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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1, 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.

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Message From The Mayor *by Brenda Bell Guercio*

I want to thank and commend the Shelby County Board of Education, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, the Shelby County Commission and all the mayors and city councils in Shelby County that have come together as one to fund the Safe Schools Initiative Plan. The schools are an asset to our community, and the safety and welfare of the children, teachers and administrators are, and should be, a high priority. Indian Springs is proud to be a participant.

On another note, I want to remind our residents that starting October 1, we will have a new garbage and trash service. Shelby County has switched from Waste Management to Waste Pro. If you have not received a postcard to sign up with Waste Pro, please go online to shelbycountyalabama.com and under Departments, go to Environmental Services. Then you will see the Waste Pro information to download and mail in. This will assure continuance of service.

Also, there will be a Town Hall Meeting on October 8th at 7:00 p.m. where ALDOT will discuss their proposals to eliminate flooding on segments of Highway 119 in heavy rain. I strongly encourage all property owners along 119 to come as well as any other interested citizens.

I hope you all enjoyed a fun and relaxing Labor Day and are ready for football season in Alabama!

Sincerely,

Brenda Bell Guercio

*Founders' Day Celebration
Tuesday, October 15!*

LANDFILL "FREE" DAY

Saturday, October 5 Shelby County Landfill

www.shelbycountyalabama.com

4154 Highway 70, Columbiana, AL 35051

205-669-1469

Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sat 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Town Council Meeting

July 16, 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.

Chief Tyler reported that the weather siren at Town Hall is now operative. Pelham City Engineers are working on the state permits for the hydrants to be installed on Highway 119.

Mendel presented the June financial report. We are $\frac{3}{4}$ through the fiscal year with a cash basis net income of \$132,500 across all funds. Mendel motioned to endorse the report, seconded by Harrington. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins gave an update on road paving. Indian Crest Drive, which was not included in Robin's request to the County, has been repaved. Robins thanked Harrington for her work on the flag project and mentioned an article about it was published in *The Birmingham News*. Robins thanked the volunteers for the Fourth of July Celebration including Warren, Ben and Winn Jones and Hayal Shamsuddin; the Garden Club members; Rita Mendel; and Elders Nielson and Osiemo from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Despite the rain, there was still a good turnout. One of the servers from Shane's Rib Shack sang the National Anthem a cappella. Leftovers were delivered to NSFD Stations One and Two and Brother Bryan Mission. Robins shared a thank you letter from the mission.

Robins will meet with Gary Ray of ALDOT and City Engineer Frazier Christy regarding a study done on the flooding on Highway 119.

Robins thanked Sheriff Curry for the work he does and asked that the Council consider a proclamation to honor Curry.

Mendel reported he is still getting payroll paperwork together.

Harrington thanked the entire Town for making the flag project successful. She will talk to the Alabama Power engineer this week about leaving the flag brackets up. The flags will be up through July 31.

Harrington has completed the letter pertaining to the dam. In summary, it describes the efforts over the last nine months regarding dam remediation at Oak Mountain State Park. Representative McClurkin may be able to facilitate money for a grant. Mayor Guercio and Harrington attended a meeting this morning with McClurkin and representatives from different agencies about the project. Overall, they reported it was a positive meeting. Harrington made a motion for the Council to approve the letter and to sign and send the letter, dated July 18, 2013, to Gunner Guy. Robins seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by Mayor Guercio,

Robins, Mendel, Harrington and Stauss. Trammell asked to defer until he could read the letter.

Stauss reported that July was the last paper copy of *The Village Voice*. He has received approximately 50 more email requests. He will send a response to Flex Digital on the website. He has not had a chance to order the printer/copier/scanner yet.

Trammell has attempted to contact the three property owners on Double Oak Lane about their annexation requests. Two of the three phone numbers have been disconnected and he left a message for the third property owner.

Mayor Guercio gave an update on the status of two of the previously reported nuisance properties. The property owner on Indian Forest Trail is working to clean up the property. Mayor Guercio has not been able to contact the property owner on New Hope Mountain Road and has mailed him a letter.

