

The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 5, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizen's Forum

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Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other Villagers a means of communicating – it is a “voice.” Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

It's August, the lazy days of summer, where we are supposed to be getting the hottest days of the year. My thermometer and my electric bill tell me it's been hot enough already in June and July. Thanks to air conditioning and iced tea, we will survive. A few of us even like to sit in the shade and let a breeze cool us. There are a couple of dogs in my neighborhood who seem to be sleeping 23 hours a day. I don't blame them. August is also a busy time for many of us; shopping for school supplies and clothes, packing up to go to college, using vacation time at our beautiful lakes and gulf shore before the kids go to school.

Of course August is also the beginning of football season for our schools. The papers are full of news over who will win the SEC and who will not. It's shaping up to be an exciting season. Oak Mountain High will see some changes with the election of Principal Randy Fuller as Shelby County Schools Superintendent. The first of two projects to improve Cahaba Valley Road through our village has been completed and the second project is planned to start this fall. Your Town Council has approved the subdivision of land on Indian Crest Drive near Caldwell Mill Road with several new homes planned. Several major building projects on the campus of Indian Springs School are well underway.

This year we are enduring a long and intense drought. I've read that most of the 600 some farms in Shelby County will lose up to 90 percent of their crops this year due to the drought. Rain at this time of the year may help our lawns, but it will be much too late to save crops. Our own water supplies are not limitless. Customers served by Birmingham Water do have specific restrictions as to the day of the week they can or cannot irrigate. Pelham Water customers are also asked to restrict their use of water. We can all do our part to save this most valuable resource.

Let's all enjoy our summer.

Town Council Meeting

June 20, 2006

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll and noted the presence of Mayor Steve Zerkis, Council Members Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, Brenda Bell-Guercio and Jack Mendel. Also present were Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning and Zoning Chair Wayne Jones.

The May 16, 2006 minutes were approved on a motion by Robins, seconded by Mendel. The June 6, 2006 minutes were approved on a motion by Robins, seconded by Stauss. The May 2006 financial report was accepted on a motion by Stauss, seconded by Guercio.

Zerkis distributed a draft audit from the town's auditor, Barfield, Murphy, Shank & Smith, for the Council's review. Representatives from the auditor will be available at our July 18, 2006 meeting to discuss this draft.

Jones presented a Declaration to the Council which stated that the Zoning Ordinance had been amended six times and had now been compiled into a more readable document. Robins made a motion, seconded by Stauss, that this compilation of the original Zoning Ordinance, dated July 14, 1992, and the amendments thereto be accepted as the official Indian Springs Village Zoning Ordinance. This motion was unanimously adopted.

Robins reported Gary Ray, State District Engineer, has talked with Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints representative, Mike McKenzie, regarding the drainage problem. Ray also talked to Gary Curl of Sain & Associates, who has been retained by the church to survey the problem. Hopefully, this will be resolved before the three-lane project is underway.

Robins reported that a representative of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will come to one of our meetings to present the three-lane project in detail. The presentation is scheduled for August but may be delayed pending determination of the project's start date.

Robins will contact Scott Holladay regarding contracting with the county to clean under the Rockford Road bridge. The fire ant problem on the Town Hall grounds has been treated. Davis Plumbing has repaired the sprinkler system.

A number of new street signs have been received and will be installed. Robins has contacted Richard Adkins, Adkins Signs & Graphics, regarding installation of road signs and repainting existing wooden town and street signs.

Guercio reported that all is going well with the preparation of the upcoming July 4th event. She needs as many volunteers as possible to assist with this function.

Mendel reported he and Trammell were still working on the database provided by the Shelby County Chief

Mapper. Once the data compilation is completed, the information will be put in a printable format and serve as a master list of all ISV residents.

Stauss reported invitations have been sent out to guests for the 4th July celebration.

There was discussion regarding the flooding problems on Bishop Creek and members of the Town Council were invited to walk a portion of the creek to review its condition. Robins will determine if there is any possible grant money available to assist with this problem.

The next ISV Town Council meeting will be held on July 4, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned by Zerkis.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Town Council Meeting

July 4, 2006

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at 3.30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mayor Steve Zerkis called the roll. Present were Mayor Steve Zerkis, Council Members Herb Robins, Brenda Bell-Guercio and Jack Mendel. Also present were Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning and Zoning Chair Wayne Jones.

Town Council Minutes of June 20, 2006 were suspended. No official business was conducted.

