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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3, 2012 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*

I am writing this on Memorial Day. I spent the morning at the National Cemetery in Montevallo. They had a beautiful ceremony in remembrance of the military men and women who have died for our country in countless wars and military actions. There were appropriate flag ceremonies, music and speeches, the playing of echo taps and a rifle salute. It was a fitting and appropriate service.

July 4th is only a few weeks away and, as the article enclosed shows, it will be similar to previous years with our parade through town, a flag ceremony at the Town Hall, followed by the best barbeque in the state. I hope to see everyone there. And one more thing, military veterans eat free. Just tell them you are a vet when you get to the ticket table. Can't beat that!

I am very proud of *The Village Voice*. It has been produced every month since the town of Indian Springs was created and it's a voice and reflection of what goes on in and around our town. Publishing it and getting it to your hands is a big effort by a number of people. Many thanks to Alison Stigers for doing an outstanding job as publisher and editor. However, it is time to make a few changes. *The Village Voice* itself will not change, but we are looking to change how we get it to you. Currently, most residents have it delivered to their homes by hand by other villagers who act as couriers. Those couriers get packets of the newsletters from other couriers who, in turn, get them delivered by Alison Stigers who picks them up from a printer. This process takes the time and effort of a lot of people and there is a significant print cost involved. We are going to try to make this process a lot more efficient.

Most of us have internet access. We want to take advantage of the internet to get you *The Village Voice*. We will begin to email *The Village Voice* to you each month. You can then read it on-line or print it out. To get it to you, we will need your email addresses. Please send me an email with your name and home address to Myvillagevoice@yahoo.com. That is an email account I have set up for this process. That's all you have to do.

For those residents who do not have access to the internet, we will still print paper copies and have them available for pickup at several locations around town including the Town Hall, the North Shelby Library and the Heardmont Senior Center to start. We will probably continue to mail a few paper copies. But home delivery will stop in the next two or three months. We don't want you to miss any issues, so please send us your email. *The Village Voice* will also be posted on the town's website and available to be downloaded. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at steve@indianspringsvillage.org. We will be glad to work with you if you have special delivery needs.

See you on the 4th.

Town Council Meeting

April 3, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Council President Robins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Mayor Zerkis and Stewart Dudley. Robins reviewed the agenda.

The March 20 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bell-Guercio motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins distributed copies of the proposed fee schedule ordinance. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the fee schedule ordinance 2012-003, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss reported for the ZBA. He received a letter from Mayor Zerkis re-appointing the ZBA committee. Appointments are as follows:

- Brian Stauss, for a three-year term and as Chair starting February 1, 2012
- Bruce Monical, for a three-year term starting February 1, 2011
- Ralph Bodie, for a three-year term starting February 1, 2011
- Benton Baker, for a three-year term starting February 1, 2010
- Steve Zerkis, for a three-year term starting February 1, 2010.

In addition, the following are re-appointed as supernumerary members:

- John Strozier, for a three-year term starting February 1, 2012
 - Art Johnson, for a three year term starting February 1, 2012.
- Stauss added that he is working with a homeowner in the Homestead subdivision on a variance involving the set-back.

Robins reported for Jones for the PAZ. City Engineer Frazier Christy will be at the next PAZ meeting to give an update on the requirements for the Slaughter subdivision.

Bell-Guercio reported that everything is ready for the egg hunt. She needs volunteers at 9:00 a.m. for set-up and at 3:00 p.m. for distributing prizes.

Robins reported that he spoke with County Engineer Scott Holladay. Holladay confirmed that no subdivision roads will be paved this year. They will try to work McGuire Lane into the project. Robins also spoke with Mr. Gilliland regarding pruning the oak tree beside the Town Hall. It is too late to prune and he suggested waiting until the fall.

Adam Lether, 1st Class, of Troop 254 from Briarwood, attended the meeting to earn his Citizenship in the Community badge.

Robins opened the floor for public comment. A resident stated to Mendel that he had read in the minutes that the City was investing in credit unions. Mendel responded that no, credit unions are not in the Alabama SAFE program

and that is a requirement for municipal investments.

