain Wild), one of the strongest opponents, has a website and facebook page, as well as a petition, survey, and sample letters to send to our local and state officials.

I, personally, do not feel a hotel and conference center would be good for the Park or Indian Springs Village for a myriad of reasons. One of these is storm water runoff that would definitely adversely effect our residents. This has been confirmed to me by numerous engineers. I believe this is also common sense when you consider the effects of adding much more hard surface with structures, parking lots, cars, etc.

Another problem will be further stress on the earthen dams that are already in need of remediation.

Still another concern is pollution of the lakes and streams, which include our creek, as well as the whole Cahaba River Watershed by runoff from increase in trash and garbage, such as cigarette ashes and butts, oil and tar, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, etc.

A very important one that has been neglected by our public officials is the detrimental effect on ecology and environment in the park, such as the wildlife, forests, and plant life.

Yet another is the increase in traffic, lighting, and noise such a development would assuredly bring.

I am an advocate of our State Parks and natural resources and believe we must protect and preserve them. There are ways to raise income for the benefit of the park system that does not destroy or damage the Park itself. For example, a 5K run to raise money for hiking or jogging trails or a horse show to raise money for riding trails or the stables.

I would like to close with a quotation by Theodore Roosevelt: "The wild life of today is not ours to do with as we please. The original stock was given to us in trust for the benefit both of the present and the future. We must render an accounting of this trust to those who come after us."

Sincerely,  
Brenda Bell-Guercio

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM OUR FIRE CHIEF BUDDY TYLER

### Obstructing Fire Apparatus Access with Parked Vehicles:

We have noticed that some residents and their guests will park vehicles on both sides of the roadway during activities such as parties or meetings. This activity does not allow our fire apparatus to move freely down the roadway in case of emergencies. Therefore, I am asking ISV residents to please be mindful of fire apparatus access when parking cars on the side of public streets within the fire district. The 2009 International Fire Code addresses this issue with the following codes:

503.4 Obstruction of fire apparatus access roads. Fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including parking of vehicles. The minimum widths and clearances established in Section 503.2.1 shall be maintained at all times.

503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet, exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches.

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

## January 6, 2015:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 and all council members were present except Councilperson Harrington.

The minutes of December 16, 2014 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Deputy Leigh Stockman reported there were four wrecks in November but everything in the town is good.

Mayor Bell-Guercio introduced Zac Martin, Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market Pharmacy Manager, and Allison Markham, Pharmacist. Mr. Martin introduced himself and Ms. Markham and explained the small format store concept of the new store. The grand opening for Wal-Mart is scheduled for January 28th at 7:30 a.m. Later that day, the pharmacy will hold a Health and Wellness Fair from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Councilman Robins presented the mowing and grounds maintenance bid from Danny Barry, Covenant Lawn and Landscape, for the Town Hall. The welcome sign areas were not included in the bid, therefore, Robins was going to have Mr. Barry adjust his bid accordingly. Since the cost of landscape services are included in the budget, it was determined a motion was not needed, just the approval of council which was given. Also, Robins informed the Council of his appointment with Alscan concerning a security monitoring system for the Town Hall and will report back with information.

Councilman Mendel presented the November financials. Mendel made a motion to endorse the financials, and Councilman Stauss seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Stauss reported an issue with parking that is blocking a public street. It was determined that the Town Attorney send a letter to the property owner notifying them that they are in violation of fire code and consequences of not complying.

Councilman Trammell presented an

annexation request from Ann Batum of 231 Star Trek Drive. The Council discussed the request and Trammell made a motion to waive the rules and pass the ordinance. A voice vote was taken and the results were; Bell-Guercio – yes, Robins – yes, Mendel – yes, Stauss – yes, Trammell – yes.

