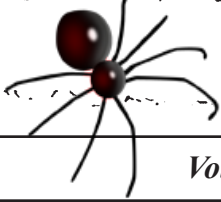


The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 3, 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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The Village Voice is published the first week of each month. Articles for the November edition should be submitted by Friday, October 31, 2008. All materials submitted for publication may be edited, including **letters to the editor, which must be signed and give writer's address and phone number.** All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors of articles; any opinions expressed should not be attributed to the mayor or the council.

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

ISV to Have Recycling

After numerous conversations with Waste Management Inc., I am pleased to give you some outstanding news. WMI has agreed to provide ISV's residents with curbside collection of recyclables. They will provide each of us who sign up with a wheeled container similar to the one that you now have for your refuse. All recyclables can be tossed into that container unsorted. Refuse will continue to be placed in your original container. The start date for the program is not yet set. Both WMI and ISV have a good deal of work remaining to do, and when that is done, we can start the program.

In addition, we do encourage everyone who has not done so to sign up for the program. The cost is now \$5.06 per month. Fuel costs are affecting everyone. To sign up, please send an e-mail to RECYCLEISV@yahoo.com, call my cell at 222-1079 or send a note to the City Hall at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, 35124. Encourage your neighbors and neighborhood associations to sign up for the program. You'll be benefiting yourself and our environment.

We have several important events coming up for you in the next month.

- **The first is our Annual Founders' Day.** It's our town's birthday party. This year ISV will be 18 years old. How time flies. Founders' Day will be Tuesday, October 21. No need to make supper at home. Come to the Pavilion and enjoy a nice meal, compliments of your town. We do encourage everyone who likes to bake to bring some nice cakes, pies or pastries to share with everyone. Our residents are well known for their fine baking and we certainly want to enjoy that tradition. Food will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the Town Council meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.
- **The next event is the swearing-in and inauguration of your Town Council and Mayor.** This event will be on Monday, November 3 at the Town Hall. That will be followed by a Council Meeting and capped-off, as usual, with snacks and refreshments. We do have the opportunity to enjoy some excellent food, so please come and share these events with your neighbors.

While you visiting our Town Hall, I would like you to take a look at our newly renovated bath, rear entry/mud rooms and the new tile floor throughout those two rooms and our kitchen. Those projects are still in process but a lot of work has been completed. We anticipate that these projects will be completed in time for our Founders' Day Celebration. The Town Hall will be better looking for your own meetings and family events.

I wish you all a wonderful fall.

**Founders' Day Celebration – October 21, 2008 6:00 p.m.
ISV Town Hall Pavilion – Dinner Served – Bring a Dessert!**

Town Council Meeting

August 5, 2008

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. Council members attending were Mayor Steve Zerkis, Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio and Brian Stauss. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell was also present.

The July 1 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bell-Guercio made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The July 15 meeting minutes were also reviewed. Stauss made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins has not yet received a quote for the fire district signs. He spoke with Gary Ray of ALDOT regarding the debris at the drainage culvert between Town Hall and Indian Highlands. They also discussed the lack of silt control. Ray will have a crew clean up. Robins spoke with Scott Holladay regarding the blocked drain located at Ms. Murphy's property on Spring Garden Street. Holladay determined the blockage is not on a county right-of-way. Zerkis, Trammell and Robins investigated further and could find no outlet or discharge point for the drain. They spoke to neighbors who said they think it goes under the property and discharges into the creek. There is no solution to this issue yet but Robins will continue to research.

Robins reported that he read an article in The Alabama Municipal Journal that stated the competitive bid law has changed the minimum bid from \$7,500 to \$15,000. Trammell said the bathroom remodel falls under the Public Works law.

Zerkis received an email from Scott Holladay. The County will be repaving their portion of Double Oak Lane near New Hope Mountain Church and will pave the ISV portion if we pay for it. Robins will follow up.

Mendel confirmed with Rasco that the Fourth of July Celebration tickets have been reconciled. She reported they had, and the proceeds were \$2,294 with 370 meals served.

The audit preliminary findings meeting took place last week. Mendel did not attend the meeting but spoke with the auditor. The audited financial statements verified our monthly statements, with the typical adjustments for accrual accounting. The adjustments were forwarded to Hollie Johnson for entry into our books at the end of the quarter. The auditor will present the complete findings at the September 3 council meeting.

Stauss said the deed from Our Lady of the Valley has been received from the new priest, but it is the wrong paperwork needed for review by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He will continue to research.

Stauss received a quote from Teklink for website hosting, email and remote document storage for \$450 a year. The quote was for the existing space and he has requested a quote for more space. Stauss made a motion to proceed with the new hosting service for approximately \$500 a year, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

He also reported he needs to upgrade his city-owned copy of Adobe software. He will research and see if there is other software that needs to be upgraded and the costs.

Mayor Zerkis, Robins and Trammell met with federal engineer Thomas MacDaniel. He presented a simplified proposal for the drainage problem on the Town Hall property. In short, the creek bed needs to be cleaned and lined. MacDaniel will send a quote in a couple of weeks.

Zerkis presented a resolution for each council member declaring each member being re-elected. Mendel made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Bell-Guercio. Zerkis made a motion to approve the resolutions. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll call vote. Mayor Zerkis then presented a Certificate of Election to all incumbents.

