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

Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

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Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

You may have read recent articles about a Metropolitan Planning Organization study that is forecasting substantial growth for Shelby County. What this MPO study says is that the population of our county will almost double by 2035, and that approximately 122,000 new jobs will be created. The year 2035 may seem a long way off, but 25-30 years will move along faster than we think. Investments in infrastructure take time. Most municipalities in the county and the county itself now have comprehensive plans that better define where and how growth will occur. Change will happen and our governments will need to plan for the infrastructure improvements needed to handle this growth. It means new schools, new roads, improved transportation and all the structure that comes along with growth.

I attended a Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 26 that included most mayors, several County Commissioners and some 275 representatives of businesses through out the county. Each of the mayors gave a brief talk. My point was that all fourteen towns in the county, senior business leaders and the Shelby County Commission need to focus on what we can do about recruiting those 122,000 new jobs. I suggested that county, municipal and business leaders need to meet on a regular basis to determine approaches to encourage quality businesses to relocate to Shelby County. We should be looking to companies in technology, engineering, communications, law, accounting and finance. We also need to encourage developers to work with those companies to create office campuses along the 280 and I-65 corridors. The growth is coming whether we want it or not, but it needs to be quality growth with quality results. We need more quality jobs for Shelby County residents.



EASTER EGG HUNT PHOTOS INSIDE!

Free Landfill Day by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

Now would be a good time to dispose of those odd rolls of carpet, those lawn chairs with broken vinyl straps and those old venetian blinds you bought at the yard sale. **Saturday, April 26** has been designated as a free landfill day for Shelby County citizens. The next free landfill day will be Saturday, October 11.

The Shelby County Landfill is located on Route 70. It's normally open six days a week. Times of operation and fees are available at www.shelbycountyalabama.org or call 669-4169.

Town Council Meeting

February 19, 2008

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The City 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. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell also attended the meeting.

Mayor Zerkis reported that Indian Springs resident Jim Boyett had passed away this week. Boyett was one of the town founders and an original member of the "Pothole Gang." Visitation will be tomorrow at 10:00 at Southern Heritage. Graveside services will follow at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, Nora asked that donations be made to the Diabetes Association, 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 303, Birmingham, AL 35223.

The meeting minutes for both meetings on January 15 and the minutes for February 5 were reviewed. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes for the first meeting on January 15, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes for the second meeting on January 15, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes for the February 5 meeting, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the January Financial Report. He noted the receipts from the utility companies came in. Mendel reported that the CD rate referenced in the motion he made last month is no longer available. The city is currently receiving 3.9% on the money market account, but that will decrease. Mendel made a motion to endorse the January Financial Report, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis commended Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison for her eleven years of effort in obtaining the Highway 119 turn lane project. He then introduced Gary Ray, District Engineer, with the Alabama Department of Transportation. Ray recognized Randy Cole, Shelby County Engineer, and Scott Holladay, Shelby County Senior Engineer. He also recognized Todd Connell, another Shelby County Engineer and also an Indian Springs Village resident. Ray began by stating his presentation on the turn-lane project would cover what's included, what's not and the timeline.

Widening 119 will include a third lane. The project will extend from near Arrowhead Lane to a location north of Double Oak Lane. There will be through lanes on the outside with a turn lane in the center. The three lanes, extending from Arrowhead Lane to Valley View Road, will provide left turn lanes onto those streets in addition to left turns onto Jasmine Hill Road, Indian Ridge Drive, Cahaba Oaks Trail and Indian Trail. The road will revert to two lanes from a point north of Valley View Road to Castleberry Road. At this point, the road will again be three lanes and join the present three lanes at Caldwell Mill Road. Another three

lane section will be located near the Our Lady of the Valley entrance and extend several feet north of Double Oak Lane. The widening of AL 119 will be done in phases. The first phase will include erosion control and signage. The second phase will include installation of box culverts at Double Oak Lane and Bishop Lane that will require a detour to Interstate 65 and County Road 17 (Valleydale Road). This will occur on a weekend and there will be signage as well as use of the media for communication.

He said that each of the three lanes will be 12 feet wide, and the roadway will have a 2 to 3 foot soft shoulder.

The letting is scheduled for February 29. The current utility relocation is going well. The project is scheduled for 120 working days which equates to 6-8 months.

Ray noted that contractors cannot close both lanes at specific times: 6:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. He suggested that residents contact Randy Cole should this happen.