Trammell then made a motion that Ordinance 2015-001 annexing 231 Star Trek Drive into the Town of Indian Springs be accepted. Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bell-Guercio announced that Ms. Patrica Crapet, Town Curator, has resigned. She offered thanks to Ms. Crapet for all the work she has done for the past ten years saying “her fingerprint is on so much in the Town Hall and she will be remembered for years to come”. Bell-Guercio then introduced Amy Easton, an ISV resident, has graciously stepped up and volunteered as Curator of the Town Hall. Easton explained the streamlined paper-work that has been put in place for reservations. She also explained some of the projects she envisions for the future which will enhance the conveniences and promote preservation of the facility. One project proposed is to add a storage and bathroom facility at the pavilion. Bell-Guercio asked Robins, and Wayne Jones to work as a committee along with Easton in order to start the process.

The Town Clerk presented a bid to the council for replacing the meeting room carpet. Mendel made a motion to suspend the rules and a voice roll call vote was taken and the results were; Bell-Guercio – yes, Robins – yes, Mendel – yes, Stauss – yes, Trammell – yes

Mendel made a motion to add a \$2500 capital improvement budget item to replace the carpet in the meeting room. Stauss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Bell-Guercio announced that Margie Robins has volunteered to chair the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Bell-Guercio read a letter from Hayden Belize, OME, thanking the town for the contribution from the ISV Children’s Fund and how much it means to the children and their families.

Bell-Guercio informed the Council of Greg Lien’s, Director of State Parks, request to

ISV to share 50/50 in the financial cost of decommissioning a pipe in the Oak Mountain lake dam. The cost is expected to be approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000. The Council agreed they are not opposed to co-financing the project; however a host of issues must be satisfied. For instance, they would like to see a report from a structural engineer, a geotechnical engineer and a hydrologist with regard to the need and impact of decommissioning the pipe. Since an inundation study is on the table to be done shortly, the Council feels this is perhaps not the next logical step in the process. They feel that if the inundation study reveals more issues with the dams, then perhaps this project and expense is not appropriate at this time. The Mayor reported that she has an appointment with Mr. Lein January 15th in Montgomery and will report back to the council at the next meeting.

## January 20, 2015:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Councilman Robins called the meeting to order at 7:00 and all council members were present except Councilperson Harrington and Mayor Bell-Guercio.

The minutes of January 6, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Deputy Leigh Stockman was recognized along with Sergeant O’Connor, Shelby County Night Shift Supervisor. Robins asked if the Sheriff’s Office was aware of any gang related activity. He said he had received an e-mail from a resident in regard to this matter. O’Connor said she thought this was related to car break-ins several months ago but there had not been any activity recently. It was noted by O’Connor that 97% of all autos broken into are attributed to “unlocked cars”. They reminded everyone to keep car doors locked at all times.

Fire Chief Tyler reported the Chief’s battalion car will arrive next week and the new ambulance should be here within the month.

Both Sheriff and Fire Department noted everything is good in the town.

Councilman Mendel presented the December financials. Mendel made a motion to endorse the financials,

and Councilman Trammell seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Stauss reported the issue with parking that was blocking a public street discussed at the January 6th Council meeting seems to have corrected itself. Therefore, he advised the council to table the decision to send a letter to the property owners for now. Stauss also reported that an e-mail had been sent to Allen Tree Service asking them to remove their snipe signs from the telephone poles in ISV. The cost of removal will be billed to the company if they have not been removed within five days of receipt of e-mail.

Robins presented the quote received from Alscan for Town Hall security cameras. A discussion pursued and it was determined that additional bids were needed before a decision to purchase was made. Robins also advised the Council that he had been in touch with Covenant about mowing the two ISV entry signs on Hwy. 119 and they will do this at no additional charge. Robins will notify Covenant that the lawn care bid has been accepted.

A resolution allowing Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, located at 2653 Valleydale Road, to sell retail beer and wine was presented to the Council. Stauss made a motion to approve resolution 01-20-15-01 and Mendel seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Town Clerk presented to the Council the reappointment letter of Nelda Kelly to the Planning and Zoning Commission by Mayor Bell-Guercio for a six-year term effective February 26, 2015. Also, the reappointment letters of Jane Martin and Art Johnson to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Committee for a three year term effective February 26, 2015. Additionally, the appointment of Randy Jaudon as supernumerary member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term effective February 26, 2015 was presented.

