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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 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 cold has finally arrived from the arctic and winter is not far behind. The frosts have killed off a lot of our perennials and, for most of us, we now have a few million leaves to rake. It's been a great fall.

A reminder about our Indian Springs Village Children's Fund: times are difficult for a lot of families and this fund is opportunity to help local kids who attend the Oak Mountain schools have a real Christmas morning. Food, clothing and toys are bought by your neighbors who volunteer for this program. You can help make this program a success with a donation to the ISV Children's Fund and send to our Town Hall, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124. This charity is close to home and your support is so appreciated.

This is probably the last you will hear of the Highway 119 turn lane project. They finally got it done by Thanksgiving of this year and we now have a much safer road to use through our town.

Santa, along with several elves, will be arriving at our Town Hall on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at about 1:00 p.m. I understand he is going to try to depart around 4:00 p.m. if he can get clearance from air traffic control. Please bring your children, your cameras and big smiles. Everyone is welcome to sit on his lap and give him their wish list. Santa is a guest of the Crapet family and we appreciate all they do to make this a wonderful day for families.

Of course, you can't miss our Town's annual Christmas and Holiday party at the Town Hall after the council meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. Please bring your cookies, cakes and pies to share. We will have refreshments.

Congratulations to several of our residents for their re-election to office. We appreciate their service and support of our town.

On behalf of the Town Council and everyone else who volunteers their time to make this Town what it is, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.



Town Council Meeting

October 19, 2010

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Pavilion to celebrate Founders' Day. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All Council members were in attendance.

The minutes of 10/5 were presented. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the September financial report. He noted that the City has completed FY2010 with revenues exceeding budgets and expenses less than budgets. Assets at the beginning of the fiscal year were 1.622 million, per our recently completed audit of FY2009. Assets at the end of the fiscal year were 1.764 million (cash accounted basis). This is a net gain of \$142,000, comparing favorably to the average annual net gain in City assets of \$85,000. The First Commercial CD has matured. Mendel made a motion to move the CD to BBVA Compass at a rate of 1.4% for a 15-month CD in conjunction with moving the road funds and capital accounts to Compass. Stauss seconded the motion and it was accepted unanimously.

The Mayor then asked several individuals to share their stories of ISV's incorporation.

First, Terry Brasher gave a brief history of the three McGuire brothers and their homes. Terry was their nephew and grew up visiting their homes including the house that is now Town Hall. He said they were all farmers and would take their produce to sell at market and would also load it in a truck and sell produce around the town. Back then, 119 was a dirt road. One of the other houses that belonged to Tom McGuire is still on 119. Tom's daughter, Ruth Garrett lives there. She shared a book with Terry on the history of the area. She also said she has a relative in Atlanta who has a book that dates back further than hers.

Ron Luster, one of the City's founders, shared stories of organizational meetings and how his wife, Sandy, would make dozens of biscuits to feed the organizers. Hub Harrington would keep them up to date on the progress of the petitions.

Jim Wyatt, another City founder, shared a story of the Election Day to form the town. Voting was at the North Shelby Fire District Station 2. Wyatt sat in a corner at his table with his boundary map. Some area residents became upset that they could not vote because they were outside the boundaries. A reporter from WAPI came to interview him and asked why he wouldn't let some people vote. Wyatt explained that per the Code of Alabama, if he let them vote, he would face both a fine and imprisonment.

Ron Luster stated that all the Oak Mountain schools are in the city limits thanks to the annexation efforts of Wyatt. Hoover owned Heardmont Farms and planned to build a high school there. Pelham had annexed the property in front, and Indian Springs annexed the property on either side and behind it.

Rita Mendel thanked the founding residents for their work and all the hours they contributed.

Mayor Zerkis read parts of the original petition.

Judge Hub Harrington, a founder and the City's first mayor, shared a story of how he and Stewart Dudley legally fought Hoover. Indian Springs looks almost the same as it did 20 years ago. That was the goal and we should be proud. Harrington commended the current Council for the work they do for free.