Sometime in April, he will host a pre-construction conference with all the contractors and sub-contractors. Recently, he held a mandatory pre-bid conference to discuss storm water runoff and erosion control since the project is located in the Cahaba Valley watershed.

Mayor Zerkis inquired about resident and emergency access during the detour. Ray responded that the time roads and driveways are blocked should be very brief. Ray said the project engineer will be Carl Musulman. If there are signs or other obstructions blocking residents' vision while driving, contact Musulman (668-0173) and he will check into it and have it moved.

Robins asked about a guardrail being placed in front of the Town Hall since the building is already very close to the highway. Ray said it is not currently on the project plan, but he will check into it and make recommendations. Holladay asked if the Town Hall property was scheduled for a 6 inch curb and gutter. Ray said he would check. Robins asked about the utility relocation progress. Ray responded that most of the utilities have already been moved.

Robins thanked Ray, Holladay and Cole for their work towards this project over the years. He also mentioned that Ray was instrumental in having the speed limit on Highway 119 reduced.

Stauss reported that the ZBA met last week. The columbarium for Our Lady of the Valley church has been removed from the agenda. The ZBA members recommended that the church apply for rezoning before asking for a variance. The other agenda item for a remodel was granted.

Robins reported that Marlin Bennetch of Outdoor Lighting Perspectives had reworked the outdoor lights at Town Hall. Bennetch suggested getting an electrician to check the fixture on the light pole that is not working.

Bell-Guercio reported that she is in the process of ordering items for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 22. She will try to get an Easter Bunny for the event.

Stauss reported that there is no update on the website project. He also stated he is ordering glass for the new conference table.

Dudley reported that there is a change in Alabama law on local legislation. If passed, this will make it easier to pass local legislation without it being on a statewide ballot. There was discussion about electronic speed monitoring.

Mendel briefed the council on the previously discussed revisions to the financial procedures. The only major revisions are the addition of a capital budget and the addition of an investment policy. Mendel moved to adopt the draft of the financial procedures dated January 25, 2008, seconded by Dudley. The motion was accepted unanimously.

There was discussion about the status of the upcoming audit.

Mayor Zerkis presented a resolution that directs the City Clerk and Administrative Assistant to obtain a list of qualified electors from the county Board of Registrars. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Stauss. The resolution was accepted unanimously.

The Mayor presented an ordinance to establish the Town Hall as the voting place for municipal elections. The rules were waived by a unanimous roll call vote. Dudley made a motion to accept the ordinance, seconded by Mendel. The ordinance was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis presented a resolution expressing condolences to the City of Kirkwood, Missouri for the recent shooting and fatalities that occurred during a city council meeting. Mendel made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The resolution was accepted unanimously.

There was discussion about the cost of the Maddox case.

David Henderson of Hatch Mott MacDonald attended the meeting. He noted that the building permit instructions were not yet on the website. Stauss said he will upload the information to the website. Henderson asked who the contact was for business license. The contact is City Clerk, Kelly Rasco.

There was discussion about a house on Highway 119 with junk in the back of the property. The Mayor would like for it to be cleaned up.

Mayor Zerkis reported there was no update on the Smith property.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month,

a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. Visit <http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/prevention-month/> for more information on how to help and protect the children of Shelby County.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Clearwater Pools
Owner: Frank Comensky
Address: 229 Cahaba Oaks Trail
Proposed Use: New Pool

Applicant: Shaw Properties, Inc.
Owner: Servis First Bank
Address: 3103 Indian Crest
Proposed Use: Finish Home

Applicant: ACOB Inc.
Owner: Jimmy Mulvaney
Address: 125 Bent Tree Acres
Proposed Use: New Residence

Applicant: D.F. Hughes Construction, Inc.
Owner: Harold and Gayl Craft
Address: 677 New Hope Mountain Road
Proposed Use: Bath Remodel

Open Burning Ban

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

In all probability, ADEM will again enforce an open burning ban in Shelby County beginning May 1st and continuing through October 31st. So, if you have a pile of tree trimmings, brush or untreated lumber, the remainder of April would be a good time to burn those items. As a reminder, open burning of treated wood, rubber, paper, plastic, etc., is prohibited at all times across the state. If you do decide to have an open fire, remember to clear the area around the pile; have a water hose available and burn when the air is still. Remember to be considerate of your neighbors when burning. Please avoid letting burn piles smolder and smoke up the neighborhood as it prevents neighbors from working in their yards due to eye and respiratory irritation. Alabama Department of Environmental Management regulations prohibit burning within 500 feet of another residence which prohibits burning in most subdivisions. To report violations call ADEM at 942-6168.