Robins adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

## MILDRED WYATT IN MEMORIAM



-Jan. 22, 2015 Google Mildred (M.) Wyatt. You'll find a lot of information about her artwork: "Mildred Powell Wyatt is an artist whose versatility is displayed by her unique use and mastery of both mediums - oil and watercolor. Her paintings are easily recognized by the light, airy touch and the predominance of pastel shades. She paints, in an unpretentious manner, the subjects which have meaning to her and with which she is most familiar - flowers and mountains and ocean scenes, which are frequently dotted with enchanting children. She has a daughter, Julie, which, no doubt, accounts for her interest in painting little girls. Mildred first became interested in art as a small child. She studied art in the public schools in the Birmingham area and emerged to become a very successful commercial artist. She became a partner in one of the largest commercial art studios in Birmingham. Resigning from the studio after 17 years, she then concentrated her efforts on serious painting, developing her own style in oil and watercolor. Mildred has exhibited her work throughout the Southeast and has received numerous awards. Her one-man shows have had outstanding success." Here are some things you won't find. Like her belief that the tiniest insect is as amazing as the most majestic mountain. That kindness toward animals will be repaid in ways that can't begin to be imagined. That hard work in pursuit of a passion is its own reward. These are

among the many things she taught through example to those around her. Married for 64 years, she leaves behind a loving husband, James, a daughter, Julie Schenk (Russell) a sister, Eleanor June Powell, and her loving cat, "Chesty." The funeral service will be graveside at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Riverchase United Methodist Church, 1953 Old Montgomery Hwy, Birmingham AL 25244. Or, make donations to Wounded Warriors Project, [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or to Missing Link Rescue, PO Box 815, Gardendale, AL 35710. -

## ELIZABETH GUERCIO IN MEMORIAM

Nov. 12, 1920 - Jan. 19, 2015 Elizabeth Guercio of Birmingham, entered her Heavenly home on Monday, January 19, 2015. She was a devoted member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, Charles Guercio. She is survived by her children; Diane Henderson, Jake Guercio (Brenda), Charlene Leon, Donny Guercio (Rob), and Joanne Simmons (Chris); fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Her life revolved around her faith and her loving family. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends. The family received friends at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM with Funeral Mass immediately following. Burial took place following services at Elmwood Cemetery. -

## DR. BOBBY J. BELL IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Bobby J. Bell of Lexington, MS passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. He is the father of Dr. Emily Bell Casey and husband, Matt Casey, and grandfather to their two children, Belle and Brenna, of Indian Springs. Dr. Bell is also survived by his son, Bobby Bell, Jr. of Birmingham, and Brooke Bell, Blake Bell, and Breann Bell of Lexington. He graduated Dental School at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and had been practicing dentistry in

Lexington, MS for over 20 years. He was full of life, love, and laughter, and all who knew him called him their friend. Above all else he loved his family, especially his children of whom he was always proud. Dr. Bobby Bell will be deeply missed by his family and community.

## ISV GARDEN CLUB MAKES PLANS FOR NEW YEAR

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair*

It was a cold, rainy, wintry evening at the Town Hall on January 22 at 6:30 when Marge Dunn brought in a big container of hot vegetable soup for Garden Club members to enjoy before settling down to business. Devotions and giving thanks were by Eleanor Bennett.

Brownies and other deserts were available. The 12 who were present scrunched around the glass-topped conference table, and this brought on a discussion about getting permission from City Council to store in a Town Hall closet two oblong tables the club might purchase for use at Harvest Dinner in the fall, and other events.

President Liz Alosi distributed the list of speakers who had been contacted for programs this year, with events including tours of Aldridge Gardens, Hoover, and the Snowflake Farm at Sardis, AL. Members filled out a form noting any changes in address or phone numbers. Dues of \$10.00/year were paid to Jennifer Bondi, treasurer, who distributed the annual treasury report for 2014 by Patsy Strozier, treasurer, which showed few expenditures for the previous year.

A recommendation had been made that the Garden Club cut back the holly shrubs in front of the Town Hall porch to get rid of the deadwood and do other heavy pruning. A workday has been scheduled for November, but another may be added for the last of February.