Robins adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

April 17, 2012

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. All council members were present except Brenda Bell-Guercio and Stewart Dudley. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

NSFD Chief Buddy Tyler attended the meeting. Chief Tyler has been with the District for 26 years and recently earned the position of Fire Chief. Chief Tyler gave an update on programs and activities at the fire department. Station One is offering the Yellow Dot Program to make available information to assist first responders. This program was created to assist citizens during auto accidents when they may not be able to communicate for themselves. Individuals may complete the personal information form at Station One and pick up their yellow dot decal which is placed on the rear window to alert responders that information is on file. Additionally, firemen have participated in the child's car seat installation training. All NSFD stations now offer car seat installation. The Explorer program continues to do well. This program is for high school students and meets on Monday nights. It is a great opportunity for mentoring.

The April 3 minutes were reviewed. Robins made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Wayne Jones reported for the PAZ. At a recent meeting, a subdivision request for property owned by Mike Stephens was reviewed. The subdivision involved a quarter acre transfer from one large lot to another, both owned by Stephens. City Engineer, Frazier Christy, presented the plat map and details and asked the Council for approval. Robins made a motion to accept the Stephens plat map as presented, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel reported that there was a glitch in the journal report generated from Quickbooks and it did not show the account detail. The issue has been resolved. After presenting the February and March financials, Mendel moved that the Council endorse the February, 2012 and March, 2012 reports as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported that there is a broken street sign and post at Valley View Road and Highway 119. He has contacted Jimmy Rhodes to repair it. He has also ordered a "No Outlet" sign for Windwood Circle.

Stauss reported that he received an offer on the Kubota tractor. He has counter-offered and is waiting for a

response. Meeting attendees offered other suggestions for posting the tractor for sale.

Mayor Zerkis has been asked by the Credit Union Association to go to the State House tomorrow to speak to the Senate Insurance and Banking Committee and request their support for a bill that would add credit unions to the Alabama SAFE program. That would provide additional investment alternatives for municipalities and other governmental entities.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. No one attending responded and the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

May 1, 2012

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. All council members were present except Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The April 17 minutes were reviewed. Robins made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported that the damaged sign and post at Valley View Road and Highway 119 have been repaired. The sign post at Caldwell Mill Road and Highway 119 has also been replaced and the sign re-hung. A "No Outlet" sign has been installed at Windwood Circle. Mayor Zerkis reported that he received a call from a resident thanking the Council for the sign. Robins will order another "No Outlet" sign to replace the faded one at Spring Garden Street North.

Bell-Guercio and Robins gave an update on the 4th of July BBQ. Bell-Guercio will contact the DJ we used last year. Mayor Zerkis noted that Jim Wyatt has scheduled the Iwo Jima re-enactors. Robins and Bell-Guercio will check the supplies. Chief Tyler will schedule the fire truck. Stauss will prepare guest invitations. There was a discussion about contacting car clubs.

Katie Guerin, Director of the North Shelby Library, reported that they are preparing for the summer reading program. The 2011 reading program exceeded expectations – 1,863 participated and read almost 2,700 books. They are planning to expand the program this year. Guerin requested the Council consider a \$2,500 grant for books plus a \$500 grant for programs. She noted that the library no longer receives a state grant, but that they have increased alternative funding and grant writing. A discussion regarding the grant amount followed.

The library has been in the news lately. They have added a mobile app and revamped their website. Guerin added that NSL is the new meeting place for the Shelby County Literacy Program. Tutors will meet with clients. NSL has a great amount of literacy materials for adults.

Bell-Guercio made a motion to increase the Community Grants expense account by \$2,500, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Bell-Guercio made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll call vote.

Bell-Guercio made a motion to make a grant of \$2,500 to the North Shelby Library for the summer reading program, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

NSFD Chief Tyler announced that ADEM had kicked off the burn ban effective May 1, 2012. The burn ban extends through October 31. A reminder article is being published in *The Village Voice*. Tyler also noted that building contractors are not exempt from the burn ban. There was discussion concerning additional ADEM regulations that prohibit burning within 500 feet of another occupied dwelling at any time.

The City Clerk presented the Council with handmade thank you cards from Mrs. Slovensky's kindergarten class at Oak Mountain Elementary. Slovensky's class received new headphones from a portion of the grant the City provided.

The City Clerk also noted that MPS Awareness Day is May 15 and encouraged everyone to wear purple that day in honor of ISV resident, Will Luthcke.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

A resident announced that the Valleydale Farmers Market will begin May 12 at Faith Presbyterian Church and gave samples of baked goods that will be available at the market to the Council and meeting attendees.

