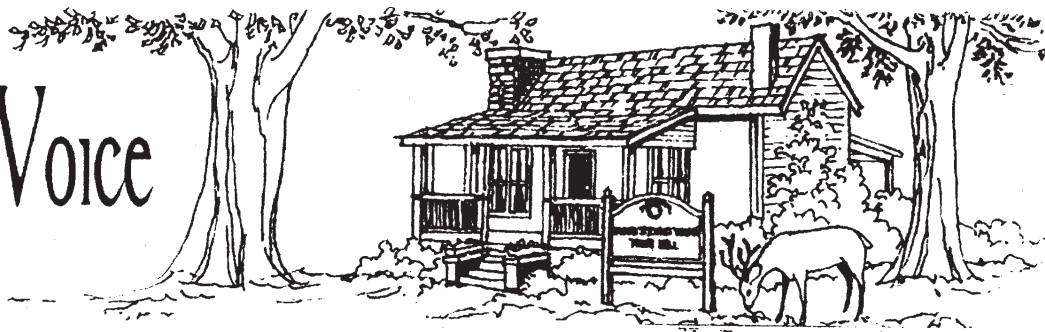


# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 2, 2008, 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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### Editor's Appreciation to

Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Herb Robins for proofing

## Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

Let me tell you about this year's town council and mayoral elections. July 15 was the filing deadline for individuals wishing to run for positions on the Town Council and for Mayor. Each of the incumbents filed to run, again, for their positions. No other residents applied. Your council members and mayor will be here to serve for another four years. At our first Council Meeting in August, I will make an official declaration that the election has been completed. Returning will be Council Members Stewart Dudley, Brenda Bell Guercio, Jack Mendel, Herb Robins and Brian Stauss, and Mayor Steve Zerkis.

The swearing-in ceremony will be held on November 1, 2008 at the Town Hall. Of course everyone is invited to the ceremony and the meeting that follows. There will be refreshments.

I think I can speak for everyone on the Council in saying that it is an honor to serve and support the residents of ISV in keeping Indian Springs Village a wonderful place to live. As our slogan says “Life is good in the Village” and we work with you to keep it that way.

An update on our ISV Recycling recruiting program: residents continue to sign up for the program but we need more. You will be seeing signs around town in August encouraging you to sign up if you have not yet done so. You can leave a message on my cell phone at 222-1079 or an email to [recycleISV@yahoo.com](mailto:recycleISV@yahoo.com). I encourage homeowner associations to ask your members to sign up. Please talk to your neighbors about participating. The sooner we get to our target number the sooner we can start the program.

We are required to have our Town's budget in place before the beginning of the fiscal year, October 1, 2008. With the slowdown in our economy, a number of municipalities are concerned about a drop in sales tax and property tax revenues. Since ISV does not levy either tax, our budgeting process will be less stressful than most. We do anticipate two significant capital projects. One will be a complete remodeling of the Town Hall bathroom and adjacent areas. The second is a project to address the periodic flooding of the Town Hall grounds.

School starts in a few weeks. That means more traffic on Caldwell Mill Road and Highway 119. Please allow extra time to transit those roads.

Best regards.

## August Happenings

by Allison Yeager, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian

For more information, please call or email the Children's Department at [nothshelbyyouth@gmail.com](mailto:nothshelbyyouth@gmail.com) or 439-5504.

### Story-Time Programming

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, August 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 10:45 a.m.

All ages. No registration required.

### Special Programming

Tuesday, August 19th – 4:00 p.m.: “Craft: Back to School Necklace!” To celebrate the return to school, make a colorful Back to School-themed necklace to wear or to decorate your locker or room! We'll also play “Back 2 School” Bingo while we are making our crafts! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or [NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

## Free Landfill Day - October 11th

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

Fall is here and it's time to clean out the attic, straighten up the garage and dispose of the old picture frames that your cousin sold you for a bargain. Saturday, October 11 has been designated as “free” landfill day for Shelby County residents. The landfill is located on the north side of Highway 70, approximately four miles west of Columbiana. There is a huge wood and stone sign at the landfill road entrance. The landfill operator may ask that you drive your vehicle across the scales so they can keep track of how many citizens take advantage of this free day. Products that are harmful to our environment, such as paint, paint thinner, solvents, petroleum products and similar items are not acceptable at the landfill.

