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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 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*

The contractor is making progress on Highway 119. The north side of the highway has had a lot of asphalt put down. The below freezing weather and recent rains have delayed work but, on good, warm days, the crews are on site. In addition to the asphalt, curbs and drains have been poured in several areas to improve drainage. Our Town Hall has a curb, which means the driveway in front is not gone and will be replaced with grass. I understand they have found several hundred feet of an uncharted Pelham water pipe and that may cause another delay. The pavement is uneven and veers in several places, and the strip and cones can be difficult to see at night, so please be careful.

A reminder that our town's annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 3rd. Bring your baskets, or better yet, have your children bring their baskets to gather eggs. You can bring your camera for your children's pictures with the Easter bunny. We need volunteers to make this event a success.

Please take a moment to read Wayne Jones' article on the Planning and Zoning Commission. They would appreciate your input on ideas as they evaluate ordinances and regulations and how they may affect you. They meet the second Tuesday of every month.

You wouldn't know it from the temperature, but spring is coming. It really is. As our days get warmer, it's time for a clean-up of our yards and adjoining property. And if a neighbor needs a little help, I hope you will consider giving them a helping hand in making their yards look better. Some of our road shoulders could use a picking-up. Many thanks to the several individuals I've seen out there already picking up along Indian Crest and Valley View Drives and other streets. Thanks for helping make Indian Springs Village look, and be, a better place to live.

Town Hall parking areas are now very muddy. A combination of the ground thawing and heavy rains has turned some areas into a sea of mud. So please try to park on the gravel and stay as close to the Town Hall as possible. Please do not drive around on the grounds until the weather improves and the grass areas dry out.

Town Council Meeting

December 15, 2009

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley did not attend the meeting. Planning and Zoning Chair, Wayne Jones, attended the meeting.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the November 17 and December 1 meetings. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the November financial report and noted the most significant expenses were the annual ADEM payment and the grants to the Oak Mountain schools. Mendel made a motion to endorse the report as presented, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Jones reported for the PAZ. The committee needs clarification and direction for amending the ordinance in regards to metal and accessory structures. There is a possible upcoming subdivision request. Two neighboring residents have jointly purchased a lot and plan to subdivide it and add to their existing lots.

Robins spoke with Gary Ray of ALDOT regarding the highway 119 project. Ray is pleased with the new contractor and progress. The drainage in front of the Town Hall is being redesigned.

Mayor Zerkis thanked the Crapet family for sponsoring Santa at the Town Hall last Saturday.

Attending the meeting to earn his Citizenship in the Community badge was Austin Barnes, First Class. Austin is a member of Troop 5 from Christ United Methodist Church.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

January 5, 2010

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and called the roll. All council members were present.

The Council reviewed the December 15, 2009 meeting minutes. Mendel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported he spoke with Gary Ray of ALDOT who stated there may be a potential slow-down of the Highway 119 turn-lane project. Approximately 300 to 400 feet of Pelham water line located on the south end of

the project will have to be reviewed and possibly moved. This is not in the original plan.

Mendel reported that he received an email from a resident of Indian Forest Trail. The resident reported that debris in the storm drain is causing a problem again. The resident also wanted to notify the neighborhood that items are being stolen out of unlocked cars in the area.

Stauss asked Robins the status of the request to Ray to restripe the lanes on 119. Robins will follow up. Stauss reported that a resident of Cahaba Oaks requested that the construction barrels at corners of the entryway be moved. They are currently set creating a ninety-degree angle to turn into the neighborhood. The resident also requested that the fill gravel be checked. Robins will follow up.

Stauss noted that either Hoover or Vestavia recently adopted the new International Building Code with the exclusion of the requirement of sprinkler systems in private residences.

Mayor Zerkis again thanked the Crapet family for sponsoring Santa at the Town Hall in December. He also stated that, due to the pouring of a curb, the Town Hall mailbox needs to be relocated.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. A resident complained of poorly marked entrances at Valley View. There was also a complaint about a pair of sick, wild animals roaming the area (possibly coyotes or wild dogs). One has been killed. These animals have come up to residents' homes during the day. A local veterinarian warns to stay away from them. The resident will contact Shelby County Animal Control. Mayor Zerkis will contact the appropriate entities.

