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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

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

Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

We had an excellent response to the recycling survey we started in last month's *The Village Voice*. I want to thank everyone who responded with your cards and emails. Your support for this proposed program was very positive. Nearly 90 percent of you who responded said “YES” to a recycling program for ISV.

So, now the big step – the signup. This recycling program is like any other utility or service. To get it going, we need to sign up for it. Waste Management Inc. needs 50 percent of the residences in ISV to sign up before they will start and we have about 830 homes in town.

There are several convenient ways you can sign up for this service:

- Call Waste Management at 841-2740 and tell them you want to be part of the ISV recycling program.
- Send an email to RECYCLEISV@YAHOO.COM with your name, address and phone number.
- Send a card or note with your name, address and phone number to our Town Hall at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124
- Sign up at the ticket table at our July 4th celebration.

If you have already mailed in your card or emailed as part of our survey, AND you included your name, address and phone number, you are all set and are on the list. That information will be put on a master list we will create and give to Waste Management Inc. As we have more people sign up, they will also be put on the list.

A representative of Waste Management will attend our next council meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the program and answer your questions. Of course, everyone is invited.

The cost will be \$4.91 a month for weekly curbside pickups and they will provide containers. You will be invoiced by WMI. Please encourage your neighbors to also take advantage of this service.



Town Council Meeting

April 15, 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 and Brian Stauss. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell also attended the meeting. Councilman Stewart Dudley did not attend the meeting.

The minutes of the April 1, 2008 council meeting were reviewed by the council. Councilwoman Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis commented that the glass top for the conference room table had been delivered and installed. Zerkis said it looked great and thanked Stauss for his work on the table and the glass top.

The March 2008 Financial Report was reviewed. Mendel noted that we have completed the second quarter and we are now half way through the fiscal year. Quarterly CD interest has been accrued to the general fund and one quarter of the annual depreciation has been expensed. A capital funds check in the amount of \$18,226.92 was received this week from the Alabama Trust Fund. Mendel stated that the expenses look favorable vs budget with the exception of the engineering fees. Trammell inquired if the city will attempt to recoup any of the engineering fees and attorney fees incurred from the Maddox case. Zerkis said it was not in the court's judgment. Trammell commented that the zoning ordinance states \$100 per day fee for non-compliance. There was a discussion about obtaining the fees.

Trammell stated the Pelham Water bill for Town Hall is incorrect. According to the bill, water use was 5490 gallons, an abnormally high amount. The subsequent bill indicated a use of only 510 gallons indicating that the meter was misread for the March payment. Rasco will contact Pelham Water.

Councilman Mendel made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis asked Rasco about the increase in business license fees coming in from building contractors. There was a discussion about putting instructions on the website for contractors on how to obtain and expedite their business license.

Robins reported that Jimmy Rhodes had finished installing street signs at the schools and at the intersection of Caldwell Mill Road and Valleydale Road. A sub-contractor is making brackets for the three Town entry signs soon to be installed. Robins presented the invoice from Adkins Signs that totaled \$2,130. The council agreed to pay Adkins Signs for the completed signs to be installed by Jimmy Rhodes. Rhodes said that the sign now located by Carousel Tack Shoppe can't be easily moved because it is set in concrete. He offered to disassemble the sign and reinstall it with new 6 x 6 posts for \$400. This was approved by Mayor Zerkis.

Robins inquired of the council again about having new signs made for the North Shelby Fire Stations. Zerkis has already discussed this with Chief Mike O'Connor. O'Connor would like new signs but requested that we wait to install at Station No. 1 on Valleydale since a five-lane project is in the plans and would affect placement of the sign. Robins made a formal request to the council for approval to pursue the sign project. Mendel asked what the price would be. Stauss suggested that Robins work with Chief O'Connor on a design and then get a quote.

Bell-Guercio asked about the bond for the purchase of a new fire truck for the North Shelby Fire District. Zerkis stated that he is working on that again since rates have dropped. He will call a representative at the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Mendel reported that the leaning tree located on Indian Trail that has previously been discussed fell across the road Friday night. Someone has cleaned up and removed the debris.

Zerkis asked Bell-Guercio about the leftover Easter egg hunt toys that are being sent to a soldier stationed in Iraq for distribution to Iraqi children. Specifically he wanted to know if that soldier's unit was involved in giving items to the children. Bell-Guercio noted that it instills trust in the children and their mothers. The soldiers also organize and play sports with them. Zerkis commented that his nephew had been stationed in Afghanistan and his unit collected toys, school materials and sports equipment and gave them to local school children and families. Zerkis thought that town residents may be interested assisting a Army unit with this kind of project.

Stauss reported that Brian Rasco is working on a website design. Rasco has questions about using FrontPage for maintenance since Microsoft has discontinued it and replaced it with another product. There was a discussion about the city's current web hosting company and the city clerk's email account. Zerkis asked Rasco to check with the county's IT department about web hosting and email services.

Zerkis reported that he spoke with Deputy Chapman of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office about enforcing city ordinances. Chapman asked for certified copies of applicable ordinances that will be forwarded to him by Mayor Zerkis. There was a discussion about which ordinances should be forwarded and the speed limit within the town. Bell-Guercio commented that she would like to see stronger enforcement of the speed limit on Highway 119. She is unhappy with the level of enforcement. Stauss suggested having the assigned deputy spend time daily on Highway 119.

