

The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 18, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

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Editor's Notes

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

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Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

Dear Friends:

Another year is going by, and for many of us, a lot is going on at home and in your community. We had two special days in November, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Now with December, we will be having more special holidays including Christmas and Chanukah. There are holiday events of one kind or another almost every day this month. If you drive down many of our streets in ISV, you can see so many homes with beautiful Christmas displays of lights, trees and figures. Please take a tour around town some evening and enjoy the sights.

Many thanks to all our Town Council and Commission Members and the clubs, groups and individual residents who volunteer their valuable time to make Indian Springs Village a beautiful town and a better place to live. Thank you for all you do for our town. You are important to our town's well being.

We have two fun events in December for everyone. On Saturday, December 8, Santa will spend the afternoon in our Town Hall. He likes Indian Springs Village and its friendly people and makes a point of taking a break from his busy work schedule to come down from the North Pole to visit with you and your children. He will be in the parlor by our fireplace and would love for you to bring your children and cameras to visit and take all the photos you'd like. Many, many thanks to the Crapet family for hosting this wonderful family event.

After our Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 18, we will have our traditional Christmas Holiday Party in the Town Hall. Of course, everyone is invited. Please bring your wonderful pastries and cakes to share and join in the holiday cheer and friendship. The business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and the party will start after the meeting.

One more very important thing. Let's not forget those in our community who are less fortunate and please open your hearts to make someone's Christmas a little brighter. Please give in your own way to your own causes and charities. The ISV Children's Fund is a very worthy cause that helps local children and their families. Some of these children are asking for winter coats and warm clothing. They are truly needy. A big thanks to those of you who have already donated. You are helping those who are close to home. Please make your check payable to the ISV Children's Fund, c/o Kelly Rasco, 5156 Hollow Log Lane, Birmingham, AL 35244. Thanks again for your help.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and healthy holiday season.

Town Council Meeting

October 2, 2007

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

President Pro Tem Herb Robins called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley. Also present was Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell. Mayor Zerkis did not attend the meeting as he and Mrs. Zerkis were out of town visiting their new grandson.

The Town Council minutes of September 18 were reviewed and approved as amended on a motion by Robins and seconded by Stauss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mendel has redrafted the new sections of the financial procedures document. Section 5.1 addresses capital improvements, planning and budgeting. Section 9.1 deals with receipt of cash collected at large events, and Section 22 is on ISV investment policy. Based on discussions, these new sections will be further revised.

Mendel met with the town's bookkeeper, Hollie Johnson, on September 21st. On behalf of the Mayor and Council, he commended her performance over the past fiscal year. Pending Council approval, she has agreed to take over all operational accounting responsibilities for this fiscal year at a flat rate, instead of an hourly rate plus expenses.

Mendel motioned to pay Johnson a flat rate of \$250 a month for performing all operational accounting functions to be effective today, seconded by Stauss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Stauss reported that the wood for the conference room table has been ordered and should be delivered this week.

Stauss spoke with Michael Johnson at Oak Mountain High School. Johnson stated that the students are working on three prototypes for the city's website.

Dudley asked for an update on the tractors to be displayed at the Founders' Day Celebration. He reported that he has contacted an antique car club and asked that they bring some pick-up trucks to the event.

The town clerk gave an update on vendors for the Founders' Day Celebration. There are currently seventeen arts and crafts vendors confirmed. Indian Springs Baptist Church will be selling baked goods and beverages. The ladies group at Our Lady of the Valley has also been contacted and asked to sell baked goods but they have not responded. Dudley suggested having Buffalo Rock bring a concession trailer out to sell cold drinks.

Robins reported that the five new road signs have been completed and installed. The invoices total \$2,550.00.

Robins reported for Mayor Zerkis. The Mayor met with Representative Mary Sue McClurkin and she indi-

cated that the city could possibly receive a grant for improving the walking track and drainage improvements to the town's grounds.

Mayor Zerkis spoke with Thomas McDaniel (who reviewed the stream three years ago) regarding the drainage improvements around the town hall property. He will meet with him when he returns from his trip.