Bob Thomas shared a story about the vote for zoning. He and a lady who lived in the City decided to be poll watchers and were almost arrested. The poll supervisor tried to make them leave and later the Sheriff's Deputy. Finally, the DA called and said they didn't have their poll watchers training certificates and would have to leave or be arrested.

Stewart Dudley, a founder, said when the City was first formed they never planned to have taxes, only "tag-a-long" taxes from the County and State. The City had no funds and Harrington went to the bank and personally guaranteed a loan.

Mayor Zerkis thanked the founders and speakers and adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

November 2, 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. Council members present were Jack Mendel and Herb Robins. Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones was also present. City Clerk Kelly Rasco was absent due to illness in the family.

Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting was postponed until the November 16th meeting.

Auditors from DeLoach, Barber and Caspers, PC presented their findings for the fiscal year 2009 audit of ISV's finances. They reported a 'clean opinion' of the city's financial records. They noted a nearly \$105,000 annual increase in cash assets and an increase of over \$144,000 in total assets, for the year ending 09/30/2009. Mendel stated that the city has run an average annual surplus of \$88,000 since incorporation, leading to our total net assets of \$1.6 million as of the end of the fiscal year audited. The audit shows that the \$1.6 million total consists of \$276,000 in capital (fixed) assets and \$1.35 million in liquid assets. The auditors summed up by saying it was an excellent report.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Robins for Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

In Memoriam

Joyce Welch of Sterrett passed away November 26, 2010 at the age of 69. Joyce was retired from Cook Publishing Co. after 28 years of dedicated service. Joyce was preceded in death by her mother, Leona Robinson, and her son Timothy Welch. She is survived by her sons Douglas Welch and Keith Welch (Kathy), grandchildren Will and Kaila, and sister Peggy Gaines (Billy) of Indian Springs Village. The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the staff and former staff at Fairhaven Nursing Home and New Beacon Hospice, especially Gloria, Judy and Shirley for their care and thoughtfulness to Joyce. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Alzheimer's of Central AL, P.O. Box 2273, Birmingham, AL, 35201. (*The Birmingham News*)

Leonard E. Rasco, age 80, of Hoover, Alabama, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. He was born in Shelby County, Alabama, and was a graduate of Vincent High School. He served his country in an artillery unit of the Army during the Korean War and went on to achieve the rank of Master Sergeant. He spent his career in the trucking industry, primarily as a Dispatcher with Mercury Freight Lines. A wonderful Christian who cared about others, he was an incredible husband, father and grandfather who dearly loved his family and friends. Church Homecomings, gospel concerts and family gatherings were among his favorite activities. An avid sports fan, he closely followed the Crimson Tide and the Atlanta Braves. He made an impact on those who knew him and will be greatly missed. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alvin B. Rasco and Dollie G. Rasco, his brother Barney (Minah) Brown, sister Mary (Frank) Cassells and daughter, Vicki (Russell) Rasco Twilley. He is survived by his wife, Verda Rasco, his son Brian (Kelly) Rasco, grandchildren Katherine and Matthew Rasco of Indian Springs and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. (*The Birmingham News*)

Advent Taizé Service

An Advent Taizé service will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The Taizé service is based on the ecumenical monastic order founded by Frère (Brother) Roger in 1940. It combines a peaceful meditative experience using scripture, readings and prayer through song and music. The church is located at 3545 Cahaba Valley Road in ISV.



Emily Reynolds, a Senior at Auburn University studying Industrial and Systems Engineering and daughter of ISV resident Abbey Smith, has been tapped to participate in the National Science Foundation International Research Experience for Students project for Summer 2011. Students partner with

industrial and academic experts to conduct a research project for two months in India and produce a case study to bring their experiences to students back in Auburn.