Chief Tyler gave an update on the previous question about the status of the fire hydrant repairs at Oak Mountain High and Intermediate Schools. He had the hydrants checked and they have not been repaired. One needs to be raised and the other is difficult to open. If there was an emergency, the condition of these hydrants would cause a delay. If the hydrants were not on private property, the City would have already had them repaired. According to Tyler, both school principals were notified over a year ago and again this past fall. Zerkis will contact the principals again.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS

If you like horses, the outdoors, and helping people, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Please join the force of over 250 volunteers that assist with Special Equestrians. Special Equestrians is a therapeutic horseback riding program for people with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. All levels of experience are available (no horse experience necessary), must be 14 years or older; just attend one of our Volunteer Training sessions on **Saturday, June 9th 9-11 am; Tuesday, June 12th 5-7pm and Thursday, June 14th from 5-7pm.** Training sessions will take place at our facility on the campus of Indian Springs School. To reserve a spot at the training session or to find out more information, please email: volunteer@specialequest.org, call: 205-987-9462 or visit our website www.specialequest.org

Brian and Sandy Tipton, along with big brothers Redding, Sullivan and Camden, welcome home sweet Ella to their family.



Ella was adopted on April 11, 2012 from Seoul, Korea. She is now 19 months old and loves being an Indian Springs resident.

Town Hall Tidbits *by Patricia Crapet, Town Hall Curator*

It is officially summertime now, and use of the ISV Town Hall is in full swing! There have been showers, graduation parties, church socials, anniversary parties, family reunions, birthday parties and lots of other gatherings within just the last few weeks. Because the use of the Town Hall and grounds are free for ISV residents, there is always something going on at the facility!

Because the use IS free, the Town Hall is in great demand. Every resident of ISV should be aware that there are rules that govern the use of this much beloved facility. The rules are, for the most part, simple common sense rules. Each rule is in place for a reason, but some are there because at some time or other, someone has acted with less than what we could call "good" common sense when using the Town Hall.

One such rule is the rule for eligibility of anyone who wishes to reserve the Town Hall. Please be aware that ALL reservations MUST be placed BY A CITIZEN OF ISV! The resident making the reservation MUST be in attendance during the entire event for which they have made the reservation! PLEASE do not make a reservation for cousin Sally from Center Point, or for your good friends Billy Bob and Linda who live in Bluff Park, unless you are willing to pick up the key, stay at the event the entire time, bring the key back afterwards AND be responsible for the care of the facility and any damage TO the premises. Sure, you think that your good friends and/or relatives will take great care of the Town Hall, but how do you know this unless you are there with them? The facts are that you cannot possibly know, and therein lies the problem.

Another rule is regarding the moving of not only furniture inside the house, but of moving of the pavilion picnic tables outside. These tables are extremely heavy for a reason --- you are not supposed to move them. Because they are SO heavy, they are hard to pick up. Because they are hard to pick up, on occasion someone will try to slide them into other positions. Sliding the tables can and will damage them.

Last month, someone moved almost all of the picnic tables under the pavilion, even moving some out into the yard. This damaged almost every table! Supports were bent, broken and the tables were damaged such that the basic structural support became unstable. All of the tables had to be repaired, and repaired quickly because functions were scheduled by residents, some for months in advance. Luckily, a couple of our citizens with carpentry experience were available to make the repairs right away!

Your town council wants to continue the wonderful tradition of making YOUR Town Hall available for you to use FREE OF CHARGE! This is a perk that is not offered by any other city or town in our area. Even Oak Mountain State Park charges a premium for use of their outdoor facilities. We believe that our Town Hall and Pavilion belong to all of the citizens of our wonderful town, and that it is just one more reason why Indian Springs Village is the BEST place to live!

We are all caretakers of our town, and our town's property. That said, every one of us must make sure that great care is taken when any one of us is using the facility. We can all do this by making sure that the rules are followed to the letter, and that when we DO use the ISV Town Hall, we leave it in a condition that is as good, if not better, than we found it!



22nd Annual INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

Fourth of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 4, 2012
Indian Springs Village Pavilion

Celebrate America ISV Style !

PARADE, INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY, BARBEQUE LUNCH AND MORE!

PARADE REGISTRATION: Be set up and ready to register at 10:00 a.m. at the Winn Dixie Marketplace parking lot on Valleydale Road.

