

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5, 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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### 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 Zerkis

Another year starts for all of us.

Thanks again to everyone who has contributed their time and effort to make Indian Springs Village a comfortable place to live. This town works only because of what all of you have been putting into it. Thanks to all the members of the Town Council, the various commissions and committees and all the individuals who come out and help with our activities, both social and governmental. Every bit of effort helps and is most appreciated.

In December, it was announced that The Joseph S. Bruno Montessori Academy has been awarded a grant of \$2.5 million from a trust affiliated with the Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation. The funds will be used for the educational needs of their students from pre-school through eight grade. What a wonderful grant.

The Indian Springs School has appointed a new Director, Gareth Vaughan. He and his family are coming to ISV from Washington, D.C. More about him in this newsletter.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the ISV Children's Fund. Your contributions of time and funds are going a long way to helping a number of needy children in our area. Please keep these needs in mind during the year. Some of these children have needs throughout the year and your contributions are more than welcome.

I was just looking at *The Village Voice* of a year ago and I saw where I forecasted that work on the Highway 119 turn lane project would be started in 2007. Well, it's getting closer but it's not there yet. The State says that bids for contracts will go out the end of February 2008. As you may have noticed, several utilities have already started to move their systems. Poles, power lines and communication lines are being moved and the sewer utility has begun to relocate its pipes. I'm sure we can expect to see more of this kind of work over the next few months.

We have asked the State and County engineers to make a presentation of this project at the second Town Council meeting in February. That will be Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

We had two wonderful family events in December; the visit of Santa Claus to our Town Hall courtesy of the Crapet family. This has become a wonderful tradition in ISV for children and the young of heart. The other event was our annual Christmas and Holiday Party after the second council meeting of December. It was a fun evening for everyone. The home-made food and pastries were wonderful.

The next family event will be our Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the Town Hall Park. There will be thousands of eggs, hundreds of children from twelve weeks to twelve years of age and prizes for everyone. Please volunteer your time for this important event. Your help is needed before and on the day of this event.

Best wishes for the New Year!

# Town Council Meeting

November 6, 2007

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Mayor Steve Zerkis, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley. Herb Robins is recovering from recent surgery and did not attend the meeting.

The Council minutes from the October 2 and October 21st meetings were reviewed. The minutes of October 2 were approved on a motion by Stauss, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The minutes of October 21 were approved on a motion by Bell-Guercio, seconded by Stauss. Both motions were approved unanimously.

Mendel presented the September Financial Report encompassing the end of the fiscal year. The report showed annual revenues of \$242,438 with a positive variance of \$60,000 on the general fund. Expenses were \$10,000 under budget. The Town has \$1.3 million total assets, un-audited. Mayor Zerkis stated that overall it was a good year. He noted that both the revenue from building permits and utilities were over budget. The Mayor thanked Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant, for his work on auditing utility customers resulting in the revenue increase. He also noted that interest income was over budget. Mendel asked if there were any questions or needed corrections for the year's financials. There were none. He will submit the report to the bookkeeper as the pre-audit copy. There was a motion to endorse the September Financial Report by Mendel, seconded by Stauss. The report was endorsed unanimously.

Mendel noted that at the last meeting we had a motion to reinvest the road fund CD at a particular interest rate. The rate was not available since interest rates had dropped. He reported that currently the best short-term rate is 4.75% at the 3 banks we deal with. He spoke with Morgan Keegan/Regions and Compass Brokerage representatives about investments in federal agency obligations. The only securities eligible under current state law are GNMA's; however, due to certain complexities, these were not recommended by the Morgan Keegan representative. It is Mendel's opinion that we not pursue federal agency obligations at this time.

There is \$696,400 in the Compass money market account earning 4.4%. Mendel suggested transfer of excess general funds and 7-cent road funds to Regions 8-month CD's at 4.75%. Dudley asked about a repo rate. After discussion, he suggested inquiring about a repo rate and minimum balance requirement. Mendel motioned to invest \$650,000 of general funds and the excess road funds in CD's for 8 months at 4.75%, unless a better rate can be obtained via the repo rate. Stauss seconded the motion and it was accepted unanimously.

Mendel has not yet re-drafted the financial procedures. He will complete that and email out the document to the Council for review at next meeting.

The Mayor thanked Dudley for the antique vehicles he brought for display at the recent Founders' Day Celebration.

Stauss will contact Oak Mountain High School to check on the status of the website project.

The Mayor reported for Herb Robins. Additional street signs have been ordered. Mayor Zerkis and Robins have discussed new town entryway signs. The Mayor has approval from Oak Mountain Middle School to move one of the welcome signs onto their property. Robins and Zerkis are designing smaller welcome signs for areas that have small right of ways.

