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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 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 would like to remind everyone of our Founders' Day dinner on Tuesday, October 15th at the Town Hall Pavilion at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a BBQ dinner and birthday cake with your neighbors in celebration of our town's 23rd birthday. Feel free to bring along some homemade goodies which are always a highlight at our Indian Springs Village events. A short council meeting will follow the dinner.

I also want to remind everyone of an upcoming meeting of the PAZ where ALDOT will be presenting proposals to remediate periodic flooding on Cahaba Valley Road east and west of the Town Hall. Please come and listen to their suggestions and ask questions, especially if you live along Cahaba Valley Road and border Bishop Creek. The meeting will be October 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

I was also notified this past week by our County Manager, Alex Dudchock, that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has asked the county to address the grading of an access road to the Oak Mountain Dam so that maintenance actions on the dam can be performed. This is a positive step in addressing our concerns with the Park dam. I am grateful for the help and support we are receiving from the County in this matter.

Hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather, and look forward to seeing you on Founders' Day.

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

September 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Clerk called the roll and all Council members were present.

Herb Robins presented the minutes of the August 20th Council meeting. Harrington made a motion to remove some language in paragraph four due to the fact that it was too lengthy. A discussion was held as to the appropriate length and detail of future minutes. It was pointed out that Brian Stauss's name was misspelled in the minutes. Trammell made a motion to amend the August 20th Town Council meeting minutes to include additional language but the motion failed due to a lack of a second to the motion. Harrington withdrew her previous motion and made a motion that the minutes be approved as written with the exception of the correction of the spelling of Mr. Stauss's name. The motion was seconded with a unanimous vote to approve.

Mayor Bell-Guercio informed the Council that PAZ would send a recap of their last meeting to *The Village Voice*. Harrington shared a recap of the meeting with the Council. Robins reminded the Council of the ALDOT meeting Tuesday October 8th at 7:00 at the Town Hall to discuss the flooding issues related to Highway 119. The Council asked Stauss to send an E-Blast concerning the meeting. Harrington shared concerns from ISV citizens concerning the FEMA flood plan on Cahaba Valley Road.

Stauss gave the report for Chief Tyler, who was unable to attend, reporting that an additional two fire hydrants have been installed. The Fire Chief has elected not to install the last hydrant, as he did not deem it necessary.

Mendel explained an error in the last financial report, which has been corrected and made a motion that the financials be endorsed. Stauss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mendel presented and explained the FY2014 budget. He noted that the expenditures for engineering services will be divided into three expense items, according to the purpose of the activity. Mendel made a motion that the budget be accepted as presented. Harrington seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Robins reported that the steel for the Eagle Scout Project that will replace the existing posts and rails on the bridge was delivered at a cost of \$1,386. Additionally, a "no outlet" sign was ordered for Willow Ridge and the decorative ISV sign at Woodward Drive was repaired and installed.

Mendel reported that the preliminary FY 2012 audit review meeting is to be held September 10, 2013 at 10:00 at the Town Hall. He also reported that we are in compliance with the E-Verify Alabama statute.

Harrington reminded the Council of City Clerk's duty as custodian of records. She moved that we rent a 5x7 climate controlled storage unit from Metro Trucking, for under \$500/year. A council member will be responsible to contact the State

to get permission to move our archived files. The vote was unanimous.

Harrington also reported that the mayor received a letter from the Director of State Parks concerning taking trees down on one of the Oak Mountain dams, and recommended that we give them some time to solve the problem.

Website and communication protocol was discussed.

Trammell led a discussion on business licenses and the need to update the current ordinance. Harrington informed the Council of a new Alabama statute that changes the due date of business licenses to January 1st, instead of January 31st. The notice date will need to be moved up to December 1st.

Harrington moved that the City authorize the expenditure for FY 2014 of \$25,000 that is to be spent for school security with \$16,000 of this amount being reallocated from Oak Mountain school grants that have been made in the past and the expenditure is not renewable without action of the Council. All council members voted in favor of the motion except Trammell.

Mendel moved that ISV provide Workman's Comp through the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (AMIC). Harrington seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Bell-Guercio pointed out that Waste Pro goes into effect October 1. Waste Management will no longer be the provider. An E-Blast should go out to residents with additional information.

