

The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 19, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

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Editor's Notes

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

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Message From The Mayor *by Brenda Bell Guercio*

Fellow residents and citizens, as you have probably heard, Indian Springs Village is being proactive in taking steps to ensure the continued safety of our children. We hosted a meeting of Mayors, Principals, Board of Education, PTO and Law Enforcement at our Town Hall on Monday, January 14th to discuss the issue of security in our schools. We heard some terrific ideas and valuable insights. Now my goal is to see that it doesn't stop there – that we do all we can to see these projects implemented and ideas come to fruition.

Everyone at all levels from schools to municipalities to county, state and federal levels will have to find ways to support measures to ensure security at our schools. It is sad that our society demands this, but the reality is that it does.

I was disheartened to hear the county has no funds to support security at the schools, and then immediately see a news article stating they are giving \$39,000 to the State Park for a handicapped viewing station on Peavine Falls. That is very worthwhile, and I do not disvalue that project, but could that be postponed or a portion of the funds go there this year, and the rest next year? Similar questions will need to be asked at other levels, such as “Can new band uniforms wait a year?” Could Indian Springs not pay \$6000 for the Fourth of July BBQ and instead have residents bring pot luck and homemade desserts the week before and set up games for the kids? Going to Oak Mountain State Park or going to the Indian Springs BBQ is a choice and a luxury. Our children and parents do not have a choice. The children are required to be in the schools everyday of the school year, and it is our moral and ethical responsibility to see that they are as safe as they are at home.

Our city, county and state officials must make hard choices in the allocation of funds – but we should demand of our elected officials that the safety of our citizens, in this case specifically our children, comes first. After all, that is the purpose of government!

I commend and applaud Sheriff Chris Curry and his outstanding group of deputies for continuing to cover our schools everyday and committing to do so without the funds to pay for this through the school year until long term funding can be sought. The deputies are even giving up their days off to be at our schools. Also, they are doing more than just standing at the door with their arms crossed. They are interacting with the children in a positive way that will have long-reaching positive effects. They are working with the teachers and administrations on safety tips and maneuvers. I have heard so many compliments on the Sheriff Department from our school officials and parents at the meetings I have been attending.

Do I believe Law Enforcement at the schools can 100% stop any catastrophic event? Of course not! But it is a great deterrent and would be of valuable help in other scenarios such as threatening weather or tornados.

I ask each of you to write our elected officials – our School Superintendent, our County Commissioner, our State and Federal Representatives and Senators and let them know we feel the safety and security of our children at school is a priority. The children cannot speak for themselves, so we must be their voice.

Thank you.

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Town Council Meeting

December 18, 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 Kathryn Harrington. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The December 4 meeting minutes were reviewed. Robins motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The November financial report was presented. Mendel made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel reminded the Council about the need for remote site backup and alternate recovery paths for all important electronic ISV documents. As a trial, he has backed up the financial records for the past 8 years on Microsoft SkyDrive. He has set up a SkyDrive group including council members and the clerk. Each has read-only and download access to all backed up financial records.

Jones reported for the PAZ. The committee recently approved the subdivision request for Bent Tree Acres. They would like to combine four lots into one that will be approximately twelve acres. Jones requested approval by the Council. Mendel motioned to accept the subdivision request as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Jones reported that he had received a new subdivision application for the Slaughter property. The application requests that the thirteen acres with the house on the front of the property be subdivided from the fifteen acres on the back of the property. He is working with the City Engineer, Frasier Christy, on meeting notices. The committee is also working with Christy on a new FEMA flood ordinance. A public hearing will be held at the January 15 council meeting.

Robins reported that he contacted Marlin Bennetech with Outdoor Lighting Perspectives to get a quote on replacing the lights damaged in the recent car accident at Town Hall. There was a discussion about lighting options. Robins also received a quote of \$1,000 to replace the damaged Town Hall sign. He needs a quote from the Garden Club to replace the damaged plants.