## NEW SHERIFF TAKES OFFICE

*By Martin Reed, AL.com*



Shelby County's new sheriff, John Samaniego, joked that he once told Chris Curry he would not want to take over the law enforcement agency's leadership role.

But after serving more than a decade as Curry's right-hand man, Samaniego had a change of heart.

"When you made the decision to retire, I could not turn that over to somebody else," Samaniego said to Curry during an emotion-filled speech at the Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in the Indian Springs Village area this afternoon.

Although Samaniego, who has served as Curry's chief deputy for the last 12 years, took his oath from Shelby County Circuit Judge Dan Reeves and officially take office Jan. 20. He said he's ready for the challenge, thanks to the support of his family, friends, staff and the community.

Samaniego said he has the confidence to succeed in the job, "and a lot of it is based on the ability of my staff and every deputy in this room."

After he took his oath of office with his wife, Shirley, and their daughter, Sophia, at his side, the agency's sworn deputies took their oath as part of the ceremony.

Samaniego is becoming Shelby County's 53rd sheriff, succeeding Curry, who is retiring after serving the last 12 years in the role. Samaniego will be the top manager of the agency that has 125 sworn officers, 214 total employees and a budget of around \$21 million.

During today's swearing-in ceremony, Curry praised his successor as "a man of integrity, a man of commitment, a man of intelligence, a man of excellence."

Samaniego has served 37 years in law enforcement in addition to attending law school to become a better officer, Curry said. "John is ready for this task," he said.

"In the back of my mind, I thought we did it," Samaniego said in an interview when asked about winning the primary election. "But I'm a planner, so I was planning already on the runoff. So it was a very pleasant surprise. ... I was very humbled. I really was."

He takes the reins of the agency with his team of managers in place including Chris George, who will serve as the new chief deputy. Capt. Ken Burchfield will be promoted to rank of major, which is third in command at the agency.

Lt. Kevin Turner will be promoted to captain and lead the Shelby County Drug Enforcement Task Force as well as the criminal investigations division. Lt. Michael Hudson will be promoted to captain over the patrol division.

Capt. Jay Fondren will remain the jail commander and oversee the corrections division at the Shelby County jail.

Samaniego pointed to several challenges he is expecting to tackle in office. "One thing during the campaign, I talked to probably 5,000 or 6,000 people individually and the thing I heard from them is they want to be part of the Sheriff's Office, so I am wanting to embrace that," he said in the interview.

"I am going to move a deputy into a community outreach position where

his job will be to be a liaison to all senior groups in the county," he said. "We are going to get involved with delivering more PSA's to the citizens concerning different subject matters."

The county's problems with substance abuse will be another area the Sheriff's Office will address as a priority, Samaniego said "I intend on enhancing our efforts with the task force by adding personnel to it. We're very fortunate to have the cooperation of other municipalities in the task force and we are going to address as many problems as we can and try to knock the availability of drugs in Shelby County out," he said.

School safety and protecting children remain a priority for Samaniego. "That was the third thing I heard from citizens -- wanting children to be safe in the school," he said. Samaniego wants to ensure strong working relations with the Shelby County Commission over budgeting and other matters.

"Currently myself and the commissioners have a good relationship and I hope to continue that. I pledge to them and the county manager everything we do here at the Sheriff's Office is going to be a partnership with the commission,"

## **ALABAMA FIRE SERVICE ADOPTING NEW FIRE PREVENTION SLOGAN**

The Alabama fire service is adopting a new fire prevention slogan due to the increased fire deaths and burn victims this year. The North Shelby Fire Department is proud to participate.



## **KEEP OAK MOUNTAIN WILD FIGHTS FOR PROTECTION OF PARK**

As local politicians and business moguls push for a sprawling lodge and convention center to be built in Oak Mountain State Park, a new organization was formed to protect the beauty of the foundation of our community, known as 'Keep Oak Mountain Wild'. Founded in 2014, these concerned citizens came together with a mutual plan to keep construction out of Oak Mountain State Park. "Keep Oak Mountain Wild is a rapidly growing group passionately dedicated to preserving the biodiversity and natural resources found at Oak Mountain State Park," says Vicki Parker, Webmaster of K.O.M.W. "It is a 'state' park, and as such, it should be preserved for the relaxation and recreational use of Alabama's citizens, not the commercial gain of a select few."