He also spoke with Mr. Hooks with the Alabama League of Municipalities. Mr. Hooks stated the fire truck project is doable. He suggested purchasing the fire truck for the fire district and leasing it to them. The purchase would be grouped with other capital purchases from several cities to come up with a bond issue. More details are to be worked out before any agreements are made. This could take several months.

Butch Ellis has scheduled a meeting for representatives of Indian Springs Village, Shelby County and Mr. Maddox to work out issues on the lot at Caldwell Mill Road and Highway 119. The fill is higher on the Caldwell Mill side and there are three debris piles that need to be moved.

The Mayor has suggested new road signs on each side of the Valleydale Road and Caldwell Mill intersection. The Mayor also suggested signs at all four Oak Mountain schools with each school's name engraved in the same style as our decorative street signs.

Robins read a letter addressed to the Mayor that was received from the principal of Oak Mountain Elementary School. The letter thanked the residents of Indian Springs for the grant and detailed how it will be used to enhance the reading program.

Robins read a second letter addressed to the Mayor that was received from Mary H. Harris, Circuit Clerk. The letter stated that the computer system had been updated so that a portion of monies received from traffic tickets written in our jurisdiction will now be disbursed to the city.

Robins then read a recent article from The Shelby County Reporter that stated that recent testing by Shelby County Environmental Management showed no harmful levels of coliform bacteria in Bishop Creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, Town Clerk

Building Permits

Submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Danny McMeekin
Owner: McMeekin Construction, Inc.
Address: Lot 5, Indian Gate
Proposed Use: New Residence

Town Council Meeting

October 21, 2007

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 3:00P. M. at the Town Hall Pavilion.

Mayor Zerkis called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Mayor Steve Zerkis, Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley. Also present was Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell.

Mendel reported that a general fund CD and the road fund CD will mature tomorrow (10/22/07). He has researched current CD interest rates at Bancorp South, Compass and Regions. There was discussion about different interest rate options and the best option for reinvestment. Mendel plans to deposit the general fund CD proceeds into the money market account tomorrow.

Mendel motioned to reinvest the road fund CD proceeds of \$108,200 into an 8-month CD at Regions, if an interest rate of 4.9% or better can be obtained. If that interest rate cannot be obtained, the money will be deposited into the interest-bearing checking account until the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Stauss and passed unanimously.

Dudley suggested inquiring about a jumbo rate and a sweep account.

Former Councilman Art Johnson was present at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, Town Clerk

North Shelby Library News

by Michelyn Reid, North Shelby Library Reference Librarian

The North Shelby Library Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, December 13th to discuss "Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict" by Laurie Viera Rigler. We meet at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room; please join us.

North Shelby Library Computer Classes

All classes are from 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 4 – Introduction to Excel I

Wednesday, December 5 – Introduction to Excel II

Tuesday, December 11 – Introduction to Word I

Wednesday, December 12 – Introduction to Word II

Space is limited so please register by calling Michelyn at 439-5510 or email nsref@shelbycounty-al.org.

Classes for 2008 will be announced in mid-December on the library website, www.northshelbylibrary.org.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Meeting – November 14, 2007

by Brian Stauss, ZBA Chair

The ZBA met on November 14, 2007 to rule on a request submitted by McMeekin Construction Company for a variance on the 40 foot build line on Lot 5, Indian Gate Subdivision. Mr. McMeekin explained that due to the topography of the lot, the house needed to be placed closer to the build line than they normally like to do. The footing contractor accidentally placed the jut on the right front corner of the house about 10 inches inside the build line. No adjacent property owners voiced concern or opposition to the request. Steve Zerkis made a motion to grant the variance as requested. Benton Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Alabama Wildlife Center Asks for Volunteers

by Anne Miller, Director

Alabama's native wildlife needs your help! Volunteers are urgently needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for this year's wildlife orphans. Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org for more information about the next training session at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