This exciting opportunity gives students a chance to live and research abroad, network internationally and improve the quality of human life through innovative applications of engineering technologies. Industrial partners funding this research include Mercedes-Benz, NASA, Southern Company/Alabama Power, GE and Briggs and Stratton Corporation.

ISV Children's Fund

by Kelly Rasco

Each Christmas, the ISV Children's Fund is used to provide gifts and clothing for less fortunate children who attend schools within Indian Springs Village. Without our help, these children may not experience the joy of Christmas.

Each year, school counselors provide an ISV volunteer with the wish lists of several children. The lists typically include toys and clothing and sometimes household needs. A shopping trip is organized, and the lists are distributed to the volunteer shoppers. If you are interested in participating, contact Herb and Margie Robins at 980-9217 or via email, herb@indianspringsvillage.org, to volunteer.

By using volunteers for activities associated with the Children's Fund, there are no administrative costs. Therefore, every dollar donated goes towards the cost of the gifts and clothing requested by the children we support. Donations have decreased over the last few years. As the Christmas season approaches, please consider making a donation to the Children's Fund. Checks should be made payable to ISV Children's Fund and mailed to ISV Children's Fund, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.



Alabama Wildlife Center News

Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant

**Volunteer Orientations on
January 9, 2011 & February 6, 2011
1:00-2:30 p.m.**

AWC always needs volunteers to:

- Work a 4 ½ hour animal care shift
- Provide transport between AWC and our veterinarians, Auburn Raptor Center, state transport relay sites and rescue/release sites
- Provide carpentry, plumbing and electrical skills as needed, usually associated with specific short-term projects
- Perform a variety of office or housekeeping functions
- Participate in children's educational programs and more.

205-663-7930 Ext. 8; www.awrc.org.



ALABAMA WILD BIRD PATIENTS STRIKE A POSE IN NEW CALENDAR

*Charity Calendar Features
Photos of Bird Patients & Their
Rescue, Recovery & Release
Story*

Pelham, AL - November 22, 2010 - Today the non-profit Alabama Wildlife Center announced the publication of their first-ever charity calendar. One hundred percent of the proceeds of each calendar sale will support AWC's ongoing mission to rescue, rehabilitate and return to the wild Alabama's injured and orphaned wild birds.



The calendar features stunning full-color photos of actual AWC wild bird patients and their rescue, recovery and release story. Every month also includes an educational and informational tip to encourage and empower people to take action to help these majestic animals. The calendar covers thirteen months, December, 2010 through December, 2011. The dimensions are 8.5" x 11".

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor (the spirit of St. Nicholas survives!), the printing of the calendar was donated. AWC staff and volunteers were the photographers, wrote the text and did the graphic design for the calendar. Seven of the photos are credited to professional photographer and AWC volunteer Ted Tucker.



The calendar price is ten dollars. Purchases can be made seven days a week from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Alabama Wildlife Center at 100 Terrace Drive, Pelham (inside Oak Mountain State Park). Calendars can also be purchased and shipped domestically for an additional five dollars each via the organization's website: www.awrc.org.

AWC's Executive Director Beth Bloomfield says that the calendar "...makes a great gift for all the animal lovers in your life. It's also the perfect unique gift for everyone that loves Alabama and wants to help preserve our natural heritage."

LOCAL HANDMADE CRAFTS AND HOMEMADE GOODIES AT 18TH ANNUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE

*Alabama Holiday Tradition
Benefits the Wildlife Center*

Pelham, AL- The non-profit [Alabama Wildlife Center](http://www.awrc.org) will host their **18th Annual Holiday Craft & Bake Sale** on Saturday, December 11, 2010. The event will run from 9 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and will take place at the Alabama Wildlife Center at **100 Terrace Drive, Pelham, AL 35124** (inside Oak Mountain State Park).