Mayor Zerkis noted that ordinances dating back to 2005 are on the website, but he would like more of our ordinances posted. There was discussion amongst Stauss, Trammell and Rasco about the other ordinances.

Mayor Zerkis stated that if we have a municipal election this year, we may be required to use electronic voting machines. He will put an article in *The Village Voice* noting important election related dates.

Zerkis reported that he received pricing from Waste Management for the potential curbside recycling program. The

cost would be \$4.91 per month, per residence participating. Waste Management will provide bins and will pick up weekly on a separate run. The city must have 50% of residents participate to go forward with the program. Zerkis will put a survey in the May issue of *The Village Voice*. There was discussion about how the 50% will be tracked. There was further discussion about whether a contract between the city and Waste Management will be needed for this service.

Zerkis also reported that he had discussed the possibility of adding days for large garbage pickup. A Waste Management representative said it would be cost prohibitive for only an occasional pickup. He suggested placing a dumpster at a central location for a few days at a time on a periodic basis. The council discussed the pros and cons of this suggestion. Trammell suggested implementing a property tax to pay for quarterly large garbage pick up.

The Mayor noted the Fourth of July Celebration will be on Friday, July 4. Zerkis asked the council if there were things they would like to see changed. Trammell said we need more volunteers for clean up after the event. Bell-Guercio suggested doing away with the barbeque and just have the parade and desserts. There was a discussion about possibly having the event fully catered in the future. Robins stated that if we have the event catered, the caterer could provide servers and related services. He will call Jim and Nicks and inquire about price. Bell-Guercio asked if she should contact the DJ that has been used previously or if we are planning to have a live band. The council discussed music and the cost. Mendel looked at last year's financial reported and noted that the DJ only charged \$120.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. but then briefly reconvened to give an update to the council on Bishop Creek. Zerkis reported that ADEM will do a series of tests on the creek at five locations twice during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

May 6, 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.

The minutes of the April 15, 2008 council meeting were reviewed by the council. Councilman Robins made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported that Jimmy Rhodes had completed installation of all the new entry signs and schools signs. He noted that the total of the invoices received was less than what was proposed. Robins will meet with Rasco to review the invoices for errors. Mendel asked if the signs had been

paid for out of the road funds. Rasco verified that they had.

Robins reported that he had received a fax from Gary Ray of ALDOT. The Highway 119 project has been let for construction and awarded to Kent Construction of Hanceville. Mendel asked if the project to move the underground utility lines had been completed.

Robins had received calls from residents about different road problems in the city. He has contacted Scott Holladay about a pothole at Indian Crest Drive and Caldwell Mill Road, clogged drains on Indian Crest Drive and another drainage problem on Spring Garden Street.

Mendel reported that until this month, the city had been receiving a rate on the money market account that was better than the current CD rates. The CD at Union State Bank is coming due tomorrow. The combined proceeds from the CD and the current money market account balance total \$440,000. Based on cash flow projections, Mendel proposed investing \$380,000 in a 3.5% CD at First Commercial Bank. Mendel motioned that the proposed CD purchase be authorized. The motion was seconded by Dudley and accepted unanimously.

Bell-Guercio reported that she received a call from a resident requesting that the speed limit be increased on Indian Crest Drive because her car had difficulty climbing a hill at the speed limit. Zerkis reported that he recently spoke with Captain Corbell of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and asked for stricter enforcement of the speed limit on Indian Crest Drive and Valley View Road.

Zerkis asked Dudley about the possible use of traffic enforcement cameras. Dudley responded that we first need to pass an ordinance creating a traffic court. Trammell commented we would also need to pass an ordinance on speed limits. Dudley will work this summer to put together a package that will include all required ordinances and documents.

Stauss reported that he had no update on the website. Rasco commented that Brian Rasco had questions about the website and would like to schedule a time to speak with Stauss by phone.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the engineering project on the town park's drainage being performed by COWACO is progressing slowly. He is keeping in touch with Heidi Richards of COWACO and Representative Mary Sue McClurkin.

Zerkis received a call from a resident that reported that there are 6 to 8 garbage bags in Bishop Creek near Bishop Lane and Caldwell Mill Road. Stauss reported that the silt fence is still up at the creek at the Maddox property.

The council began a discussion about the Fourth of July Celebration preparation. Robins spoke with Ms. Donzella of Jim and Nick's Catering Service and asked what they could provide for 350 people from 12:00 to 2:00 on the Fourth. Ms. Donzella gave the following list: Two meats (pork and chicken), baked beans, slaw, bread, dessert and drinks. They would also provide four to five servers, plates, utensils, cups and trash pick up. The cost would be \$10 per person, totaling \$3,500. If ribs are included, the cost would be \$13 per person for a total of \$4,550. The consensus was to include ribs. Robins would like for them to come out to the site so that they can understand how it has worked in the past.

The council also discussed other questions they had for Ms. Donzella. The council considered providing drinks for those residents who arrive early after the parade. They will continue asking the community to bring home made desserts. Robins will get further details from Ms. Donzella and report back to the Council.