## Couriers Still Needed

If you would like to volunteer your time to deliver *The Village Voice*, two routes are open:

- **Spring Garden Street and Alpine.** Currently we are without a courier for this route – your help is appreciated in filling this vacancy.
- **Merryvale Lane and Valleydale Court**

Please contact Alison Stigers at [villagevoice@indians-pringsvillage.org](mailto:villagevoice@indians-pringsvillage.org) or 949.6258 for details.

## Fall Migration Celebration at the Alabama Wildlife Center

Join the party on Saturday, August 30, 2008,  
for Migration fun facts,  
Chimney Swift Release and Programs!  
Rain date: Sunday, August 31, 2008

**WHO:** The Alabama Wildlife Center, located in Oak Mountain State Park.

**WHAT:** A Fall Migration Celebration, including educational programs, children's activities and the release of captive-raised chimney swifts into the existing wild colony at the Alabama Wildlife Center.

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 30, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; rain date for this outdoor event: Sunday, August 31, 2008, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In the Alabama Wildlife Center's Margaret Monaghan Auditorium: Guest speakers Greg Harber, Birmingham Audubon Society Member; Paul Franklin, Naturalist/Wildlife Photographer; Sandra Allinson, Alabama Wildlife Center Director of Rehabilitation and Education.

**WHERE:** In front of the Alabama Wildlife Center building, located on Terrace Drive, Oak Mountain State Park, in Pelham, AL, near the Chimney Swift Tower outside and also on the Treetop Nature Trail boardwalk, located in the Park 1/3 mile from the Wildlife Center, outside. “The Migration Game,” appropriate for all ages, will take place on the Treetop boardwalk.

**WHY:** The Alabama Wildlife Center is celebrating the close of Baby Bird Season for 2008—and educating people about the great migrations that happen this time of year. Why do animals migrate hundreds of miles? Join the Alabama Wildlife Center to learn more about our fine feathered—and furry—friends.

**AND:** At about 6:00 p.m., the AWC will release chimney swifts, so people of all ages can cheer the culmination of hard work it takes to rehabilitate and return injured and orphaned wildlife to their natural habitats.

The Alabama Wildlife Center will introduce its new education bird, a red-tailed hawk. Want to have a chance to name this new bird? Vote for your favorite of the names available for just \$1 per vote. Coosa the Barred Owl and Natchez the Mississippi Kite will also visit with attendees. The Alabama Wildlife Center will offer vanilla ice cream from Mayfield Dairy—sure to be a cooling close to your summer. The kids will be back in school—why not start their year off right with an enjoyable educational event that's fun and free of charge?

# Commissioner Lindsey Allison Reports on County Commission

by Ruth Goodwyn,

Publicity Chair – Indian Springs Garden Club

Indian Springs Village's Commissioner Lindsey Allison gave a very upbeat report on the state of the Shelby County Commission when she spoke to members of the Garden Club at their July meeting at the Town Hall. Lindsey is chairwoman of the commission's Finance Committee.

"We are very proud of the way we have managed your money," she said, recalling how when she took office 16 years ago, the county was facing default on a \$22.5 million sewer debt. Her first assignment was to secure financing to get them out of that crisis. By being very frugal, the commission paid the debt, and adopted a "pay-as-you-go" basis. For example, the jail in Columbiana was built when money was available to pay cash—and that was \$17 million. Other cash expenditures over the past 12 years include 19 parks, including Heardmont, and the commission has partnered with Hoover on Spain Park. Eight centers for senior citizens have been built throughout the county, including nearby Mary Ellen Estes Senior Center at Heardmont..

"We have an excellent credit rating," she said, noting that Shelby County was the only county in the state of Alabama with such a high credit rating. She commented on the current economic slowdown and subsequent reduction in revenue, and how, while our county is in sound financial condition now, commissioners must be extremely responsible and cautious with their spending; for example, no new employees hired or capital projects launched. We also must work with our legislators in Montgomery, she said.

