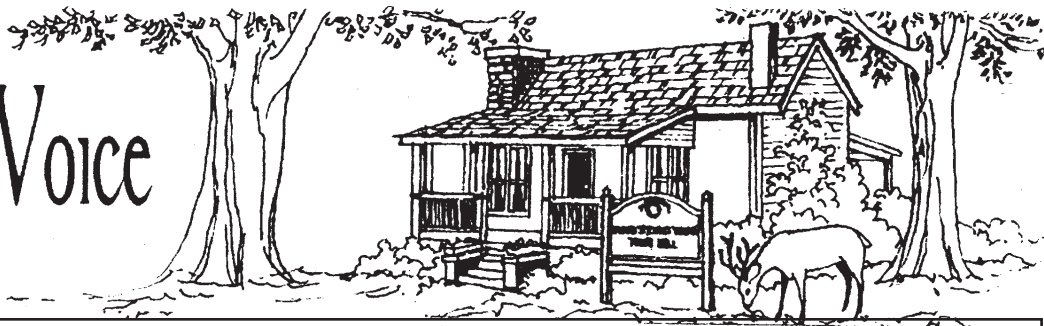


# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 21, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

### Agenda

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

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### Editor's Notes

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

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### Editor's Appreciation to

Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Herb Robins for proofing

## Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerki

### Our Town's Birthday

We had another birthday; Indian Springs Village is now all of 16 years of age. So what do we do on our birthdays? We throw a birthday party, and we had one for all ISV villagers at the Town Hall pavilion on October 17. The weather that morning was windy and rainy but by evening the skies cleared, the mosquitoes disappeared, the fire was hot and the hamburgers, hot dogs and chili and the desserts were outstanding. We have to give a very big thanks to Bart and Connie Trammell and all of the other volunteers who planned, bought, cooked, baked, served and cleaned up after this wonderful dinner. I couldn't help but sample some of the absolutely wonderful homemade cakes and pastries that were brought by many residents. They were hard to resist and I've got to admit, I gave in to temptation; so good.

The ISV Birthday Party is not just an opportunity for some free food and good conversation. Yes, of course, we had that. But it's also to honor all the people who have worked hard over the years to create this unique town; a green, open oasis for our families in what is rapidly becoming a congested suburban area.

Jim Wyatt and Paul Stephens have decided to resign after many years of devotion to, and hard work for, this town. It is the simple truth to say that ISV would not be what it is today without their drive and spirit. I hope they will continue to be at our council meetings and offer suggestions as they have in the past. Their counsel is always welcome. Our thanks to them for what they have given to Indian Springs Village.

Our Town Clerk, Shirley Church, is also resigning to go back to full-time work. She has worked very hard to keep our town's “administrative” side working smoothly. She has made sure our bills were paid on time, prepared minutes of our sometimes rambling council meetings and taken care of our financial reporting. We will miss her help.

We also had a Council Meeting and covered a number of important topics including the voluntary annexation of three parcels of land along Cherokee Trail and at the end of Deer Mountain Circle, a new ordinance, a report on the state's plans for the Highway 119 Turn Lane Project, progress on a lawsuit on property near Highway 119 and Caldwell Mill Road, a detailed discussion of our financial results for the fiscal year just past and our budget for the new year.

November and December are probably going to be busy months for everyone so please mark your calendars for two events in ISV. A certain bearded, red suited gentleman will visit us at our Town Hall on December 9th. He'd love to meet all the children in ISV. We will have our Annual Christmas and Holiday Party after the Council Meeting on December 19, the third Tuesday in December. Bring those great pastries to share.

# Town Council Meeting

September 19, 2006

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll and noted the presence of Mayor Steve Zerkis, Council Members Herb Robins, Brenda Guercio, Jack Mendel and Brian Stauss. Also present were Chief Financial Officer Paul Stephens, Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell, Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt and Planning & Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones.

Town Council Minutes of September 5, 2006 were approved, as amended, on a motion by Guercio, seconded by Stauss. The July 2006 and August 2006 financial reports were approved on motions by Robins, seconded by Guercio.