Jim Wyatt stated that he and Ron Luster have a lot between their properties that they would like to subdivide. Wyatt wanted to know if is necessary to go through the subdivision process. Dudley suggested going to the PAZ to prove clear title.

There was a discussion regarding a subdivision in Brookstone Estates.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt

by Brenda Bell-Guercio, Council Member

The Annual Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Children through the age of 12 are invited to participate. Volunteers are needed to help set up that morning or help at the Hunt. Please call Brenda Guercio at 987-2581.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Garrett Pool and Supply
Owner: Joe Stott
Address: 3241 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: New Swimming Pool

Applicant: Precision Home Crafters
Owner: Russell and Susan Beaty
Address: 710 New Hope Mountain Road
Proposed Use: Bathroom Remodel

Applicant: RK Nelson Construction, LLC
Owner: Paul Skobel
Address: 170 Pawnee Drive
Proposed Use: Kitchen Remodel and Expansion

ISV Town Hall Reservations – 2010

by Patricia Crapet, Curator, ISV Town Hall

Time marches on! Your Indian Springs Village Town Hall is available for booking 2010 reservations.

The most efficient means of getting your reservation request to me is via email at the following address: ISVillage@aol.com. If you do not have a way of emailing, please call my voice mail at 327-8791. In both instances, please supply the following information: name, address, phone numbers, email address and date and time of your reservation request. Please allow time in your request for set-up and clean-up of your event. I am frequently out of town, but I will answer your request as soon as I am available to do so.

Attention: All groups with “standing” reservations need to send in a request as well, in order for your group’s 2010 dates to be scheduled. They will not be automatically scheduled. Please be sure to include all dates and times for these standing reservation requests, as well as the information listed above.

The ISV Town Hall is a wonderful community resource for Villagers. Many functions and events are held at the facility each year, including weddings, showers, birthday parties, family reunions, garden clubs, sewing clubs, church functions, scout meetings, bunko, and various social and business meetings.

As in all years past, the Town Hall is available for use by Indian Springs Village residents ONLY. There are NO FEES or rental charges, but you must be a citizen of ISV to reserve and use the facility.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

Business License Update

by Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

New 2010 licenses have been issued to Garrett Pools, Precision Homecrafters and R. K. Nelson Construction. As of January 30, the following businesses have renewed their license for 2010: Alabama Power, Bruster’s Ice Cream, Compass Bank, Custom Pharmacy Solutions, Earthworks, Fidelity Information Systems, FSQC, LLC (rental property), Freida Hanson and Karen Wright (rental property), GR & K Environmental Consulting, Gulfeagle Supply, Headstart Salon, Lasso the Moon Interiors, Midland Valleydale, Pelham Water, Quiznos, Reese Development Group, Shelby Food Mart, Smith Paving, USA Digital (Sprint), Vann Owens Steel and Winn Dixie. Anchor Signs, Bargain Chest, LLC, Bill Burrus Home Improvements, Excell Communication, Mountain Heating and Cooling and Strozier Construction Company have notified us they will not be renewing their license.

Planning for 2010 with the Planning and Zoning Commission

by Wayne Jones, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission

For any organization to run smoothly, there must be an understanding of some basic rules and regulations. Indian Springs Village is no exception. Each neighborhood is subject to the city regulations as well as any possible covenants that are enforced by the individual neighborhoods. While the city does not become involved with neighborhood covenants, it is helpful to understand that each neighborhood’s covenants are separate and distinct from the city ordinances.

Your Planning and Zoning Commission meets once a month to discuss new or revised proposed ordinances, petitions for re-zoning, petitions for sub-division and many other issues that can effect the citizens of Indian Springs Village. As we plan an agenda for 2010, we would like to welcome your ideas. There are issues that can effect the entire city and there are ideas that might only relate to a small area. We are a small city, but we have vast and varied concepts regarding how we want our city to function. There are many people who want to maintain the status quo and protect the city from change. As well, there are those that can see areas of the Village that are suited for change. In either case, we try to function as proactively as possible while weighing the value of regulations against the burdens they place on the residents.