Mayor Guercio attended a Mayors Round Table on school security sponsored by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. Ten of the thirteen mayors in the County attended. Commissioner Lindsey Allison, County Manager Alex Dudchuck, Shelby County Board of Education Superintendent Randy Fuller, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lewis Brooks and Sheriff Chris Curry discussed their departmental responsibilities and funding. The Board of Education has given the mayors another proposal for funding the project.

Mayor Guercio received a thank you note from Max and Kris Davis for the flag project.

The face-painter and Marine Corps members who were cancelled due to rain on the Fourth need to be reimbursed.

A question was asked concerning Alabama requirements for Workers' Compensation insurance coverage on Rasco, as of her changeover from individual contractor to employee. It was stated that this coverage is required by law only if an employer has more than 4 employees.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. A resident of Alpine Way explained the project he is doing on his property and stated City Engineer Frazier Christy had approved the project, but he received a letter from the County stating he was doing unpermitted work. Jones responded and explained the County's process. He also explained the timing of the emails showed that Christy's approval came after the County's letter.

A resident of Stagg Run thanked the Mayor and Council for their volunteer work and thanked Sheriff Curry for his work. He expressed his opposition to the City spending funds on school safety and thinks the money can be better spent on the citizens of the town. Trammell concurred with a previous recommendation that we conduct a public meeting to get the citizens' sentiments about expending municipal funds for school security.

Jones asked if when the Town incorporated, did it not take away funds from the County? A discussion followed.

Mendel stated that the school donations began when the schools were annexed into ISV. After the annexation, the County reduced funding to the schools, because they were no longer located in an unincorporated area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

August 6, 2013

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Council Chairman Pro Tem called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Mayor Guercio.

The Council approved the July 16 minutes as presented.

Hayal Shamsuddin presented his Eagle Scout project to the Council. He plans to update the picnic tables and the cost is approximately \$500. Inquiries were made by Harrington and Mendel about the safety and supervision of the project since power saws would be in use. Mr. Shamsuddin stated that the scout master would be present to supervise the project and the scouts and, since they were under 18, they were not allowed to use the power saws. This portion of the work would be performed by the on site adult supervisors. Robins voted to suspend the rules, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll call vote. Mendel motioned to open a capital project to improve the picnic tables and benches at a cost not to exceed \$600. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously. Robins signed Shamsuddin's project consent form.

Chief Tyler gave an update on the hydrant project. The State has not yet approved the permits for the hydrants to be located on 119. They should be approved in the next 2 weeks.

Robins gave an update on the automobile break-ins that had recently been reported by Deputy Dixon. The suspects have been arrested. Some of the property recovered has matched the items reported stolen in this area.

Mendel reported that payroll services have been set up and the first check has been issued.

Harrington reported that she, Mayor Guercio, Representative Mary Sue McClurkin, County Commission President Lindsey Allison and County Manager Alex Dudchock had a meeting about the Oak Mountain dams. McClurkin previously obtained a grant for storm water runoff that was not used that can now be used for dam remediation. There is also a \$50,000 grant available from CAWACA. The County will assist in getting a certified dam engineer to perform inspections at no cost to the

City. Pelham Mayor Gary Waters was unable to attend.

Harrington reported that she is finalizing the payment list for the flags and those who have not paid will be invoiced. She is also finalizing the information for the plaque. The flags and brackets have been removed from the power poles.

Harrington distributed a draft resolution to the Council regarding the Andrews nuisance property. She has consulted with the County, The League of Municipalities and others and determined that the most effective way to handle the situation is to file a lawsuit and list all applicable nuisances in the suit. It will cost the City to file the suit, but the City Attorney will handle it pro bono. The first step is to have a resolution declaring the property a public nuisance. Harrington further described the steps in the process and requested that the resolution be acted upon at the next regular meeting.

Stauss reported that the first e-*The Village Voice* went out last week to over 400 emails. He has given feedback to Flex Digital on the website. They have provided two more options for the Council to review. The Council reviewed the story boards and made a decision on the template and pictures.