Robins reported sign work has been completed in the first phase of the ISV sign project. This includes replacing missing or faded metal street signs, painting the ISV street signs and posts and painting the town entrance signs on Cahaba Valley Road. Jimmy Rhodes of Adkins Signs & Graphics was commended for a job well done.

Robins gave a proposal of \$1,850 - \$2000 submitted by Jimmy Rhodes of Adkins Signs & Graphics for repair of the remaining faded and damaged posts/signs (approximately 37). Guercio made a motion, seconded by Stauss, to accept this proposal for fiscal year 2007. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Robins reported repair of the pavilion's roofing has been completed by Cobb Roofing.

Stauss discussed an application request for a setback variance on Cherokee that will be presented to Zoning Board of Adjustment.

There was discussion regarding current legal action on the property located on corner of Highway 119 and Caldwell Mill Road and the adjoining parcel that fronts Highway 119. Trial has been scheduled for October 2, 2006, at the County Court House.

There was discussion regarding the walking trail at town hall. An article will be included in the next *The Village Voice* asking for residents' input as to whether this trail should be repaired or abandoned and the area be seeded with grass.

There was discussion regarding lighting on side streets located on Highway 119 and alternative solutions to identifying these streets at night.

Trammell presented a proposal by J. Loper & Company to fill holes and depressions throughout the town hall property with top soil and then seed. Guercio made a motion, seconded by Robins, to waive the rules to consider the proposal as presented. Guercio made a motion, seconded by Robins, to accept this proposal but to delay work until after Founder's Day (October 17). Votes were unanimous in favor of the motions.

Jones presented a draft ordinance to the Council Members for their first reading. He and Trammell have drafted

an ordinance to establish a fee for releasing certain public information to individuals and businesses. The proposed document will be considered for adoption at the next council meeting.

Zerkis presented a proposal for renewal of Shelby County Sheriff's service for fiscal year 2007. Guercio made a motion, seconded by Stauss, to waive the rules to vote on this motion. Stauss made a motion, seconded by Guercio, to accept the proposal as presented. Votes were unanimously accepted.

There was discussion regarding \$4,000 grants to each of the four Oak Mountain Schools. Each of the school principals will be contacted regarding grant applications.

Zerkis submitted a draft budget to the council for review and discussion for fiscal year 2007. Stauss made a motion to accept this budget, as amended, seconded by Guercio. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Zerkis adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

# Town Council Meeting

October 3, 2006

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, and Brian Stauss. Also present were Chief Financial Officer Paul Stephens, Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt and Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell. Council Chairman pro tem Herb Robins presided.

Town Council Minutes of September 19, 2006 were suspended due to the lack of a quorum on a motion by Strauss, seconded by Mendel.

The council regretfully accepted the resignations of Chief Financial Officer Paul Stephens, effective October 1, 2006 and Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, effective October 1, 2006.

Mendel reported he has revised and e-mailed to the council the ISV Book-Excel Workbook documentation.

Stauss reported there will be a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting at the town hall on October 9, 2006 to review a setback variance request from the Blanton's to add a house addition to their home located on Cherokee Trail.

Stauss announced an application from David Williamson for a special exception use to allow the operation of a proposed indoor skateboard rink at Caldwell Trace has been withdrawn.

Stauss reported he and Town Engineer Frazier Christy are working on a final town map that will be downloaded to website.

Robins has been informed by Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department, that Indian Trail Road will be paved.

Robins reported Mayor Zerkis has contacted the four Oak Mountain Schools in ISV to submit justification letters to be considered for grants.

It was announced that the ISV Founder's Day will be held at the pavilion on October 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. with the council meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Robins adjourned the meeting

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

## **Our Veteran's Day**

*by Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

Veteran's Day, November 11, used to be known as Armistice Day to honor the end of The Great War, World War I. Some of you may remember that as being called the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the time when armistice was declared in that war. It later became Veteran's Day to honor all veterans who have served. Please fly your flag that day, and remember our veterans and their service and sacrifice. Thank them for their service to our country.