You can go on the internet to indianspringsvillage.org to see the current ordinances and a zoning map. If there is an issue or a concern that you believe the Town should consider, I would welcome you to come to the next meeting. The Indian Springs Planning and Zoning Commission meets at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Happenings in the Village

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Those darn coyotes! I don't mean to make light of them, but two more coyotes were seen in the Valley View/Indian Crest area. One was captured and killed. The animal was badly diseased, and the second is still running loose and also appears to be diseased. Shelby County Animal Control is aware of the problem and will assist in its capture. If you spot one and it is aggressive, please call the Sheriff's Office at 669-4181. You can also reach Animal Control at 669-8766. Please stay away from it and keep your small animals in a safe place. Warn your children to be on the lookout for these animals. They are NOT friendly and harmless. They are wild animals and could be dangerous. Normally, coyotes stay away from humans, but if it appears to be aggressive in any way, be careful.

You can now get your issue of *The Village Voice* several ways. Your monthly issue is delivered to your house as usual, and it is also posted on our town's website, www.indianspringsvillage.org. But you can also have it sent to you by email. We will continue delivering the paper edition as usual but, if you also get it on-line, it is in color. If you would like to be added to the list of residents who receive *The Village Voice* by email, please send your email address to Council Member Brian Stauss at brian@indianspringsvillage.org.

The North Shelby Fire District is sponsoring a Boy Scout Explorer Troup. This is an excellent opportunity for teens to be involved in something very worthwhile. For further information, please contact Chief Michael O'Connor at 991-6439.

If you are using the Town Hall, please remember to reset the chairs and table in the council chambers as you found them; ready for a meeting. In fact, all furniture should be returned to where it belongs.

Special Equestrians, Inc. Seeks Volunteers

by Jaime D. Laird, Volunteer Coordinator

If you like horses, the outdoors and helping people, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Please join the force of over 200 volunteers that assist Special Equestrians, Inc. Special Equestrians, Inc. is a therapeutic horseback riding program for people with physical, mental or emotional disabilities. All levels of experience are needed (no horse experience necessary); just attend one of our Volunteer Training Sessions on Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m., or Saturday, February 6th from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. or 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Training sessions will take place at our facility on the campus of Indian Springs School. Call us for more details at (205) 987-WHOA or you can visit our website at www.specialequest.org.

(Even though, due to our publication schedule, the training sessions will have already taken place, we include the article for your information. Editor)

We Are to Be Counted

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

In April, 2010 the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct its decennial survey to count the number of persons in the United States. This census is very important to Alabama, our county and town because federal and state government funding is based on population. In addition, legislative and congressional boundaries are determined by population. We need to make sure that every person in Indian Springs Village is counted so we are accurately represented.

The census form, to be mailed in March, will be much shorter and less intrusive than in the past. Your participation is very important and greatly appreciated.

KEY DATES

- February – March 2010: Census forms are mailed or delivered to households
- April 1, 2010: Census Day
- April – July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail
- December 2010: by law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment
- March 2011: by law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states

The Census Bureau office for Shelby County and ten other counties is looking for residents to fill jobs. The office is located in Chelsea off of highway 280 on Chester-Crane Road. For further information on job opportunities, please call 775-6120.

Computer Classes at the North Shelby Library

The following classes are all from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

- Tuesday, February 9th – Excel I & Computer Comfort I
- Wednesday, February 10th – Excel II & Computer Comfort II
- Thursday, February 11th – Excel Workshop
- Tuesday, February 16th – Power Point & Internet for Beginners
- Wednesday, February 17th – Email for Beginners
- Thursday, February 18th – Supergoogle
- Tuesday, February 23rd – Word I
- Wednesday, February 24th – Word II

Space is limited, so please call or email Michelyn at 439.5510 or nsref@shelbycounty-al.org to reserve a space.

Baby Bird Season is Coming

submitted by Janet Byars, Development Assistant

Alabama's wildlife needs your help! Volunteers are urgently needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for this year's orphaned and injured wildlife. Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org for more information about the next training sessions on Sunday, February 7 and Sunday, March 7, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Indian Springs Garden Club Outlines Plans for New Year

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair

After a lovely Christmas party at the home of Nola Stans, members of the Indian Springs Garden Club got down to the business of 2010 by installing new officers, introducing new members, distributing yearbooks and going over scheduled programs at the January 28th meeting at the Town Hall.