North Shelby Fire District Election

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

The North Shelby Fire District will have three places on its Board of Trustees up for election in this June's primary election. I encourage ISV residents to consider running for positions on this board. The NSFD is a highly professional organization that services and protects each one of us in ISV. You can get additional information and application forms by calling Diane at 991-6439, extension 10. The deadline for application is April 8, 2008.

Alabama Wildlife Center Asks for Volunteers

by Lee McDonald, Outreach Coordinator

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 for more information about the next training session on April 26th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Audubon Teaches Nature presents "The Underwater World of Oak Mountain State Park"

submitted by Janet Byars, Alabama Wildlife Center

Audubon Teaches Nature Seminar

(co-sponsored by the Birmingham Audubon Society – www.birminghamaudubon.org, Alabama Wildlife Center – www.awrc.org, Oak Mountain Interpretive Center – www.samford.edu/OMIC and Friends of Oak Mountain www.oakmountainfriends.org)

"The Underwater World of Oak Mountain State Park: A Fish Survey" with Dr. Bob Stiles and David Frings, guest speakers.

Time: Sunday, April 6th, 2:00 p.m. (usually concludes with a "birding/nature walk" around 4:00 p.m.)

Place: Held at the Alabama Wildlife Center at Oak Mountain State Park. Admission to the park is \$3.00 per person, but the program itself is free.

Alabama's aquatic diversity is among the greatest in the United States. Hundreds of species of fish, mollusks and snails are found in our creeks, streams and rivers. Dr. Bob Stiles and David Frings, Director of the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center, will share the results of recent creek and stream surveys at Oak Mountain State Park.

Coyote Pack Sighted

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Residents of Homestead have reported that they have seen a pack of three coyotes roaming through their subdivision. These are in addition to the individual animals previously seen. Generally, coyotes are not a threat to people. They are looking for food, and any food left out for your pets is something they will be looking for. Small pets are also targets. Shelby County Animal Control set out a trap but was unsuccessful in catching any coyotes. The term "wily coyote" doesn't apply just to cartoon characters. As one person said, the coyotes looked at the trap and just walked around it. (The trap did catch a curious neighborhood cat). The basic problem with catching and removing coyotes is that others will take over the territory very quickly. The prudent thing to do is to remove their incentives to cruise through your yard. Bring all food inside and watch your small pets, and certainly don't try to be friendly with them. Coyotes will be aggressive if they feel threatened.

Keith Dunnivant to Give Book Talk, Signing

submitted by Lori Skinner, North Shelby Library

Keith Dunnivant, author of recent bestseller, "The Missing Ring," will be speaking about his writing process and signing books at the North Shelby Library on Saturday, May 17. Dunnivant will begin speaking at 1:00 p.m. and will sign books immediately following. Free tickets will be given out beginning April 5. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early. Light refreshments will be served.

Dunnivant is widely regarded as one of America's leading sports authors. His four books include the recent bestseller "The Missing Ring," which examined the undefeated, untied, uncrowned 1966 University of Alabama football team against the backdrop of a world on the brink of dramatic change. *Sports Illustrated* called "The Missing Ring" "evocative and provocative." The *New York Times* hailed "The Fifty-Year Seduction," his book about the symbiotic relationship between college football and television, as "a fascinating tale of intrigue and betrayal."

Dunnivant, who also wrote "Coach," the best-selling 1996 biography of Paul "Bear" Bryant, started his career as a teenage sportswriter for small newspapers in northern Alabama, becoming the youngest credentialed reporter in the history of the Southeastern Conference. After working his way through the University of Alabama, Dunnivant developed a reputation as one of the nation's top college football writers, for major publications including *The National Sports Daily* and *Sport* magazine. He is currently writing a biography of Green Bay Packers legend Bart Starr, which will be published in 2009. A native of Athens, Alabama, he lives near Atlanta. For more information on "The Missing Ring," visit www.keithdunnivant.com. To learn more about his appearance at North Shelby Library, please call Lori Skinner 439-5511 or visit www.northshelbylibrary.org.

Copies of his newest release will be on sale at the Library.