Robins made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Garden Club News

by Lynn Hendricks, President, Indian Springs Garden Club

The August 24, 2006, meeting of the Indian Springs Village Garden Club will be held at Pike Family Nurseries, 10 Greenhill Parkway, Hoover, AL 35242. Mr. Jim Gardner will speak on PERENNIALS FOR THE FALL. Pike has a very nice room to use for a social time from 6:00-6:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Some of us will meet at the town hall at 5:15 p.m. and carpool to Pike's, or you may go directly to Pike's if it is more convenient. Directions: Leaving 119 going toward 280, turn left onto 280. Go past Home Depot to the next traffic light (Superior Grill will be on your right). Turn right and you will see the nursery in a short distance. Pike's phone number is 995-7625. Visitors Welcome!

Chaplin Gold Medal-Winning Swimmer

Daniel Chaplin, son of Jane and David Chaplin of Wildwood Lane, was one of eight swimmers from Alabama chosen to participate in the U.S. National Special Olympic Games held July 1-7, in Ames, Iowa. Daniel was a member of the Alabama relay team that won a silver medal in the freestyle relay, and he won gold medals in two individual events: the 25 yard butterfly and the 25 yard breaststroke. Daniel is 15 and will be a freshman at Oak Mountain High School in the fall.

Must be Hard to be Best

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Indian Springs Village resident Kay Tipton has done it again. Kay is a math teacher at Vestavia Hills High School and she has led a team of advanced math students to first place in a national competition in Fort Collins, Colorado. VH students won top prize at the annual Mu Alpha Theta Convention as they have done for 15 of the last 17 years. This is an honorary society for advanced math students. Now, if only I had Kay as a teacher when I was struggling through my freshman algebra a long time ago.

Blue Pages

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

After speaking with several BellSouth representatives, I have been assured that the next BellSouth White Pages Directory will include Indian Springs Village in the Government Section, commonly referred to as the Blue Pages. After all, we are larger than over a dozen of those towns and cities now listed. In addition to the listing in the Blue Pages, Indian Springs Village will also be included in a captioned listing near the front of the directory which lists the surrounding area of Birmingham.

Courier Needed

by Alison Stigers, Editor

If you are interested in delivering *The Village Voice* to your neighbors in the Indian Gate neighborhood, please contact me at 981-1750 or send me an email at villagevoice@indianspringsvillage.org. Thanks for your help.

Alabama Wildlife Center Needs You *submitted by Anne Miller, Director*

Alabama's native wildlife needs our help! Volunteers are urgently needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for this year's wildlife orphans. Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org for more information about the next training session at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Departure

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

The Reverend Rebecca DeBow, Rector of The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi on Cahaba Valley Road is leaving the parish at the end of July. The Reverend DeBow has devoted ten years of ministry and service to St. Francis and has accepted a post at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Her parish will miss her, and we wish her well in her new position.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Buddy McLeod/McLeod Electric
Owner: Davis Plumbing/Cingular
Address: 5560 Cahaba Valley Road
Proposed Use: Cell Tower - Provide Power Service

Applicant: McMeekin Construction
Owner: Same
Address: Lot 2 Indian Gate
Proposed Use: New single-family residence

Applicant: Seay Construction, Inc.
Owner: Compass Bank
Address: 2641 Valleydale Road
Proposed Use: Remodel Bank

Applicant: Cingular Wireless
Owner: Shelby County Board of Education
Address: Oak Mountain High School
Proposed Use: Cell equipment - addition of equipment, not tower

Applicant: Shannon Pernel
Owner: Same
Address: 3165 Cahaba Valley Road
Proposed Use: For selling gazebos, Amish sheds, and mini barns

Applicant: International Sign & Design Corp.
Owner: Commercial Net Lease Realty, LP
Address: 2677 Valleydale Road
Proposed Use: Update signs at present location - gas station convenience store.

Summer Reading in Review

by Natasha Hanna, Library Staff

“O! How I dreamt of things impossible,” William Blake once wrote, a sentiment that surely could describe hundreds of children’s summer reading experience this year at the North Shelby Library. Over 1000 little ones flocked to fill out registration cards under a lattice drawbridge, made wishes in a painted cardboard fountain, sat on regal thrones and marveled at all the minute details that made the children’s department transformation so enchanting. Programming this year, however, also targeted teens and adults, with each group receiving its own series of events and incentives, registration has grown by 28% overall. This growth was seen in every department and circulation statistics for June alone was a record 21,000 items.

It wasn’t just the decorations that captivated the children’s imaginations; the fantasy-centered programming also enthralled them, with reading initiatives and prizes inspiring each child along his or her journey through the weeks of summer reading. The Children’s Department team tapped their creative energy into developing eight weeks of magical events for children of all ages and a separate series of events for teens.