A discussion was had concerning Founders' Day. Robins will contact Shane's for a quote.

Mayor Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Down, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

September 17, 2013

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at the Town Hall Tuesday, September 17, 2013. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Clerk called the roll and all Council members were present except Brian Stauss.

Robins reported on the PAZ meeting held on September 10, 2013. He reported that Chairman Wayne Jones gave a brief overview of the upcoming agenda items but the main emphasis of the meeting was with regard to ISV citizens' concerns over the ISV Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance adopted 2/19/13 in accordance with the current National Flood Insurance Program Regulations. The newly revised ordinance raised the building height for new construction in flood prone areas one foot higher above base flood elevation than the previous ISV ordinance in response to FEMA's most recent BFE studies on Bishop Creek. The Commission listened to the citizens' concerns regarding the consequence of the ordinance and their ability to add-on to their property. The citizens are drafting a resolution to be presented to PAZ for their review. If accepted, PAZ will hold a hearing on the proposal and make a recommendation to the Town Council. PAZ is waiting for the formal request. The next

PAZ meeting will be held October 8th and at that meeting ALDOT will be doing a presentation at the Town Hall on their pending proposals to remediate periodic flooding on Highway 119. The Mayor requested that everyone attend the meeting and ask questions and express their concerns. The Mayor wrote a letter to ALDOT requesting that they study upgrading current drainage structures rather than more invasive, expensive alternatives.

There was discussion over the minutes of previous Council meeting minutes. Harrington made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written and Mendel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a dissenting vote by Trammell.

Fire Chief Tyler reported that new fire hydrants at Highway 119 and Jasmine Hill Road and St. Francis of Assisi Church have been installed. Chief Tyler also explained that one of the hydrants on Highway 119 was deleted because it was too close to another hydrant thereby reducing the cost by \$7,000. He also reported that by the end of the month they will be signing papers on a new fire truck. The reserve truck will be donated to another Shelby County municipality with a volunteer fire department. Chief Tyler reported that the fire dues have gone out and financially the fire district is doing well.

Robins reported that he received a bid from Shane's for Founders' Day catering as requested by Council for \$1,105.32 based on 100 people. Founders' Day will be celebrated at the Town Council meeting, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Mendel reported on the financial statements for August. Year-to-date ISV is positive by \$116,676.71 revenue vs. expenses, across all funds. Currently, net assets are \$2.1M. It was noted that there is a significant savings on *The Village Voice* with regard to printed vs. electronic publication, almost a \$10,000 a year savings. Trammell called attention to the excessively high water expense. Robins will check the meter for a leak. Mendel made a motion to endorse the August financial report. Robins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to endorse the report.

Mendel also reported on the preliminary auditors meeting held on September 10TH to review the FY2011 books. He stated the formal meeting will be held with the auditors at the Town Council meeting October 1st. He noted an audited net income of \$148,000, across all funds, for FY2012, versus \$124,000 for FY2011. Mendel then recapped the auditor's suggestions on financial procedures.

Harrington reported on the process of record maintenance. She thanked Robins for his and Wayne Jones' work in moving filing cabinets and records to the new storage facility. Progress is being made in organizing files currently located on site. Mayor Bell-Guercio stated there was an error made as to the price of the storage unit. The price is \$531 per year instead of \$331. Since this exceeds \$500, Mayor Bell-Guercio moved that the rules be suspended. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was unanimous. Harrington made a motion to raise the price of storage facility up to \$550. Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The question concerning the Stagg Run property was addressed, Harrington reported that she has been in contact with the attorney representing the property owner. The attorney understands the

City's and the homeowner's responsibility concerning dangerous issues and is working to secure the property.

Trammell presented an amendment to the ISV Business License Ordinance, adopted December 2007, to reflect an increase in the issuance fee. Trammell suggested that the council adopt the amendment. However, Mayor Bell-Guercio requested the amendment be held in abeyance pending other business license revisions being reviewed by the City Attorney. Mayor Bell-Guercio stated she will send the documents to the City attorney who is drafting an updated Business License Ordinance which will be presented to the Town Council.