Mayor Zerkis reported that there are music groups that play frequently at Pepper Place. One charges \$125 an hour with a minimum of two hours. The band plays country and Celtic music. Bell-Guercio will contact the DJ that has previously been used for the event and see if he's still available. She will also contact the Garden Club about doing centerpieces for the tables. She confirmed with Tricia Crapet that she will put up the bunting. Zerkis has talked with Chief O'Connor and has lined up the fire department for the parade. Stauss will prepare the invitations for special guests.

Robins said a decision needs to be made on the donation per plate. The council discussed this and made the decision to leave the donation at \$6 per plate. Bell-Guercio will put a request in *The Village Voice* for volunteers for parking assistance and parade registration. The mayor will also include the parade route. Mayor Zerkis asked Jim Wyatt if he had the large flag which Wyatt confirmed he did.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the water testing for Bishop Creek will be performed in June/July and August/September. Zerkis asked Bell-Guercio if residents are still interested in completing a clean-up project of the creek. Bell-Guercio responded that they will wait until the creek has a good health rating and would prefer to wait until fall when the danger of snakes has passed.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the upcoming issue of *The Village Voice* will have a front page article on recycling with a post card insert for residents to complete as part of a survey of interest. A special email address will also be set up for responses.

Tricia Crapet, curator of the Town Hall, reported that she, Mayor Zerkis and Bart Trammell had met with Becky Noland of Noland Designs to come up with a plan for the bathroom remodel. Crapet distributed copies of the two plans to the council. Option one moves the toilet and sink to the opposite side of the room and keeps a small supply closet. A sixty-inch turnaround is required. Mendel explained this requirement to the council. Both plans call for a wall mounted water heater. A storage closet would be made in the back hall where the water heater is now located. There was a discussion about the plans and placement of the fixtures. Stauss suggested asking Noland to redesign the plan with the toilet and sink on the interior wall with an optional closet.

Crapet also discussed the back exterior door opening. It appears to be about one-half-inch smaller than ADA allowances. Crapet said if the door could swing open all the way it would be okay. The handrail on the porch could be moved to allow for this, or the opening could be enlarged and a new door installed.

There was discussion about insurance coverage for construction. Dudley indicated that the contractor would be responsible for that coverage.

Crapet will call and ask Noland about placing fixtures on

an interior wall of the bathroom and if the door is required to open out. Mendel asked Crapet to thank Noland for her work.

The Mayor opened the floor to residents for comment. Resident Jim Wyatt stated that there was a good article featuring Mayor Zerkis in *The Birmingham News* recently. Zerkis said his point was to encourage mayors, commissioners and business leaders to urge white collar and high-tech businesses to move into Shelby County creating better paying jobs. Mayor Zerkis discussed hosting a coffee for Shelby County mayors and invite the county's economic developer to speak.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

New Business Opens

Laura Brody is the owner of the Indian Springs Holistic Center, located at 5092 Cahaba Valley Road in unincorporated Shelby County. Laura has been practicing massage therapy for almost 12 years; 7 years in California, and the past 4 ½ years with a chiropractor in the Bessemer area. Recently, she had the opportunity to bring a long-time dream to fruition, by starting her own business which offers total holistic wellness.

Indian Springs Holistic Center treats the mind, body and spirit. Holistic means treating the whole person, not just the symptoms. Indian Springs Holistic Center offers these therapeutic services: massage therapy; holistic health practices; yoga; chiropractic; mental health counseling; and esthetic services.

For more information, contact Laura Brody at 205-981-8081 or laura.brody@live.com.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

by Brian Stauss, ZBA Chair

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. An application was heard for a zoning variance at 2572 Willowbrook Circle for a proposed garage addition to be placed 6 feet inside the side setback. After the applicant provided additional details regarding the proposed work, the variance was approved. Contact Brian Stauss, ZBA Chair, for more information at 987-9997 or brian@indianspringsvillage.org.

The Village Voice Delivery Now Available Electronically

The Village Voice has been available on the city website for many years. We are now offering a service to deliver *The Village Voice* to you electronically, enabling you to receive it in advance of the home delivered copy. If you would like to receive *The Village Voice* electronically, send your email address to Brian Stauss, brian@indianspringsvillage.org. You will continue to receive the newsletter via home delivery.

18th Annual

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE



Fourth of July Celebration

Friday July 4, 2008

Indian Springs Village Pavilion

Celebrate America TSV Style!

PARADE, INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY, BARBEQUE LUNCH AND MORE!

PARADE REGISTRATION: Be set up and ready to register at 10:00 a.m. at the Winn Dixie Marketplace parking lot on Valleydale Road.

Decorated vehicles will begin their route through the Village at 10:30 a.m. Parade will proceed up Caldwell Mill Road and make a right turn on Indian Crest Drive. The parade will then turn left on New Hope Mountain Road and continue to the end where it meets Miller Circle. It will go right until it reaches Indian Crest again and turn left and continue on Indian Crest. The parade will make a right turn on Wildwood to High Gate and circle back to Indian Crest. Then it's on to Arrowhead and Highway 119. A right on 119 and left turns on Mountain Vista, Brook Green and Indian Trail to Highway 119 again. A right turn on 119 will take us to the Town Hall. (It is suggested that especially slow vehicles join the parade somewhere around Valley View Drive and Fox Fire Circle.)

INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY: Flag raising ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m.

BARBECUE LUNCH: Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Barbeque plates for adults and children. Plates will include choices of delicious barbeque pork, ribs and chicken, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks and, of course, homemade desserts.

Donations for the Indian Springs Village Environmental Fund will be accepted
Music provided by disc jockey Ray Halvorsen, who will be playing a mixture of patriotic music and hits from the past.



Volunteers Needed for Fourth of July BBQ

Help is needed:

- directing parking from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- with parade registration at the Winn Dixie parking lot at 10:00 a.m.
- to serve at the dessert and drink tables.

Most importantly, don't forget to bring homemade desserts for all to enjoy!

Yours may receive a Special Recognition Award for the "Best Home-made Dessert"

Please call Brenda Bell-Guercio at 987-2581 to offer your services.

2008 Election Notice

Pursuant to State law, our regular, quadrennial municipal election will be held Tuesday, August 26, 2008. The elective offices to be filled are mayor and five town council positions.

Anyone desiring to serve in any one of those positions should contact the Town Clerk, Kelly Rasco (981 1808). She will give you guidance as to the required forms to be filed and other pertinent information and dates relative to the election process.

If you are considering running for one of the elective offices, it would be beneficial if you would go to the Alabama League of Municipalities home page. You will find very informative election material that will assist you in the election procedures. That web site is www.alalm.org.

The following are some of the important dates set out in the election laws and election calendar:

Note: May 28 was the last day a person could become a resident of Indian Springs Village and still be a candidate for election. Candidates must reside in Indian Springs Village for a period of 90 days before the election.

JULY 1

Mayor gives official notice of the election on the first Tuesday in July.

(Notice will be posted at the Town Hall, Shelby Food Mart, NSFD Station No. 2 and Winn-Dixie).

Candidates may begin qualifying once notice is published. Qualifying forms are available from the Town Clerk, Kelly Rasco.

NOTE: The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires all candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a list of from two to five persons who will serve as their campaign committee. Candidates may serve as their own committee, but must still file a form to this effect with the PROBATE JUDGE. **THIS FORM MUST BE FILED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF QUALIFYING TO RUN FOR OFFICE. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CANDIDATE HAS REACHED THE \$1,000 THRESHOLD UNDER THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT.**

Forms are available from the probate judge, Secretary of State or the municipal clerk. §17-22A-4 [§17-5-4].

ALSO, the Ethics Law requires candidates to file a statement of economic interests with the MUNICIPAL CLERK. **THIS STATEMENT MUST BE FILED ALONG WITH THE QUALIFYING FORM.** A candidate for municipal office may request a five day extension to file the statement of economic interests. The request must be made through the MUNICIPAL CLERK. The statement

of economic interests must be filed with the MUNICIPAL CLERK within the five day extension. **THE CLERK IS REQUIRED TO REMOVE FROM THE BALLOT THE NAME OF ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO FILE THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS BY THE DEADLINE.** Incumbents do not have to file the statement of economic interests as they are required to submit an annual report which is on file with the ETHICS COMMISSION. §36-25-15.

JULY 9

First day to file the 45 - 50 day pre-election campaign disclosure form with the PROBATE JUDGE. Forms are available from the probate judge, the Secretary of State, or the municipal clerk. If the candidate has not raised or spent at least \$1,000, no disclosure report is due. §17-22A-8(a)(1) [§17-5-8(a)(1)].

JULY 14

Last day to file the 45 - 50 day pre-election campaign disclosure form with the PROBATE JUDGE. Forms are available from the probate judge, the Secretary of State, or the municipal clerk. If the candidate has not raised or spent at least \$1,000, no disclosure report is due. §17-22A-8(a)(1) [§17-5-8(a)(1)].

JULY 15

Last day to qualify to run for municipal office. The qualifying form must be filed by 5:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, with the MUNICIPAL CLERK. Forms are available from the clerk. §11-46-25(g).

Mayor must cause the printing of the ballots. §11-46-25. Mayor must file a list of qualified voters with the clerk. If the mayor is a candidate in the election, the council must appoint a qualified person to perform this duty. Sections 11-46-36 and 11-46-37.

JULY 21

Last possible day for candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a statement showing the names of their campaign committee. §17-22A-4 [§17-5-4].

Last day for the clerk to forward statements of economic interests filed by candidates to the Ethics Commission. §36-25-15.

JULY 22

Mayor must file a list of qualified voters with the absentee election manager. §17-10-5 [§17-11-5].

Last day for the mayor (or other person assigned to this duty) to deliver absentee ballots and supplies to the clerk. §17-10-12 [§17-11-12].

JULY 27

Last day to become legal resident in order to vote in upcoming election.

AUGUST 11

Last day for the council to appoint election officials.

NOTE: The clerk must notify the persons chosen as election officials and must hold an election school for them. The clerk must notify the official at least 48 hours before the school is scheduled. §§11-46-27 and 11-46-30.