## **Help Wanted**

*by Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

ISV needs a new Town Clerk. This is a part-time, paid position with flexible hours. Computer skills in e-mail, word processing and spreadsheets a must. Duties include preparing the minutes of our two monthly council meetings, picking up and distributing mail, paying our monthly bills, invoicing for business licenses, filing invoices and other town documents and other administrative tasks as needed. For further information please contact Mayor Steve Zerkis at 733-9935.

## **Building Permits**

*submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer*

Owner: Rodney and Brenda Hill  
Applicant: Rogers and Associates  
Address: 7003 Indian Ridge Drive  
Proposed Use: Residence - Exterior Siding Replacement

Owner: Amanda Dixon  
Applicant: Same  
Address: 35 Valley View Drive  
Proposed Use: Kitchen Remodel and Deck Expansion

Owner: John and Debbie Markey  
Applicant: Clearwater Pools, Inc.  
Address: 5160 Hollow Log Lane  
Proposed Use: Pool Addition

## **ISV Community Information**

*by Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

Please let us know of activities in your family that you'd like to share with your neighbors: engagements, weddings, births, club activities, church activities, scouting activities, leavings and comings and goings. Just let our editor of *The Village Voice*, Alison Stigers, know about them. You can reach her by email at [villagevoice@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:villagevoice@indianspringsvillage.org), or care of our Town Hall at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. One more thing: care to share an opinion? Send her a signed "Letter to the Editor".

## **Dogs Being Dogs**

*by Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

I'm not sure how to say this so I'll just say it. Most of us love dogs. They truly are friends who give unqualified love. They may be wonderful pets in your yard, but when they go to someone else's yard and "do their duty", and sometimes do it in the same yard day after day, they are not being friendly. It's not the dog's fault; they are doing what they do. But their owners know better. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Please don't let them go to your neighbor's yards and leave messes. ISV doesn't have a "pooper scooper" law and I personally hope it never feels it has to enact one. As good pet owners, please mind your neighbor's feelings. If you don't want to clean up after your pet, then don't let them go to your neighbor's yards.

## **Live Homework Help at North Shelby Library**

*Submitted by Carol Farr, Director*

You've got homework. We've got help. NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY now offers help from real, live tutors right at the library via the Internet!

Live Homework Help is available for 4th – 12th grade and college introduction level students Sunday – Thursday from 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. This program connects students to a real live tutor. Children and young adults visiting the library simply log on to the North Shelby Library website, enter their grade level and the subject they need help in and within a few minutes or less are connected to an expert tutor. Students can receive help in math, science, social studies or English. If you'd like to learn more about the program, please call the library at 439-5510 or visit the Web site at [www.northshelbylibrary.org](http://www.northshelbylibrary.org)

## ISV Town Hall Reservations - 2007

by Patricia Crapet, Curator, ISV Town Hall

It is that time of year again! A new reservation book has been purchased, and your Indian Springs Village Town Hall is now available for booking 2007 reservations.

The most efficient means of getting your reservation request to me is via email at the following address: *IS-Village@aol.com*. If you do not have a way of emailing, please call my voice mail at 802-2753. In both instances, **please** supply the following information: name, address, phone numbers, email address and date and time of your reservation request. Please allow time in your request for set-up and clean-up of your event. This time of year I am frequently out of town, but I will answer your request as soon as I am available to do so.

Attention: All groups with "standing" reservations need to send in a request as well, in order for your group's 2007 dates to be scheduled. **They will not be automatically scheduled.** Please be sure to include all dates and times for these standing reservation requests, as well as the information listed above.

The ISV Town Hall is a wonderful community resource for Villagers. Many functions and events are held at the facility each year, including weddings, showers, birthday parties, family reunions, garden clubs, sewing clubs, church functions, scout meetings, bunko and various social and business meetings.

As in all years past, the Town Hall is available for use by Indian Springs Village residents **ONLY**. There are **NO FEES** or rental charges, but **you must be a citizen of ISV** to reserve and use the facility.

There are no exceptions to this rule.