Apparently Shelby County, still the fastest-growing county in Alabama, has a reputation for excellence in other areas besides finance, as she spoke of the many times commission members, nine in all, have been asked for advice by other counties. Her enthusiasm for her job as a commissioner is very obvious.

Lindsey's district is District 7, which covers Indian Springs Village, Quail Run, Valley Station, and all of the big subdivisions south of Valleydale Road and north of the Oak Mountain Park ridge, excluding Eagle Point, representing 22 to 25 thousand people. Both attorneys, she and her husband, Russell, were very active, with others, in getting Indian Springs Village incorporated in 1990.

Lindsey was presented with one of the new ISV T-shirts the Garden Club introduced at the Fourth of July Celebration. The T-shirts are still available for sale—a bargain at \$15.00 each—and make perfect gifts. All proceeds from sales go directly to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, a very worthy cause. To buy a T-shirt, call Eleanor Bennett, 985-7746; Marge Dunn, 987-4765; or our president, Lynn Hendricks, 988-0099. If the one you call is not at home, leave a message. They will deliver the T-shirt to

you. (See bottom of p. 6, July 11, 2008 issue of *The Village Voice* for a picture of members wearing the T-shirts, or go to our town's website, [villagevoice@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:villagevoice@indianspringsvillage.org).)

The pool party originally scheduled for August has been re-scheduled for September. Members will be notified by e-mail the particulars about our August meeting.

## Adult Programming

By Lori Skinner, North Shelby Library Adult Programming

We invite you to bring your lunch and join us for our series of "Brown Bag Lunches" which feature speakers on various topics of community interest. We provide drinks and desserts and ask attendees to bring their lunch.

### Tuesday, August 19th - 12:00 p.m. "Global Warming"

Join us for a timely presentation by Marca Alexander, a representative from The Climate Project. The program will include a slideshow version of the Academy Award winning film "An Inconvenient Truth", as well as a discussion and opportunity for participants to ask additional questions. The Climate Project began operating in 2006 with the purpose of increasing public awareness of the climate crisis at a grassroots level. For additional information, please visit [www.theclimateproject.org](http://www.theclimateproject.org).

If you have any questions, please contact me at *skinner.lori@yahoo.com* or via phone at 205-439-5510.

## Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: G&B Enterprises  
Owner: Mary & Wayne Willard  
Address: 2673 Valleydale Road  
Proposed Use: Remodel - Quiznos Restaurant

Applicant: Claude and Tracy Smeraglia  
Owner: Claude and Tracy Smeraglia  
Address: 206 Valley View Lane  
Proposed Use: New Accessory Building

## Alabama Wildlife Center Asks for Volunteers

by Lee McDonald, Outreach Coordinator

You can help a wild animal! Volunteers are needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for injured and orphaned wildlife. Call 663-7930 or log on to [www.awrc.org](http://www.awrc.org) for more information about the next training session on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.



## Tomato, Avocado and Roasted Corn Salad

*San Francisco pastry chef Elizabeth Falkner, who owns Citizen Cake, a bakery and restaurant, is an avid soccer player. Falkner likes to host postgame lunches for the other players and their kids, and she tosses together this memorable salad at the last minute. It has a definite Mexican accent, but it's also very versatile – great with grilled chicken, meat, or fish. Vegetarians can find enough sustenance here for an entire meal. All the work (which is minimal) can be done the day before.*

*Part of what makes the salad so good is roasting the corn, an easy step that delivers a huge amount of flavor.*

*This recipe serves a crowd, but it's easy to cut in half.*

*Serving: 12*

5 ears of corn, shucked  
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup raw pumpkin seeds  
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon hot sauce  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 1/2 pounds arugula (4 bunches), large stems discarded and leaves torn into bite-size pieces  
3 ripe avocados, cut into 1/2-inch dice  
2 large red tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch dice  
2 large yellow tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch dice  
2 medium cucumbers, peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/4-inch dice  
3 ounces queso fresco or ricotta salata, crumbled (3/4 cup)

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees.