Decorated vehicles will begin their route through the Village at 10:30 a.m. Parade will proceed up Caldwell Mill Road and make a right turn on Indian Crest Drive. The parade will then turn left on New Hope Mountain Road and continue to the end where it meets Miller Circle. It will go right until it reaches Indian Crest again and turn left and continue on Indian Crest. The parade will make a right turn on Wildwood to High Gate and circle back to Indian Crest. Then it's on to Arrowhead and Highway 119. A right on 119 and left turns on Mountain Vista, Brook Green and Indian Trail to Highway 119 again. A right turn on 119 will take us to the Town Hall. (It is suggested that especially slow vehicles join the parade somewhere around Valley View Drive and Fox Fire Circle.)

INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY: Flag raising ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. A reenactment of the flag-raising over Iwo Jima in World War II will be performed.

BARBECUE LUNCH: Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Barbeque plates for adults and children. Plates will include choices of delicious barbeque pork, ribs and chicken, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks and, of course, homemade desserts.

Donations for the Indian Springs Village Environmental Fund will be accepted.
Music will be provided, featuring a mixture of patriotic music and hits from the past.

Volunteers Needed for Fourth of July BBQ

Help is needed:

- directing parking from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- with parade registration at the Winn Dixie parking lot at 10:00 a.m.
- to serve at the dessert and drink tables.



Most importantly, don't forget to bring homemade desserts for all to enjoy!
Yours may receive a Special Recognition Award for the "Best Home-made Dessert"
Please call Brenda Bell-Guercio at 987-2581 to offer your services.

Indian Springs School to Hold *Summer @ Springs* Enrichment Program

*submitted by Melanie Kieve, Assistant Director of Development,
Indian Springs School*

With courses from SAT/PSAT preparation to acting to robotics, Indian Springs School will hold its popular *Summer @ Springs* enrichment program during selected weeks in June and July at its campus just south of downtown Birmingham. Spanning academics, athletics and the arts, course offerings include robotics, black and white photography, creative writing and bookmaking, acting, wetlands ecology, writing organically, geometry readiness, algebra readiness, cryptography, entrepreneurship, SAT/PSAT preparation, college application essay writing, French language and culture, grammar boot camp, cross country training, music recording and production, study skills and strategies and science discovery. Courses run one to two weeks.

A non-residential program, *Summer @ Springs* is open to students who are entering grades 4-12, and grades and tuition varies per class. A French language and culture course will also be offered to adults. All courses will be taught at Indian Springs' 350-acre campus, located near the intersection of I-65 and Cahaba Valley Road just south of downtown Birmingham.

For more information including specific dates, length of courses, and tuition, visit www.indiansprings.org/summer or contact *Summer @ Springs* Director Douglas Ray at dray@indiansprings.org.

Dr. Ashley Weems

Ashley Weems, daughter of Bill and Patti Weems of Indian Trail, was awarded her Doctor of Pharmacy on May 8 from the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University. Dr. Weems was a 2005 graduate of Oak Mountain High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Alabama. She is employed by Walgreens Corporation. She also wishes to thank Neil Damron of Neil's Pharmacy for his support and encouragement while seeking her degree.

Shelby County Reporter Seeks ISV Columnist

Here at the Shelby County Reporter, it is one of our goals to have community columnists that write weekly columns about each of our communities. About half of our county communities currently have columnists, and we are making a big push to try to get columnists for the rest of our communities as well. Currently, we are seeking a columnist for Indian Springs Village.

Typically, columnists write about interesting people, events or businesses in their communities. Columns are around 350 words. We pay \$25 per column with an extra \$10 if a photo is also contributed. An Indian Springs columnist should live in Indian Springs. Columnists should not be public officials.

If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact Amy Jones via email at amy.jones@shelbycountyreporter.com or via phone at 669-3131, extension 30.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Michael R. & Nancy Becker
Owner: Michael R. & Nancy Becker
Address: 153 Indian Forest Road
Proposed Use: New Home

Applicant: Metro Mechanical
Owner: HAM
Address: 147 Indian Gate Circle
Proposed Use: HVAC
Replacement

North Shelby Library Receives Grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation

*by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library
Youth Department*

North Shelby Library received a \$3000.00 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The grant will be used to promote early childhood literacy in the Shelby County area through a program called *Ready to Read*.