Robins reported that several roads had been repaved including: Star Trek Drive, Valley View Road, Valley View Lane, Spring Garden Street (north), Alpine Way, Mountain Vista, Brook Green Lane, Park View Circle and a portion of Indian Crest Drive. Robins thought the contractor did an excellent job and contacted County Engineer Scott Holladay and thanked him for including the streets in the county's annual paving project.

Robins and City Engineer Frazier Christy met with representatives of ALDOT regarding a project to remediate the flooding on 119. Robins will present more information at the August 20th Town Council meeting. ALDOT will give a presentation at a future town meeting to be announced.

Robins reminded everyone that a reception will be held at the Town Hall tomorrow from 4:00 to 7:00 for former Mayor Steve Zerkis and his wife Pat.

Robins reported that the City Clerk had resigned and this is her last meeting. He thanked Rasco for an outstanding job the last six and a half years. Former Mayor Zerkis also thanked Rasco and made positive comments about her work.

Rasco presented a resolution to approve the ABC license for Caldwell Shell. Stauss made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Trammell. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported that Mayor Guercio has called a special meeting for Tuesday, August 13th to elect a new city clerk. Robins noted that he will post the meeting notices in the morning. Trammell said he did not believe the posting time met the requirements of the Open Meeting Act and

that a minimum of 7 days was required. Robins read the requirements that stated “posting should be done as soon as practicable after the meeting is called, but in no event less than 24 hours before the meeting is scheduled to begin”.

Trammell stated he is relatively new to the Council and asked what the protocol/procedures were for correcting the minutes. Should he edit just his part or the entire document? The Council discussed and agreed that the entire document should be edited and any issues with the minutes can be discussed when the minutes are presented for approval. Trammell brought up the question of the degree to which citizen’s comments are included in the minutes. The Council agreed that citizen input is very important and is included in the minutes but, due to space constraints often must be summarized rather than verbatim. Harrington referenced a recent article in the League of Municipalities Journal and said the minutes should contain decisions and actions by the Council and not lengthy comments or discussion. Robins referenced the Selected Readings For The Municipal Official which stated “minutes should not include lengthy reports of the discussion and comments which took place unless a member requests that his or her remarks be made part of the record“. The Council further discussed what should be included and excluded. Trammell mentioned a resident whose comments were partially deleted from the draft of the July 16 minutes and asked if they could be added. He will make a motion at the next meeting to amend the minutes to include the omitted sentences. PAZ Chair Wayne Jones suggested they revisit the council rules of procedure.

Robins opened the floor for public comment. A resident of Arrowhead Lane stated he noticed the ad for Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Mayor in The Village Voice and asked if the requirements had changed to add secretarial duties. Harrington responded that some secretarial duties had always been included. There was a brief discussion among residents in attendance. Former Mayor Steve Zerkis stated that the current clerk’s duties had never included secretarial during his term. Harrington noted that the city had, for 22 years, enjoyed the benefit of not only free legal services from it’s city attorneys but the city attorneys provided free secretarial services to the town as well for legal documents, and letters concerning legal matters etc. and those free secretarial services are no longer as available now as in the past. Harrington further responded that she had recently spoken to the president of the Alabama Municipal Clerks Association about the scope of a city clerk’s duties and was advised that, while a city clerk’s duties include certain requirements such as keeping the minutes and the city records in proper order and secure, the duties are not limited to these areas and in most smaller towns, a city clerk’s duties include whatever

the Mayor and council deem necessary, which usually includes secretarial and clerical duties.

Trammell stated the ad reads “Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Mayor”, and the law says the Council only elects the town clerk, not an administrative assistant to the mayor. He also asked why the Assistant Town Clerk vacancy and the Administrative Assistant vacancy have not been filled. There was additional discussion about the new job possibly requiring more than 20 hours a week.

Boy Scouts attending the meeting to meet various requirements were: John McDaniel, Star; Seth Graham, First Class and Jackson Sauers, Star. All the Scouts were from Troop 533.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk
Revisions/ Herb Robins, Councilman

Town Council Special Meeting

August 13, 2013

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall for a special meeting for the purpose of electing a new city clerk. Council members and residents were notified of the special meeting at the regular council meeting on 8/6/13, by email and by notification posted 8/7/13 as required by law.