Nelle O'Connor, wife of Fire Chief Michael O'Connor, was awarded Second Prize at the Art Fair at Heardmont Park on October 21, 2006. She is showing Pat Zerlis her work

## Planning and Zoning Meetings

### - October 10th and 26th

by Wayne Jones, Chair

The Planning and Zoning commission met on October 10th in response to a petition filed by Stagg Run Development, LLC to subdivide the property of Robert Burr, Jr. and his wife Deborah Burr as well as the property of the Estate of Robert L. Burr, Sr. The subject property is located at the end of Deer Mountain Circle and encompasses approximately 50.6 acres. The proposed 27 lots range in size from 1.0 acres to 6.56 acres. Bob and Deborah Burr's house will use one of the lots and another lot will be used by the existing cellular tower. Alan Marsh of Paragon Engineering presented the findings of the city engineer. Stagg Run Development LLC was represented by H. L. Dobbs, H. L. Dobbs, Sr., Jackie Davis of Survey Solutions (surveyor), and Jerry South of South and Associates, Inc. (engineer). There were fifteen members of the public that spoke in regard to issues that ranged from concern for individual residents to concerns for the entire neighborhood. Upon a motion, the hearing was continued to October 26th to allow the developer to provide additional quantitative data related to water runoff.

On October 26th, the Commission continued with the hearing with the town engineer, Frazier Christy, present to answer any questions of the Commission. The Developer was also represented at this hearing by Attorney Jack Harrison. In response to the concerns expressed at the earlier meeting and upon review of the plans the town engineer required the developer to design a detention for water runoff into the development. There were numerous questions and concerns expressed by the public that were addressed by the engineers. Upon review of the submitted documents, the Planning and Zoning Commission determined that the developer had met the minimum standards of the subdivision regulations of Indian Springs Village and conditionally approved the preliminary subdivision plan with a variance for the design speed of the roads. The commission approved the reduction of the design speed to 25 miles per hour which will allow the developer to disturb less ground and cut fewer trees on the site. The variance for the design speed will be submitted to the City Council for final approval.

# Planning and Zoning

By Wayne Jones, Chair

Just about everyone who drives through Indian Springs Village will notice the changes that have taken place over the past few years. Change is inevitable and necessary at times to keep up with the demands. When the city was considering and reconsidering the Master Plan, it was acknowledged that change was bound to happen. We all know that there is a price for change and most of the time we simply do not want to pay. Your Planning and Zoning Commission is a group of volunteers who are committed to Indian Springs Village and invest a lot of time into our city. The Commission is bound by the Ordinances of our city and as fellow citizens we interpret the ordinances with the views expressed by the town's first ordinance. This ordinance was passed on February 26, 1991 and can be found on line in the October 8, 2002 Village Voice. We make every effort to have all of the necessary and correct information so all interested persons can be informed. There are hard decisions that have to be made and we provide everyone the opportunity to voice their concerns. This means that the members of the commission, the petitioners, the citizens and anyone else interested in the city has an opportunity to be heard. However, this does require that you actually come to a meeting and we would love for you to be there. The ISV PAZ regularly meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Getting involved with your city can not only be fun, but it will keep you informed.

# ISV Children's Fund

by Herb Robins, Council Member

It's difficult to believe that in the area in which we live there are children who would not experience the joy of opening Christmas presents without our help. With all our blessings, sometimes we forget that there is someone down the road who has financial difficulties. There are children who attend schools within Indian Springs Village who need our help.

Each year school counselors provide an ISV representative with names of children who would not have Christmas without help. They provide us with the name of the child, age, and a 'wish list' prepared by the child. The list typically includes toys and clothes, and often will reflect the family's needs – towels, sheets, cookware. Every dollar donated goes directly to meet these needs. There are no administrative costs as all shopping and distribution of gifts is done by ISV volunteers. If you would like to donate to this most worthy cause, please make your checks payable to the **ISV Children's Fund** and mail to Herb Robins, 5136 Hollow Log Lane, Birmingham, AL 35244. If you would like to volunteer to shop, please call Margie Robins at 980-9217.

# What do PAZ and ZBA

## Stand For?

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

This is not meant to be a test, but there have been some questions about how our town government is organized and I thought I'd give everyone a short explanation. Our government is made up of three parts: there is your Mayor and Town Council, who are elected; the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and the Planning and Zoning Commission (PAZ), who are appointed.