AUGUST 15

First day to file the 5 - 10 day pre-election campaign disclosure form with the PROBATE JUDGE. Forms are available from the probate judge, the Secretary of State, or the municipal clerk. §17-22A-8(a)(1) [§17-5-8(a)(1)].

August 16

Last day for the mayor to publish lists of the election officers and the voting places to which they are assigned. Section 11-46-27.

AUGUST 21

Last day for a voter to apply for a regular absentee ballot. §17-10-3(a) [§17-11-3(a)].

Last day to file the 5 - 10 day pre-election campaign disclosure form with the PROBATE JUDGE. §17-22A 8(a)(1) [§17-5-8(a)(1)].

Last day to publish the list of qualified voters. §11-46-36.

AUGUST 25

Last day for an absentee voter who is required to provide identification but failed to include it with the ballot to submit this identification by 5:00 p.m. to prevent the ballot from becoming a provisional ballot. §17-10A-2(c)(1)(a). [17-10-2(c)(1)(a)].

Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot if he or she is required by his or her employer to be out of the country on election day. §17-10-12 (c) [17-11-3(d)].

The clerk, along with two watchers, must inspect and seal voting machines which will be used in the election. §11-46-33.

If an absentee ballot is returned by mail, it must be post-marked by August 25 **and** received by noon the day of the election. The deadline for hand-delivery of absentee ballots is 5:00 p.m. on August 25. §17-10-23 [§17-11-18].

AUGUST 26 ELECTION DAY.

Candidates may appoint a poll watcher to observe voting procedures in the polling place. The appointment must be made in writing, signed by the candidate and filed with the election officials at the polling place. §11-46-35. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for returning absentee ballots by mail or an emergency absentee ballot. §§17-10-23; 17-10-12(b) [§17-11-18].

Election officials must meet at their respective polling

places at least 30 minutes before polls open. §11-46-28.

The clerk must ensure that all ballots, boxes and supplies are provided at each polling place. §11-46-33.

AUGUST 27

Deadline for the absentee election manager to notify voters whose absentee ballots have become provisional due to the inspector's personal knowledge that voter was not eligible to vote. §17-10A-2(c)(3)(b). [17-10-2(c)(3)(b)]. Municipal clerk must deliver the written affirmations of the provisional voters, inspector challenge statements and all voter reidentification forms in a sealed envelope addressed to the board of registrars no later than noon.

AUGUST 29

Last day for an absentee voter who was required to provide identification but failed to provide it before the election to submit identification to the board of registrars in order to have the vote counted. §17-10A-2(c)(1)(c). [17-10-2(c)(1)(c)].

SEPTEMBER 2

The council must canvass the election results before 12:00 Noon. §§11-46-46 and 11-46-55. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office, the council issues a certificate of election. If no candidate receives a majority, the council shall order a run-off election to be held. **ANYONE WITH STANDING TO CONTEST THE ELECTION MAY REQUEST A RECOUNT WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE ELECTION RESULTS.** §11-46-55.1.

SEPTEMBER 8

Last day a candidate may contest the results of the general election. §11-46-69.

OCTOBER 7

Run-Off Election Day (if necessary). Candidates may appoint a poll watcher to observe voting procedures in the polling place. The appointment must be made in writing, signed by the candidate, and filed with the election officials at the polling place. §11-46-35.

Deadline for returning absentee ballots by mail or an emergency absentee ballot. §§17-10-23; 17-10-12(b) [§17-11-18].

NOVEMBER 3

Newly elected officials take office on the first Monday in November. Town Council meets for its organizational session, concurrent with the first regular monthly town council meeting.

NOTE: Citations are to the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended.

Enjoy the Coyotes, But Stay Away

by Steve Zerlis, Mayor

Mother coyotes and their pups have dens in some of our wooded areas, so when you are out hiking or walking through the woods, coyotes may be watching you. This is simply curiosity, not aggression. Adult coyotes will chase off threats in order to protect their pups, so don't try to find their den. Coyotes are not afraid of your dog, but see it as a threat to their pups. They will chase your dog away from a den area if its gets too close. If a coyote gets close to you, wave your arms and yell. You want to do this to reinforce their natural fear of people. Coyotes are not a significant danger as long as you or your dogs do not become a threat to them. Please respect these wild animals.

Dollar Tree Comes to ISV

by Steve Zerlis, Mayor

A DOLLAR TREE variety store has opened recently in the Winn-Dixie shopping center. Dollar Tree stores carry a wide variety of gift bags, party supplies, housewares, candy, food, health and beauty aids and more – all priced at \$1. It's occupying the space formerly housed the HARCO/Rite-Aid pharmacy.



Escape to the Wild!

by Steve Zerlis, Mayor

Not everything is all work. Here are Pat Zerlis, Sylvia Almond and Shirley Church, along with Shirley's daughter,



Leanne behind the camera, in May, on an "escape trip" to Cashiers, NC to hike, shop and view the rhododendrons in bloom.