Prior to the business meeting, vegetable soup, crackers and desserts were enjoyed, courtesy of Marge Dunn and Jean Jenkins.

Jenny Pittman introduced a visitor who decided to join the club, Nancy Crook. Other new members introduced are Karen Kendall, Nick Bondi, Jake Vaughn and Felix Price. Bondi, Vaughn and Price, husbands of members Jennifer, Peggy and Gladys, are the first to become couples belonging to the club after a by-laws change voted on in 2009. Questions about membership should be directed to Patsy Strozier (733-8676).

Following the devotional by Mary H. Bowman, paying of dues (\$10.00 individuals; \$15.00 couples) and distribution of yearbooks created by Patsy Strozier, new officers were introduced: Patsy Strozier, president; Ginny Lusk, vice-president; Mary S. Bowman, secretary; and Marge Dunn, treasurer.

Others having duties are Mary H. Bowman, devotions; Gladys Price, historian; Jenny Pittman, Mary S. Bowman, Jean Jenkins, Lynn Hendricks and Liz Eich, hospitality; Jennifer Bondi, Mary S. Bowman and Marge Dunn, grounds committee; Mary S. Bowman, parliamentarian; Jennifer Bondi, communications; Ruth Goodwyn, publicity; Patsy Strozier, yearbook; Carol McBride, sunshine; Lynn Hendricks, nametags; and Pat Zerkis, keeper of the aprons. Members signed a card of appreciation to Joe Muncher, who published the 2010 yearbooks.

When it was noted that the Garden Club had been established by Phelan Webb in February 2000, a period of reminiscing followed. Good programs were recalled, and members fondly remembered Frances Dudley, also an equestrian, who succumbed to cancer in 2004, and to whom the 2005 yearbook was dedicated. It was recalled that the club has had three presidents in its 10-year history: Phelan Webb, Marge Dunn, Lynn Hendricks and now Patsy Strozier.

The February meeting will be on Thursday, the 25th, 2:30 p.m. at Indian Springs School. Bob Pollard, biology teacher and chairman of the science department, who last summer gave members a tour of the Fertile Minds Learning Garden on the school's campus, this time will emphasize the greenhouse with its four hydroponic gardens – now producing ripe tomatoes.

Villager Honored



Laurel Kostakis, daughter of John and Denise Kostakis of Indian Springs, has been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* while at Auburn University for the 2009-2010 year.

Laurel is majoring in Rehabilitation Services at Auburn and will graduate in May 2010. She is honored

that she has been selected for involvement in a wide variety of activities and groups while there. She is in Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority; has served on the Auburn University Panhellenic Cabinet as the Director of Benevolence and as the Liaison to the University Program Council; chosen to be the Director of Research and Evaluation on the University Program Council where she was also on the Film Committee her sophomore year; selected as an Auburn University Welcome Week Leadership Team Leader; chosen to serve in the Student Government Association on the Recreation Committee; selected to serve as an official hostess of the Auburn University Track Team, the Spikettes, where she is also the Historian; chosen as a Silver Wing member; chosen to be on the Greek Week Committee to serve on the T-shirt and Publicity committees; and is in several other clubs and organizations. She hopes to continue to be involved in all aspects of campus life and her career choice activities this next year.

Audubon Teaches Nature at the Alabama Wildlife Center:

Caves and Cave Life – All About Alabama's

Underground Wonders – Sunday, 2/21/10, 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., guests will gather in the Alabama Wildlife Center's front observation room for cider and cookies. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center, next door to the Alabama Wildlife Center, and ends with a nature walk within the park, so be sure to bring binoculars and field guides!

Many unique animals found underground in Alabama's many caves are unfamiliar to most people. Several rare and endangered species are found nowhere else on earth. A special exhibit at the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center will help you to appreciate these animals and their adaptations!

Free after Oak Mountain State Park admission: \$3 for adults; \$1 for children 6 to 12 and for senior citizens 62 or older. Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org for more information.