The Mayor and Town Council are responsible for creating and maintaining the laws and ordinances of the town. Most of our town's ordinances were written and approved when the town was founded some sixteen years ago. These ordinances include such items as the zoning of property and sub-division ordinances. Changes and additions are made from time to time by the town council to handle changing needs.

The PAZ Commission reviews proposed construction. They also handle subdivision of property. The role of the PAZ is to make sure that you and/or the developer are following the ordinances of the town when it comes to property development. The PAZ uses the services of the Town Engineer to review plans, visit locations and give the commission his judgment. Adjoining property owners are advised in writing of any hearings. If a homeowner or developer meets the conditions of the town's ordinances then the PAZ must vote in favor of the project. The PAZ welcomes the comments of residents and works with the developer to address those concerns. The PAZ then makes its decision and sends its recommendation to the town council for final action. The minutes or a description of PAZ meetings are published in *The Village Voice*.

The ZBA is the committee that reviews requests for variances from our sub-division ordinances. As one example, you might want to build an addition to your house that would encroach into your back or side yard setbacks. Setbacks are the minimum distances you are required to maintain from your house to the side or back property lines. Your request would go to the ZBA for evaluation and a hearing. They make a final decision on variance requests and the minutes or a description of the meeting is also published in *The Village Voice*.

I encourage everyone to be involved with your town. Come out to any of the Town Council, PAZ and ZBA meetings and participate.

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

by Brian Stauss, Chair

The ZBA met on October 9th to consider a request from Keith Blanton for a side yard setback variance at his residence, 145 Cherokee Trail. Mr. Blanton is planning an addition to the side of his home that would extend to within 12 feet of the left side property line. There is a 20 foot minimum setback. Additionally, Mr. Blanton is constrained in the rear by power line setbacks and a rear property line setback. After hearing Mr. Blanton's request and comments from adjacent property owners, his setback variance request for a single story addition was approved subject to annexation of a rear parcel owned by Mr. Blanton and consolidation of that parcel with his residence into one lot.



## Citrus-Cranberry Sauce Recipe

courtesy Patty Burns - Food Network.com

- 2 large navel oranges
- 1 (12-ounce) package fresh cranberries, picked over
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lime juice

Remove the peel and pith from oranges with a pairing knife, cut each section into quarters.

In a heavy saucepan over medium heat combine oranges, cranberries, sugar, water, and ground ginger. Cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in lemon and lime juice. Cover sauce and chill before serving. Can be made up to 3 days prior to serving.

## Indian Springs or Shelby County ??????

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

By now, you have received your annual property tax notice from Don Armstrong, Shelby County Tax Commissioner. Near the bottom left of the notice is a listing of where you live. If you reside in Indian Springs Village, it should so state. As you are aware, our town does not assess any property taxes and hopefully, never will.

Another tax instrument that will indicate if you are a resident of Indian Springs is your motor vehicle license receipt. Take a look at the block at the top center of the form. If you live in Indian Springs Village, the City Code 15 should be listed. We receive motor vehicle license taxes partially based on the number of vehicles registered in the town limits.

If the **City Code 15** is not entered on your motor vehicle license receipt or if **Indian Springs** is not noted on your property tax notice, this would indicate that you are not a resident of Indian Springs Village. However, we do consider you as a neighbor and welcome you to start the process to join our town. Contact any town official and he will provide you an annexation petition form. The only requirement is that your property or the property of another petitioning neighbor adjoins the town limit. We will handle all the other paperwork and the only thing you will need to do is sign the form.

## Let Your Fingers Do The Walking

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

If you have an Indian Springs or ZIP Code 35124 mailing address, please check your phone book and look at your telephone **listing**. If it isn't listed as Indian Springs, please call the BellSouth customer representative (1-888-757-6500) and tell them to change your **listing** address to Indian Springs. This **will not** change your mailing address. Several residents of our town have listings of Pelham or Helena. The deadline for changes to the White Pages is early December for the Spring issue of the directory.

## ISV Now Listed in the Blue Pages

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

By now you have probably received your new BellSouth Yellow Pages directory. Finally, Indian Springs Village is listed in the Local Government Section of the Blue Pages.