Robins reported that he and Harrington met with Doug Emmer of Waste Management to discuss the phone line that was torn down by their truck. Emmer will observe the driver on a future pick up. Robins will cut back tree limbs around the phone and power lines.

Robins reported that Harrington met with City Attorney, Russ Allison, to write letters to the property owners who have junk vehicles on their property.

Robins also reported that there were nine cars burglarized and/or stolen overnight in Indian Springs and the surrounding area. Deputy Matt Smith commented on the situation. Smith also reported that Deputy Dixon will take over the Indian Springs shift in January. Deputy Smith encouraged everyone to keep their cars, sheds, etc. locked because break-ins increase this time of year.

Mendel reported that the One Spot questionnaire was submitted to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Stauss reported that he has almost completed the resident email list. He plans to talk with AT&T to see if we can use the DSL server as a mail server. He also reported that we are a finalist in the Civic Plus website makeover contest and are required to do an interview with the company.

Chief Tyler reported that he has scheduled a meeting with Mayor Guercio and Pelham Mayor Gary Waters on January 9 to discuss the fire hydrant project. Tyler recently attended a BREMSS banquet in which NSFD Lt. Robert Lawson was recognized as Paramedic of the Year for Shelby County. Lt. Rusty Johnson retired December 1. Tyler stated Johnson was a great employee. He will be replaced by Lt. Flury.

Robins asked Tyler to have the AED at Town Hall serviced, as well as those purchased for the Oak Mountain

schools and Inverness Elementary. Tyler will have the units checked this week.

Stauss made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll-call vote. Stauss made a motion to buy a total of 35 padded, folding chairs for the Town Hall, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Guercio read a resolution to the residents of Newtown, CT and Sandy Hook Village that was composed by Harrington. Robins made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Mendel.

Guercio thanked Sheriff Curry and his department for placing deputies in all the schools from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily this week. The funds may not be available to continue this staffing, but Mayor Guercio plans to communicate with Sheriff Curry and the Oak Mountain principals hoping to set up a meeting to discuss means of continuing this security policy as well as other security options.

Mayor Guercio reported that she spoke with Lori Lein of the Alabama League of Municipalities. Lein confirmed that the City Clerk is the only one in our municipality who can be appointed to the PAZ as the administrative officer. They also discussed the appointment dates for both the PAZ and ZBA committees. The committees were formed on February 26, 1991, so the appointment dates should be February 26. Trammell prepared and read a draft resolution, which confirms these appointment dates and revokes the appointment dates established October 19, 2012. He will finalize it and present it at the next meeting.

Mayor Guercio reported that she received responses from three of the Oak Mountain schools on how they intend to use their grants. The responses included the purchase of books for the library, iPads and Nooks.

The Mayor invited everyone to attend the Christmas Party after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Planning and Zoning Commission

submitted by Wayne Jones, PAZ Chair

A subdivision application has been filed by Betty C. Slaughter for the subdivision of her property located at 2723 Cahaba Valley Road, in Indian Springs Village. The subdivision is called Robertwood Estates and divides the large parcel into a 13.1 acre parcel and a 15.5 acre parcel. The existing house fronting Cahaba Valley Road will be located on the 13.1 acre parcel and the remaining 15.5 acre parcel will access Cahaba Oaks Lane. This application is scheduled to be heard at the Town Hall by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m..

Town Council Meeting

January 3, 2013

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. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The December 18 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mendel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Harrington. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Chief Tyler reported that the AEDs at the Town Hall and the schools have been serviced. Some needed new batteries and pads and they have been replaced. Tyler and Harrington met with the insurance adjuster about the weather siren. The adjuster has requested a lightning affidavit from Sullivan Communications. He has also asked why the pole needs to be replaced.

The North Shelby Fire Department responded to 1,732 emergency calls in 2012.

Robins gave an update on the repairs from the recent car accident in front of Town Hall. He presented estimates from Outdoor Lighting Perspectives for \$164 to replace the sign light and \$500 to replace the post light. The Town Hall sign has been replaced by Jimmy Rhodes at a cost of \$1,000 and Robins will send copies of estimates from Rhodes and Outdoor Lighting Perspectives to State Farm Insurance for reimbursement. He is waiting on a quote from the Garden Club for replacing the damaged plants.

