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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 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*

In view of the recent Boston Marathon bombing and, in recent weeks, the marking of Holocaust Memorial Day, I wanted to share with you an excerpt from “Declaration of Rights” by Janusz Korczak. Korczak was a Polish educator, children’s author and pediatrician who spent years as the director of an orphanage in Warsaw. He refused freedom and stayed with the children so they would not be afraid when the train came and took them all to Treblinka Nazi Death Camp. The following is an excerpt from his writings concerning the Rights of the Child:

1. The child has the right to love.
“Love the child, not just your own.”
2. The child has the right to respect.
“Respect the mysteries and the ups and downs of that difficult task of growing up.”
3. The child has the right to be himself or herself.
“A child is not a lottery ticket, marked to win first prize.”
4. The child has the right to mistakes.
“There are no more fools among children than among adults.”
5. The child has the right to fail.
“We renounce the deceptive longing for the perfect child.”
6. The child has the right to protection.
“We undertake to protect the child from all forms of violence and abuse.”
7. The child has the right to respect for his secrets.
“If a child trusts you with his secret, be grateful, for his confidence is the highest prize.”
8. The child has the right to respect for his belongings.
“No matter how insignificant or valueless—they are not just bits of rubbish!”
9. The child has the right to respect for his grief.
“Even though it be for the loss of a pebble.”
10. The child has the right to a future on this planet.
“We still plunder the mountains, cut down the trees and destroy the animals.
11. The child has the right to happiness.
“Let children drink the joy of the morning. Show them love, kindness and understanding—set an example.”

Each of us is someone’s child, someone’s son or daughter. I hope we can all continue to promote peace in our own households, in our community, our country and the world at large. Peace for us, for our children and grandchildren, and the future generations to come.

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Town Council Meeting

March 19, 2013

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The President Pro-Tempore Robins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Mayor Guercio and Council Member Kathryn Harrington. Robins reviewed the agenda.

The March 5 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Council.

Robins reported for the PAZ. The PAZ met on March 12. Chairman Jones noted new member Murphy Lynch joined the committee effective February 26, replacing Kevin Miller. Robins thanked Miller for his many years of service. The committee reviewed and approved the preliminary plat for the Robertwood Estates subdivision.

Chief Tyler reported the fire department has received several outdoor burn complaints lately.

Deputy Dixon reported he received the usual, standard calls this month.

Mendel presented the February financial report and asked for endorsement by the Council. Stauss seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

There was a discussion about construction signs on Cahaba Valley Road. Robins will contact Gary Ray.

Stauss reported that he and Harrington met with Flex Digital, regarding the website. He gave a synopsis of their proposal. They will meet with another website vendor tomorrow.

Robins gave an update on the school safety initiative. He and Mayor Guercio recently met with Dr. Lewis Brooks of the Shelby County Board of Education. Dr. Brooks clarified the proposed number of officers per school zone would be a minimum of one per zone rather than one per zone as previously stated by Superintendent Fuller, depending on funding. The BOE plans to approach the Shelby County Commission regarding funding for the initiative. Per Robins, Mayor Guercio indicated she would like one officer per school. Funding will be discussed later.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30 at 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are still needed for setup at 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Mendel thanked Dr. Lisa Wilson for her donation to the event.

At the next council meeting, an environmental attorney with the Southern Law Center will discuss concerns about the proposed construction of the northern beltline.

Ron Luster and City Engineer, Frazier Christy, have been appointed to look at the Andrews property on Pawnee for clean-up.

Robins spoke with Gary Ray about replacing the mailbox at Town Hall. A metal post cannot be more than two inches in diameter. Robins also spoke with County Engineer, Scott Holladay about the recent road paving

request. Holladay said six of the nine roads listed as high priority by ISV are already on the County's paving list and they are reviewing others. Bids will be let on April 18.

Robins opened the floor for comments from residents. A resident reported a large tree was damming Bishop Creek. He and family members cut up and removed most of the tree, but some pieces washed under the bridge. He requested that Robins contact the County to see if they could remove the debris from under the bridge.

The Marine Corps League will be starting a new detachment for the Hoover/North Shelby area. They would like to meet at the Town Hall. Robins asked the resident to contact Tricia Crapet for reservations.