February Happenings *by Cecelia Dean,* *North Shelby Library Youth Services Department*

Special Programming

Mondays, February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd – 3:15-4:15 p.m.: “Sit, Stay, Read!” A non-profit organization through Hand-in-Paw dedicated to providing volunteer services to children. “Sit, Stay, Read!” brings children together with specially trained dogs to help them gain more confidence in their reading abilities in an individual setting at the North Shelby library that is supportive, relaxed and furry! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, February 11th – 4:00 p.m.: “Fancy Nancy Valentine’s Party”. Ladies and gentlemen, you are cordially invited to a Fancy Nancy Valentine’s Party, where we will have special treats, read some stories, make a craft and learn some resplendent French words. Ages 2 and up welcome. Registration required. Registration begins January 19th. Limit 20. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday, February 16th – 4:00 p.m.: “Craft – Mardi Gras Tambourine”. Come to the Library and make a little noise with this fabulous Mardi Gras craft. Registration begins Tuesday, February 2nd. All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, February 17th – 1:00 p.m.: “Homeschool Hangout: PSI: Ancient Egypt.” Help uncover secrets from the past. Ages 8-12. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, February 27th – 1:00-2:30 p.m.: “Family Movie Day – G-Force”. Join Darwin, Blaster, Juarez and Hurley – highly trained guinea pigs – as they race against the clock to save the world. All ages. Snacks served.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Mondays, February 1st, 8th and 15th – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.: Stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts make up a lively 30-minute program designed especially for short attention spans. Registration will begin one week prior to each storytime. Ages 18-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Baby Tales Story Time

Tuesdays, February 9th and 23rd – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
A story time designed especially for babies and their caregivers. Stories and music provide interaction for the babies and time for caregivers to talk and share with each other. No siblings please. Ages: Birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration begins two weeks prior to program date. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 10:45 a.m.
Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story Time

Thursdays, February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Come in your PJs, have milk and cookies and hear some wonderful bedtime tales. All ages. No registration required.

Teen Scene @NSL

Teen Book Club – February 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

The Teen Book Club will meet to discuss what members are currently reading. Be sure to stop by and let us know what you've read lately and your opinion! To participate, grab a book and start reading! Snacks served. Call or email Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Teen Writer's Club/Teen Advisory Group – February 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.

This group is for aspiring writers and people who want to improve their writing skills. Bring what you are working on to share with fellow members and offer suggestions for other works. Also, you can earn community service credit by participating with our Teen Advisory Group. Pizza and drinks served. Call or email Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Teen Book Pick of the Month – *Getting Revenge on Lauren Wood* by Eileen Cook

In the final weeks of eighth grade, Lauren Wood made a choice. She betrayed her best friend, Helen, in a manner so publicly humiliating that Helen had to move to a new town just to save face. Ditching Helen was worth it, though, because Lauren started high school as one of the It Girls – and now, at the start of her senior year, she's the cheerleading captain, the quarterback's girlfriend and the undisputed queen bee. Lauren has everything she's ever wanted, and she has forgotten all about her ex-best friend. But Helen could never forget Lauren. After three years of obsessing, she's moving back to her old town. She has a new name and a new look, but she hasn't dropped her old grudges. She has a detailed plan to bring down her former BFF by taking away everything that's ever been important to Lauren—starting with her boyfriend. (From Product Description)

The Month of February – Online Book Club

Want to find another teen book to read? Join our Online Book Club and receive portions of a teen book each week through your email! Sign up at www.northshelbylibrary.org to get started!

North Shelby Library Bluestockings BookClub

February Book – *The Well and the Mine* by Gin Phillips
We meet every 3rd Thursday at the Library unless otherwise noted. We are a casual group that likes to get together to talk about books we're reading in addition to our discussion about the book of the month. The books we choose to read are varied in subject matter and emotional depth. We try to choose books that will incite discussion. This year we've chosen all our books for the year. You can see what we're reading at www.northshelbylibrary.org, click on the Readers link to learn more. Please contact Michelyn at 439.5510 or nslbluestockings@gmail.com if you have any questions.

In Memoriam

Gladys Vivian Martin Sawyer, Indian Springs

Funeral services for Gladys Vivian Martin Sawyer, 84, of Indian Springs, were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at Bolton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Pinelawn Gardens.