In Memoriam

Jack E. Gray, age 78, of Indian Springs, Alabama, passed away November 13, 2007. He was born May 29, 1929 in Gadsden, Alabama. Jack was a member of Gadsden High School class of 1948, and a graduate of Jacksonville State University in 1953. He had a 30 year career in the U.S. Navy as a supply officer, retiring as a Commander. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Berton and Bertha Gray; and brother, Albert Berton Gray, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jean G. Gray; daughter, Carol (Harry) Caldwell of Indian Springs, AL; and two sons, Jerry Gray of Winter Garden, FL and Larry Gray of Jacksonville, AL; sister, Hazel Jo (Pete) Pentecost of Anniston, AL; and sister-in-law, Mary Gray of Helena, AL; grandchildren, Jenna, Phoebe, Laney and Caleb Caldwell of Indian Springs, AL and Morgan and Bonnie Gray of Rosewood, FL; great-grandchildren, Lillian, Adrianna and Jesse. The service was held at noon on Thursday, November 15, 2007, in the Chapel of Southern Heritage. Rev. Jeff Vanlandingham officiated. Interment at Southern Heritage was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Green Valley Baptist Church, 1815 Patton Chapel Road, Birmingham, AL 35226, or a favorite charity. (Reprinted from *The Birmingham News*)

Indian Springs Village
Monthly Revenue/Expenses

FY2007 Rev
[Pre-Audit]

GENERAL FUND

Revenue Source	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Fiscal YTD	Budget
1 Charter Cable	-	-	-	2,436	2,454	-	-	2,481	-	-	2,578	-	9,950	9,300
2 Alabama Power	-	-	-	87,577	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87,577	72,000
3 Alabama Gas	-	-	-	-	29,444	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,444	23,500
4 Pelham Water	-	-	-	10,163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,163	7,900
5 Birmingham Water	-	-	-	-	3,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,430	2,800
6 Alcoholic Beverage Tax	1,086	-	1,111	2,218	-	1,708	-	2,137	2,537	1,309	-	2,559	14,665	13,000
7 Business Licenses	494	-	547	5,500	5,213	1,287	266	8	427	71	6	606	14,425	10,500
8 Building Permits	-	-	-	1,943	-	-	-	9,796	-	9,811	1,771	223	23,543	15,000
9 July 4th Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,911	-	-	1,911	1,500
10 Misc Revenue Not Budgeted	-	-	-	-	-	12,520	-	(5,897)	484	10	10	10	7,137	100
11 Interest Income (ChkingAcct)	-	-	-	-	-	1,260	391	339	329	328	341	276	3,264	1,500
12 Zoning Application Fees	808	-	835	-	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,877	2,000
13 Cell Tower Inspection Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
14 DOT Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
15 Misc Taxes(Oil & Gas Drilling, etc.)	38	-	253	37	-	121	13	22	18	17	17	32	567	1,500
44 Interest Income (CD's)	-	-	-	7,335	166	(6,757)	-	-	10,110	13,522	-	10,110	34,486	22,000
Total - All Items	2,426	-	2,746	117,209	40,942	10,139	669	8,886	13,905	26,979	4,723	13,816	242,438	183,800

ROAD FUNDS

Revenue Source	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Fiscal YTD	Budget
50 7¢ Gasoline & 2¢ Insp	644	546	619	604	571	608	566	594	622	646	582	644	7,247	7,400
51 5¢ & 4¢ Gasoline	457	388	446	433	406	439	408	421	445	462	414	456	5,175	5,100
52 Motor Veh Lic Tag Tax	797	54	2,220	289	511	670	747	600	566	778	658	642	8,532	7,200
53 Road Funds CD Interest	-	-	-	1,281	-	1,220	-	-	1,377	10	-	1,377	5,265	2,300
54 Road Funds Chking Acct Interest	-	-	-	-	-	183	24	25	25	44	54	44	399	250
Total - All Items	1,898	989	3,285	2,607	1,487	3,119	1,745	1,640	3,036	1,939	1,708	3,164	26,618	22,250

CAP IMPRV FUND

Revenue Source	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Fiscal YTD	Budget
60 Cap Imprv Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,521	-	-	-	-	-	17,521	15,500
61 Cap Impr Rev Chking Acct Interest	-	-	-	-	-	17	18	64	61	67	65	53	345	
	-	-	-	-	-	17	17,539	64	61	67	65	53	17,867	15,500

Indian Springs Village
Monthly Revenue/Expenses

FY2007 Exp
[Pre-Audit]