Robins also reported that he had new keys cut for the exterior doors. He purchased a new lock and keys for the office door at a cost of \$63 and installed the new lock. Waste Management has rutted the ground in front of the dumpster. He will contact Wayne Jones about putting gravel down for a pad. Tree limbs have been cut back from around the phone and power lines.

Mendel reported that we now have a total of 35 new padded folding chairs for the Town Hall. He also reported that we have two Regions CDs, one for the general fund and one for a road fund, coming due January 7, both of which have been accruing interest at a rate of 4%. Current rates on new one-year bank CDs for public funds are approximately 0.35%. He discussed other investment options he had researched. A Compass CD at 1.25% will also be maturing in April. The budget will need to be revised, because the revenue estimates in the current budget are based on the reinvestment of these maturing CDs at a higher interest rate than is available at this time.

Harrington stated she would like to place flags along Highway 119 for the Fourth of July parade and other special occasions. She has left a message with Mr. Fincher of Alabama Power to ask if we can put flag holders on the power poles.

After much discussion and debate, Trammell presented a resolution to correct the PAZ Commission members' term expiration date from November 1 to February 26 and for the Council to determine the individual term expiration dates for six members affected. Trammell made a motion to accept the resolution. No one seconded the motion.

Harrington presented a resolution correcting the PAZ and ZBA term expiration dates from November 1 and February 1, respectively, to February 26. Harrington made a motion that the resolution be adopted as read and that the appointment letters from former Mayor Steve Zerkis, dated March 18, 2012 and October 19, 2012 be added to the resolution. Robins seconded the motion. All voted in favor except Trammell. Trammell requested a voice vote. Bell-Guercio, Robins, Mendel and Harrington voted yea. Trammell voted nay.

Trammell requested the following email excerpt from Lori Lein of the Alabama League of Municipalities be added to the minutes:

"If there are no records of this as you state, then you will need to get with your local attorney for advice on how to proceed."

Further, Trammell requested that the following email excerpt from the Town Attorney be added to the minutes: "If we can't determine the original staggered basis, then we might just have to have a resolution on this and establish the staggered terms."

Trammell asked Harrington what PAZ Chairman Wayne Jones' term expiration date is. Harrington responded February 26.

Mendel suggested that Harrington be allowed to reply to Trammell's comments. Harrington stated:

"In an effort to resolve the matter, I did extensive document review, the review of the law, contacted the League of Municipalities and the advice that I received was that the most reasonable way to resolve it was to take the existing appointments and correct the term expiration date because the essential matter was really that the term expiration date be the original one from the time that the Planning and Zoning and ZBA were established. As long as we had staggered appointments in accordance with the intent of the law, and that those staggered appointments would expire on the date of the original formation, then we would be in conformance with the law. And, I referenced the October 19th letter on Planning and Zoning and the March letter on ZBA when I spoke to the attorney with the League. She said if those appointments were made by the Mayor they were appropriate. Then, the only matter we had to be concerned with was correcting the dates for term expiration."

The Mayor announced she and Chief Tyler have an upcoming meeting with Pelham Mayor Waters on January 9 regarding the fire hydrant project. Guercio also stated she spoke with Sheriff Curry after the Connecticut incident about funding additional security in the schools.

She has planned a meeting for January 14 to discuss the matter and has invited school administrators, mayors and law enforcement. Harrington commended Mayor Guercio for her work on this project.

Harrington is working on the new engineering contract with Frazier Christy. The one Christy submitted was not specific enough.

Mayor Guercio gave an update on the Oak Mountain dams. She spoke with County Commissioner Lindsey Allison. At the current time there is no funding available from the County. She also spoke with Mr. Fincher with Alabama Power. He said he had no engineers experienced with earthen dams. Fincher suggested contacting Leslie Durham with the Office of Water Resources.