"Studies show that children who start kindergarten with good pre-reading skills will have increased school success in years to come. North Shelby Library has multiple story time programs and a wide range of books to help kids get ready to be readers. The Dollar General grant will help us expand and enhance our current activities and add more depth to our literacy efforts. With the Ready to Read program, we will be teaching parents the skills they need to help their children become proficient pre-readers."

– *Cecelia Dean, Children's Librarian*

The North Shelby Library District was created in 1988 by an act of the state legislature and a majority vote of the residents of the district to provide library services to an area of Shelby County which had no library and no municipality to support one. The library operates as a 501-c-3, non-profit corporation under the laws of the state and the direction of a five-member board. Board members are elected for staggered, four-year terms by the residents of the district in September of even numbered years and receive no compensation for their service. The population of the District is approximately 60,000 people and projected to be 65,000 by 2020.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

North Shelby Library June Happenings

by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library Youth Services Department

**You can now register for our programs online. Visit our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org/children.html to view our calendar and make reservations.

June 1st – July 11th: Summer Reading Registration.

Come by the Children's Department to register for our Summer Reading Program. No phone registration, please. You can now register for our Summer Reading Program online at www.northshelbylibrary.org/children.

Special Programming

Saturday, June 2nd from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Summer Reading Kickoff Party. Join us for a fun filled day full of inflatables, refreshment, face painting, games and more. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Monday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee - Rio. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Tuesday, June 5th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Craft – Owl. Drop in anytime between 2:00-3:30. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Thursday, June 7th at 10:30 a.m.: Jacksonville State Drama Department. JSU will perform *Cinderella's Big Dream*, a sequel to the original fairytale where Cinderella chooses to go to school rather than marry the prince. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Monday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee – Mr. Popper's Penguins. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Tuesday, June 12th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Craft – Dream Cards. Drop in anytime between 2:00-3:30. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Thursday, June 14th – McWane Center: Super Science Show. Step right up for a science circus assembly show! Explore the wonders of liquid nitrogen, the power of explosions and the shocking world of electricity. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Monday, June 18th at 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee – Dolphin Tale. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Tuesday, June 19th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Craft – Firefly. Drop in anytime between 2:00-3:30. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Wednesday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m.: B'Tween the Pages Book Club. For kids 9-12. Registration Required.

Thursday, June 21st at 10:30 a.m.: Red String Wayang Theatre. Join us as Urashima Taro (The Japanese Rip Van Winkle) is played out in the visually captivating style of Wayang Theater. All ages welcome. No Registration required.

Monday, June 25th at 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee – Puss in Boots. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Tuesday, June 26th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Craft – Hodgepodge. Drop in anytime between 2:00-3:30. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Thursday, June 28th at 10:30 a.m.: Skip Cain, The Magic Guy. Join us for an interactive show filled with magic, comedy and balloon sculptures. All ages welcome. No registration required. This program is sponsored by the Town of Indian Springs!

Thursday, June 28th from 6:00-6:45 p.m.: Ice Cream Social. Bring the whole family and make your own delicious sundaes! All ages welcome. No registration required.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, June 4th, 11th and 18th @ 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.: Toddler Tales. 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.

Tuesdays, June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th @ 9:30 a.m.: Baby Tales Story Time. 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. Ages: Birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration begins one week prior to program date.

Wednesdays, June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.: Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Thursdays, June 7th, 14th and 21st at @ 7:00 p.m.: P. J. Story Time. Come in your PJs, have milk and cookies and hear some wonderful bedtime tales. All ages welcome. No registration required.

* For more information or to register for any of our programs or storytimes, call or email the Children's Department at 205-439-5504 or northshelbyyouth@gmail.com or visit our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org/children.html

Teen Happenings June 2012

Teen Summer Reading: Own the Night. The North Shelby Library Teen Department has all kinds of programs and activities scheduled for this year's summer reading program — contests, comics, movies, crafts and more. Plus prizes and food! Registration runs throughout June. Reading logs are stamped beginning June 1.