Trammell also stated he had calls from residents concerning the weeds at Cahaba Valley Road and Spring Garden Street. Trammell will email Harrington information and she will direct the City Attorney to send a weed abatement letter.

Mayor Bell-Guercio informed the Council of issues with the informational signs at the elementary school and a discussion followed.

Mayor Bell-Guercio informed the Council that for Workman's Comp purposes a Safety Coordinator must be appointed; therefore the Mayor has appointed Councilman Jack Mendel as Safety Coordinator for ISV.

A discussion ensued concerning "right of way" and "snipe" sign removal. The Council determined that an investigation into the legality of sign removal be conducted before any measures to remove signs are taken.

Mayor Bell-Guercio informed the Council that she was appointing Joan Downs, City Clerk, to the Planning and Zoning Commission as the Mayors Administrative Officer of the municipality. She asked for a motion to endorse her appointment. Harrington moved to endorse appointment and Mendel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

During the resident comments portion of the meeting, Mrs. Andrews asked the Council to withdraw the law suit that is pending regarding her property. The Mayor advised Mrs. Andrews to hire legal counsel; therefore her attorney can work with the City Attorney on the issue.

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Downs, City Clerk

Library Open House

submitted by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library

The North Shelby Library will be celebrating 25 years of service with an Open House for the community on October 13th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy drinks, snacks, door prizes and music from local artists Grain of Salt. "We invite everyone to come to our library," says Katie Guerin, Director of Library Services. "This Open House is a great chance to introduce the library to new patrons so they can see the services we provide. It is also a great way for us to thank our longtime friends for supporting us."

North Shelby Library is located on Highway 119 between Heardmont Park and Oak Mountain Elementary School. The Open House is sponsored by the Friends of North Shelby Library.

North Shelby Library October

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

Saturday, October 5th 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.

Wednesday, October 16th at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout. This month, we'll participate in Reality Check, a financial literacy simulation built around activities that illustrate what life is like as an adult, such as working, paying bills and being financially independent. This program is a part of the *Making Cents: Smart Investing at Your Library* grant. Registration is required. Ages 8-12 welcome.

Friday, October 18th @ 4:00 p.m.: Halloween Craft: Reflective Necklaces. Help kids trick-or-treat safely with these cute self-adhesive reflector crafts they'll love to wear! Registration is required. All ages welcome.

Friday, October 25th @ 4:00 p.m.: Pumpkin Painting Workshop. BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin). We'll provide the paint. Registration is required. Ages 3 and up with a caregiver welcome.

Saturday, October 26th @ 10:30 a.m.: Family Movie Day: *The Smurfs: The Legend of Smurfy Hollow.* When Brainy Smurf is favored to win the annual Smurfberry Hunt for the ninth year in a row, Gutsy Smurf sets out to discover how Brainy wins every year. Gutsy's investigation takes him into spooky Smurfy Hollow – and right into Gargamel's trap! No registration required. All ages are welcome with a caregiver.

Tuesday, October 29th @ 6:00 p.m.: Tween Halloween Party. Join us for a time of spooky stories, good food and lots of fun. Registration is required. Ages 8-13 welcome.

October 15th – 30th: Painted Pumpkin Display. Decorate a pumpkin, no carving please, and bring it to the Children's Department between October 15th and 30th for display. Pumpkins can be picked up on November 1st.

Trick-or-Treat at the Library: October 31 – all day. Stop by each department in the library for treats! Costumes welcome!

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, October 7th, 14th and 21st 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, October 1st at 9:30 a.m.: Baby Tales – Baby Signs. Join us for a special Baby Tales program where

Elizabeth Johnson, a certified independent instructor for Baby Signs, will present an informational program for babies and their caregivers on teaching babies to communicate through sign language. Registration is required. Ages birth to 18 months.

Tuesday, October 15th at 9:30 a.m.: Baby Tales. 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, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th 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, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st 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 October 2013

Gaming: Fridays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 – 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. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Anime Night: Thursday, October 10 @ 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.

Homeschool Hangout: Teen Edition: Wednesday, October 16 @ 1:00 p.m. An opportunity for homeschoolers in 6-12th grade to get together for fun and educational activities. This month, we'll participate in Reality Check, a financial literacy simulation built around activities that illustrate what life is like as an adult, such as working, paying bills and being financially independent. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Young Adult Writing Group: Thursday, October 17 @ 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.