Mayor Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of the City Clerk, councilman Robins was appointed to take minutes. Robins called the roll. All members were present.

The Mayor stated the purpose of the special meeting was to elect a new city clerk. She then called for a motion for an executive session for the purpose of reviewing applicants’ resumes and discussing their qualifications for the position. Harrington motioned that, pursuant to AL code section 36-25-A7, which is the code section governing executive sessions contained within the chapter of the Alabama Code on Alabama Open Meetings Act, the council convene an executive session since the topic of discussion is the qualification of individuals who have applied for the position of city clerk.

The motion was seconded by Robins. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and the vote was unanimous. The Mayor informed the audience that the council would be in executive session approximately 20-30 minutes. The Mayor and all members of the council met in the adjacent meeting room at 7:05 p.m. for the executive session where 8 resumes were reviewed and discussed.

The Mayor reconvened the special meeting at 7:45 p.m. and asked if there was a motion to elect a new city clerk. Harrington motioned that the City Council elect Joan

Downs as the Indian Springs Village city clerk for a term of one year, to commence on August 17, 2013, her election being contingent upon Ms. Downs being bonded and passing all background checks and required screenings. The motion was seconded by Stauss. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Mayor expressed her thanks to all the applicants and noted that she would send a response of thanks to each and note that their resumes would be kept on file.

The Mayor gave a brief preview of the August 20th council meeting in which Sheriff Chris Curry and Assistant School Superintendent Dr. Lewis Brooks will discuss the finalized plan for Shelby County School Security. She noted that the Shelby County Commission, Board of Education and Sheriff's Office have all committed funding to the plan as well as all municipalities in the county with the exception of ISV which was waiting for earlier issues to be resolved. The Mayor noted that those issues had been resolved and than she would like the council to consider funding a portion of the school security for the Oak Mountain School zone at a level of approximately \$25,000 (\$16,000 from school grants, \$1800 from donations made at the 4th of July BBQ and the remainder from savings from printing *The Village Voice* as it is now primarily electronic). This could be done and not impose any additional expense for ISV. The commitment would be reviewed annually and a report requested on how the funds were expended. This would help fund 3 School Resource Officers for the Oak Mountain School zone.

The Mayor asked the council to consider voting on this at the August 20th council meeting. Trammell again asked for a public hearing on such expenditures. A discussion followed.

Harrington requested the council review the proposed nuisance abatement resolution she drafted concerning an abandoned home, junk vehicles and debris on Pawnee Drive and Choctaw Lane. She asked the council to be prepared to vote on the resolution at the August 20th council meeting.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Robins, Councilman

Town Council Meeting

August 20, 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. In the absence of the City Clerk, Robins called the roll. All council members were present.

The Mayor read the agenda for the meeting and noted that, as there were guest speakers, the regular agenda

order would be altered to allow them to speak first. The Mayor then introduced Dr. Lewis Brooks, Assistant Superintendent of Administration for the Shelby County Board of Education and Shelby County Sheriff Chris Curry, both of whom addressed the Shelby County Safe Schools Initiative.

Dr. Brooks handed out copies of the Safe Schools Initiative to the Council and reviewed the history and development of the plan which began after the Sandy Hook School tragedy. He presented copies of the contract to the Council which showed the financial commitments of the entities involved in funding the program including the Board of Education, Sheriff's Office, Shelby County Commission and municipalities. He noted the plan is "comprehensive and fluid" and asked ISV to be a partner in this plan.

Sheriff Curry gave a brief history of Shelby County school security and how it is evolving. The first two school resource offices (SRO's) were trained and placed in high schools immediately after the Columbine tragedy in 1999. He noted that SRO's are deputies who receive special training in all aspects of school security including active shooter, natural disasters, fights and bullying. They are trained to be mentors, counselors and role models so students can have a positive contact with a law officer. These programs were completely funded by the sheriff's office but the Dare Program and one SRO had to be eliminated due to budget cuts. Prior to Sandy Hook, there were two SRO's for the entire county. After Sandy Hook, the Sheriff placed deputies at all public schools and reduced services in other areas. Under the Safe Schools Initiative, the Sheriff will place SRO's at Oak Mountain High School, Oak Mountain Intermediate School and one SRO assigned to the Middle School/Elementary School. The contract deputy for ISV will spend part of their 20 hours per week also doing random school checks in ISV. The Sheriff thanked the Council and citizens of ISV for their support in the past and asked the Council to continue to invest in the future of our schools.