Expense Category	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Fiscal YTD	Budget
CASH														
101 Web-Site	-	-	-	-	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	227	1,200
102 Engineering Fees	1,400	1,143	390	815	886	1,375	1,347	-	2,138	-	1,300	525	11,318	13,000
103 ADEM	-	-	805	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	805	1,000
104 Civic Events	300	-	-	-	231	956	-	-	475	3,248	390	-	5,600	7,000
105 Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,498	-	-	-	3,498	3,700
106 Office Supplies	63	36	16	21	-	-	-	-	41	78	107	28	390	1,800
107 Bldg & Grounds Maintenance	847	2,888	205	348	591	397	1,615	777	1,190	720	535	928	11,039	8,000
108 Legal Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	60	-	-	-	100	-	-	160	8,000
109 Recording Fees	65	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	312	-	420	250
110 Utilities & Security System	337	203	509	487	345	386	1,266	219	728	302	428	251	5,462	5,500
111 Administrative Expenses	12	68	-	119	58	607	348	60	765	64	160	473	2,734	3,000
112 Audit Professional Fees	-	-	(2,360)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	-	1,140	3,500
113 Miscellaneous	-	15	15	204	718	398	(10)	3	90	162	419	3	2,017	1,000
114 Village Voice	470	-	942	602	755	962	482	-	514	1,055	66	502	6,349	4,500
115 Dues (AL League of Municip)	-	-	-	-	-	-	165	-	-	-	935	-	1,100	1,000
116 Admin Svcs Allowances	1,305	-	-	925	818	739	964	490	716	655	862	904	8,378	10,440
117 Oak Mtn Schools Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	16,000
118 Garden Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	493	-	493	1,500
119 Deputy Sheriff Contract	2,642	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	2,877	34,294	35,000
150 Road Maintenance	90	4,065	-	150	370	-	-	750	500	-	-	224	6,149	2,500
Total - All Items	7,529	11,295	3,400	6,548	7,919	8,758	9,055	5,175	13,532	9,260	12,385	22,716	117,573	127,890

NON-CASH

160 Depreciation of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,000	17,000
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Around Our Village

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Council Member Herb Robins tells us that the county and state have said that they are letting a contract for bid for the three-lane widening of Cahaba Valley Road (hwy. 119) in February 2008. This important project has been delayed for more than a year now over utilities but apparently those issues have been resolved. Some preliminary work has been started to relocate utility poles.

Your Town Council has asked that the state/county make a presentation to the residents of ISV in the next few months of how the new three-lane project will affect property owners along Highway 119. We will advise you of the date of this presentation as soon as it is scheduled and everyone is invited to attend.

A head on crash on Indian Crest Drive resulted in two cars badly damaged but apparently no injuries to the occupants. The crash occurred near Skyline Drive when one vehicle swerved into the oncoming lane of traffic. The North Shelby Fire and the Shelby County Sheriff's Departments both responded. This area of Indian Crest Drive has several sharp curves and dips and has been signed by the county with a recommended 20mph speed

The ISV Garden Club did an outstanding job of cleaning and dressing the landscaping around the Town Hall. After this



work, several of the members were guests of the Stroziers who were kind enough to assist them in making a number of cement planters.

Each of the four Oak Mountain schools has been awarded a \$4,000 grant by the Town Council for the purchase of educational materials including computer software for reading. These materials are to be labeled as being provided by the residents of ISV.

Our New Sign program is continuing. You may have noticed new street signs along several

streets on Caldwell Mill Road. You should be seeing several other new Town Entrance and decorative street signs in the next few months.

STAGG RUN is the name of a new development located at the end of Deer Mountain Road. The final plat for this development was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council. The site of the development is the Burr property.

An African dance troupe from Kenya gave a performance at The Episcopal Church of St. Francis. The group is lead by Nicholas Sironka and most of the members of this troupe are Masai. They came dressed in their tribal wear and performed traditional dances and songs.

Financial Summary for Fiscal Year 2007

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

I have included a summary of the Town's financial position as of the end of the fiscal year which ended September 30, 2007. Your town is in excellent financial condition.

These reports show the revenues and expenses of your Town's government on a month by month basis. Indian Springs Village is fortunate to be able to take in more than it spends. We levy no property or sales taxes and we have no debt. I believe we run a reasonably effective and cost-efficient government. Our revenues for Fiscal Year 2007 were higher than normal due to several factors including an increased number of building permits and reviews of



several utilities which uncovered properties not correctly shown as being in ISV.