The primary concerns of the group include extra traffic, destruction of the ecosystem, and the promotion of human health. Plans for a convention center and lodge have been in the making as early as late November, when the feasibility study was completed. Since then, considerable backlash has erupted from the communities that have access to the state park, including leaders of Indian Springs Village, such as Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio and Councilwoman Kathryn Harrington. To gain supporters of their cause, the organization created a petition for other concerned citizens to sign, which can be located at their website, <http://keepoakmountainwild.org>. This move was met with staggering support, reaching almost 2,500 signatures in a matter of days. If signing a petition isn't enough, they also offer numerous other ways to show your support of the park. You can join the organization, donate funds to help pay for events, attend their events, and participate in a survey on your use of Oak Mountain State Park on their website. Stated in the description of the petition, "The state parks in our area are a valuable unspoiled resource. State parks are the real Alabama. Leave them intact and as natural as possible."

## **OMHS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH CRIS BELL NAMED THE 7A COACH OF THE YEAR!**

*By Rick Watson*



Prior to becoming the head Football coach at Oak Mountain High School, Coach Bell served as a defensive coordinator for five years at his Alma Mater, Hampden-Sydney College, in Richmond, Virginia, fifteen years at a private Christian school in Georgia, three years at Marietta High School in Atlanta, and now, three years at Oak Mountain High School.

As a result of his excellent work at Oak Mountain High School this past year, Coach Bell was recently voted the 7A Coach of the Year by the Alabama Football Coach's Association. This award is given to a coach who has shown exemplary leadership and hard work, in the 7A league, the largest league in Alabama with schools such as: Spain Park, Hoover, Prattville, Fairhope, Mountain Brook, and Vestavia. This award is voted on by other league coaches something that Coach Bell felt made the honor even more meaningful to him.

Coach Bell Says that he believes that the team will continue to grow in excellence and continue to be competitive at the highest level of 7A football.

# INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL SENIOR NAMED CANDIDATE FOR 2015 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM



INDIAN SPRINGS, Ala. — ISS senior Tristan Trechsel '15 has been named a candidate for the 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

Founded in 1964 by executive order of the President, the program seeks to recognize graduating seniors on the basis of outstanding scholarship and exceptional SAT and ACT scores. Trechsel, who scored a perfect 36 on the ACT last fall, is one of about 3,900 candidates nationwide. A review committee will evaluate all candidates based on academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and a required essay. About 560 candidates will advance to become semifinalists, and up to 141 semifinalists will be named Presidential Scholars. Scholars will be honored at a White House-sponsored ceremony in June.

Since the federal program began, more than 6,000 U.S. Presidential Scholars have been recognized. Five Indian Springs School students have received the distinction: Yookyong Carolyn Sim '09, Helen Eckinger '03, Thornton Prayer '82, Ricky Gordon '78, and Bill Baxter '66. ISS Latin and English Teacher Douglas Ray was named a Scholar in

2004. It is considered one of the nation's highest honors for high school seniors.

Indian Springs School is a national leader in coed boarding and day education in grades 8-12. Founded in 1952 and located just south of Birmingham, the school seeks to develop in students a love of learning, a sense of integrity and moral courage, and an ethic of participatory citizenship. For more information, please visit [indiansprings.org](http://indiansprings.org).

## WALMART NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY OPENS IN INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

*By Kathryn Harrington*

It was a cold but exciting morning on Jan. 28 when the Indian Springs Village Walmart Neighborhood Market cut the ribbon to open its doors to shoppers. On hand for the ribbon cutting were Jeremy Crook the Market Manager, Indian Springs Village Mayor Brenda Bell Guercio, The entire Walmart management Team and Pharmacy Manager, Zac Martin and a host of eager shoppers.

Adding to the celebration was the Oak Mountain High School Jazz band and the Oak Mountain High School Choir. Both entertained the crowd with lively music and opened the official ceremony with the National Anthem. The presentation of the flag and Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Boy Scouts troops 533 and 538.