The Mayor asked for questions. Members of the Council and residents asked questions concerning other alternatives to SRO's, training required, training for school personnel, costs and potential grant money. The Sheriff stated he had looked at other alternatives and will continue to review the program and make adjustments as needed. The Sheriff handed out copies of the cost break down per deputy/school. He noted all SRO's are certified by a special training school where they learn about school policies, administration and dealing with children. Dr. Brooks noted that the sheriff's office had put on an active shooter school for the BOE and that the Oak Mountain School zone is the largest zone with approximately 4,700 children. A resident stated that in a study on SRO's post Columbine, the most important aspect of the program was

the relationship SRO's developed with children, teachers and parents. He thanked Curry and Brooks for all they've done over the last several months for school security.

The Mayor briefly reviewed previous council discussions over the last several months concerning school security and her belief in the importance of the Safe Schools Initiative not only for ISV and the Oak Mountain Schools, but for the county as a whole. She restated that ISV funding would come from \$16,000 in ISV grant money (ISV gives annually to Oak Mountain Schools), \$1,800 from 4th of July revenue and approximately \$7,200 from savings from printing cost of *The Village Voice*, for a total of \$25,000. This would be no additional cost to ISV as the town was already spending this money. The commitment would begin next fiscal year, October 1, 2013 and would be finalized when the budget is approved. The Mayor asked for a motion to endorse the Safe Schools Initiative. Trammell stated that the vote could not be taken without suspending the rules as the expenditure of \$25,000 had not been proposed at a previous council meeting. It was noted by the Mayor and other council members that the proposal had been discussed at several previous meetings including the special meeting on August 13th and noted in the minutes. Trammell stated that, according to Selected Reading for the Municipal Official, "Subjects not covered by the special meeting notice, other than routine business, may not be considered at a special meeting unless the council unanimously consents there to". Harrington noted that in the Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers, Attorney General opinion 2000-027 "specifically provides that the governing body may still discuss at a meeting additional matters not included in the preliminary agenda". The Mayor noted that at the August 13th meeting, she gave a "heads up" to the Council that the school security issue would be addressed and hopefully a vote to commit financial aid along with the BOE, County Commission, Sheriff's Office and all other municipalities involved can be obtained at the Council's regularly scheduled meeting on August 20th. Robins motioned to suspend the rules seconded by Harrington, in order to consider Guercio's proposal. The subsequent vote was 5 to 1 to suspend the rules, with Trammell casting the dissenting vote. Consequently, the motion to suspend the rules failed. During further discussion, it was again noted that the proposal had been discussed at previous council meetings including potential funding amounts at the May 21st Town Council meeting. Mendel stated that the Mayor was requesting a vote of the Council to endorse the Safe Schools Initiative and that the vote on actual funding would be done when the budget is passed. Mendel then moved to endorse the Safe Schools Initiative and to budget \$25,000, seconded by Harrington. All council members voted in favor of the motion except Trammell.

Harrington referenced the August 6th Council meeting in which she had discussed in detail nuisance property located on Pawnee Drive and Choctaw Lane and had distributed a draft resolution to the Council for abatement action. She restated the history of the property and past efforts to have the property owner clean it up. She noted that the City Engineer along with two other municipal officials had visited and photographed the property and documented their findings in a report. Harrington stated that all means to alleviate the dangerous situation had failed and the only recourse was legal action. She presented the Council with Resolution #08-06-13-02, Nuisance Abatement Pawnee Drive/Choctaw Lane Properties. Harrington read the resolution and asked that a copy of the resolution, the report, pictures and a letter from City Engineer Frazier Christy be attached to the minutes. (The resolution and photos are omitted from the minutes in *The Village Voice*, but are available for review at the Town Hall upon request.) She then moved that the resolution be adopted by the Council, seconded by Trammell. The vote was unanimous.