Shoppers can choose from holiday decorations, unique nature-themed gift items, homemade jams, jellies and baked goods, jewelry, handmade quilts, bird feeders and houses, pet-related items, original artwork and much more. AWC will also have their [2011 Alabama Wild Bird calendar](http://www.awrc.org) available for purchase. Santa will be in attendance with his sleigh and visitors can buy a keepsake portrait with jolly old Saint Nick.

Shades Mountain Service Area Girl Scout Troop #136 has a special role at this year's Craft & Bake Sale. The ten troop members, all ten and eleven year-old Vestavia Hills Elementary Central fifth-graders, spent a Saturday morning at AWC making one hundred origami doves as part of a fifteen-hour service project. The troop then decorated a holiday "Giving Tree" inside AWC's main entrance. During the Craft & Bake Sale, troop members will invite shoppers to make a donation to AWC of \$5 or more. Each donor's name will be written on an origami dove and hung on the tree.

This will be a family friendly event. In addition to shopping, visitors can enjoy free hot cider and coffee, learn how to make an origami dove to take home, partake in a self-guided tour of AWC's rehabilitation facility, attend either of two wildlife presentations with some of AWC's glove-trained [education birds](http://www.awrc.org) and take a short hike prey including owls, hawks and vultures.



AWC Executive Director said "After eighteen years this sale has become an Alabama tradition! It's a great way to get your holiday shopping done, visit our wild bird patients up close and enjoy the beauty of Oak Mountain State Park. The knowledge that your purchases will help us care for Alabama's injured and orphaned wild birds will give you a much greater feel good than shopping at the mall. You can bring joy and do good at the same time!"

Shoppers are invited to bring an item from AWC's [Wish List](http://www.awrc.org). Those who donate a Wish List item will be entered into a raffle for movie passes from AmStar Cinemas 14-Alabaster, Starbucks gift certificate and assorted other prizes. AWC

Wish Lists can be viewed online at <http://www.awrc.org/Wishlist>. Wish List items include everything from common household items like paper towels and batteries to pine straw, fresh berries, store gift cards, and a Kitchen Aid 12-cup food processor (needed to prepare baby bird formulas).

Admission to event is free after paid entrance fee to Oak Mountain State Park: \$1 per child 6-11 & Seniors 62+; \$3 Adults. Parking is plentiful.

The Alabama Wildlife Center is hoping that people will come out and celebrate the upcoming holiday season with them. This is one of AWC's two major annual fundraising events. Last year the sale earned over \$6,000 for the non-profit organization. Dozens of community members contribute homemade goodies and handmade crafts for the sale.

About Alabama Wildlife Center

The nonprofit Alabama Wildlife Center was founded in 1977 and is Alabama's oldest and largest wildlife rehabilitation organization. AWC annually cares for about 1,800 native wild birds from over 100 different species. AWC's dual mission is to provide medical and rehabilitative care for Alabama's injured and orphaned native birds in order to permit their return to the wild, and to educate people in order to heighten awareness and appreciation of Alabama's native wildlife. To learn more or make a contribution: www.awrc.org.

Roasted Squash and Apple Soup

submitted by Pat Zerkis, Villager

Here is a recipe for a roasted squash and apple soup that I love to make. It's a wonderful cold weather soup. I use butternut squash but any variety should be fine.

Ingredients:

1 large squash about 2 ½ pounds, peeled, seeded and cut into one inch squares

2 medium onions, peeled and quartered

1 small potato, peeled and chopped

2 cloves of garlic, peeled

2 apples, such as Granny Smith, peeled, cored and quartered

1 carrot, chopped

2 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil

4 cups of vegetable or chicken stock

Spices to taste. I use ginger, nutmeg and cinnamon along with pepper and a pinch of salt.

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large roasting pan, place squash, onions, garlic, potato, carrot and apples with oil to coat. Season well with spices; roast, stirring every 10 minutes, until vegetables are fork-tender and lightly browned, about 45 minutes.