On a rimmed baking sheet, drizzle the corn with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Season the ears with salt and pepper and roast, turning a few times, for about 25 minutes, or until the kernels are browned. Let cool. Cut the kernels from the cobs and transfer to a bowl.

Turn the oven down to 400 degrees. Spread the pumpkin seeds in a pie plate and bake, stirring occasionally, for about 4 minutes, or until lightly browned. Transfer to a plate to cool.

Put 1/2 cup of the corn kernels in a blender (see note). Add the lime juice, sherry vinegar, hot sauce, sugar and cinnamon and purée. With the machine on, add the remaining 1/2 cup olive oil in a thin stream and blend until emulsified. Scrape the vinaigrette into a bowl and season with salt and pepper to taste.

In a large bowl, toss the remaining corn kernels with the arugula, avocados, red and yellow tomatoes and cucumbers. Add the vinaigrette and toss well. Mound the salad on a large platter, scatter the pumpkin seeds and crumbled cheese on top, and serve. *Source: ivillage.com*

## Zucchini & Yellow Squash Slaw with Lemon Black Peppercorn Vinaigrette

*Who says slaw has to be made with raw cabbage? This zucchini and yellow summer squash version is light and simple to make. The lemon and pepper vinaigrette punches up the flavor and gives it a kick. Serving: 4 to 6.*

3 medium zucchini                      2 medium yellow squash  
3 scallions, green parts only        1 tsp. grated lemon zest  
2 tblsp. fresh lemon juice            1/2 tsp. cracked black pepper  
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil        1/2 tsp. kosher salt

Using a spiral vegetable peeler or a box grater, grate the zucchini and squash and place in a large bowl. Cut the scallion greens into long thin slivers and set aside.

In a small bowl, combine the lemon zest and juice. Whisk in the olive oil and salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the zucchini mixture and toss. Place in a serving dish and top with the slivered scallions. Serve cold or at room temperature. *Source: Rori Trovato*

## Summer Watermelon Salad

*by Pat Zerkis*

I saw a salad like this at a downtown restaurant called Little Savannah. It tastes just wonderful on a hot day. There is such an unique mix of flavors and tastes that are refreshing. This salad takes only a few minutes to make.

2 cups of watermelon, seeded and coarsely diced into small squares

One half cup of cucumber, seeded and diced

Two ears of corn, kernels cut from the cob

2 tablespoons of red onion diced

Juice of one lime

3 tablespoons of fresh basil, tear the leaves

Something a little spicy such as a jalapeno fine diced, or a few drops of Tabasco sauce

First dice the red onion and jalapeno and add the lime juice, stir in a bowl and let sit for a few minutes. Then prepare the watermelon, cucumber and corn and add to the bowl. Mix VERY GENTLY, with hands is preferred to keep from crushing the melon. Refrigerate for one hour, and add the basil just before you serve. Eat the same day you make it. Watermelon is fragile and does not keep for a long time.

# AUGUST 2008

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Carolina Shag Lessons will resume in September 2008.</p> <p>Yoga w/Janice will resume in September 2008.</p>	<p><i>You MUST sign yourself up to attend day trips.. They are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve!!!</i></p> <p><i>You MUST sign up for the computer classes. Space is LIMITED!</i></p>	<p>Art Classes are \$15 each and include instructor fee, canvases, and easels. You must pay when you sign up!!</p>		<p>9:15-10:15 Beg. Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing w/Chris 10-4 Games &amp; Fellowship 12:00 Lunch</p>
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## Reward \$1000

To be paid to any individual providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for, or engaged in, any acts of vandalism in the town of Indian Springs Village.

Any and all information will be held in strictest confidence.

### Found

Three plastic lounge chairs – one blue chair, one green chair and one red chair. Left at the Pavilion during the July Fourth Celebration or a short time after. If they belong to you, call Bart Trammell (988-0094) and arrange to pick up the chairs.