Another resident asked if the City had done anything for County Manager Dudchock's family. Robins responded that the Council sent a sympathy card to the family.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

April 2, 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Council Member Brian Stauss. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The March 19 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Council.

Sarah Stokes, an attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center, gave a presentation on the firm's opposition to the proposed Northern Beltline project. A discussion followed. The Council is in favor of adopting a resolution opposing the project.

Resident Paul Boehme proposed an ISV Cable Commission. The commission would assist in addressing unresolved issues residents have with Charter Cable. Boehme, a previous member of the Homewood Cable Commission for 20 years, volunteered to head the commission. The Council was in favor and also asked that the committee handle issues with AT&T U-verse as well. Boehme will forward a copy of Homewood's Cable Commission resolution.

Grayson Davis, First Class, from Troop 828 attended the meeting to work towards his Citizenship in the Community badge.

The PAZ will meet next Tuesday regarding Max Davis' subdivision application.

Chief Tyler reported 133 incidents in March: 37 fire-related and 96 medical-related. The average response time was 4:18.

Harrington reported the Town Hall weather siren is scheduled to be installed April 28.

Robins reported that a light bulb in the traffic light at Caldwell Mill and Highway 119 was replaced at a cost of \$219.

Robins spoke with Gary Ray, District Supervisor of ALDOT, about the Highway 119 resurfacing project. The section between Highway 31 and Highway 280 will be completed first and is estimated to be complete by May. If residents have questions about the project they may contact Ray at 668-0173 or Todd Connell, Project Manager, in the evenings at 988-3264.

The tree debris has been removed from under the bridge at Indian Trail. Robins replaced the light bulb on the flag pole and resolved the issue with the sensor.

Mendel reported that a CD for the general fund will mature on April 20. He will check rates for reinvestment.

Harrington is drafting a letter to Waste Management and has had another incident report on Valley View Lane.

Mr. Fincher of Alabama Power has approved 100 flags to be installed on power poles within the City. Alabama Power will assist in placement of the brackets. The flags will be 2'x 3' and available to residents for purchase in honor of someone at a cost of approximately \$40. Sydney Slaughter, ISV resident and Miss Shelby County Outstanding Teen 2013, will assist with the project.

Harrington has drafted a letter about the Oak Mountain State Park dams.

Harrington and Stauss have met with two of the three proposed website vendors.

Harrington noted that the State Code allows municipalities to clean up derelict properties and explained the steps involved in the process. Mayor Guercio has asked City Engineer Frazier Christy and Ron Luster to review properties on Pawnee and McGuire. Mayor Guercio noted an additional property on Cahaba Valley Road.

Harrington recently received an inquiry about a solicitation ordinance. Mayor Guercio reported she has received complaints lately about solicitors. Harrington has forwarded a copy of Vestavia's solicitation ordinance to the Council for review and to consider if ISV needs one.

Harrington received the legal files from former City Attorney, Russ Allison. She gave Mayor Guercio the appointment letter for the new City Attorney.

Harrington gave an update on the Easter Egg Hunt. Thirty-nine families registered and there were approximately 75 children in attendance. Seven individuals signed up for volunteer activities. Thirty-five more email addresses were added for electronic delivery of *The Village Voice*. Harrington proposed a contest to get more residents to give their emails for the newsletter delivery.

Trammell asked the Council to review the business license ordinance prior to the next meeting. A decision needs to be made regarding penalties for unpaid business license fees. Rasco reported there are three delinquent

businesses: RSH Scott Howell Landscaping and Construction, The Painting Company and U.S. Nails.

Mendel reported that he received a complaint from a resident whose adjacent neighbors had moved and left a large amount of debris on their property.

There was a discussion about the City Engineer's contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

100 Memorial American Flags to Fly in Indian Springs Village

by Kathryn Harrington, Council Member



Since the inception of our town and the beginning of our annual Fourth of July parade, many have dreamed of decorating our village on that important day with American flags flying from the many poles stationed along Cahaba Valley Road.

That dream is about to become reality!