Transfer half of the roasted vegetables and 2 cups of stock to a food processor; purée until smooth, repeat with remaining vegetables and broth. Return puréed mixture to pot, thinning soup with stock if necessary. Add more seasoning to taste. Bring to a simmer over a medium to low heat and serve.

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit, non-commercial weight-loss support organization with thousands of associate chapters in the United States and Canada.

TOPS will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Highway 119 in Indian Springs. For more information, call 620-0602.

Another TOPS group meets at St Francis Church at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday. For information, call 995-2166 or 408-9340.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: M.L. Warwick, Inc., Brian Weems

Owner: Roberto Rodriguez

Address: 2675 Valleydale Road

Proposed Use: New Retail – Menchies Frozen Yogurt

Applicant: Donald Castleberry

Owner: David Chaplin

Address: 406 Wildwood Lane

Proposed Use: Remodel Bathroom

Applicant: Builder Systems

Owner: Central State Bank

Address: 2647 Buckboard Road

Proposed Use: New Single Family Home

Dogs and Their Deposits

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

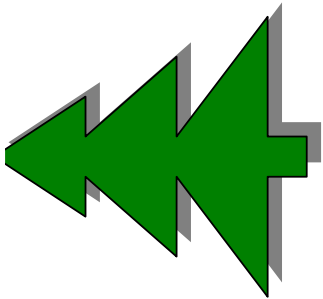
Dogs are wonderful pets. But if you let your dog run loose please keep in mind that your neighbors will not appreciate stepping in and cleaning up the nasty deposits your dog may leave on their property. Please be a good neighbor and keep your dog on your own property where it belongs.

Attorney General Troy King Announces "2010 Awards of Excellence" Winners

The Safe Schools 2010 Awards of Excellence provided the Office of the Attorney General with the opportunity to recognize excellence in the safety efforts of eleven schools throughout the state. Oak Mountain High School was among the eleven schools recognized this year.

Each school considered for the award must show strong participation in at least three of seven criteria that range from Law Enforcement/Local Emergency Officials Collaboration to Mentoring Initiatives/Community Participation.





December 2010

Heardmont Park Senior Center

5452 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35242

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

Hours: Monday—Friday 9a.m.—3p.m.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Please join us for our Christmas Luncheon—be sure to R.S.V.P. to 991-5742 by the 7th to let us know what you would like to bring</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-1 Dominoes 11:30-3 Canasta</p>	<p><i>This year we are collecting non perishable food and toiletry items under our tree for area senior adults. Please bring your donations!!!!</i></p> <p>10-11 Aerobics Workouts 10-2 Bingo Bunch 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch <i>1-2 Advisory Council Mtg</i></p>	<p>9:30 RSYVP luncheon bus Pick up 9-12 Bridge Club 12 Lunch <i>2-3:30 Community Grief Sup.</i></p> <p>9-12 Bridge Club 11:30-3 Rummikab 12 Lunch <i>2-3:30 Community Grief Sup</i></p>	<p>10-11 Aerobic Workouts 10-2 Bingo Bunch 11:30 Blood pressure clinic 11:30 Hospice Bingo 12 Lunch</p> <p><i>Christmas Carry In Luncheon 11:30a.m.</i></p> <p>10-11 Aerobic Workouts 10-2 Bingo Bunch 12 Lunch <i>12:30-3 A Christmas Story movie and snacks</i></p> <p>10-11 Aerobic Workouts 10-2 Bingo Bunch 12 Lunch</p>	<p>9-9:45 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p> <p>9-9:45 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p> <p>9-9:45 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closed for Christmas</i></p>
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December Happenings *by Cecelia Dean,* *North Shelby Library Youth Services Department*

*****The library will be closed on
December 23rd - 27th, and December 31st.**

Special Programming

Mondays, December 6th and 13th – 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.

Saturday, December 4th – 9:00-10:30 a.m.: “Breakfast with Santa.” Join us for a great time of food, fun and pictures. Breakfast will be from 9:00-9:30. Pictures with Santa and a Christmas craft will be 9:30-10:30. Registration required. All ages. \$5.00 fee per child due at time of registration. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or *NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com* for more information.