The Mayor noted some upcoming events and meetings. Santa is coming to Town Hall on December 8. The Christmas party will be December 18. There will be a work session following this meeting on business ordinance draft.

Mayor Zerkis is trying to find out the date for Highway 119 turn lane project bid letting. The Regional Planning Commission did not have any information. Power poles are being moved further back on the right of way. The Mayor would like for a representative to come talk to the Council and the Villagers regarding the project in January or February 2008.

The Mayor met with Deputy White recently. They have been meeting once a month for several months. Deputy White stated there is very little crime with only a couple of domestic disputes and one large car accident on Indian Crest. He is checking up on residents and neighborhoods as requested.

The Mayor gave an update on the walking track survey. He has received responses both in favor of paving the walking track and in opposition due to liability, cost and lack of need. He also received suggestions about how to spend the funds. He spoke with State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin and the Town may have a grant for repair of drainage problems. There was further discussion about the pros and cons of having a paved walking track.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the citizens for public comment.

There was discussion about the bacteria testing performed over the last several months on the water in Bishops Creek. A couple of residents asked the Mayor to request more tests. The Mayor offered to contact ADEM and the County Health Department and will follow up with concerned residents.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, Town Clerk

# Town Council Meeting

November 20, 2007

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Mayor Steve Zerkis and Councilman Jack Mendel. Administrative

Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones were also in attendance. Herb Robins, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley did not attend the meeting.

Mendel reported that he invested funds into the bank CDs per the Council's approval at the last meeting.

Mayor Zerkis gave an update on the Bishop Creek water testing. ADEM will test up and down the creek. He has requested that they test on a regular schedule. ADEM will follow up with more details on the testing.

The Mayor introduced the proposed new business license ordinance that the city attorney has already reviewed and approved.

Mayor Zerkis reported for Robins. The Highway 119 turn-lane project letting is scheduled for February, 2008. He discussed having the County and State representatives present an informational meeting for residents. Tentatively, the meeting is scheduled for January or February.

Robins is trying to find a contractor to relocate the town entrance sign from the Carousel Tack Shoppe property to the Oak Mountain Middle school property. Robins and Mayor Zerkis are developing new welcome signs, similar in design to existing entrance signs but smaller. These new signs will be located off Valleydale Road near the Homestead entrance and at the Valleydale Road and Caldwell Mill Road intersection.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, Town Clerk

## Town Council Meeting Special Meeting

November 27, 2007

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to approve the final subdivision application for Stagg Run.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Mayor Steve Zerkis, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio and Brian Stauss, and Stewart Dudley. Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones also attended the meeting. Councilman Herb Robins did not attend.

Jones requested approval of the final subdivision application for Stagg Run. He reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee has approved it. This will be a private subdivision and it will not be maintained by the City. Mike Smith of South and Associates presented a review of the updates that have been made since approval of the preliminary plat map one year ago.

Stauss motioned to approve the final plat for Stagg Run subdivision as presented. Mendel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, Town Clerk

## Town Council Meeting

December 4, 2007

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

The Mayor 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 and Brenda Bell-Guercio. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones also attended the meeting. Councilmen Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley did not attend the meeting.

The council members reviewed the meeting minutes for November 6, November 20 and November 27. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mendel.

Mendel presented the October financial report for review by the Council. There was a motion to endorse the October Financial Report by Mendel, seconded by Robins. The report was endorsed unanimously.

Robins reported that he recently met with Richard Adkins and Jimmy Rhodes of Adkins Signs and Graphics to discuss the new signs at the intersection of Caldwell Mill Road and Valleydale Road; the new entrance signs at the Oak Mountain schools; and the three new decorative town entrance signs to be placed in areas with small right of ways. Adkins will submit a quote for the signs. There was also discussion about replacing the metal signs at Deer Mountain Circle, Auburn Road, Pawnee Drive and the three stop signs. Adkins will fax a quote to Robins in the next few days. Robins will follow-up on having the entrance sign at Carousel Tack Shoppe moved.

Robins reported that Oak Mountain Intermediate School counselor Christie Wade has forwarded a list of nineteen children to be assisted by the ISV Children's Fund to Margie Robins. Mrs. Robins and other residents plan to shop for the children within the week.

Mayor Zerkis reported for Stauss, stating that the work on the new conference table is progressing.