Indian Springs Village has received permission from Alabama Power Company to place American flags on every power pole along Cahaba Valley road in our town limits to fly on the Fourth of July, Flag Day and Veterans Day.

In order to include the whole village in this effort, the flags will be memorial flags. One hundred, two foot by three foot flags, will be available for Indian Springs Village residents to buy in the name of someone they would like to honor. The name of the individual or family purchasing the flag and the name of the person they have chosen to honor will be memorialized on a plaque which will hang in the Town Hall and will be displayed in a special place of honor at the Indian Springs Village annual Fourth of July Bar-B-Q.

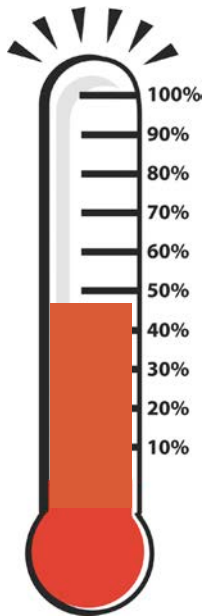
The cost to purchase one of the memorial flags will be \$40 dollars. This includes the flag, the pole and the bracket. Alabama Power Company engineers will be assisting with the installation of the brackets on the poles to hold the flags. Indian Springs Village will maintain the flags in the future making sure that any that become torn or soiled such that they are no longer suitable for flying are replaced when necessary.

If you are interested in purchasing a flag, send an email to me, Kathryn Harrington at ksh@kathrynharringtonlaw.com. We have already had a lot of interest expressed by residents who have heard of the project from our Town Council meetings so, if you are interested, please get your name to me ASAP.

HELP! HELP!

Help Us Meet Our Goal of Every Household in Indian Springs Village Receiving *The Village Voice* Online. We Need Your Email Address.

by Kathryn Harrington



Despite our efforts to get our residents to see the advantages of receiving *The Village Voice* online, so far we only have **380** email addresses for Indian Springs Village residents. We have **800** families and some of the email addresses we have are for more than one family member in a household. So, we have a long way to go to meet our goal of getting *The Village Voice* to everyone through online publication. Why is online receipt of *The Village Voice* an advantage to you?

1. If you receive *The Village Voice* online, you would save energy. You would not have to walk to the end of your driveway and stoop over and pick it up when it is delivered each month.
2. If you received *The Village Voice* online, you would not have to dry it out when you did not get to the end of your driveway to pick it up before it started to rain.
3. If you received *The Village Voice* online, you would not run over it with the lawn mower when it blew onto the grass before you had a chance to pick it up.
4. If you received *The Village Voice* online, you would not have to go and find it in the trash when you remembered there was a special article you wanted to show your spouse.
5. If you received *The Village Voice* online, you would be saving the environment. The couriers must drive their cars around delivering, thus polluting the air with gas fumes and *The Village Voice* printed version is printed on paper made from trees.
6. If you received *The Village Voice* online, you would get it in living color, receive it earlier, could follow links included in the online version and would see many more pictures of village events.

Please help us meet our goal of every household in Indian Springs Village receiving *The Village Voice* online. Send us your email address. Please send it to myvillagevoice@yahoo.com.

Are You on the ISV Email List? by Brian Stauss, Town Council Place #3

We have nearly 400 email addresses on the ISV email blast, which is approaching 50% of the households in the city! If you signed up for the blast but have not received any emails from the city, it may be because we have recorded your email address incorrectly (approximately 30 email addresses are bouncing back). Please send an email to myvillagevoice@yahoo.com and request a confirmation of your email address. There is no need to do this if you have received at least one email blast from the city. If you are not currently registered for ISV email blasts, send an email to this same address and request to be added.

Garden Club Members See Results of Creek Walks

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

James R. Lowery, retired from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, presented the program at the Indian Springs Garden Club Thursday evening, April 25, at the Town Hall. Professor Lowery, who made a presentation on constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment to the club in 2009, this year talked about his walks in Shades Creek and its three major tributaries in the Birmingham area.