Trick-or-Treat at the Library: October 31 – all day. Stop by each department in the library for treats! Costumes welcome!

Adult Programming @ North Shelby Library

October 7th @ 6:30 p.m.: You Can't Take It With You: Estate Planning. Estate planning attorney, Dr. Robert Tufts, will address problems created when you do not have an estate plan (will), followed by a discussion of the three documents you should have in an estate plan--the Advance Directive for Health Care, the Power of Attorney and your distribution plan. This program is sponsored by a grant from *Smart Investing @ Your Library*. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact 205-439-5540 or nsref@shelbycounty-al.org.

October 17th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.: Reinventing Healthcare with Essential Oils. Join us as we explore the healing benefits of essential oils. We will share insight on how pure essential oils can be used for physical ailments, injuries and stress management. doTERRA's Certified Pure Therapeutic-Grade essential oils represent the safest, purest and most beneficial essential oils available today. Learn to be a healer in your own home! Join us at this FREE event. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact 205-439-5540 or nsref@shelbycounty-al.org.

Goodbye

by Steve Zerkis



We put our Mountain Park Drive home on the market in mid-July and were very surprised that it sold in a day and a half. Many thanks to our realtor and fellow ISV resident Leigh Cound. She did a great job. Then came the hard part, the packing and actual leaving. We have lived in beautiful Indian Springs Village for eighteen years and accumulated a lot of possessions. More importantly, we have made a lot of wonderful friends. We hate to have to leave, but for us it was time.

I enjoyed being your mayor for eight years. I'm glad I could do my part to help maintain Indian Springs Village as the peaceful green oasis it has been since it was created 23 years ago. The Comprehensive Plan approved early in my first term defined the town's direction and we stayed on that path. We kept ISV on a sound financial basis without imposing any new taxes. That included no property or sales taxes. I say we because a lot of work was done for the town by many residents who gave their spirit and time to make this a better place for families to live.

We want to thank you for everything many of you have done for us over the years. We also must thank you for the wonderful going-away party at our Town Hall where we had a chance to say goodbye. We had a lot of good times and will miss our friends, and we wish you happiness.

What are we doing? Maybe we should start writing a trip diary. Right now, it's Chicago to be with our children and our grandchild. Playing with him is almost a full time job and I love it. Hope to visit ISV again in the coming year.

Our best wishes to everyone. I enjoyed knowing you.

Indian Springs School News

submitted by Mindy Black, Assistant Director of Development for Communications, ISS

Eight Indian Springs School seniors have been named National Merit semifinalists for their achievements on the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Hill Balliet '14, Arlen Fan '14, Jack O'Malley '14, Savannah Rodriguez '14, Patrick Scalise '14, Cole Senn '14, Emily Williams '14, and Christine Zheng '14 scored among the top 1% of the 1.5 million students who took the exam last year as juniors.

As semifinalists, these students will have a chance to continue in the competition for about 8,000 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$35 million, offered next spring. Scholarships are underwritten by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Of the 16,000 semifinalists nationwide, about 15,000 students are expected to advance to the finalist level in February. National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of finalists.

"The Class of 2014 is such a strong class," says ISS Director Gareth Vaughan. "We are delighted to see these students recognized in this way for their exceptional ability, dedication and hard work."



Angela Robinson '14,
Kenechi Ijemere '14, and
Annabelle Neville '14

Three Indian Springs School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 50th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program recognizing academically promising Black American high school students nationwide.

Kenechi Ijemere '14, Annabelle Neville '14, and Angela Robinson '14 will have the opportunity to compete for about 800 Achievement Scholarship awards worth \$2.5 million next spring. About 80% of semifinalists are expected to be chosen as finalists, and more than half of finalists will win an Achievement Scholarship award. Conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the National Achievement Scholarship Program was started in 1964.

"Kenechi, Angela and Annabelle are dedicated students, and we believe this recognition is a testament both to their outstanding abilities and to their great potential," says Indian Springs School Director Gareth Vaughan. "They ask much of themselves and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for these bright young people."

Cash For Candy

Local Dentist Takes a Stand Against Sweets Again This Halloween!