# Indian Spings Village Founder's Day 2006



Pat Zerkis ready to serve; Lynn Hendricks at the line; Linley Jones and cousins Allie, Sierra and Winn Jones; Mary Bowman (Jr.), Rita Mendel, Mary Bowman (Sr.) and Phelan Webb. Top this column: Mary Bowman and Bart Trammell.



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## Family Night at the Library: Election Day with George Washington

*by Tess Bouvier, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian*



Join Earl Schaefer as President George Washington at the North Shelby Library on Monday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m., for a lively 45 minute discussion concerning the importance of voting, what democracy is all about and Washington's experiences as our first president. The program will be a prelude to Election Day on November 7th.

Between November 1st and 6th, all children are welcome to stop by the Youth Department and vote on which new series they would like to have added to the collection. George Washington will announce the winning vote at the end of the program on November 6th. All children will receive an "I Voted" sticker for participating. All ages are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Mr. Schaefer aids in teaching children about American history in an interactive and creative manner.

The Election Day program is in correlation with an award received by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Library received multiple copies of 15 books related to the theme of "Becoming an American." As a stipulation, the Library agreed to make available to the public guest speakers, contests and other related activities throughout the year.

For information: <http://www.northshelbylibrary.org> or contact: [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org)  
Phone: 205-439-5504.



# November Happenings

by Tess Bouvier, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian

**The library will be closed November 22nd, 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving**

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

• **November 1st-6th:** "Library Series Election" Election Day is coming! Would you like to vote on a new series to be added to the children's collection? Let your voice be heard! All you have to do is stop by the Children's Department between October 1st and 6th and vote on one of four possible series to be added! George Washington himself will announce the series that received the highest vote during his visit on November 6th at 6pm!

• **November 6th: 6:00** - "Family Night @ the Library: Election Day with George Washington" Join George for a lively discussion concerning the importance of voting, what a democracy is all about and his experiences as first president! At the end of the program, find out which children's series will be added to the collection based on YOUR votes! All Ages Welcome. Refreshments served.

• **Monday, November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th:** "Sit, Stay, Read!" A non-profit organization through Hand-in-Paw dedicated to providing volunteer services to children. "Sit, Stay, Read!" brings children together with specially trained therapy animals to help them gain more confidence in their reading abilities in an individual setting at the North Shelby library that is supportive, relaxed and furry! All Ages. Registration Required. Call or email Tess at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

• **Monday, November 13th at 11:00** - "Author Visit: Meet Father Goose!" Join us in the downstairs meeting room and listen to Charles Ghigna, author of poetry books such as *Animal Tracks* and *Christmas is Coming*, share his poetry, answer questions and offer tips on writing your own poetry. Book signing to follow. Refreshments served. Call or email Katie at 439-5504 or [katie.guerin@gmail.com](mailto:katie.guerin@gmail.com)

• **Thursday, November 16th at 4:00** - "Craft: Tree of Thanks!" Come and decorate a miniature tree with all the things you are thankful for this year! All Ages Welcome. Registration Required. Call or email Tess at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

• **Thursday, November 16th at 7:00** - "Special P.J. Storytime: My American Family" A special Thanksgiving program in conjunction with our *We the People* grant. Dressing in character, Ms. Kristy will be telling the brief story of her family, and how they became, and lived as, Americans. Included will be one of her family's favorite legends. In conjunction with this, she will book talk *The Lotus Seed*, *Watch the Stars Come Out*, and *Grandfather's*

*Journey*. A craft and snacks will follow. All Ages Welcome.

• **Saturday, November 18th** - 2:00-3:00 - "Family Movie Day: Garfield's Thanksgiving." Garfield, Odie, and Jon travel to Grandma and Grandpa's for Thanksgiving and Garfield meets a veterinarian that dares to put this pudgy cat on a diet before the biggest feast of the entire year! Refreshments Served. All Ages Welcome.

• **Thursday, November 30th** - 1:00-2:00 - "Author Adventures." A home school story time/craft club for children ages four to seven. Each month, one author is highlighted. For November, we will read picture books by Eric Carle! Food, family and fall will be the highlighted subjects. Children should dress in old clothing, as we will be using paints during our craft session. This program meets once a month on Thursday. Ages 4-7. Registration Required. Call or email Tess at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

## STORY-TIME PROGRAMMING

### Toddler Tales

• **Mondays, November 6th and 20th** - 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.