Teen Summer Reading Kickoff! Monday, June 4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; arrive between 5:30 & 6:00 p.m. Join us for a showing of *Men in Black III* (PG-13, 95 minutes) at the Rave Motion Pictures Theater at Lee Branch!! We will provide admission and refreshments for teens (entering 6th-12th grade) registered for the summer reading program. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend for \$9 each. Must register by 5:00 p.m. on June 1 in the Teen Department. Payment for non-teens due at registration. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Battle of the Books Introductory Meeting: Thursday, June 7 @ 5:30-6:00 p.m. Do you have what it takes to be the champion of Battle of the Books? Teams of teens will compete in a Jeopardy-style competition at the end of the summer to find out how much they know about the six books selected by the

librarians. Find out more at our first strategy session and earn extra points for your team! Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Chef U with Angela Schmidt: Thursday, June 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Learn how to make a tasty treat. Win prizes, food served. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information. Register online for this event using the library calendar on www.northshelbylibrary.org.

Gaming: Fridays, June 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 2:00-5:45 p.m. Come to the Teen Department each Friday afternoon for open gaming on the Wii and with board and card games. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Movies: Mondays, June 11, 18 & 25 @ 5:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of popcorn, soda and cinema. Check the Calendar of Events for movie titles or call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Battle of the Books Strategy Meetings: Thursdays, June 14, 21, & 28 @ 5:30 p.m. Strategy sessions for each book will be held each Thursday from 5:30-6:00 p.m. One book will be covered at each meeting as listed in the Calendar of Events. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Fighting Crime, DEA Style: Thursday, June 14 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. An agent will discuss how the DEA conducts investigations. Win prizes, snacks served. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Teen Book Club: Tuesday, June 19 @ 5:00 p.m. The Teen Book Club will meet to discuss the *The True Meaning of Smekday* by Adam Rex. "When her mother is abducted by aliens on Christmas Eve (or "Smekday" Eve since the Boov invasion), 11 year-old Tip hops in the family car and heads south to find her and meets an alien Boov mechanic who agrees to help her and save the planet from disaster." Grab the book and start reading and then stop by to let us know your opinion! Snacks served. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

5th Annual Fear Factor Food Challenge: Thursday, June 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Do you have an iron stomach? Brave taste buds? Put yourself to the test with some new and unique food combinations. Scary food not your thing? Join us for a tasting of unusual sodas! Prize donated by Texas Roadhouse, Pelham. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Super Smash Bros Brawl and Mario Kart Tournaments: Thursday, June 28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Who will reign supreme? Sign up online to make the brackets. Prizes! Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Adult Summer Reading: Between the Covers. Saturday, June 2nd – Thursday, July 26th. To register, participants must be 18 or older and fill out the registration form at the desk. Don't forget to pick up your registration packet. Prizes will be awarded weekly and a grand prize will be given at the end of Summer Reading. To register to win a weekly prize, you must submit a book card that you've filled out with the title, author and rating of the book. Sooo, the more you read, the more chances you have to win a prize.

Monday, May 21st: Early Registration Begins.

Saturday, June 2nd: Adult summer Reading Begins!

Wednesday, June 6th @ 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee – *Pillow Talk*.

Thursday, June 7th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.: 'Downloadables Class'. This class will cover downloading audiobooks & ebooks from the library using Overdrive, Freeding and Adobe Digital Editions. Please bring the device you wish to use to download books. We will also cover downloading free music from Freegal. Class will then be open for questions about any other library resources or social media.

Wednesday, June 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Creative Craft – *Wrap Bracelet*. Registration required (limit 12). Registration begins Wednesday, May 31.

Thursday, June 18th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.: 'Downloadables Class'.

Tuesday, June 19th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: 'Do you want a Higher Yield on your Portfolio? Learn Strategies for Investors and Retirees'. Complimentary Seminar Hosted by: North Shelby Library and Merrill Lynch. In this informative seminar, we'll discuss:

- Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)
- Dividend-yielding stocks
- Real estate investment trusts (REITs)
- Corporate and municipal bonds
- Emerging market (EM) bonds

Wednesday, June 20th @ 2:00 p.m.: Movie – *The Big Sleep*. Light refreshments provided.

Wednesday, June 27th @ 2:00 p.m.: Knitting Workshop with Mary Kaiser. Registration required (limit 10). Registration begins Wednesday, June 13.

Thursday, June 28th @ 6:00 p.m.: Ice Cream Social.

Wednesday, July 11 @ 2:00 p.m.: Movie – *While You Were Sleeping*. Light refreshments provided.

Thursday, July 12th from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: 'Downloadables Class'.