Why walk creeks? That question he answered by saying you can find out the creek's true origin and also what has ended up in it. Many creeks have started underground as springs that have been paved over and built on top of. You can also encounter many surprises. He was startled to go past the old Irondale Furnace and see two beaver dams. At other spots near Crestline Village and the Birmingham Country Club, he noticed huge horsetails, a wetlands plant and cattails. He found a watermelon growing on a vine on a gravel bar. In short, he has found everything in his creek walks, including the kitchen sink, and had the slides to prove it. "You really don't understand a creek until you walk in it," he said, adding that for him, it was an interesting, educational hobby which he did "Just because I want to."

He has documented his souvenirs from his walks in a six-page summary which include "enough auto parts to build a car," over 440 golf, 80 tennis and two bowling balls, poker chips, metal arrows and pieces of fishing equipment; ball-point pens, hubcaps, license plates, paint rollers, roofing shingles, a metal ladder, a fire hose, etc., etc.

His creek "finds" include a Polaroid photograph of a family, found in Shades Creek. Professor Lowery's wife, Peggy, named the father "Mr. Shadey" (for "Mr. Shades Creek") and he secured a male manikin which he clothed in items found in the creek beds and has placed somewhere on their property.

Following delicious refreshments prepared by Laura Jones, Eleanor Bennett, Jennifer Bondi, Jennie Pittman (chairman) and members of the Hospitality Committee, a brief business meeting was held by President Liz Alosi. It was preceded by devotional reading and prayer by Eleanor Bennett.

The May 23 meeting will be a plant sale among members at the Town Hall Pavilion.

Indian Springs First Baptist Church Partners with American Red Cross for Shelter Volunteer Training

by Anthony A. Wade, Administrative Assistant, Indian Springs First Baptist Church

The American Red Cross will conduct free training at Indian Springs First Baptist Church on May 11, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The training is open to anyone in the Birmingham area. Lunch will be provided.

The church is a designated American Red Cross Emergency Shelter location that can become activated at the discretion of the American Red Cross in the event of an emergency. This session will train people who think they might want to work as a volunteer at any Red Cross shelter location throughout the area. Anyone can be trained, but to actually be approved as a Red Cross volunteer worker, an application and background check must be completed and approved at no cost to the volunteer. The application is online at redcross.org/Alabama. The application can be completed before or after the training. The May 11 training will be in the fellowship hall of the church, which is located at 3375 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, Alabama 35124, or about 4 miles east of the Cahaba Valley Road exit of I-65. If you plan to attend the training, please let us know by calling our church office at (205) 988-3662 or emailing us at aa.isfbc@gmail.com.

Keys Found



A set of keys were found on New Hope Mountain Road. If you are the owner of the keys or know the owner, email kybgs@bellsouth.net and we'll put you in touch with the person who found the keys.

ISV T-Shirts Now \$5

The ISV Garden Club has a few Indian Springs Village t-shirts available in sizes Large and 2XL for the price of \$5. The short-sleeved t-shirts are dark green and have the ISV logo on the front. The back says "Life is good in the Village." If interested, please contact Garden Club Vice-President Kelly Rasco via email at Kelly_rasco@yahoo.com. Include your name, contact information and the number and size of t-shirts you would like.

Gardeners Attend Bird-Banding Event at Fort Morgan in April

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

Some members of the Indian Springs Garden Club and friends, 11 in all, in April attended bird banding sessions at Fort Morgan, AL. The bird banding station is located in Fort Morgan State Historical Park, and is operational for two weeks each spring and fall.

Fort Morgan is the first and last departure point for thousands of migrating birds, and crews of trained and dedicated volunteers from the non-profit organization, The Hummer/Bird Study Group (HBSG) capture and band thousands of Neo-tropical migrant birds (songbirds) representing dozens of species, including the Ruby-throated hummingbird.

The birds are migrating through the Gulf Coast region on their way to and from Mexico and other warm-weather countries in the Southern Hemisphere. The volunteers monitor population levels and the general condition of migrant birds, noting the effects of weather and other environmental factors on the bird species. The banding is an effort to preserve birds by understanding the requirements for their survival. Each bird caught was banded, classified and checked carefully for care. After a brief explanation of each bird, they were let go by children who marveled at the sight of them, member Jennie Pittman reported.