A proclamation is being prepared for former Fire Chief O'Connor to be presented at the upcoming station dedication.

The privacy fence adjacent to the handicap parking area has been repaired.

Former Mayor Zerkis noted he received an email from a resident stating there is an 81-acre parcel of land on Caldwell Mill that is being proposed for development. The plans are for 400 homes and an elementary school. The property is currently zoned A-1, 3-acre lots. Hoover Planning and Zoning will hold a meeting about this on January 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Join Us!
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PUBLIC HEARING

WHERE are we GOING & HOW will we get THERE?

FEBRUARY 6TH 2013
10 A.M.

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Indian Springs School Visiting Writers Series Announces Winter/Spring 2013 Schedule

submitted by Melanie Kieve

The highly regarded Indian Springs School Visiting Writers Series (ISSVWS) has announced its schedule for Winter/Spring 2013. Free and open to the public, all events will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Indian Springs School Library.

Monday, February 18: Poets Kate Greenstreet and Emma Bolden

Kate Greenstreet is the author of *The Last 4 Things* and *case sensitive*, both from Ahsahta Press, and six chapbooks. Her new work can be found in the *Chicago Review*, *Colorado Review*, *Volt*, *Fence*, *Boston Review* and other journals. Ahsahta will publish her third book, *Young Tambling*, this month. Information about Greenstreet is available at kickingwind.com/.

Emma Bolden's first full-length collection of poems, *Malifcaae*, is forthcoming from GenPop Books (2013). This manuscript was named a semi-finalist for the Perugia Press Prize and a finalist for the Cleveland State University Poetry Center's First Book Prize. Her work has appeared in journals such as *Prairie Schooner*, the *Indiana Review*, the *Greensboro Review*, *Redivider*, *Copper Nickel*, *Feminist Studies*, *The Journal*, and *Guernica* and on linebreak.org. She is also the author of three chapbooks of poetry: *How to Recognize a Lady*, published as part of Edge by Edge, the third in Toadlily Press' Quartet Series; *The Mariner's Wife*, published by Finishing Line Press; and *The Sad Epistles*, published by Dancing Girl Press. A graduate of the Alabama School of Fine Arts, she is an Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at Georgia Southern University and blogs about writing, velociraptors and cats at A Century of Nerve. Information about Bolden is available at emmabolden.com.

Monday, April 8, Poet Matthew Hittinger

Matthew Hittinger's titles include the collection *Skin Shift* (Sibling Rivalry Press, 2012) and the chapbooks *Platos de Sal* (Seven Kitchens Press, 2009), *Narcissus Resists* (GOSS183/MiPOesias, 2009) and *Pear Slip* (Spire Press, 2007), winner of the Spire 2006 Chapbook Award. Hittinger did his undergraduate work in Art History and English at Muhlenberg College and received his MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Michigan, where he won a Hopwood Award for Poetry and The Helen S. and John Wagner Prize. In recent years, Hittinger has collaborated with a number of artists in other disciplines including video artist Liz Stephens and composer Matt Sargent; painters Kristy Gordon and Judith Peck; composer Randall West; and composer John Glover on

a number of projects, including the art song "8:46 A.M., Five Years Later" for the Five Boroughs Music Festival's *Five Borough Songbook*. Information about Hittinger is available at pw.org/content/matthew_hittinger.

Annual Eagle Vision Dinner & Auction

submitted by Kathryn Acree, Oak Mountain PTO Publicity

The Oak Mountain High School PTO presents the Annual Eagle Vision Dinner & Auction on February 23, 2013, 4:30-8:00 p.m. This dinner and silent auction is the largest fundraiser held all year by the Oak Mountain PTO. Joe's Italian will cater the event. If you love our Eagles, this is not to be missed!

Special Equestrians

submitted by Jaime Laird

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). Volunteers must be 14 years or older. Just attend one of our Volunteer Training sessions on Tuesday, February 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 16th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **OR** Thursday, February 21st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. 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.

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!