Our expenses have remained relatively stable. We will continue to invest in maintaining the Town Hall and grounds, and to make improvements around the town. We have no plans to make major vehicle or equipment purchases. When equipment is needed for a project, it is rented or the work subcontracted. The town owns no vehicles unless you want to count our Kubota riding lawn mower. The town staff is comprised primarily of residents who volunteer their time and efforts to make your town enjoyable.

I want to especially recognize the work done by Council Member Jack Mendel, Town Clerk Kelly Rasco and Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell to create and maintain our new financial systems, records and reports, investing our town's assets and improving our town's revenues.

December Happenings

by Tess Bouvier, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian

****The library will be closed
December 24th –26th and the 31st**

Special Programming

Tuesday, December 4th – 6:00-7:30 p.m.: “That Puppet Guy! The North Pole Fa-la-la-la Follies Show with Lee Bryan.” Come and watch a holly jolly puppet show to get you in the holiday spirit! All ages. **Refreshments served before the show from 6-6:30 p.m. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelby-county-al.org for more information.

Monday, December 3rd, 10th and 17th – 3:15-4:30 p.m.: “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 dogs 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 for more information.

Thursday, December 13th – 4 p.m.: Craft – “Holiday Chalkboard Sign.” Keep a list of presents you want from Santa on this neat chalkboard sign that you get to put together and decorate! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Saturday, December 15th – 9:00-10:30 a.m.: “Breakfast with Santa!” 9-9:30 – breakfast buffet, then 9:30-10:30 – craft and pictures with Santa! \$5.00 per child required at time of registration. Please visit the Children's Department to register. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, December 19th – 10:45-11:45 am.: “Mr. Mac Holiday Celebration.” Join Mr. Mac and sing, dance and listen to fun holiday stories. Refreshments and presents provided. All ages. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Thursday, December 20th – 11:00 a.m.-5 p.m.: “Patron Appreciation and Holiday Movie Marathon.” Join us for a day of movies on our big screen! 11:00 a.m.: Disney Holiday Classics; 1:00 p.m.: “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” / “Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer;” 3:00 p.m.: “Charlie Brown Christmas” / “Frosty the Snowman;” 5:00 p.m.: “The Santa Clause 3.” Refreshments served! Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Thursday, December 20th – 6-8 p.m.: “Special PJ Storytime: The Polar Express Book and Movie” Join us for the reading of “The Polar Express” (6-6:30 p.m.)

followed by the movie and hot cocoa (6:30-8:00 p.m.)... don't forget to bring your blankets! Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelby-county-al.org for more information.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Monday, December 3rd, 10th and 17th – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.: You can call the library at 439-5504 to sign-up. You may begin registration on the last Toddler Tale program day of the previous month. Ages 24-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children's Department at 439-5504 to sign-up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, Dec. 5th, 12th and 19th (a special story-time with food and presents) at 10:45 a.m. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story time

Thursdays, Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th (special storytime with movie) at 7 p.m. All ages.

Teen Scene

Teen Book Pick of the Month – “The Alchemist (Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel)” by Michael Scott “The Alchemist” is an impressive blend of real life history and fiction. Nicholas Flamel was a famed alchemist many centuries ago and the premise of this fantastical tale is that Flamel successfully discovered the secret to immortality. Fast forward to current day San Francisco and the legend of Nicholas Flamel continues with Sophie and Josh Newman and the theft of the Book of Abraham the Mage which contains the information for the elixir of life. The fate of the world hangs in the balance as Sophie and Josh try to prevent the triumph of evil and the end of the world as we know it. ~ *description taken partially from book liner notes.*

The Month of December – Online Book Club

Want to find another teen book to read? Join our Online Book Club and receive portions of a teen book each week through your email! Sign up on our website to get started!

Village News

Ashley Weems, daughter of Bill and Patti Weems of Indian Trail, has been accepted by early decision to the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University for the fall of 2008. Ashley was a 2005 honors graduate of Oak Mountain High School and will graduate with an honors degree in Biochemistry from the University of Alabama in the spring of 2008.