Annual Indian Springs Easter Egg Hunt

by Brenda Bell-Guercio, Councilmember

We had one of our best Easter Egg Hunts ever with record turn-out and beautiful weather. The kids were thrilled to pose with the Easter Bunny for pictures, and everyone left with a basket full of goodies.

Alexandra Hunter, Caitlyn White, Jarrett Golden, and Ethan Jones were lucky winners of prizes in their age groups.

Thanks to our volunteers, all of whom were repeat volunteers, including Herb and Margie Robins, Marge Dunn, Alison Stigers, Rita and Jack Mendel, Pat and Steve Zerkis, Dave Engel, Ben Jones, Brooke and Danna Waldrop, Jake and CJ Guercio, Lana Burwell and Janay Johnson. Let's work to get some new volunteers for next year – especially those young Moms and Dads!



April Happenings

by Allison Yeager, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian

Special Programming

Monday, April 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 individual setting at the North Shelby library that is supportive, relaxed and furry! All ages. Registration required. Call or email Katie at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Tuesday, April 8th – 4:00 p.m.: “Craft: April Showers Sign!” Let’s decorate an umbrella for April showers so we may celebrate the spring flowers in May! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

April 13th – 19th: National Library Week. In celebration of National Library Week, read any book about your favorite animal and receive a prize! Just come by the Children’s desk with the title of the book and get a treat!

Saturday, April 19th – 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.: “The Little Einsteins: Legend of the Golden Pyramid.” Join Rocket, Leo, June, Quincy and Annie on a daring trek to the Golden Pyramid in Egypt, the Great Wall of China and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Each destination offers lots of sights to see and to experience the music and art of different cultures. This interactive movie is sure to entertain the whole family! All ages. Refreshments served.

Tuesday, April 29th – 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.: “Homeschool Hangout: Earth Day.” Let’s talk about the many aspects of our environment and learn what we can do to help with a hands-on project. Bring your lunch and we’ll provide the drinks and cookies. Ages 8-12. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Monday, April 7th, 14th and 21st - 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.: You may call the library at 439-5504 to sign-up. You may begin registration 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.

Baby Story Time

Tuesday, April 8th – 10:30 a.m. A new story time designed especially for babies and their caregivers. Stories and music provide interaction for the babies and time for caregivers to talk and share with each other. Ages: Birth

to 18 months. Registration required. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign-up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:45 a.m. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story Time

Thursdays, April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 7:00 p.m. All ages.

Teen Scene

Teen Advisory Group – Monday, April 21st 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. You can also check out our Myspace page at www.myspace.com/northshelbyteens for information on upcoming events!

Teen Writer’s Club – Monday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. Are you working on your first book? Love to write? Want to improve your writing skills? Teen Writer’s Club meets once a month to discuss different topics related to writing including famous young authors, how to get published and how to get past writer’s block. Bring examples of your work and share with other club members. Pizza and drinks provided! Call or email Katie for more information at 439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org

Teen Book Pick of the Month – The A-List #10: “California Dreaming” by Zoey Dean. Anna’s back and she’s off to Hollywood and discovers that her vacation is anything but relaxing!

The Month of April – 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 at www.northshelbylibrary.org to get started!

Adult Programming

submitted by Lori Skinner, North Shelby Library

We invite you to bring your lunch and join us in the library meeting room for an informative program. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Tuesday, April 8th – 12:00 p.m. : "Alabama Medal of Honor Recipients." Join us for an informative presentation by John O'Malley, author of “Men of Men: Stories of Courage.” The presentation will focus on Medal of Honor Recipients with ties to the state of Alabama.

In Memoriam

Crawford Colvin Jinks, 79, passed away on Monday, March 3, 2008. Mr. Jinks was a native of Eastaboga and had been a resident of Indian Springs Village since 1994.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty D. Jinks; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Larry Phillips of Lincoln; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Helen Jinks of Greenville, S.C.; four grandchildren, Mary Margaret Shephard of Charlotte, N.C., Scott Sterns-Jinks of Elberta, Jody Phillips and Meaghan Phillips, both of Lincoln; and two great-grandchildren. Gravesite rites were held on Thursday, March 6, at the Lincoln Cemetery with Brother Ernest Dover of the Craig Memorial Methodist Church officiating.