Bake, Bake, Bake!

by Steve Zerlis, Mayor

One of the very special parts of our July 4th celebration is our home-made baked treats. Your home-made pies, cakes, cookies, brownies and such are very welcome. We will ask our firemen and deputies to be judges (and they typically sample everything). So please bake something and bring it for everyone to share and enjoy. Doesn't matter if you make it from scratch or from a box, it will be wonderful and delicious.

Want to Be in Our Parade?

by Steve Zerlis, Mayor

Have you ever been in a parade? Want to be? You are invited to ride your vehicle in our ISV July 4th parade. Doesn't matter if you have something with 2, 3, 4, or 6 wheels. It can be old, new, unique, your family car, truck, SUV, crossover, sports car, motorcycle or your daily driver. If it runs and you and your family and friends want to take a fun ride, wash it, pile in and come on down to the Winn-Dixie parking lot to register and be ready by 10:00 a.m. We are going to go through town starting on Caldwell Mill Road and Indian Crest, New Hope Mountain, Miller Circle, Indian Crest again, Wildwood, High Gate hill, back to Indian Crest, Arrowhead Lane, Hwy 119, Mountain Vista, Brook Green, Indian Trail, Hwy 119 again, and on to the Town Hall and Pavilion. If your vehicle is real slow, it might be better if you link up at the end of the column or join closer to the Town Hall.

If you don't want to be IN the parade, we'd love to have you WATCH the parade. So come on out, wave your flags and cheer. You might even be able to catch some candy and treats.

Summer Reading

by Michelyn Reid, North Shelby Library

Summer Reading isn't just for kids...Adult Summer Reading at the North Shelby Library.

Theme: 'Pollinate Your Mind'

Dates: May 17-July 10th

FAQs: Does it cost anything? No.

Is this a book club? No.

Do I have to read certain books? No.

What's the point? You get the chance to win a fun prize just for reading something you were going to read anyway, so why not?

Read anything you wish. Participants are asked to submit a Reader Comment Form after reading each book. This registers you for a weekly prize and the grand prize. For more information, please go to the library website, www.northshelbylibrary.org and click on "Adult Summer Reading."

June Happenings

by Allison Yeager, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian

For all special programming, please call or email the Children's Department for more information at 439-5504 or nseyouth@shelbycounty-al.org

Special Programming

June and July: "Catch the Reading Bug – Summer Reading Program." Registration runs from May 19th through July 14th. Enjoy this great reading incentive program for kids of all ages! You may sign up in the Children's Department.

Saturday, May 31st – 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: "Summer Reading Kick-off Party!" Go buggy for reading and check out all of our great new books! Musician and poet, Charles Tortorici: 10:30-11:30 a.m. All ages. Then, visit the Children's Department from 11:30-1:00pm for creepy-crawly crafts, games, food, drinks and more!!

Tuesday, June 2nd – 10:30-11:00 a.m.: "McWane: Creepy Crawlers." This fun program showcases a variety of bugs including spiders and roaches – some of which you'll get to touch!! Grades K-3.

Wednesday, June 4th – 2-2:45 p.m.: "That Puppet Guy – Lee Bryan." Aesop's Fables like you've never seen them before! Enjoy the *Tortoise and the Hare*, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* and more! Pre-K-5.

Tuesday, June 11th – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: "Storytelling and Face-Painting with Starshine Faces." Stories with some audience face-painting 11-11:45. From 11:45-1 Starshine Faces will paint those children who would like to stay later. All ages.

Monday, June 16th – 2:00-3:00 p.m.: "UAB Department of Theatre Presents: The Ransom of Red Chief." Join us for this entertaining production about two bumbling con men who kidnap a mischievous child and soon realize their mistake as the little boy (who refers to himself as Red Chief) quite enjoys the escapade, which convinces his would-be kidnappers that they have made a big mistake! Grades K-6.

Thursday, June 19th – 7-7:45 p.m.: "North Shelby Ice-Cream Social." There's always room for desserts! Bring the whole family and make delicious sundaes! Sponsored by Clumpies Ice Cream Company. Open to all patrons.

Monday, June 23rd – 1-1:45 p.m.: "Emmy Award Winning Storyteller – Willa Brigham!" Join us for this exciting program and let your imagination fly as she weaves her stories. Sponsored by the Friends of the North Shelby Library. Grades K-3.

Summer Reading Weekly Programming

Movie Matinees

Monday, June 2nd – 2-3:30 p.m.: *Bee Movie*

Monday, June 9th – 2-3:45 p.m.: *A Bug's Life*

Tuesday, June 17th – 2-3:30 p.m.: *Alvin and the Chipmunks*

Tuesday, June 24th – 2-3:30 p.m.: *Enchanted*

Monday, June 30th – 2-3:30 p.m.: *The Pirates that Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie*

Craft: Two sessions every Thursday either 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. Registration required.

Thursday, June 5th: Bug Jars

Thursday, June 12th: Cute as a Bug Picture Frame

Thursday, June 19th: Sand Art Creations

Thursday, June 26th: Ladybug and Bumblebee Decorations

Mondays, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th – 3:30-4:30 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.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Monday, June 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd – 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.: You can call the library at 439-5504 to sign up. During Summer Reading, you may sign up each Monday for the following week of Toddler Tales. Ages 24-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children's Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 10:45 a.m. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story time

Thursdays, June 5th, 12th and 26th at 7:00 p.m. All ages.