Mrs. Sawyer, who passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2010, at her home, was born March 6, 1925, in Calera. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louise and Jesse Martin; husband, Walter Alton Sawyer; brother, Bob Martin and sister in law, Lois Martin.

She is survived by her children, Joy Sawyer (Richard) Brown and Walter Martin (Gina) Sawyer; grandchildren, Virginia Brown (Ben) Pittman, Ricky, Will and Vivian Brown and Katie Balint; brother, Bill Martin and sister in law, Shearer Martin; nieces, Neysa Martin and Krista (Buster) Roddam; nephews, Ricky (Terri) Martin, Jeff (Michelle) Martin, John Martin and Charles Martin and dear cousins and long time friends.

Mildred Louise Cummings Damron, age 95, passed away Friday, December 18, 2009, at Embracing Hospice in Atlanta.

Mildred was born March 21, 1914, to her parents, the late James Cummings and Catherine Westfall Cummings. She was the wife of the late Henry O. Damron, a homemaker, church secretary and a believer of the Southern Baptist faith. Along with her husband and parents, Mildred was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister. Mildred is survived by two sons, Lawrence "Larry" (Charlotte) Damron of Chicago and Neil Damron of Indian Springs; one daughter, Catherine (Mark) Treager of Lawrenceville, Ga.; two sisters, Catherine Littlefield of Saratoga, N.Y. and Helen Cogan of Saratoga, N.Y.; four grandchildren, Paul (Debbie) Damron, Mark (Beth) Damron, Matthew Treager and Christopher Treager; four great-grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends. Visitation was held Sunday, January 3, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lucas and Son Funeral Home. The funeral was Sunday, January 3, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lucas and Son Funeral Home. The burial followed in the Damron Cemetery at Virgie, Ky. (Both obituaries reprinted from *The Shelby County Reporter*)

Arbor Day in February 2010

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Arbor Day is a holiday set aside to encourage the planting of trees, and Alabama's Arbor Day is celebrated the last full week in February. Shelby County is in the zone 8 growing area which means we can grow a very large variety of trees and bushes within our temperature extremes. I'd like to encourage you to plant one or more trees this spring to help keep Indian Springs Village a "green" village for all of us.

The Big Read Event List *by Lori*

Skinner, Adult Services Coordinator

The North Shelby Library will be hosting many events in honor of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and Alabama's 2010 The Big Read. To participate, grab a copy of the book at your local library and start reading!

- The Big Read is made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Big Read is presented by the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services in cooperation with Arts Midwest.

- **Monday, February 15th – 6:30 p.m. First Page Event** Join us for our Big Read kickoff event and listen to the thrilling first pages of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* read aloud by our own State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin. Also, enjoy the delicious snacks that Tom himself would have gobbled up - if he wasn't too busy finding trouble!

- **Thursday, March 1st – 6:30 p.m. Darrel Revel as Mark Twain!!!** Enjoy an evening of entertainment with Darrel Revel as he embodies the spirit of Mark Twain, one of America's most beloved storytellers. Full of family friendly fun, this is a program for all ages!

- **Monday, March 8th – NSL Teen Book Club** Join us as we discuss Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Discussion guide will be available in the Teen Department or on the website. Snacks served.

- **Thursday, April 1st – 7:00 p.m. NSL Mt. Laurel Book Club** Join the Mt. Laurel Book Club as we celebrate *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Join us for an evening celebrating all things "Tom". Refreshments will be available.

- **Thursday, April 8th – 4:00 p.m. NSL Intermediate Book Club** In celebration of the Big Read the first choice for our new book club will be *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. We will eat the same foods that Tom would have eaten, play games and try some reader's theater! Open to ages 9-12.

- **Thursday, April 15th – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NSL Bluestocking Book Club** The NSL Bluestocking Book Club will discuss *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. A discussion guide will be available at the Reference Desk or on website. www.northshelbylibrary.org.