Mayor Zerkis reported that two representatives from **CAWACO** ([www.cawaco.org](http://www.cawaco.org) - a volunteer organization covering 5 north Alabama counties with a focus on resource conservation) have reviewed the drainage issues in the area behind the Town Hall.

The Mayor gave an update on Bishop Creek. James Couch with ADEM clarified that it is unknown if problems exist in Bishop Creek. Two tests have recently been done to detect coliform in the water and more testing will be done.

The new business license ordinance that was introduced at a previous meeting was presented. Mendel motioned to accept the ordinance, seconded by Robins. The ordinance was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor to the residents in attendance for comment. There was discussion about a tree leaning across Indian Trail. The County will be contacted to determine if the tree is in the right-of-way and can be cut down.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, Town Clerk

# Christmas Scrooge

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Someone must have gotten coal in their stocking Christmas morning. Sometime after midnight on Christmas night, vandals set about a dozen garbage cans on fire in several areas of town. These large plastic cans burned and melted completely. I spoke to several residents and saw some of the damage. One of our residents has already installed a low-light video camera to monitor his property. He says the cam has a wireless connection to his personal computer and will record at night. The Shelby County Sheriff Department is investigating the incident.



## **REWARD \$1,000**

**TO BE PAID TO ANY INDIVIDUAL  
PROVIDING INFORMATION LEADING  
TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE  
PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
OR ENGAGED IN ANY ACTS OF VANDALISM  
IN THE TOWN OF  
INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE.**

**ANY AND ALL INFORMATION WILL BE  
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**CONTACT MAYOR STEVE ZERKIS AT  
733-9935 OR [steve@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:steve@indianspringsvillage.org).**

# North Shelby Library News

by Michelyn Reid, North Shelby Library Reference Librarian

## Free Beginner Computer Classes at North Shelby Library

All Classes are **FREE** and are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Limited seating. Registration required. Please contact Michelyn at 439-5510 or [nsref@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsref@shelbycounty-al.org) to register.

### January

Jan 9 – Internet for Beginners  
Jan 15 – Intro to Word  
Jan 16 – Intro to Word II  
Jan 22 – Intro to Excel I  
Jan 23 – Intro to Excel II  
Jan 29 – Intro to Power Point  
Jan 30 – Advanced Searching

### February

Feb 5 – Internet for Beginners  
Feb 12 – Intro to Word I  
Feb 13 – Intro to Word II  
Feb 19 – Intro to Excel I  
Feb 20 – Intro to Excel II  
Feb 26 – Intro to PowerPoint  
Feb 27 – Advanced Searching

## North Shelby Library Book Club

Join us Thursday, January 17th at 10:30 a.m. at the library where we will discuss the book, "The Ice Queen" by Alice Hoffman.

## Brown Bag Lunch Series

Schedule for January 2008

12:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room

**January 15** - "The History of Shelby County" presented by Bobby Joe Seales, Shelby County Historical Society.

**January 22** - "Can you afford to retire?" running time 60 minutes.

**Bring your lunch, we provide the drinks and dessert!**

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## Found

at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall, a black Old Navy jacket. The jacket was apparently left behind following the December 18th Town Council meeting. Please contact Bart Trammell at 988-0094, Steve Zerkis at 733-9935 or Tricia Crapet at 327-8791 to claim the jacket.

# Indian Springs School Appoints New Director

*Submitted by Katie Cruce Hathcock, Assistant Director of Development*

Following a unanimous and enthusiastic vote by the Indian Springs School Board of Governors, the school is pleased to announce Gareth Vaughan's appointment as the seventh Director of Indian Springs School, effective July 1, 2008.

A Welshman by birth, and an American by virtue of a quarter century of distinguished educational experience here, Gareth Vaughan was educated in both Britain and the United States. A graduate of the University of York (B.A., Biology) and of the University of London's Institute of Education, he also holds a Master of Arts from George Washington University (Public Policy, Environment and Resource Management), as well as a Masters in Education from Columbia University's Teachers College where he was enrolled in the prestigious Klingenstein Leadership Academy Program (Subject: Educational Leadership in Private Schools).



"His distinguished academic training aside, the quality, depth and scope of our new Director's hands-on, practical educational experience is especially impressive and particularly appropriate for his upcoming leadership responsibilities at Indian Springs," says Search Committee and Board of Governors Chair Donald Hess '66.

Vaughan and his wife, Dorrie Fuchs, had this to say about Indian Springs School in their letter to the Washington International School (WIS) community where Vaughan has worked since 1982, "...we have found a school community whose ideals and passions immediately attracted us: a strong academic focus, a unique model of student leadership, a meaningful commitment to stewardship of the environment and opportunities for significant involvement in athletics and the performing arts. During our visits we were struck by how immediately we felt at home with the students, faculty, staff and parents we met."