Teen Scene

Teen Summer Reading Kick-off Party featuring local band Blue Moon – May 29th from 6-7:45 p.m. Register for Summer Reading, listen to cool music and hang out with your friends! Also, register for the "Battle of the Books" and receive all the information you need to participate in this awesome new Summer Reading program! (You can also earn points towards the championship just by showing up!).

Teen Summer Reading: Battle of the Books (BotB) 2008

Pick up a brochure in the Teen Department and learn about our competition starting in June! Sign up to be on a team and we will get you a book list and get you started. We will have a BotB Championship Jeopardy game to determine which team will walk away with the Grand Prize! For more information check out our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org, call 439-5504 or email Katie at nseyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.

Mondays, June 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th – 5:30-7:30 p.m.: "Monday at the Movies." Enjoy popcorn, drinks and win prizes while watching some of the latest movies on DVD! Also, receive 50 points per movie towards the Battle of the Books Championship.

Thursday, June 5th – 6-7:45 p.m.: "Board Game Tournament." Test your skills at *Monopoly*, *Clue* or *Life*. Each top player wins a prize. Snacks served.

Monday, June 9th – 6-7:00 p.m.: "Dolores Hydock Storyteller. Dolores Hydock presents "Through the Back Door: Music that Bridged the Bayou."

Wednesday, June 11th – 4:30-5:30pm: "Battle of the Books Introductory Meeting." Do you have what it takes to win BotB? Find out at our first strategy session and receive 100 points toward the championship!! Snacks served.

Thursday, June 19th – 6-8:00 p.m.: Vulcan Gamebox Night Xbox, Wii, online PC games – it's your choice! Pizza and drinks provided. **This event will be held at Vulcan Gamebox located at 5192 Caldwell Mill Rd. (in the Publix Shopping Center off Valleydale Rd.)**

Wednesday, June 26th – 6-7:00 p.m.: "Kingdom Comics of Birmingham" Do you think graphic novels and comics are awesome and want to see the latest releases? Then make sure you are at the library and you could win great prizes!

In Memoriam

Phania Carbonie of Birmingham passed away on May 2, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Jasper C. Carbonie. She is survived by her daughter, granddaughter, five great-grandchildren, her brother, Albert Pardi, and sisters, Clara Pitts of Indian Springs Village and Theresa Pardi. Her funeral Mass was held on May 8, 2008 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Homewood where she was a long time member. The family wishes to thank all family and friends who helped during her extended sickness.

Edna Earle Hawk, age 81, of the Homestead neighborhood in the Indian Springs community of Shelby County, went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 9, 2008. She was the wife of Alvin A. Hawk. Edna Earle was born October 16, 1926 in Coaling, Alabama. After graduating from Tuscaloosa County High School, she attended the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. She was a successful executive secretary. Edna Earle was a long-time member of the Appris Women's Club. She was also a faithful, long-time member of Central Park Baptist and Shades Mountain Baptist churches. Survivors include Edna Earle's husband, Alvin, of 57 years; their daughter, Patricia Hawk; their son, Timothy (Karen) Hawk; and one brother, Hugh (Virginia) Matthews of Tuscaloosa. Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008 at Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home, Pelham. The funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the funeral home's chapel with Dr. Charles T. Carter officiating. Burial followed in Southern Heritage Cemetery, Pelham. Memorial gifts may be made to the Charles T. Carter Scholarship Fund at Samford University.

Indian Springs Author Elected President of American Advertising Federation, Birmingham



Dale Brakhage of 5109 Old Mill Court, was elected President of Birmingham's Chapter of the American Advertising Federation on May 16th. The organization's 160+ members represent advertising agencies, news/entertainment, media production companies and others in advertising.

Dale is Sales Manager at The Birmingham News, Alabama's largest daily newspaper. Last year, his book, *Alphabetical Basic Concepts of Selling*, received national recognition as a "primer" for people wanting to become more persuasive. "Everybody has someone they want

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 Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Tim Hardy
Owner: T-Mobile
Address: 5478 Caldwell Mill Road
Proposed Use: Colocation on Existing Pole

Applicant: Philip C. Hubbard
Owner: Same
Address: 236 Arrowhead Lane
Proposed Use: New Carport

Applicant: Sue Sprouse
Owner: Mary and Wayne Willard
Address: 2673 Valleydale Road
Proposed Use: New Restaurant - Quiznos

Applicant: Andy James
Owner: Francis and Wendy Griggs
Address: 2076 Cahaba Valley Road
Proposed Use: New Electrical Panel

Adult Programming

by Lori Skinner, North Shelby Library Adult Programming

Join us for an interesting program featuring a guest speaker on an informative topic. We provide drinks and dessert and invite you to bring your lunch.

Tuesday, June 24th – 12:00 p.m.