Jennie said that, all-in-all, it was a great weekend, with the banding sessions, shopping, eating, viewing the lovely water and sky and being with friends. Most of the group had a chance to be pictured with favorite birds as they were caught in a very easy net and banded, some with Bob Sargent, who, with Martha Sargent of Clay, AL, founded HBSG, which began research programs in 1987. The original banding site was the Sargent residence.

Those making the trip were President Liz Alosi and her parents; Malcolm and Betty Miller and her sister, Margarette Hoomes; Lynn Henderson and friend, Dot Smitherman; Mary S. and Mary H. Bowman; member Liz Eich and Lynn Andrews (who formerly resided in Indian Springs); and Jennie Pittman.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Metro Mechanical, Inc.

Owner: Billy Sims

Address: 6 Pawnee Drive

Proposed Use: Replace A/C



Indian Springs Easter Egg Hunt

March, 2013



Thanks to Kathryn Harrington for the photographs.

In Memoriam

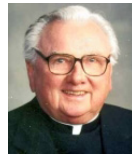


Lorraine Bernadette (Mojcik) Cerfolio, 51, of Indian Springs, AL passed away surrounded by loving friends and family, Sunday, April 14, 2013 after a long illness. She was born in Stratford, CT, the daughter of Michael and Theresa Mojcik. Lorraine graduated from Stratford High School, class of 1979. She went to the University of Connecticut where she graduated with a B.A and R.N. degree in 1983. In 1990, she was united in marriage to Dr. Robert James Cerfolio at St. Emery's church in Fairfield, CT. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert J. Cerfolio of Indian Springs, AL; their three children, Robert, Alec and Matthew; parents Michael and Theresa Mojcik; sister Karen McNally and her son Tom; brother Dr. Michael Mojcik, his wife Susan and their children Catherine and Mary; Dr. Christopher Mojcik, his wife Robin and their children Daniel, Arla and Charles. Lorraine was a devoted wife and mother who lived for her children and family. She enjoyed board games with her family, music and dancing and girls night out. She was a devout and faithful member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Lorraine was an active fund-raiser for the Carrollites, and Our Lady of the Valley B.A.L.L. She leaves behind many close and devoted friends. Lorraine's life was about more than her accomplishments, it was about the joy she brought to those around her, the beauty that she surrounded herself with, both in her home and in the community and the generosity she showed to so many. Visitation at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church was from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Monday, April 15th with wake services following. Funeral mass was held on Tuesday April 16th at 2:00 p.m. also at our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Burial was at Southern Heritage Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to John Carroll Catholic High School, Birmingham, AL. *(Reprinted from the Birmingham News.)*

Red Foxes

by Steve Zerkis, Villager

Just want to alert everyone to the fact that we have red foxes in ISV. One or more have been seen off Indian Crest Drive near Mountain Park Drive. They typically go after animals and rodents but are known to eat almost anything including fruit and vegetables. They are beautiful small, reddish animals that look somewhat like a terrier with a long bushy tail. Remind your kids that they are wild animals. They will attack if they or their young feel threatened. Look but never try to touch or feed them. They rarely attack humans but may go after your small dog or cat. Please follow the same guidance you would with coyotes. Do not leave any food out at night. If you see one, just watch..They may be rabid.



FR. Michael J. White, a priest of the Diocese of Birmingham, passed away April 14, 2013 at the age of 89. Only son of Patrick and Dora White, and survived by his sister, Doreen White of Limerick, Ireland. Father White served in various parishes of the Diocese of Birmingham, including the following: Blessed Sacrament Church of Birmingham, St. Thomas Church in Montevallo, St. Mary of the Visitation Church of Huntsville, St. Theresa Church of Leeds, Holy Spirit Church of Tuscaloosa and Our Lady of the Valley Church of Birmingham. While Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Church, Father White built the School, and the new Church and Rectory. He served on many Boards and Committees of the Diocese. He also served as the first Chancellor of the new Diocese of Birmingham when it was founded in December, 1969. The visitation for Father White was held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Birmingham on Tuesday evening, April 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. (5514 Double Oak Ln., Birmingham, AL, off of County Road 119), with a Mass on April 17 at The Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham at 10:00 a.m. Burial was held at Elmwood Cemetery. *(Reprinted from the Birmingham News.)*

Farmers' Markets Are Returning

by Steve Zerkis, Villager

It's May, it's warm and it's the season for local farmers' markets in Shelby County. The closest is the Valleydale Farmers Market across from Jefferson State Community College on Valleydale Road. They will open on May 18. There will be other farmers' markets in Mt. Laurel, Helena and Columbiana, which will be open on Saturdays. The Calera farmers' market will be open on Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m.; Montevallo's farmers' market will be open on Mondays from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Want to pick blueberries? Try the Morgan Creek Winery in Harpersville, daily starting June 15.