Knowing that teens have a different range of interests was key when the team planned the young adult program. Their efforts paid off when over 100 teens registered and participated in the “Fantastic Females” and “Warriors Throughout Time” programs for girls and boys, respectively.

Most libraries do not celebrate adult reading in the summer, but the progressive Adult Services department at NSL has challenged the community for the second year in a row. This year the theme was **Print-to-Screen**, and the 43 participants read to earn chances for gift cards from Movie Gallery, the Summit and to win the grand prize, a DVD player donated by Best Buy, and an entertainment package.

Saturday, July 29th marked the end of the children’s summer reading program with refreshments, a live band and other treats. Participants earned tickets by meeting pre-set benchmarks for reading throughout the summer. A drawing was held and the winner received a bike donated from Bike Link.

Director Carol Farr was delighted, not only with her team’s efforts, but also with the impact the entire program had on the community. Youth registration was up from last year by the hundreds, and the young adult numbers grew exponentially. Students from over 20 schools from around the area read more than 10,000 books during the eight weeks. This will undoubtedly be evident in the coming school year when teachers find that their students have grown as readers. In addition, the community continues to become aware that the library is an excellent source of free and dynamic programming for all ages.

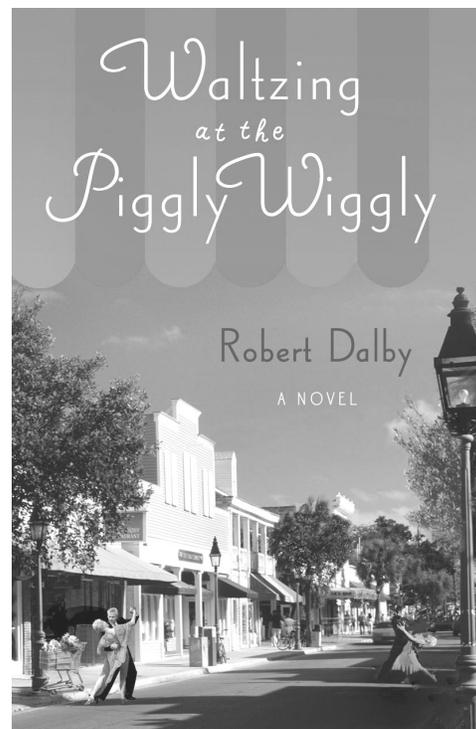
Southern Author Debuts New Book at North Shelby Library

by Natasha Hanna, Library Staff

Author Robert Dalby will visit the North Shelby Library to delight visitors with his new novel, Waltzing at the Piggly

Wiggly, on September 7. Mr. Dalby is well known for his hilarious and incisive portrayals of small-town southern culture and the delightful characters who populate them.

Laurie Lepanto, the heroine of Waltzing, is determined to keep her much beloved local



Piggly Wiggly from closing. The supermarket has served the town not only as a grocery store but also as the community center. With the help of her friends, a group of eccentric widows, and a very eligible senior bachelor and professional ballroom dancer, the Piggly Wiggly is soon transformed into a full-service market and...dance hall.

Mr. Dalby also penned the acclaimed O Bed, O Breakfast, another riotous send-up of quirky southerners and their mores. The author is a native of Mississippi who has long observed and been enchanted by the people he meets and is a life-long fan of the Piggly Wiggly.

Reservations are required and tickets are available at the library for \$10.00. Lunch will be served. Mr. Dalby will greet guests and sign books after the event, which will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please call 439-5555 to make a reservation. You may charge by phone with Mastercard or Visa.

The North Shelby Library will be closed on Sunday, September 3 & Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

Book Clubs at North Shelby Library

submitted by Michelyn Reid, North Shelby Library Reference Librarian

Looking for new books to read? The North Shelby Library encourages patrons to explore the Online Book Club. Individuals can sign up for any book club (Fiction, Business, Mystery etc.). Each day we'll email you a 5-minute portion of a book from your book club. During the week you can read 2-3 chapters and decide if you want to check the book out of the library. Every Monday we start new books. Go to www.northshelbylibrary.org and click on the link for more information.

If patrons would like to discuss books they should check out our Book Club. We meet every 3rd Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the library. For August we are reading Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd. We will be meeting outside of the library this month, so if you're interested in discussing this book or have any questions please contact Michelyn at 439-5510 or email at nsref@shelbycounty-al.org.

Take Charge of Your Health with Healthy Lifestyle Changes

submitted by Carol Farr, Director, North Shelby Library

The Shelby County Extension System will be offering a Take Charge of your Health with Healthy Lifestyle Changes series starting on Thursday, September 14, 2006 and continuing on September 21st and 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the North Shelby Library

Cheryl Vasse, Regional Extension Agent (REA) in Human Nutrition, Diet, and Health, and Angela Treadaway, REA in Food Safety/Preservation and Preparation will be presenting up-to-date information about nutrition and portion sizes, exercise, heart healthy oils, tips for cooking with less salt, and preparing healthy meals. Recipes will be demonstrated and participants will have the opportunity to taste each one.