“Drought Tolerant Plants and Tips”

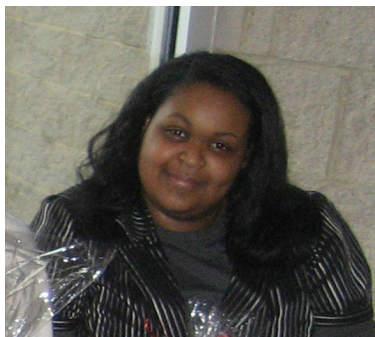
Jonathan Brown, owner of Deep Roots: Landscape Installation, will present a timely program featuring a variety of drought tolerant plants and useful tips to ensure a gorgeous garden. For more about Deep Roots, visit www.deeproofs.biz.

to persuade, especially parents, teachers, preachers and politicians," says Dale. His book explains how "selling" works, and how anyone can be more persuasive. Dale's degree in Educational Psychology and his successful career's experience gel to give his book a unique, accessible-to-all perspective. Since his book's debut, Dale has become a sought after motivational speaker.

Dale and his wife, Cora, moved to Indian Springs in 1992. Their children, Athena and Erik, attended Oak Mountain public schools and attended the University of Alabama.

Indian Springs School Senior Kortnei Scott Named Gates Millennium Scholar

by Katie Cruce Hathcock, Assistant Director of Development



Indian Springs School senior Kortnei Scott recently received a Gates Millennium Scholarship. Scott is the first ISS student to receive the prestigious designation. She will attend Emory University in the fall and plans to be-

come a medical research scientist.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program, established in 1999, was initially funded by a 1 billion dollar grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential. The program provides funding for undergraduate, masters and doctoral level programs in the disciplines of education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences. Gates Millennium Scholars also have access to leadership training and other professional growth opportunities.

Kortnei is an outstanding student and member of the Indian Springs School community. She has been a boarding student for the past four years, is president of the African American Student Caucus, a member of Concert Choir, Key Club, and is a proctor in the ISS dormitories. In addition to the many ways she is involved at ISS, she was recently featured on the Oprah Winfrey show as one of the first group of "O Ambassadors." She and fellow ISS student, Kenneth Strickland, traveled to Kenya to build a school in just 3 ½ weeks time with ten other students from around the United States.

Couriers Needed

If you would like to volunteer your time to deliver *The Village Voice*, three routes are open:

- **Spring Garden Street and Alpine.** Many thanks and best wishes to Heather Henriques, our present courier; she and her family are moving from Indian Springs Village in the next month.
- **Merryvale Lane and Valleydale Court**
- **Red Stick and Copena Drive**

Please contact Alison Stigers at villagevoice@indianspringsvillage.org or 949.6258 for details.

Garden Club News

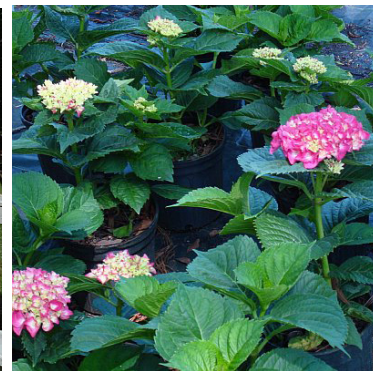
by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair – Indian Springs Garden Club

The Indian Springs Garden Club settled on Saturday, May 31, to caravan to Sardis, AL to visit the Aldridge Gardens Snowflake Hydrangea Farm when the blooms were full and ready for cuttings to be made for shipments and drying.

Instead of each bringing a brown bag lunch, the group decided to tailgate. Each member making the trip volunteered a side dish to complement the barbeque brought by Patsy Strozier, who is also leading the excursion to Sardis. It is not far from Boaz and all the shopping malls, so those who wished to add shopping to the outing were requested to ride together.

The hydrangeas Mr. Eddie Aldridge of Aldridge Gardens seeded for members at a previous meeting at the Town Hall are now ready for potting, and arrangements are being made for a potting session at the Town Hall Pavilion. Members will be notified of the date by e-mail. All who wish to pot some of the plants should bring good potting soil and three-inch to four-inch containers for transportation home. Plenty of plants are available.

A date change is necessary for the July meeting. Normally the meeting date would be July 24, but will be on July 17 to accommodate the schedule of our much-anticipated speak, Villager and Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison. The town hall has been reserved for the 17th; 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting.



JUNE 2008

NO SENIOR LUNCHEON
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2008

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

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<p>30</p> <p>9:00-9:30 Walking Works 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-12 Mah Jongg 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Canasta</p>	<p>**Walking Works** We will each walk the park track at our own pace for 30 minutes.</p>	<p>*The cost of Yoga w/Janice is \$15/month or \$4 per class. This is a modified chair yoga for seniors.</p>	<p>** You must Sign up for the AARP Driving Class. Cost is \$10 per person payable to AARP.**</p>	<p>You must sign up to attend day trips. Please call or see Jaclynn to RSVP.</p>

Highway 119 Turn Lane Project Status

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Red stakes are in the ground, hundreds of large orange cones are in place, silt fences are being installed and contractors for the State have started work on the Highway 119 Turn Lane Project. A first major step will be moving the drainage ditches and culverts further away from the edge of the road surface. There will be some lane blockages and traffic back-ups. Traveling on Highway 119 will be frustrating for many. Please be extra careful and be on the look out for drivers making illegal lane changes, passing on the left and speeding. When this project is done, the end result will be a safer road for all of us, but in the meantime it can be more dangerous.