Santa Claus is Coming To Town !

**Santa Claus is coming to Indian
Springs Village
Saturday, December 8, 2007
From 1:00 P.M until 4:00 P.M.**



Hto! Hto! Hto!

Hto! Hto! Hto!

**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!**

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

Refreshments will be served.

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

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 Town Clerk Kelly Rasco, 5156 Hollow Log Lane, Birmingham, AL 35244. If you would like to volunteer to shop, please call Margie Robins at 980-9217.

DECEMBER 2007

SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON DATE

Monday December 10 @ 12:30

HEARDMONT PARK SENIOR CENTER

Phone (205) 991-5742 Fax (205) 991-5657

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Center Manager- Jaclynn Traffanstedt Email- heardmontpark@hotmail.com

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4:00 Canasta</p> <p><u>Sign Up DEADLINE for Senior Christmas Party</u></p>	<p>DAY TRIP-American Village Showcase House 10-11 Exercise Class 11 BINGO w/Connie 12:00 Nifty over 50 Group-Kingwood Church 12:00 Lunch 12:30-2 Line Dancing w/Betty</p>	<p>9:30 –12 Bridge Club 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Games and Fellowship</p>	<p>9:45 Bus Pickup RSVP luncheon 10-2 Games & Fellowship 10:30-11:30 Exercise Class 11-1 RSVP Luncheon @ 4-H Center 12:00 Lunch 2:00 Bus Return RSVP luncheon</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beginner Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Intermediate Line Dancing w/Chris 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:00 Lunch</p>
<p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:30 SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON-MUST RSVP 12:30-4:00 Canasta</p>	<p>10-11 Exercise Class 10-2 Games and Fellowship 11 Ornament Swap 12:00 Lunch 12:30-2 Line Dancing w/Betty</p>	<p>9:30 –12 Bridge Club 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Games and Fellowship</p>	<p>10:30-11:30 Exercise Class 10-2 Games & Fellowship 12:00 Lunch 12:30-2 BUNCO (cb) 1-1:30 SPEAKER Brent Thomas w/Sterne Agee-Changes in Trust Laws for 2008</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beginner Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Intermediate Line Dancing w/Chris 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:00 Lunch 7-9 Dance/Social w/Jerry Seals</p>
<p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi DAY TRIP-Festival of Trees at Galleria Woods 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4:00 Canasta</p>	<p>9-1 AARP CLASS 10-11 Exercise Class 11 Arbonne Spa Party 11 BINGO w/Connie 12:00 Lunch 12:30-2 Line Dancing w/Betty</p>	<p>9-1 AARP CLASS 9:30 –12 Bridge Club 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Games & Fellowship</p>	<p>10:30-11:30 Exercise Class DAY TRIP-Cypress Inn (cb) 10-2 Games & Fellowship 12:00 Lunch 12:30-2 BUNCO (cb)</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beginner Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Intermediate Line Dancing w/Chris 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:00 Lunch</p>
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Weight-Loss Club Meets Weekly

submitted by Helen Bunn, Alabaster, AL

Want to lose weight and have fun doing it? Chapter #566 of TOPS Club (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) holds weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church at 3545 Cahaba Valley Road in Indian Springs Village. TOPS Club is a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight-loss support organization with thousands of associate chapters across the United States and Canada. Members learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise and more in weekly meetings. For more information visit www.tops.org or call Helen at 903-4223 or Mary at 995-5166.



Many thanks & best wishes
for a happy holiday to all of
The Village Voice couriers.



SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The City of Alabaster Parks and Recreation Department cordially invites all Shelby County Seniors to the annual Senior Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Thompson Middle School Cafeteria. The event will begin at 5:30 PM with the last dance scheduled for 8:30 PM. There will be a DJ on stage to play your favorite songs; there will be lots of great food and door prizes, along with wonderful fellowship.

The theme for this year's party is "A Christmas Carol" in honor of Carol Reddoch. Reservations are not required to attend; but, are strongly recommended. Advance reservations will get your name in Santa's gift bag for a special door prize. Please join us for a special evening of Christmas fun.

*Reservations may be made by calling:
Alabaster Parks and Recreation – 664-6840*