Hayel Shamsuddin completed his Eagle Scout Project previously presented and approved by the Council. The project included refurbishing the picnic tables by adding cross braces to all the seats, replacing one seat and sealing the tables with a wood preservative. He presented the bill for materials for \$614.98. The Council thanked him for his efforts on behalf of ISV.

Nelson Park presented his Eagle Scout Project proposal to the Council. His project includes replacing the existing posts and rails on the bridge behind the pavilion and installing a locking gate that will allow pedestrians access but block vehicles other than for special events. These will be constructed of wrought iron and painted black (all built to engineering codes for safety). The cost for material is \$1851 with labor donated. Robins moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Mendel. Robins called for a roll call vote. The vote in favor was unanimous. Trammell moved to spend up the \$2000 for the project, seconded by Stauss. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Robins gave an overview of an ALDOT proposal to alleviate flooding on 119. The proposal includes several potential scenarios, all of which include adding additional culverts along and under 119 east and west of Town hall and potential right of way/easement acquisition. There were many questions and comments by residents and Robins urged them to come to the ALDOT's presentation on Tuesday October 8th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall (confirmed).

The Mayor asked for discussion on the August 6th minutes. After much discussion, Mendel moved for the minutes to be approved as amended, seconded by Harrington. The vote was unanimous.

Trammell moved to amend the July 16, 2013 minutes which were approved as presented by the Council on August 6, 2013. There was no second and the motion failed.

Stauss has presented the Council's suggested changes to the new website to the website designer.

Mendel has completed the FY2014 budget worksheet and forwarded it to the Mayor for review. He suggested the Council consider and act on the budget at the next meeting on September 3rd. The FY2012 audit is nearly complete. Payroll services for Joan Downs, the new Town Clerk, have been set up, with the exception of E-verify. Our payroll services provider is not able to do e-verify for the new ISV hires. Other alternatives will be examined. The review of the July financial report was postponed until the next meeting.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Herb Robins, Councilman

Zoning Board of Adjustment

by Jane Martin, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair

ZBA met on Tuesday, August 20th to hear a request from St. Francis for a non-profit school, Stonecreek Montessori, to use three existing classrooms for children 2-5 years old (up to 24 children) for one school year. The hearing was continued until Tuesday, August 27th to allow Stonecreek to obtain further verification from the IRS on its non-profit status.

ZBA met again on Tuesday, August 27th, to hear a request from St. Francis to use its three classrooms as a non-affiliated school. This was approved by the Board.

The Board then continued the hearing from the previous week in which Stonecreek produced documentation from the IRS proving its non-profit status. The Board approved the request for use of the classrooms up to June 30, 2014 with conditions.

North Shelby Library September 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/ to view our calendar and make reservations.

Special Programming

Lego Club: Saturday, September 7th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The library provides the Legos, the kids provide the imagination and creativity. Families are welcome to drop in anytime between 10:00 a.m. 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.

Johnny Appleseed Craft: Tuesday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m. Come to the library and celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday by making an applelicious craft. Registration required. All ages welcome.

Homeschool Hangout: Birmingham Audubon Society: Wednesday, September 18th at 1:00 p.m. Join us to learn about the marvels of migration. What does migration mean and why do animals and birds migrate? Participate as a "migratory bird" in a hands-on activity to see if you have what it takes to migrate your way to the wintering grounds. Migration is more than a destination, it is a journey of a lifetime! Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Best Places to Live in Alabama (2012) – ISV is #3!

by J.C. Grant, Yahoo! Contributor Network, May 5, 2011

This article, the twenty-seventh in a 50-state series, ranks the best places to live in Alabama based on three criteria: (1) median household income (adjusted for cost of living); (2) educational attainment (% of residents 25 years and over who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher); and (3) property crime rates per 1,000 residents (burglary and automobile thefts). For purposes of these rankings, "places" are incorporated municipalities with populations greater than 2,000.