One area dentist is redefining the phrase “put your money where your mouth is.”

This Halloween, trick-or-treaters can bring their excess candy to Dr. Lisa Wilson's office in Indian Springs and receive \$1 per pound! Dr. Wilson is participating in this anti-decay movement by giving away dollars, light-up toothbrushes and other prizes in exchange for cavity-provoking candy.



“Ditch the candy' is what we're saying. Seeing your dentist twice a year and brushing daily are great ways to keep your teeth healthy, but doing away with excess sweets altogether would really give your teeth a healthy boost,” says Dr. Wilson. “Kids can still have fun trick-or-treating, and now their piggy banks will benefit as well! Plus, these glowing brushes we're giving out are really cool--they're like light sabers for your mouth!”

Global sugar consumption in kids increases by about 2% annually and currently sits at 50 million tons per year, which means parents need to be sure their kids teeth are being cared for more than ever. Candy, as well as hurting children's teeth, can lead to hyperactivity and weight gain. In some cases, the wrong types of candy can also lead to broken teeth and damaged braces.

Dr. Wilson began participating in the Halloween Candy Buy Back program in 2009 and in five years has sent over 800 pounds of candy to our military troops stationed overseas through Operation Gratitude. Thank you to everyone who has participated and helped make this event a success in previous years! Won't you consider joining the movement this year?

Mark your calendar! Candy will be collected at Dr. Wilson's office the Monday after Halloween, Nov. 4th, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.. Children will receive \$1 per pound of candy donated and a goody bag from Dr. Wilson. They may also register for door prizes and have the opportunity to write a note to the troops, which will be sent with the candy.

All candy must be unopened. No bites, please!

Dr. Wilson's office is located at 5470 Caldwell Mill Road, just down from Oak Mountain High School. For more information, please contact Dr. Wilson at 205-995-8084, or by email at info@drlisawilson.com.

Alabama Wildlife Center Upcoming Programs and Events

COST: FREE after paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park: \$1 per child 6-11 & Seniors 62+; \$3 Adults
205-663-7930, Ext. 4; wildlife@awrc.org

10/6/13 & 11/3/13, Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Volunteer Orientation; Introduction to AWC. Usually the 1st Sunday each month (except Dec.); 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. Confirm the date and 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).

10/13/13, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.: Audubon Teaches Nature: Understanding Native Snakes: Beyond the Myths and Misconceptions, Jay Eubanks, Guest Speaker.

Refreshments are offered at 1:30 p.m. in the AWC observation room followed by the program at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Weather permitting, an informal nature walk follows the program so be sure to bring binoculars and field guides for a seasonal look at the birds and critters of Oak Mountain State Park.

Alabama is blessed with a diversity of inhabitants within her borders, and filling a very special niche are our native snakes - a misunderstood group needlessly feared by many. Jay's program will focus on their natural history, and help you better appreciate their role in our environment while also providing many useful identification tips. He'll also offer some advice on staying safe around snakes. Live specimens of various species will be available for photography at the conclusion of the program.

10-26-13, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Owl-O-Ween. You're invited, and it's gonna be a hoot! Enjoy candy, games and activities: decorate a barn owl cookie to take home, make crafts, enjoy story time with owl themed children's books, meet guest owls from other area wildlife organizations and attend a Birds of Prey presentation.



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Dandelion Is Topic of Garden Club Meeting

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

“The Unappreciated Beauty of the Dandelion” was the presentation at the Indian Springs Garden Club meeting Thursday evening, September 26, at the Indian Springs Town Hall. The speaker, Dr. Ellen W. McLaughlin, Professor Emeritus, Samford University Biology Department, concentrated on the beauty of this spring wildflower rather than considering it a mere weed to be eradicated.

When dandelion seeds, blown by the wind, land on the soil (almost any kind), they begin to germinate. Then they enter the seedling stage and produce the long leaves that taper toward the plant; the roots spread and dig deeper in to the soil, the tap root growing very deep. At the end of this phase, the yellow blooms appear, then turning into a seed head, the small globe-shaped bundle of sometimes 80-100 seeds per head. These, in turn, are blown by the wind, and the cycle begins anew.