Alabama Wildlife Center Upcoming Programs & Events

NINTH ANNUAL Wild About Chocolate

Benefiting the Alabama Wildlife Center

Are you ready for a fun-filled evening to support the Alabama Wildlife Center's mission to rescue, rehabilitate and return to the wild Alabama's injured and orphaned native birds? Celebrating its ninth year, the Wild About Chocolate fundraiser begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9 at Rosewood Hall in SoHo Square, downtown Homewood (2850 19th Street South, Homewood, Alabama 35209). Complimentary parking. Dressy casual attire.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$75 each, \$100 at the door. Reserved tables can be purchased for \$1000 (8 seats) and sponsorships are also available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.awrc.org, or by calling (205) 663-7930, Ext. 8.

2/3/13 & 3/3/13, Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Volunteer Orientation – Introduction to AWC. This is recommended if you're interested in volunteering or are simply curious about AWC. At this free session you'll learn about our mission and history, volunteer opportunities and ways to support AWC's work. You'll meet some of the AWC staff and volunteers, have an opportunity to get answers to your questions, and enjoy a brief tour of our facility. Register online at www.awrc.org. If your schedule does not permit you to register in advance, you can simply arrive a few minutes early to complete your registration in person. Quiet children are invited to attend, but please note that the minimum age to volunteer is 18 (16 accompanied by a parent).

2/17/13, Sunday, 12:30 p.m. for complimentary refreshments; program begins at 1:00 p.m. – Audubon Teaches Nature – Return of the Spring Migrants: A Closer Look at our Favorite Birds. Greg Harber with the Birmingham Audubon Society, Guest Speaker. The promise of spring and the return of neotropical migrants brightens our late winter days. Purple Martins are among the earliest species to return to our coasts, as are Swallow-tailed Kites and a handful of warblers. This program will examine in detail the natural history of these birds. Following the program, you are invited to join the AWC in cleaning the three sets of martin houses located within Oak Mountain State Park.

Meals On Wheels Volunteers Needed

submitted by Nancy Leadbetter, Heardmont Senior Center

Please remember volunteers are needed for our Meals on Wheels program. Meals need to be picked up by 10:15 a.m. at Heardmont Park and delivered. This usually takes 1-2 hours once or twice a month. For more information, please call Frances, Kay or Nancy at 991-5742 for more information. Thanks!

Indian Springs Garden Club Makes Plans for New Year

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, IS Garden Club

The scheduled speaker for the January meeting was not able to come because of suffering the flu, so Garden Club members shared recollections of early days in Indian Springs and how they came to live here. The meeting was at the Town Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24. Dues (\$10.00 for singles; \$15.00 for couples) were collected and 2013 handbooks created by Kelly Rasco were distributed. Since officers now serve two-year terms, there was no installation of new officers.

The following will serve another year: Liz Alosi, president; Kelly Rasco, vice-president; Mary S. Bowman, secretary; Patsy Strozier, treasurer; Eleanor Bennett, devotions; Marge Dunn, historian; Liz Eich, Jean Jenkins, Laura Jones, Jennie Pittman and Pat Zerkis, hospitality committee; Jennifer Bondi, Marge Dunn, Mary S. Bowman and Kelly Rasco, grounds committee. Jennifer Bondi, communications; Ruth Goodwyn, publicity; Kelly Rasco, yearbook; Marge Dunn, sunshine; Lynn Hendricks, nametags; Pat Zerkis, keeper of the aprons.

Among the programs discussed for the year was a possible 2-3 day trip to Fort Morgan near Gulf Shores in April for the annual banding of birds. Mary S. and Mary H. Bowman have witnessed this process and heartily recommend the trip.

The Garden Club is grateful to Indian Springs Council for the new projector and screen, needed for many of our programs. Refreshments brought by Laura Jones and Liz Alosi were enjoyed.

The speaker for the February 28 meeting will be Billy R. Sims and the topic, making traditional white oak basketry. The Thursday evening event will be at 6:30 at the Town Hall, to which Villagers are cordially invited.