Among the twenty best places to live in Alabama, thirteen are suburbs or exurbs of Birmingham, three are suburbs of Mobile, two are suburbs of Huntsville, one is a suburb of Montgomery and one is a suburb of Pensacola, Florida. By county, eight of the best places to live in Alabama are located in or partially in Jefferson County, seven in or partially in Shelby County, four in Baldwin County, one each in Etowah, Montgomery, and Morgan counties, and one each partially in Limestone, Madison, and St. Clair counties.



3. Best Places to Live in Alabama (2012) - Indian Springs Village, AL (Shelby County)

Population: 2,571

Median household income

(adjusted for cost of living): \$107,450

Bachelor's degree or higher (25 years and over): 54.8%

Property crime rate per 1,000 residents (burglary and auto thefts): 2.64*

<http://voices.yahoo.com/best-places-live-alabama-2012-8155171.html>

Potterpalooza: Friday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m. Help us celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Harry Potter series. We will have games, a craft and refreshments. Ages 9-12. Registration required.

Family Movie Day: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, Saturday, September 28th at 2:00 p.m. Brush up on your knowledge of the first movie to get ready for the sequel. All ages. No registration required.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales: Mondays, September 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts make up a lively 30-minute program designed especially for short attention spans. Registration will begin one week prior to each storytime. Ages 19-36 months. Registration required.

Baby Tales: Tuesday, September 3rd and 17th. 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.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!): Wednesdays, September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 10:45 a.m.

Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration.

P. J. Story Time: Thursdays, September 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 7:00 p.m. 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 Programming

Gaming: Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 3:30-5:45 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 at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Anime Night: Thursday, September 12 @ 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! Call or email Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Harry Potter Week: September 16-20. Stop by the department all week long! We'll be watching the Harry Potter movies, making wizard crafts and taking pictures in a photo booth complete with character props. Call or email Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Homeschool Hangout: Teen Edition: Wednesday, September 18 @ 1:00 p.m. An opportunity for homeschoolers in 6-12th grade to get together for fun and educational activities. This month, we'll take a tour of the library and learn about the electronic resources available to Shelby County Library card holders. Call or email Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Young Adult Writing Group: Thursday, September 19 @ 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. Snacks served. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

North Shelby Library Adult – September Happenings 2013

National Medicare Education Week: Thursday, September 19, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m. United Healthcare is hosting the perfect opportunity for seniors to interact with a healthcare expert and ask questions about upcoming Medicare changes. Health care decisions can have a significant impact on the well-being – and wallets – of seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare is not a one-size-fits-all program and making the right coverage choices requires thoughtful planning. Refreshments and take-away items will be provided at the event. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please call 1-866-890-2242 to RSVP or visit NMEW.com.

Understanding Retirement Community Living: Monday, September 16 @ 6:30 p.m. If you have ever been told "I'm not ready to go into a Nursing Home" or "I'm going to live here in my house for as long as I possibly can" by parents or grandparents who should be looking to move into a Retirement Community, then this seminar is for you. Tim Meehan of Somerby St. Vincent's 119 will be discussing these issues and explaining the specifics of Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care. Following his talk, he will be happy to answer questions. Refreshments served. Call 439-5540 or email nsref@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

4Health Town Hall Meeting: Monday, September 30 @ 6:30 p.m. Getting back to the old fashioned basics of health. Confused by all the conflicting information you hear about in the news and online? Join Dr. David C. Todd for information about separating myth from fact! Refreshments served. Call 439-5540 or email nsref@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

In Memoriam

James Mayberry Geyer, age 84, of Tuscaloosa, died July 30, 2013, at Hospice of West Alabama. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Martha Stewart Geyer of Tuscaloosa; son, James Daniel Geyer (Stephenie Dillard) of Tuscaloosa; grandchildren, Sydney Katherine Geyer and Emery Elizabeth Geyer, both of Tuscaloosa. Jim was born in Tulsa, OK, and attended elementary school in Drumright, OK. He moved to San Jose, CA, when he was a teenager. He graduated with honors from the University of California Berkley with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following post-graduate training in electrical and nuclear engineering, he accepted a job with Combustion Engineering where he worked for 49 years and 10 months designing power plants. Jim was named "Engineer of the Year" in 1986 for his contribution to the field. He married Martha Stewart in 1958 and they had 54 wonderful years together, despite frequent moves during the early years. Jim proudly served his country serving as a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II and during two tours of duty in the Korean War. Jim and Martha settled in Indian Springs, AL, in 1974 where they raised their son, Jim. In 2010, they moved to Pine Valley retirement Community to be close to family. Jim's delightful sense of humor will be missed by all.