The dandelion, which originated in western Asia, was brought to this country from England through the Massachusetts Bay Colony, from France through Canada and from the south via Spain, mostly for its medicinal purposes. It is a diuretic, for one, and the milky white substance which comes from broken parts of the plant and root can be applied to facial blemishes.

All parts of the dandelion (named after the French phrase “dent de lion”, meaning “lion’s tooth” because of the toothed margin of its leaves) can be eaten as part of salads, cooked or sautéed. Dried, it can be used to make tea, and the flowers can be turned into wine.

The speaker, born and raised on Long Island, New York spent summers at the family cabin in northern Maine. She came south via the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was awarded her M.A. degree, and Emory University, Atlanta, where she earned her doctorate. She retired in 2007 from the Department of Biology, Samford University, where her specialty was Embryology/Histology, and was an instructor in Samford After Sundown and Metro College in 2009. She has been a speaker at the Blanche Dean Wildflower Society and in New Zealand at a Samford Biology seminar.

Dr. McLaughlin is a member of the Birmingham Audubon Society, the Alabama Wildflower Association, the Southern Appalachian Dulcimer Association and numerous other organizations. She has taken overseas church trips to New Guinea, Thailand, Vietnam, China and other parts of Asia, as well as Samford trips to Kenya and other parts of Africa and to South America.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Hospitality members Ginny Lusk and Patsy Strozier. After the devotion by Eleanor Bennett, members enjoyed exchanging gardening hints, and it was announced that a clean-up of the Town Hall grounds would be held Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 a.m.,

in preparation for our annual Founders’ Day celebration on October 15.

At our Thursday, October 24 meeting, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison of Indian Springs, will speak.

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!

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, City Engineer

Applicant: Fancher Construction
Owner: Marcia Clifton
Address: 148 Willow Ridge Lane
Proposed Use: New roof

Applicant: Initial Builders
Owner: Chad and Angie Mathis
Address: 5302 Mountain Park Drive
Proposed Use: Remodel bath

Applicant: Bill Tanner, Jr. dba Construction Works
Owner: George and Martha Burns
Address: 580 Indian Crest Road
Proposed Use: Kitchen remodel

Applicant: Duncan Gutter/Painer TBD
Owner: Edwin L. Boyd
Address: 5316 Montain Park Circle
Proposed Use: Repair gutters and paint

Applicant: Buildtech, LLC
Owner: Sunshine, LLC
Address: 4921 Cahaba Valley Trail
Proposed Use: Remodel bath and add bedroom

Applicant: HHI, LLC
Owner: Billy Click
Address: 5100 Prairie Road
Proposed Use: Close in porch for sunroom



Happy Halloween

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>Center hours are Monday-Friday 9-3 pm</i></p> <p><i>Phone : 991-5742</i> <i>Fax: 991-5657</i></p> <p><i>Email: heardmontparksc@Gmail.com</i></p>	<p>1 INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M</p> <p>HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH MEDICARE CHANGES FOR 2014 SHIP COORDINATOR</p>	<p>2 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>3 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH</p>	<p>4 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>7 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>8 INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL PLANNING & ZONING MEETING 7:00 P.M</p> <p>HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH MAKE FALL FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS</p>	<p>9 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 10:00 Computer Class With Kathy 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>10 INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL SHELBY CTY HORSE COUNCIL 7:00 P.M</p> <p>HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH OUT FARMERS MARKET</p>	<p>11 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p> <p>HEARDMONT DANCE 6:30-9:00 PM</p>
<p>14 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta</p>	<p>15 INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL PAVILION FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION 6:00 P.M</p> <p>HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>16 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>17 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11-LIBRARY WITH BECKY 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH FALL LEAVES TRIP</p>	<p>18 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>21 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta</p>	<p>22 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>23 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS 9:00-12:00</p>	<p>24 INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL ISV GARDEN CLUB 6:30 P.M</p> <p>HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH AARP DRIVER SAFETY 9:00-12:00 SCARF MAKING 1:00-2:00</p>	<p>25 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>28 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta</p>	<p>29 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>30 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>31 HEARDMONT SENIOR CENTER 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH HAPPY HALLOWEEN PARTY-COSTUMES WELCOME</p>	