After briefly working for United World Colleges of the Atlantic (1979-81) Vaughan, from 1982 to present, has been a teacher and educational administrator at Washington International School in Washington, D.C., a co-educational pre-k-12 school enrolling 890 students. As a faculty member at WIS, he has taught Biology, Environmental Systems, Theory of Knowledge and has coached Boy's Varsity Soccer. As an administrative leader, Vaughan has served as Dean of Students (grades 6-12, 1986-98), Assistant Head of School (1995-98) and as Head of Upper School (1982-present). In his capacity as Upper School Head, Vaughan's responsibilities include the academic program/curriculum development, faculty evaluation/professional development, faculty hiring, budget, long-range planning and he has worked closely with the Development Office on both the annual and capital campaigns. The upper school at WIS enrolls 250 students with 50 faculty/staff members.

Beyond his responsibilities on the Washington International School campus, he has served the broader community as an Adjunct Faculty member at the Corcoran School of Art (D.C.) in their Visual Arts in the Community Program, and has participated in The National Association of Independent Schools 20/20 Program – NAIS's global environmental educational initiative with partnered schools around the world.

Board Chairman Donald Hess '66 says, "As our six-month search for a Director ends with such exciting success and invigorating promise, I would like to express sincere thanks for the tireless and astute dedication of the nine-member Search Committee as well as for the invaluable participation of the faculty/staff and of the student, alumni and parent representatives. The entire Springs community owes all of these search participants, adult and youth, a hearty vote of appreciation."

A history of the Directors at Indian Springs School: Louis Armstrong (1952-1972), Joseph Jackson (1972-1986), Mac Fleming (Interim, 1986-1987), Douglas Jennings (1987-2002), Mel MacKay (2002-2007), Lee Pierson (Interim, 2007-2008).



## Garden Club Wraps up Year with Christmas Luncheon

*by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair – Indian Springs Garden Club*

Indian Springs Garden Club members enjoyed the mountain-top view from the Steve and Pat Zerkis home as they met for the annual Christmas luncheon on December 9. Eighteen of our 23 members were present. There was no business meeting; the program was food and fellowship, followed by playing "Dirty Santa." All are appreciative of Pat's hosting the function at their beautifully decorated home.

We had a good turn-out when the Garden Club met December 7 to decorate the town hall and surroundings for the season. Our next work at the Town Hall is scheduled for Saturday, February 2 (Ground Hog Day) for spring clean-up of the gardens. Help will be present to assist with the heavy labor.

Our next meeting is Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m., January 24, at the Town Hall. Officers will be installed and plans made for programs for the coming year.

# January Happenings

by Tess Bouvier, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian

**\*\*The library will be closed Tuesday, January 1st and Monday, January 21st**

## Special Programming

### The Month of January: "New Books in the New Year."

Help us ring in the New Year with new books! North Shelby Library will have new books ready for check-out every day of the month!

**Tuesday, January 8th – 4 p.m.: Craft- "Color and Scratch Calendar."** First we'll read a fun book about the months of the year, followed by decorating personal calendars for 2008! All ages. Space limited. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Saturday, January 12th – 1-2:30 p.m.: Family Movie Day – "Party Time with Max and Ruby."** Let's celebrate the New Year in style with our buddies Max and Ruby! Join us for a fun film, bunny cookies and juice. All ages. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Monday, January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th – 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 environment that is relaxed, fun and furry! This event is held at the library and each child receives a 15-minute personal session. All ages. Registration required. Call or email Tess at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Tuesday, January 29th – 12:30-1:30 p.m.: "Home-school Hang-Out."** Join us for this new program that the library will be offering once a month for homeschoolers. A specific topic will be discussed associated with the current month. For January, in representation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we will be discussing 5 great American heroes. Then, we'll watch a related film and finish with a writing assignment in which the student highlights a personal hero. Bring a sandwich, and we'll provide the drinks and chips! Ages 8-12. Space limited. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

## Story-Time Programming

### Toddler Tales

**Mondays, January 7th, 14th and 28th - 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.:** Registration for all of the programs in January begins on December 17th. We will not have TT's on January 21st. Ages 24-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children's Department at 439-5504 to sign-up.

### Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

**Wednesdays, January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th - 10:45-11:45 a.m.** All ages. No registration required.