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THE ISV GARDEN CLUB IS LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS.

If you're interested in plants, critters, bugs and insects that visit your garden, or in other garden related subjects, we'd love to have you.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Our meetings are casual and the dues are cheap, just \$10 yearly. Come join us!



North Shelby Library February

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.

Special Programming

The Library will be collecting valentine cards for kids in Children's Hospital. You can stop by the Children's Department to make a card or bring by a store bought card. No candy please. Cards must be dropped off by Sunday, February 10th.

Saturday, February 2nd: Take Your Child to the Library Day. Stop by the library anytime today to receive a special surprise for your child for visiting the library.

Saturday, February 2nd from 10:00-11:30 a.m.: Lego Club. The library provides the Legos, the kids provide the imagination and creativity. Families are welcome to drop in anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. to build spectacular creations. Creations will then go on display in the Children's Department. All ages welcome. No registration is required.

Friday, February 8th at 4:00 p.m.: Valentine's Bear Gift Bag Craft. Looking for a place to keep all those great valentines you're going to get? This will be the perfect craft for you! All ages. Registration required.

Monday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m.: NSL Knitters Beginner Class. Join us for a beginning knitting class for kids 8-13. This class will cover basic skills. We will meet on the second Monday of each month. Registration is required and when you register for the first class, you are committing to attend all four classes. There is no fee. At the first meeting, students will be provided knitting needles and a skein of yarn.

Saturday, February 16th at 2:00 p.m.: Family Movie Day – Cinderella. Join us for a classic Disney version of a favorite fairytale. Snacks served. No registration required.

Wednesday, February 20th at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout – PAX Academic Exchange. Students from around the globe will be discussing their home countries and giving information about how to become an exchange student. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Monday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m.: NSL Yarn Arts Hangout. Bring your current knitting or crochet project, hang out, chat and share tips with other crafters your age. This group is open to all skill levels. There is NO fee. All ages are welcome. No registration is required.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, February 4th, 11th and 18th 9:30 and 10:30 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, February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 9:30-10:00 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 will begin one week prior to program date.

Wednesdays, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 10:45 a.m.: Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration.

Thursdays, February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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. 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/

Teen Happenings February 2013



Gaming: Fridays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 @ 3:30-5:45 p.m. Come to the Teen Department each Friday afternoon for open gaming on the Wii and board and card games. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Anime Night: Thursday, February 14 @ 6:00 p.m. Join us in the Teen Department for an evening of anime. The audience will pick what we watch. Treats will be served and costumes are welcome! Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Young Adult Writing Group: Thursday, February 21 @ 4:30 p.m. Ready to start your novel? Looking for an audience for your poetry? Want to perfect your blog? Need to brush up on writing skills in general? North Shelby Library is looking for teen authors who want to build their writing skills and respectfully discuss and provide feedback on each other's work. You can come with a piece of writing complete or half-done, or with no writing at all. Snacks served. Contact Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Craft: Tuesday, February 19 @ 4:00 p.m. An instructor will be available from 4-5:00 p.m. on February 19 to teach several methods of creating jewelry or keychains using items from the hardware store. Or, use our supplies to make your own designs starting February 20. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

FEBRUARY, 2013
 Heardmont Park Senior Center
 5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Ken Carter – Maverick-ent, LLC

Owner: Michael Moats

Address: 180 Highgate Hill

Proposed Use: Garage Addition

Applicant: Saunder Bradford

Owner: Lori D. Feist

Address: 2394 Indian Crest Drive

Proposed Use: Repair flooring

ISV Homes To Be Featured In *Shelby Living*

Shelby Living, a monthly publication focusing on Shelby County, is planning a future article featuring homes in Indian Springs. The magazine's home features are photo-heavy and include an article about the family and information about the home's architecture and interior design. If you'd like to show off your home or nominate a friend or neighbor's home, please contact Katie McDowell, Editor, at 669-3131 extension 19 or via email at Katie.mcdowell@shelbycountyreporter.com.

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