Hummingbirds the Subject of Presentation by Birmingham Audubon Society Director

by Liz Alosi, President, Indian Springs Garden Club

The speaker for this month's meeting was the Executive Director for the Birmingham Audubon Society, Suzanne Langley. Her presentation included speaking about the hummingbird's migratory path. There are four flyway zones that hummingbirds take, the one closest to us being the Mississippi flyway. Branches from this flyway are taken to meet the traveling needs of the migrating birds. During migration, there may be a rogue who doesn't make it to its destination and will linger in our area much longer than usual. So keeping up a feeder during the winter doesn't do any harm and may be one of the hummer's food sources for the winter. Ms. Langley commented on sugar water feed, stating that red dye should not be used to color the water, and cleaning the feeder with a weak clorox solution is best to keep the feeder clean. After the presentation, delicious refreshments brought by Lynn Hendricks and Laura Jones were served. Eleanor Bennett gave the devotion.

Dr. Ellen McLaughlin will be speaking to us about the value of the dandelion at our September 26th meeting.

Celebrity Golf Tournament to Benefit Special Equestrians

submitted by Jaime Laird, Director of Events and Operations, Special Equestrians

What do football, horseback riding and golf have in common? On Thursday, October 3rd the answer is the 2013 Special Equestrians Celebrity Golf Tournament. This is not your average golf tournament. Celebrity host and Alabama football legend Bobby Humphrey recruits Alabama and Auburn football alumni, former pro-athletes (and even an Olympian!) and local media personalities, and each foursome plays with a celebrity. Great prizes, continental breakfast and an after-play Lunch Party with lunch donated by Pelham's own Eli Gold's and Walter Caron's Nino's Italian Restaurant.

Thursday, October 3rd, 2013, Timberline Golf Club

8:00 a.m. Registration / 9:00 a.m. shotgun start

Registration materials and all details at www.specialequest.org – just click on "events."

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings



Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS Chapter 0566) meets every Tuesday morning at St. Francis 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!

Villagers, It's Time to Celebrate the Birthday of Our Town!

When: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Indian Springs Town Hall Pavilion

Come one and all to the Town Hall and celebrate the birthday of Indian Springs Village.

There will be lots of outstanding barbeque, soft drinks, pastries and, of course, birthday cake for all of us to enjoy.

Our Founders' Day is a wonderful small town tradition that we all cherish and the more that come to join in the birthday celebration, the better.

So, load up the kids, along with your favorite cake or pie if you would like to contribute, and help us sing happy birthday to our town. The kids always love this party because it means running the grounds of the Town Hall on a crisp fall evening. To our villager moms and dads, it means seeing old friends and a night away from the kitchen!

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>2</p> <p>CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY</p>	<p>3 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH</p> <p>INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>4 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 11:30- 3 Rummikub 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>5 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH</p>	<p>6 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER</p> <p>9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>9 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>10 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>11 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 11:30- 3 Rummikub 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>12 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH</p> <p>INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL SHELBY COUNTY HORSE COUNCIL - TBA</p>	<p>13 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing HEARDMONT DANCE 6:30-9:00 PM</p> <p>ALABAMA SYMPHONY LEAVE AT 9:00</p>
<p>16 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta</p>	<p>17 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH</p> <p>INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>18 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 11:30-3:00 Rummikub 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>19 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11-Harrison Reg. Library 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH</p>	<p>20 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
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<p>30 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta</p>	<p><i>Heardmont Senior Center</i> <i>5452 Cahaba Valley RD</i> <i>Monday-Friday 9-3 pm</i> <i>Phone : 991-5742</i> <i>Fax: 991-5657</i> <i>Email:</i> heardmontparksc@gmail.com</p>	<p>ISV Town Hall <i>2635 Cahaba Valley RD</i></p>		