### P. J. Story Time

**Thursdays, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 7:00 p.m.** All ages.

## Teen Scene

**Teen Advisory Group – Monday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m.** Are you looking for community service hours for school? Do you like to read? Are you interested in helping North Shelby Library pick books? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Teen Advisory is for you! Enjoy pizza and drinks while helping us make important decisions for the Teen Department. Call or email Katie for more information at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org). You can also check out our MySpace page at [www.myspace.com/northshelbyteens](http://www.myspace.com/northshelbyteens) for information on upcoming events!

**Teen Writing Seminar – Monday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m.** Are you an aspiring writer? Are you creative? Join us for this introductory meeting for teen writers. We will discuss writing ideas and the important skills you need to become a better writer. Snacks served. Open to 6th-8th Grades. For more information please call or email Katie at 439-5504 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org).

**Teen Book Pick of the Month – "Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope" by Jenna Bush.** During the time that Jenna Bush worked as an intern with UNICEF, she met Ana – the subject of this poignant biography. Ana was infected with HIV at birth and raised by a very strict grandmother who taught her to keep her HIV status a secret. Severely abused while she was living with her grandmother, Ana ran away from home to start a new life with her daughter. This is a story of hope and survival and as Ana states in the book, she is "living with HIV, not dying from it."

### The Month of January – 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!

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### Thanks to Those Who Contributed to the ISV Children's Fund This Year:

Alabama Pool Services Company, Greg and Barbara Bassett, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Roger and Elizabeth Eastman, William and Peggy Gaines, Paul and Jana Hagan, Crawford and Betty Jinks, Madaline Johnson, Robert and Judith Konecny, Kathy Lane, Ginny Lusk, Lillard Martin, Foster and Rosalind Mathews, Vicki Pacifico, Paul Stephens, Alison Stigers, Harold and Elizabeth Swain, Bart and Connie Trammell, Gene and Olivia Weingarten.

# HO! HO! HO!

By Tricia Crapet, Town Hall Curator

Ho! Ho! Ho! – he shouted as he entered the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Saturday, December 8, 2007! The familiar voice and jingling sleigh bells could only mean one thing – Santa Claus had come back to the Village! Santa’s yearly stop at the ISV Town Hall is always a treat for young and old, all of whom came to tell Santa all about their wish lists.

Once again, Sheriff Chris Curry sent two of North Shelby County Sheriff’s Department’s finest officers to make sure that all little boys and girls, and their families, were kept safe when pulling in and out of Highway 119. The deputies did some great “PR” by handing out sheriff badge stickers to all the boys and girls.

Santa Claus visited with children of all ages, handing out coloring book, crayons, pop-up books and candy canes to the adorable children. The jolly old elf listened intently to over 100 children who were wistfully explaining of all their Christmas dreams and wishes.

Everyone got into the act of taking as many pictures with Santa that they wished, most with their own cameras. Mrs. Santa even took photos for some who had forgotten their cameras and emailed the pictures to the families.

Mrs. Santa had baked many homemade goodies such as cupcakes, cookies, brownies and lots of other delicious confections for Village families to enjoy while visiting with Santa. The smell of hot mulled apple cider filled the air as friends and neighbors spent the day enjoying each other’s company, and especially being relieved that they would not have to stand in line at the mall for hours to get a glimpse of what must only be one of Santa’s helpers, and not Santa himself!

Look for Santa to return to ISV for a visit on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Mark your calendars, and get those wish lists started early!



*Bobbie Jean is all smiles during her visit with Santa.*



*Siblings Sarah and Chase, along with younger cousins Emma and Drew, share their wish lists with Santa.*

## Building Permits

*submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer*

Applicant: Joey Stamba  
Owner: Graig White  
Address: 869 Jasmine Hill Road  
Proposed Use: New Residence

Applicant: Monica Havice  
Owner: David Wik  
Address: 2653 Valleydale Road  
Proposed Use: Dollar Tree - Remodel

Applicant: Senoqua Electric  
Owner: Dollar Tree  
Address: 2653 Valleydale Road  
Proposed Use: Remodel

## Alabama Wildlife Center Asks for Volunteers

*by Anne Miller, Director*

You can help a wild animal! Volunteers are needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for injured and orphaned wildlife. Call 663-7930 or log on to [www.awrc.org](http://www.awrc.org) for more information about the next training session on January 12 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

# JANUARY 2008

## 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
9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4:00 Canasta	10-11 Exercise Class 10-2 Games and Fellowship 12:00 Lunch 12:30-2 Line Dancing w/Betsy	9:30-12 Bridge Club 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Games and Fellowship	10-2 Games & Fellowship 10:30-11:30 Exercise Class 12:00 Lunch	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
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