Mayor Bell-Guercio welcomed the new store management team and helped with the giant Walmart green scissors used to cut the ribbon. Mayor Bell-Guercio expressed the excitement the residents of Indian Springs Village felt about the ribbon-cutting ceremony and having such a convenient shopping location in the town. The Mayor also pointed to the lack of the municipal sales tax as a reason to shop at the new store.

Store manager Jeremy Crook said he is "delighted to have the new store be part of Indian Springs Village and looks forward to partnering with our community in many civic endeavors as well as lots of shopping". Crook wasted no time making good on his statement about civic involvement. Before the ribbon had even been cut, Walmart officials presented \$8,000 in community grants during the opening. Grants included \$1,500 for the North Shelby Fire District, \$1,000 for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, \$1,500 for the Vineyard Family Services of Central Alabama and \$250 for the Town of Indian Springs Children's Fund. Other grants included \$500 for the Arc of Shelby County, \$250 for Oak Mountain Elementary, \$1,000 for Oak Mountain High School, \$500 for Oak Mountain Intermediate, \$500 for Oak Mountain Middle School, \$500 for Spain Park High School and \$500 for Shelby County Historical Society.

Villagers who have not yet been in for a look at the new store should check it out. The produce is beautiful, the deli is tempting and the staff is friendly and helpful.

Indian Springs Village is thrilled to have this new store be part of our community.



# CONCERNING OAK MTN. STATE PARK HOTEL PROPOSAL

By Randy J. Jaudon

As a concerned resident of the town of Indian Springs, AL I feel compelled to bring attention to a plan by the City of Pelham, Shelby County and the DCNR for a Hotel and Convention Center in the midst of Oak Mountain State Park.

I encourage all residents of Indian Springs to gather information on this project, study the proposal carefully and make an informed decision on the merits of this project. I feel confident when armed with the facts; you will conclude that this is a dangerous, misguided and irresponsible plan.

Such development will threaten existing watersheds; strain the earthen dams that encircle the lakes; and exacerbate already hazardous flash flooding conditions. This would be a direct threat to our town of Indian Springs. Plus, this development will increase traffic, noise and lighting.

Oak Mountain State Park, like many state parks in Alabama, is a recreational and ecologic treasure that contains acres of pristine wilderness, which support biologically diverse plants and animals. Oak Mountain State Park also provides healthy leisure activities, such as hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Additionally, it is one of the best destinations for fishing.

I argue that the long-term risks to the park significantly outweigh the shortsighted plan that the City of Pelham, Shelby County Commission and the DCNR have concocted with out the input of the citizens of the State of Alabama.

If others share my trepidation, I would recommend supporting the group, "Keep Oak Mountain Wild." This group is concerned with the condition of the Alabama state park system but specifically, about the future of Oak Mountain State Park. The mission of KOMW is to preserve and enhance Oak Mountain State Park's beauty, nature, and biological diversity, and to promote human health

and well being through the support of recreational activities compatible with the Park's natural ecosystems. More information can be found at the following website: [www.keepeakmountainwild.org](http://www.keepeakmountainwild.org)

In closing, I urge all of you to oppose the proposed overdevelopment of Oak Mountain State Park. Please go to the Oak Mountain Park Master Plan Survey, take it, mark "NO" to the Hotel/Conference Center and there is an open free typing section at the end, let them know your feelings. These elected officials are basically working in secret. Remember they work for you; let them know you won't forget come election time. Site to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/omsp>

We all need to question our elected officials to what they know, what are their positions on this issue, and reasons why, and most important what they are doing about it?

## ALABAMA WILDLIFE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS:

### Wild About Chocolate

February 14<sup>th</sup> 7-10pm

The Harbert Center 2019 4th Ave N.  
Birmingham 35203 (complimentary parking in deck across street)

**Tickets:** \$75 per person in advance until 5pm Friday 2-13-15; \$100 at the door. 7pm buffet and silent auction; 9pm program and live auction

### AWC & Audubon Teaches Nature:

Identifying Birds of Prey: Tips, Tools and a Bird or Two!