You can call the library at 439-5504 to sign-up. You may begin registration the last Monday of the month for the following month of programs. Ages 24-36 months. Registration Required.

### Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

• **Wednesdays, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th** at 10:45 a.m. No Mr. Mac on November 22nd. All Ages Welcome.

### P. J. Story time

• **Thursdays, November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th** at 7 p.m.

All Ages Welcome.

### Teen Scene

• **November 13th at 6:00** - Teen Book Club

The first meeting of our teen book club will take place in the downstairs meeting room. We will have pizza and drinks for everyone and we will be discussing the book *Catalyst* by Laurie Halse Anderson. Also, help us pick the next book for our club! Call or email Katie at 439-5504 or [katie.guerin@gmail.com](mailto:katie.guerin@gmail.com) for more information.

### November - Online Book Club

Want to learn more about a book? Join our Online Book Club and receive portions of our Teen Book Pick through your email. We also have copies of the featured book for you to check out next time you visit the library. Sign up on our website to get started!

## Garden Club News

by Lynn Hendricks, President, Indian Springs Garden Club

There will be no meeting of the ISV Garden Club in November.

# Indian Springs School Announces 2006 AP Scholar Awards

Submitted by Katie Cruce Hathcock, Assistant Director of Development

Thirty-eight students at Indian Springs School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.3 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2006 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

Senior Jenna Caldwell qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

2006 graduate Verena Knödler, now a freshman at The George Washington University, qualified for an AP State Scholar Award. The designation of AP State Scholar is granted to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with grades of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams (at least three exams), and then the highest average grade (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.

Seventeen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Melissa Alexander, Aljosha Barath, Natalya Belotserkovskaya, Jenna Caldwell, Dru Clark, Reese Feist, Jacob Gjesdahl, Adam Kajdos, John Kang, Verena Knödler, Demi Lorant, Will Matheson, Naomi Schuster, Daniel Sockwell, Jordan Stanley, Nate Stockham, Haibo Zhao.

Five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are John Bartek, Drew Hickman, Chang Sub Kim, Heather Skanes, Jonathan Yu.

Sixteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Anchal Bansal, Julia Cox, Ike Garman, Esther Ha, Jane Latham Hodges, Allen Hunter, Jay Kim, Jung-Yup Lee, Carter McLean, Lindsey Moye, Pina Sax, Emily Schwebke, Ivana Sheu, Gregory Sizemore, Bryan Song and Kelly Stewart.

# Hundreds of Nativity Scenes on Display

by Liz Burkhardt, Villager

"Wise men seek him." As the Christmas season opens, you do not have to look far to find the Christ Child. He is right here in the Village at the 6th Annual Crèche, a Nativity Exhibit sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Come experience the wonder of Christ's birth depicted in 400 nativities from around the world.

Members of several congregations from the area loan their nativity scenes to the church during the first weekend in December. Area musical talent will be performing as you walk through the indoor exhibit. You can enjoy the creativity of people from all over the world who have depicted the Holy Family and those who witnessed Christ's birth. One room features international crèches (another name for nativity scenes). Africa, China, Peru, Israel and the Philippines give just a taste of the nations represented.

The exhibit will run December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, from 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m. The Nativities are beautifully displayed at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2720 Cahaba Valley Road (Hwy 119) across from the Town Hall. For more details, please call Liz Burkhardt at 915-1687. All are invited to attend this free Christmas presentation. Merry Christmas!





*Ho Ho Ho!*

**Santa Claus is coming to Indian Springs Village  
Saturday, December 9, 2006  
From 1:00 P.M until 4:00 P.M.**

**Indian Springs Village Town Hall  
2635 Cahaba Valley Road**

**Santa welcomes good boys and girls of ALL ages  
to share their holiday requests with him.**



**Bring the wish list and a  
camera and spend an  
afternoon with Santa!**

*Refreshments will be served.*



*Santa is brought to you by the Crapet family.  
Merry Christmas from Michael, Tricia, and Joseph!*