Mr. Jinks was a combat veteran of the U.S. Army with service in the Korean War, and a graduate of the University of Alabama. He was known for his love of fine dining and was an outstanding chef. He enjoyed showing off his cooking skills and as a result dinner at the Jinks home was always a wonderful experience. He and Betty were known for their generosity in supporting families in need. They have been valued supporters of the Indian Springs Children's Fund and other organizations. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, and a good friend to many. His smiles, good humor and friendship will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the University Of Alabama School Of Commerce and Business Administration, or the Craig Memorial Methodist Church of Eastaboga.

Medical Work in Haiti

by *Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

C.J. Ross, a Registered Nurse and a member of St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in ISV, was part of a seven person medical team that traveled to Haiti for a week in February to work in several villages and an area just outside of the capital of Port au Prince. They saw over 450 patients in that week. Malnourishment is common in Haiti. Ross said that you could find dirt cookies for sale in the markets with no nutrition but villagers considered them better than nothing. She said they saw all kinds of diseases from malaria, hypertension and a protein deficiency that causes children's bellies to swell when they were malnourished. They took sixteen suitcases of medicines, creams, pre-natal vitamins to distribute. The team plans to make four more trips back to Haiti.

A Good Citizen

by *Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant*

It's nice to have good, thoughtful citizens like Susan Cochran who quite often stops by the Town Hall and either places the garbage cart for pick-up, or stops by and returns the empty cart to the side of the Town Hall. I'm sure there are others who do likewise, and the town is very grateful.

Jared Miller Earns Eagle Rank

As a Cub Scout, Jared Miller set his goal of joining Boy Scouts and earning the top rank of Eagle Scout. After 5 years of being part of Briarwood's Boy Scout Troop 254, Jared has achieved the rank of Eagle. Only about 5% of boys who join scouting finish this top rank. Jared's parents are Kevin and Becky Miller of 151 Skyline Drive.

Jared earned more than 21 merit badges while in Scouts. Jared has enjoyed camping, fishing, hiking, service projects, friendship with other scouts and has learned skills in leadership, first aid, citizenship and survival. Jared's favorite trip was to Atlanta when his troop unfurled a nearly football field-sized American flag for the National Anthem at the Peach Bowl. As a scout, Jared was elected by his peers to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the honor society of boy scouting.

Jared is a junior at Briarwood Christian School. For his Eagle Scout project, he planned and implemented a landscaping area in front of the Barbara Barker Auditorium there. After graduating from Briarwood, Jared plans to attend Auburn University where he hopes to pursue a career in the medical field.

Jared is especially proud to achieve the rank of Eagle, because his two older brothers, Justin and Ryan, are also Eagle Scouts. Jared is thankful to God for the opportunity to be a boy scout. He wants to honor God with his life. He also wants to remember to do the scout slogan each day – "do a good turn daily."



UFO Reported Over ISV

by *Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

A UFO was seen over Valley View Lane early in March. There was nothing sinister here – no flashing lights or wild maneuvers. It was probably better described as an Unidentified Floating Object, called a large, hot air balloon. It was a beautiful day with a blue sky and the colorful balloon looked great just floating low above our town at a leisurely 2 miles per hour or so.



2008 Elections *by Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

The media may be full of news about the national election campaigns but, in August of this year, municipalities in our state will also be holding elections for mayors and council members. WE THE PEOPLE will have the opportunity and the obligation to elect our own local representatives and officials. I want to give you a few key dates to keep in mind in the run up to our ISV election on August 26, 2008. These dates have been established in the Code of Alabama.

- February 26. Last day for the Council to change the salaries for officials who will be elected in August. As you know, ISV does not pay salaries to its mayor and council members. We are a volunteer town.
- May 28. Last day a person can be resident of the municipality and district and still be a candidate for election. Candidates must reside in the municipality and the district for a period of 90 days before the elections.
- July 1. Mayor gives notice of election on first Tuesday in July. Candidates may begin qualifying once notice is published. Qualifying forms are available from the municipal clerk.
- July 15. Last day to qualify to run for municipal office.
- August 26. Election Day

I will publish a more detailed list of dates and actions that are described in the Code of Alabama.

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Garden Club News *by Lynn Hendricks, President - Indian Springs Garden Club*

As part of our "See and Learn" series, the Garden Club enjoyed a visit to the home of Bill and Linda Brock in Gardendale, AL. The Brocks have several acres of beautifully landscaped hillside gardens consisting of hundreds of native and non-native plants, some of which have been rescued from the ravine at the rear of their property. These gracious hosts joined our group of 12 for a picnic lunch afterwards and generously shared some of their many plants. In the next few months we will continue a series of visits to other private and commercial gardens.