- **Thursday, April 22nd – 7:00 p.m. – PJ Storytime** The Mississippi River is full of excitement, danger and fun - and not just for Tom Sawyer and pirates! The carefree animals that live there will tell you they have the best time of all. Come on over to the North Shelby Library for a special PJ Storytime adventure! We'll take a ride down the river and share tales of critters great and small who live along the banks of the Mississippi. But be careful: if you're not looking, one of these crafty critters may find a way to follow you home and start up a new adventure there...

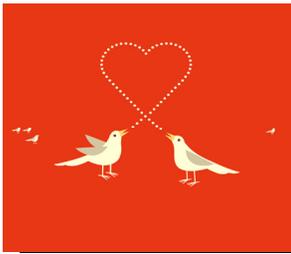
February 2010

Heardmont Park Senior Center

5452 Cahaba Valley Road—Birmingham, AL 35242

Phone: 991-5742 Fax: 991-5657 Email: heardmontpark@hotmail.com

Hours: Monday—Friday 9a.m.—3p.m.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 1 9:30—12 Mah Jongg 10:30—12 Dominoes 11:30—3 Canasta 12 Lunch	10—11 Chair Aerobics & 2 Stretch Yoga 11—12 Bible Study 12 Lunch 1—3 Let's Wii	9—12 Bridge Club 3 11—11:45 Pilates 12 Lunch *1—2 Ballroom Dancing— Rumba	10—11 Aerobics/Toning 4 11:30 Kick Off to Alabama Big Read w/Becky of Harrison Regional Library—Tom Sawyer 12 Lunch *1-3 Acrylic Paint Class	9:30—10:30 Intermediate 5 Line Dancing 10:30-11:30 Beginning Line Dancing
9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 8 9:30—12 Mah Jongg 10:30—12 Dominoes 11:30—3 Canasta 12 Lunch	10-11 Chair Aerobics & 9 Stretch Yoga 11-12 Bible Study 11:30 New Beacon Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Clinic 12 Lunch w/ Tom Sawyer Reading 1—3 Let's Wii	9—12 Bridge Club 10 11—11:45 Pilates 12 Lunch *1—2 Ballroom Dancing—Rumba 9:30—3 Bear Bryant Museum/City Café Outing (100 things to eat in AL)	10—11 Aerobics/Toning 11 11 Sweets For My Sweets 12 Lunch	9:30—10:30 Intermediate 12 Line Dancing 10:30-11:30 Beginning Line Dancing
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Now is the time to join us for our various exercise classes offered during the week.	Spring Dance in March!!!!	Join us for the Alabama Big Read kick off on the 4th and then for lunch each Tuesday as we read Tom Sawyer.	Call to make your appointment for AARP tax assistance . Help is avail- able starting Feb. 9th on Tuesdays & Thursdays. You must be a senior adult and make an appointment.	\$2 per person suggested lunch donation—be sure to make your lunch reservations with Theresa *Indicates nominal fee charged



Shelby County Seniors are cordially invited to a

Valentine Dance

Saturday, February 13th – 5:30 p.m.

at Thompson Middle School

Hosted by Alabaster Parks and Recreation

Call to RSVP 664-6840



TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

"Take Off Pounds Sensibly". Meeting each Tuesday, two groups offer morning (10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon) or evening (5:30-7:00 p.m.) times at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church on Highway 119 in Indian Springs Village. For the morning group, call 995-2166 or 408-9340; for the evening group, call 563-9840 or 408-1517.

Alabama Wildlife Center's Wild About Chocolate

by Janet Byars, Development Assistant

Alabama Wildlife Center's

Sixth Annual Wild About Chocolate

Event: Wild About Chocolate

Venue: The Harbert Center, 2019 4th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Entertainment: The Neo Jazz Collective, Open Air Photo Booth by Total Entertainment, Live and Silent Auctions, a Wine Pull and more! Sample chocolate desserts from about 20 of Birmingham's best restaurants, bakeries & caterers.

Honorary Chair: Melissa Riopka of ABC 33/40's "Good Morning Alabama"

Ticket Price: \$75 per person in advance; \$100 per person at the door

Cocktail Attire
Parking Information: Complimentary parking is located in the Birmingham Parking Authority Deck #3. The entrance is located directly across from the entrance to The Harbert Center on 4th Avenue North.

For more information, call 205-663-7930 or visit www.awrc.org.