The biggest farmers' market in the area is at Pepper Place in Birmingham at 2nd Avenue South and 27th Street, and they are open on Saturday mornings. They also have cooking demonstrations and musical entertainment.

What they all have to offer is locally grown fruits and vegetables that can change weekly based on what is ready to be harvested. There may also be baked goods and crafts. If you like product that is fresh, local and has a real taste, try a farmers' market and buy directly from the farmer.



Equine Networking Group Rides Into Town

by Kathryn Harrington, Council Member



On certain Thursday evenings at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall, horse enthusiasts will find members of the Shelby County Horse Network meeting to connect with each other, to become informed on happenings

and to educate themselves by listening to a variety of informative and entertaining equine speakers.

The club, formed in January of 2012, meets monthly to share in fellowship while advancing their knowledge of horses, horse care and practices, as well as events and activities taking place in the horse community in Shelby County. With all of the horses in Indian Springs Village alone, the club looks forward to continued growth.

Each month, the club presents a speaker offering expertise in areas of horse care, riding safety and other areas of interest to the equine community. In addition, there is just a lot of fun among attendees trading horse stories and meeting new horse friends. Light refreshments are served at each meeting. A nominal membership fee is charged to those wishing to join the Shelby County Horse Network. The fees help to offset the cost of refreshments, the upkeep of the group's website and Face Book page, as well as events organized by the Network. A list of upcoming meeting dates and scheduled speakers is available on the website.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 2nd. Jackie Hale, owner of James Hale Stables in Columbiana, AL., will speak on how to put on a horse show with a small budget. The following month, the club meets on June 6th. At that meeting, Dr. Scott Owen, DVM, and farrier Mark Rikard will discuss keeping your horse's feet healthy. Every meeting thereafter will be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m..

Any Indian Springs Village resident with horses, or just an interest in horses, will enjoy this club. For more information, or to join the Shelby County Horse Network, please contact Becca Salamone at (205) 677-6070, or email info@shelbycountyhorsenetwork.com. To view the website, go to: www.shelbycountyhorsenetwork.com.

Alabama Wildlife Center Upcoming Programs & Events

Cost: Free after paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park: \$1 per child 6-11 & Seniors 62+; \$3 Adults

5/4/13, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Baby Bird Shower. How Tweet It Is: We're Expecting! Approximately 1,000 baby birds will arrive at the Alabama Wildlife Center this year. Come join in the fun and help AWC prepare for baby bird season. Bring a gift ([www.awrc.org/SupportUs/WishLists/Baby Bird Wish List](http://www.awrc.org/SupportUs/WishLists/BabyBirdWishList)), tour bird nursery and aviaries, free refreshments, children's activities and special appearances by our glove-trained birds of prey.

5/5/13 & 6/2/13, 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).

5/19/13, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. for complimentary refreshments at AWC (Observation Room); program begins at 2:00pm (Oak Mtn. Interpretive Ctr.) Audubon Teaches Nature: Soil Critters-It's a Tiny World under the Microscope! Ellen McLaughlin, Guest Speaker.

Hidden below the leaf litter there is a part of the natural world that is composed of living things so small that they cannot be seen with the unaided eye. The beauty of these organisms will be revealed to you in this program as Ellen takes us on a guided tour of the underworld! Microscopes showcasing live specimens will supplement Ellen's photographs.

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!