Registration for this class can be made at the Library. There will be a fee of \$20.00 per participant for the series of classes. Please make checks payable to Cullman County Extension System. Payment can also be made at the Library.

A minimum of 10 is required for the class and there will be a maximum of 30.

Please call 439-5500 if you would like to register by phone.

The Smartest Card of All

submitted by Carol Farr, Director, North Shelby Library

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, so stop into the North Shelby Library to sign up for the smartest card of all – a library card. It's your ticket to a world of opportunity and to quality family time. Libraries have always been places where families come together. So bring the whole family and get a library card. It's free! Get It. Use It...together @ your library.

August Events at the Library

by Tess Bouvier, North Shelby Library Children's & Young Adult Librarian

Mr. Mac Story-Time

Stories, puppets, music and fun for the whole family! Wednesdays: August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th @ 10:45 a.m.

** Please note: Toddler Tales and PJ Story-Time will resume in September. Toddler Tales will be every Monday at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Registration for Toddler Tales begins August 21st (register by phone at 439-5504 or in person). Keep your eyes open for other wonderful programs beginning in September as well!

Chilled Soup for Summer

by Christina Zerkis

When the days are hot, it's nice to occasionally enjoy a chilled soup instead of something warm. A favorite of mine is a Cucumber Soup. Here is an easy to make recipe that you can prepare in a few minutes.

- One large cucumber cut into small pieces and remove the seeds
- One cup of sour cream or cottage cheese
- One or two green onions finely chopped
- One tablespoon of olive oil, extra virgin is preferred
- One ounce of milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place the cucumber and green onions in a blender or food processor and purée.

Add the oil, cottage cheese or sour cream and milk and purée some more. Place in the refrigerator to chill and then serve with a little garnish on top with your choice of chopped parsley, dill or basil and a few small croutons. Simple to make and delicious.

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS 2006 – 2007 School Calendar

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July 4..... Independence Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Aug 1-3..... New Teacher Orientation
 Aug 7..... Institute / Local Prof. Dev. (No Students)
 Aug 8..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 Aug 9..... 1st Semester Begins, Full Day for Students
 Sep 4..... Labor Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Oct 16..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 (½ teacher workday, ½ grade/department/committee meetings)
 Oct 17..... Local Prof. Dev. (No Students)
 Oct 19..... System-Wide Parenting Day
 Nov 10..... Veteran's Day Observed (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Nov 22-24..... Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed)
 Dec 20..... 1st Semester Ends, Students Dismissed at 1:00 P.M.
 Faculty and Staff Dismissed at 3:00 P.M.
 Dec 21-Jan 3..... CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
 Jan 3..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 Jan 4..... 2nd Semester Begins, Full Day for Students
 Jan 15..... M.L. King, Jr. Birthday (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Feb 19..... Presidents' Day/3rd Inclement Weather Day
 (Schools & Offices Closed Unless Needed as Make-up Day)
 Mar 12..... 2nd Inclement Weather Day (Schools Closed/
 Offices Open)
 Mar 13..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 (½ teacher workday, ½ grade/department/committee meetings)
 Apr 16-20..... SPRING BREAK
 May 11..... 1st Inclement Weather Day (Schools Closed/
 Offices Open)
 May 24..... 2nd Semester Ends, Schools Close at 3:00 P.M.
 High School Graduations
 May 25..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 May 28..... Memorial Day (Schools & Offices Closed)

First Semester 89 days Second Semester 91 days

TESTING DATES

Jul 17-21..... Graduation Exams
 Sep 18-22..... Graduation Exams
 Oct 18..... PSAT
 Dec 4-8..... Graduation Exams
 Feb 27..... State Writing Assessment-Grades 5, 7, & 10
 Mar 5-9..... Graduation Exams
 Apr 2-13..... Stanford Achievement Test 10 and Alabama
 Reading and Math Test – Grades 3-8

GRADING PERIODS

Period Ends	#Days	Grades Sent Home
1 st Period October 13	47	October 20
2 nd Period December 20	42	January 9
3 rd Period March 9	45	March 19
4 th Period May 24	46	*May 24

*Some schools may hand deliver report cards on the last day of school. All others will be mailed as soon as they are available.

 circles indicate dates of institute, professional development, and teacher workdays.

 squares indicate inclement weather make-up days.

 Dates of school holidays

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