Monday, July 16th – Last Day to Register for Adult Summer Reading.

Wednesday, July 18th @ 2:00 p.m.: Family Craft—Bird Mobile.

Thursday, July 26th: Summer Reading Ends.



A.D.E.M. Burn Ban May 1st - Oct. 31st, 2012

*submitted by Eugene "Buddy" Tyler, Fire Chief,
North Shelby Fire District*

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is protecting the air quality by banning open burning during the warmer months of the year. The open burn ban goes into effect in May for twelve counties across Alabama. Those counties are Baldwin, DeKalb, Etowah, Jefferson, Lawrence, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Shelby, Russell and Talladega.

The open burning of wood tree trimmings, brush, and debris can create ground-level ozone when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides react in the presence of heat and sunlight. The debris can be generated by clearing land and construction/demolition activities.

Fine particulate matter is also found in the smoke from the open burning of vegetation and wood.

Though beneficial in the upper atmosphere, ozone is a respiratory irritant when found at ground level. In addition, fine particulate matter can travel deep into the lungs and cause respiratory distress.

The burn ban is one of many efforts ADEM utilizes to maintain air quality in Alabama. The environmental programs administered by the Department under the federal Clean Air Act support the over-arching goal of ensuring that all Alabama citizens have clean air to breathe.

In lieu of open burning, the Department suggests composting yard waste and using leaves, straw and grass clippings for mulch. In addition to providing air quality benefits, utilizing mulch in flower beds and gardens will also support efforts to conserve water resources.

For additional information, contact Scott Hughes at the Alabama Department of Environmental Management at 334-271-7955.

Vacation Bible School at Indian Springs First Baptist Church

VBS Theme: "Amazing Wonders Aviation - Amazing Wonders. Awesome God!"

Indian Springs First Baptist Church

June 25th - 28th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 5K - 5th grade

3375 Cahaba Valley Road

Indian Springs, AL 35124

Phone: 205-988-3662

Email: ISFBCOffice@gmail.com

Website: www.isfbc.org

Garden Club Members Have Plant "Sale" or "Exchange"

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

It was a beautiful spring evening when members of the Indian Springs Garden had their plant "sale" or "exchange" at the Town Hall Pavilion on Thursday, May 24.

While cleaning out flower beds and maintaining their own yards, members had selected and potted plants for this annual event. Choices ranged from Kentucky Colonel mint and other herbs to lamb's ears (which deer don't like), a propagated fairy rose, butterfly bush, hostas, daisies, leatherleaf mahonias and many more, to tiny Japanese maple trees. Some members who could not attend the event had sent their plants.

Members enjoyed refreshments provided by Nancy Nelson, President Liz Alosi and Ruth Goodwyn prior to a brief business meeting conducted by the president. Members had been e-mailed that the scheduled trip for May 21 to the Museum of Natural History and Arboretum on the University of Alabama campus had been postponed. Plans were discussed about making this trip in the fall, and other places members might be interested in visiting.

Each member drew a number and the plant sale proceeded. Some members had placed a suggested value of the plant beside its name; others had not. In that case, plant recipients were asked to donate what they considered the value of the plant to the Garden Club treasury—all were very generous in their estimations. After about three rounds of drawings, remaining plants were up for grabs, and not a plant was left.

The Thursday evening, July 28 meeting at the Town Hall will feature award-winning daylily photographer John E. Phillips of Hunter's Torch Daylily Garden, whose topic will be about daylilies. Located on Camp Horner Road, Hunter's Torch Daylily Garden is state-inspected and certified to ship daylilies anywhere in the United States.

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS Chapter 0566)

meets every Tuesday morning at St. Frances

Episcopal Church, 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd,

Indian Springs Village, 35242. Weigh in at 10:30

a.m. Meeting at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Call 995-2166 for more information.



The Take Off Pounds Sensibly Weight Loss Support Group meets on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. at Indian Springs First Baptist Church, 3375 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs Village. Call 620-0602 with questions. Please join us! Lose weight with friends!

JUNE 2012
 Heardmont Park Senior Center
 5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	(205) 991-5742 Telephone (205) 991-5657 Fax heardmontparksc@gmail.com	**Please sign up for Blue Bell Ice Cream trips	SIGNUP FOR SIDE DISHES FOR LUNCHEON on June 14th	9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
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