North Shelby Library May

Happenings by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby

Library Youth Services Department

Friends of the North Shelby Library Rummage Sale Saturday, May 11th from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Find great items at great prices at the Friends of the Library rummage sale and support the Summer Reading program at the North Shelby Library! Donations of items for the sale can be dropped off at the North Shelby Library from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 9, or on Friday, May 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. No clothing, please. A preview event will held May 10th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$25 entry includes Friends of the Library membership. Wine and hors d'oeuvres served.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading is almost here! We have all kinds of great programs and activities scheduled for this year's Summer Reading program, "Dig Into Reading." Some of these include: jugglers, magicians, movies, crafts and more!

May 20th – May 27th : Summer Reading Early Registration. Come by the Children's Department or go online to pre-register for our Summer Reading Program. Children will receive a special prize for registering during this time. If you register online, stop by the Children's Department to pick up your Summer Reading bag. No phone registrations, please.

Special Programming

Friday, May 3rd at 4:00 p.m.: Happy Birthday Pigeon Party. Help us celebrate the 10th birthday of Mo Willems' lovable pigeon. We will have games, a craft, cake and ice cream. Registration required.

Saturday, May 11th 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 to build spectacular creations. Creations will then go on display in the Children's Department. All ages welcome. No registration is required.

Tuesday, May 14th at 4:00 p.m.: Sunshine Craft. Come to the library to make this "hot" sunshine craft. Registration required. All ages welcome.

Wednesday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout: End of School Party. Come celebrate the end of the school year with fun games and great snacks. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, May 6th, 13th and 20th at 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.

Tuesday, May 7th and May 21st 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, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th 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, May 2nd, 9th and 16th, 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 May 2013

Gaming: Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 @ 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 at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Anime Night: Thursday, May 9 @ 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, May 16 @ 4:30 p.m. 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. Writing prompts to get your ideas flowing are available in the teen department throughout the month. Snacks Served. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Teen Summer Reading: Beneath the Surface. The North Shelby Library Teen Department has all kinds of programs and activities scheduled for this year's summer reading program – music, comics, movies, food and more! The full calendar will be out soon. Early registration runs May 20 through May 31 and regular registration runs June 1 through July 17. Online book logging will run June 1 through July 24.

Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off

Join the YA Librarians for a showing of *Star Trek Into Darkness* at the Alabaster AmStar 14 theater on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. We will provide admission for teens (entering 6th -12th grade). Parents and siblings are welcome to attend for \$10 each. Participants must register in the department between May 20 and 5:00 p.m on May 31. Payment for non-teens is due at registration.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS– MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Shelby County Horse Council 7:00 p.m. Town Hall	3	4
5	6	7 ISV Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Town Hall	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 ISV Planning & Zoning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Town Hall	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 ISV Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Town Hall	22	23 ISV Garden Club Meeting 6:30 p.m. Town Hall	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
				June 6 Shelby County Horse Council 7:00 p.m. Town Hall		

We Bid Farewell *by Alison Stigers, Editor*

Sadly, Olivia and Gene Weingarten have left Indian Springs Village, although they have settled nearby. Gene served as mayor of Indian Springs for 8 years. Council Member Herb Robins described Gene as a “straight-up, honest gentleman, great to work with and dedicated to the best interests of the town. It was an honor to serve with him.” Olivia, in addition to being First Lady, was also the editor of *The Village Voice* and the last of the original newsletter couriers, commenting that she had been “throwing papers” since the beginning. Together, they were part of the team of volunteers who collected aluminum cans, the redemption of which funded the publication of *The Village Voice*, just one of their many efforts on behalf of the town. We’d like to thank the Weingartens for their many years of service to Indian Springs and wish them well in their new home.

Memorial Day, A Time For Remembering *by Steve Zerkis, Villager*

For the last 145 years, one day has been dedicated to honor the ultimate sacrifices made by Americans in war. We are amidst the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, 70th of World War II, 60th of the Korean War, 50th of Viet Nam, 30th of Lebanon, 20th of Somalia and 10th of the Iraq War's beginning. That is a lot of American lives to remember on May 27, 2013.

What we are remembering is that our war dead are not just names on a wall, but real people. People like you and I who put on a uniform and were sent to war. Most were very young, some hadn't even completed high school. They were members of our families, schoolmates, our friends and our neighbors. Their lives were cut short so that the rest of us could live in freedom. Let's all enjoy Memorial Day but remember these people.