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday, 1:30pm:

COST: FREE after paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park: \$1 per child 6-11 & Seniors 62+; \$3 Adults 205-663-7930, Ext. 4; [wildlife@awrc.org](mailto:wildlife@awrc.org)

### Volunteer Orientation:

Introduction to AWC.

March 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, 2-4pm: Quiet children are invited to attend, but please note that the minimum age to volunteer is 18 (16 accompanied by a parent).

## NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY EVENTS FEBRUARY 2015

### Now Accepting Yard Sale Donations!

Please call for (205) 439-5540 or email [nsref@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsref@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Indoor Yard Sale:** Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm

**Author event feat. Hunter Murphy**

March 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm-7:30pm

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

### Valentine Craft

*Stop by the Children's Department in January to pick up a craft to take home or make in the department.*

### Lego Club

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:30am

### \*Newbery Pie Book Club

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

### \*Pete the Cat Book Club

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

### \*Smart Cookie Club Party

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

### \*Homeschool Hangout: Raptors 101

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

### \*Bluebirds Among Us: The John

### Findlay Bluebird Trail

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

## STORY TIME PROGRAMMING

### \*Toddler Tales

Mondays, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and 10:30am

### \*Baby Tales

Tuesdays, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

### Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am

### \*PJ Story Time

Thursdays, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

## TEEN PROGRAMMING

### Gaming

Fridays, February 6, 13, & 20 – 3:30-5:45 pm

### Anime Night

Monday, February 9 at 6 pm

### Minecraft at the Library

Monday, February 16 at 6pm

Indian Springs Village & Heardmont Park Senior Center **February 2015**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b> 9:30-10:30 – Tai Chi BEGIN “LOVETHY NEIGHBOR” PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY DRIVE TO BENEFIT OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION	<b>3</b> 10-11:30 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Games 12 LUNCH	<b>4</b> 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH	<b>5</b> 10:15-11:55 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Games 12- Lunch BISCUIT BASH	<b>6</b> 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
<b>9</b> 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta	<b>10</b> 10-10:45 Aerobics 10:45-11:30 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Games 12 Lunch	<b>11</b> 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH	<b>12</b> 10:15-11:00 Aerobics 11:10-11:55 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH VALENTINE CELEBRATION	<b>13</b> 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing END PB&J Drive
<b>16</b> 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta	<b>17</b> 10-11:30 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Games 12 Lunch 9-11 UAB EYE CLINIC	<b>18</b> 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH	<b>19</b> 10:15-11:55 Aerobics 11-Becky with Harrison Regional Library 10-2 Bingo & Games 12- LUNCH	<b>20</b> 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
<b>23</b> 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta	<b>24</b> 10-10:45 Aerobics 10:45-11:30 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Games 12 Lunch TRIP TO BUDS BEST & OUT TO LUNCH	<b>25</b> 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH	<b>26</b> 10:15-11:55 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Games 12- Lunch	<b>27</b> 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intmd. Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing 630-9 HEARDMONT DANCE

## BUILDING PERMITS

*Frazier Christy, Town Engineer*

Applicant: E&R Interior Solutions  
 Owner: Michael Eike  
 Address: 2656 Buckboard Rd.  
 Proposed Use: Remodeling

Applicant: ArcCon Building  
 Owner: Barbara & Normal Bradley  
 Address: 5116 Prarie Cir.  
 Proposed Use: Interior Remodel

Applicant: Initial Builders Inc.  
 Owner: Chad & Angie Mathis  
 Address: 5302 Mountain Park Dr.  
 Proposed Use: Kitchen Remodel

Applicant: Shelby Fence  
 Owner: Cobb  
 Address: 7002 Indian Ridge Tr.  
 Proposed Use: Fence

Applicant: Excell Communications  
 Owner: Southen Comm. Services, Inc.  
 Address: 5476 Caldwell Mill Road  
 Proposed Use: Antenna replacement

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

*Tuesday, February 17, 2015 7:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday, March 3, 2015 7:00 p.m.*

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