Tuesday, December 7th – 4:00 p.m.: “Snowman Photo Frame.” Make this fun snowman photo frame as a decoration for the tree or to put on the fridge! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or *NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com* for more information.

Wednesday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m.: “Homeschool Hangout: Rosie the Riveter.” Dr. Frances Carter, founder of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, will talk about the experiences of women workers during WWII. Ages 8-12. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or *NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com* for more information.

Tuesday, December 21st – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: “Christmas Movie Marathon”. Join us for a marathon of your favorite Christmas movies. Drop in any time between 10:00 and 4:00 p.m. and see if your favorite is playing or discover a new favorite. No registration is required. All ages welcome. Refreshments served.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Mondays, December 6th, 13th and 20th – 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 19-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Baby Tales Story Time

Tuesday, December 14th – 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, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 10:45 a.m. Special Mr. Mac Christmas Party on December 15th. Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story Time – Thursdays, December 2nd, 9th and 16th 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

December 13th @ 5:45p.m.: “Cocoa, Cupcakes and Claus.” Join us for the holiday film, “Fred Claus” and enjoy yummy cupcakes and hot chocolate. For more information, please call 205.439.5512 or email *nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org*

Teen Book Pick of the Month: *Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly. *Revolution*, Jennifer Donnelly's remarkable new novel, weaves together the lives of Andi Alpers, a depressed modern-day teenager, and Alexandrine Paradis, a brave young woman caught up in the French Revolution. While in Paris with her estranged father, a Nobel geneticist hired to match the DNA of a heart said to belong to the last dauphin of France, Andi discovers a diary hidden within a guitar case – and so begins the story of Alexandrine, who herself had close ties to the dauphin. Redemption and the will to change are powerful themes of the novel, and music is ever present – Andi and Alex have a passion for the guitar, and the playlist running through *Revolution* is a who's who of classic and contemporary influences. Danger, intrigue, music and impeccably researched history fill the pages of *Revolution*, as both young women learn that, “it is love, not death, that undoes us.” – Seira Wilson (From Amazon Best Books of the Month, October 2010)

The Village Voice On-Line

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Our monthly *The Village Voice* newsletter is also available on-line in addition to the print version you have delivered to your home. If you would also like to see *The Village Voice* in your email box every month, please send Council Member Brian Stauss an email at *brian@indianspringsvillage.org* and he will get you on the distribution list. One advantage of the on-line version is that all photos are in color.



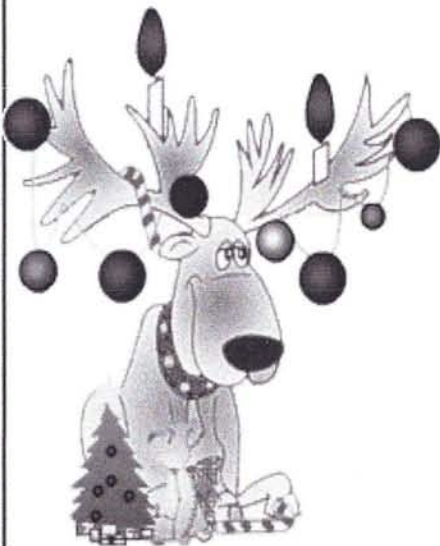
Ho Ho Ho!

**Santa Claus is coming to Indian Springs Village
Saturday, December 11, 2010
From 1:00 P.M until 4:00 P.M.**

**Indian Springs Village Town Hall
2635 Cahaba Valley Road**

**Santa welcomes good boys and girls of ALL ages
to share their holiday wishes with him.**

**Bring the wish list and a camera
and spend an afternoon with Santa!**



*Refreshments
will be
served.*



*Santa is brought to you by the Crapet family.
Merry Christmas from Michael, Tricia, and Joseph!*