Vandalism has occurred again at the Indian Gate subdivision. Zerkis proposed a resolution authorizing the possible expenditure of a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals. Robins made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Zerkis gave an update on the recycling program. He has ordered signs to display throughout the City.

Highway 119 was unexpectedly closed on Friday due to Vice President Cheney driving through to Shoal Creek for a political event.

Mayor Zerkis distributed the rules and procedures for council proceedings for each member to review and revise. He asked that all suggested revisions/additions be submitted by the second September council meeting. He further stated that the October meetings will be used to finalize any changes so the document can be approved at the November organizational meeting.

Tricia Crapet and designer Ginger Street gave an update on the bathroom remodeling project. Steve Trout, an architect specializing in ADA has reviewed Becky Noland's design. The Council reviewed and discussed the new design and quotes.

Zerkis opened the floor for comments from residents. A resident of Auburn Road asked for an update on the progress of resolving the noise and nuisance situation he reported a month ago. Stauss and Trammell are researching what legal action the City can take.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

August 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 and the City Clerk called the roll. Council members attending were Mayor Steve Zerkis, Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones were also present.

The August 5 meeting minutes were reviewed. Robins made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the July Financial Report. He noted that the City's net out-of-pocket for the Fourth of July Celebration was approximately \$3,000. He also commented that the journal entries shown in this month's report are adjustments for the difference between actual and accrued CD interest. Mendel made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported that he received a quote for the fire station signs from Adkins Signs and Graphics. For the three stations, the quote includes 6x6 posts, painting and installation. The signs will be the same design as the Town Hall sign except they will have the fire department logo in place of the ISV logo. The quote is as follows: Station 1 – 48" x 96", double-sided - \$3,040; Station 2 – 36" x 72", single-sided - \$1,450; and Station 3 – 36" x 60", single-sided - \$1,225. Delivery will be four to five weeks from the date of order. The Council requested that "located in Indian Springs Village" be added to the signs. Robins will communicate this to Chief O'Connor and get a revised quote.

The Council discussed the sign for Station 3 and made the decision not to donate a sign for that station because it is located outside the city limits of Indian Springs.

Robins received an estimate from Scott Holladay, Senior Engineer for Shelby County, for the paving of the ISV portion of Double Oak Lane. The estimate is between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Robins made a motion to accept the proposal to allow the County to pave the ISV section of Double Oak Lane, seconded by Stauss. The proposal was accepted unanimously. Robins will request a breakdown of the cost from the County.

Robins gave an update on the drainage problem on Spring Garden Street. He spoke to the builder of the house across the street from the Murphy's house and he was not aware of any culvert discharging on that side of the road. Robins suggested asking the fire department to attempt to clear the drain with a fire hose as they have done before.

Mendel reminded everyone that the auditor will present audit findings at the next meeting.

Bell-Guercio discussed the possibility of forming an American Heart Association CPR class.

Stauss reported that the website move to Teklink is in process. The quote including the additional space is \$650 per year rather than the \$500 per year approved at the last meeting. The new email will be available tomorrow. Stauss will test and send logon instructions to the Council and staff. Additionally, the software he needed has been upgraded at no cost.

Dudley will have a presentation on speed cameras at the second September meeting.

There was a discussion about the loss of utilities due to Highway 119 construction.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the recycling signs have been picked up and he will install them throughout the Town.

Tricia Crapet and building contractor Ginger Street gave an update on the bathroom remodeling project research. An automatic door closer is not required. There was a discussion about the most recent quotes that were emailed to the council members, clean-up items not included in the quote and scheduling of the job. Bell-Guercio made a motion to proceed with the bathroom remodeling project subject to the materials available within the estimates presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Council is in the process of developing a nuisance ordinance. Mayor Zerkis distributed copies of the Calera, Chelsea and Vestavia ordinances to the Council for review. There was a discussion about what should be included in the ordinance and how it will be enforced.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

September 2, 2008

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. Council members attending were Mayor Steve Zerkis, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio and Brian Stauss. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell was also present.

The August 19 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mendel made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel reported that the auditor would present his report around 7:30 p.m.

Bell-Guercio is still working with the NSFD to set up a CPR class with a possible date in September or October. The class will be limited to ten people.

Stauss reported the new City email is up and working. The next steps are to set up remote document storage and move the website to the new hosting service. Several forms were updated on the site. Stauss would like to schedule a website redesign meeting at the North Shelby Library, since they have internet access, in order to review other cities' websites. A discussion about having internet service at Town Hall followed.

Stauss also reported that the area between the sheds needs to be cleaned up. A resident attending the meeting offered the services from the Boy Scout troop he leads.

Mayor Zerkis spoke with Alex Dudchok regarding maintenance services offered by the County. They have limited personnel, but he will meet with Mayor Zerkis to discuss.

John DeLoach, of DeLoach, Barber and Casper, presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2007. The audit verified the ISV internal financial statements for that period, as reviewed and endorsed by the Council. The management letter noted two significant deficiencies. The first deficiency noted was the lack of segregation of duties related to the handling of ISV finances. This deficiency is noted in all of our audits, due to the absence of a large municipal financial staff. The second deficiency noted was the fact that our in-house accounting staff did not prepare the GASB - 34 financial statement prior to review by the auditor. Mr. DeLoach stated that he did not recommend any changes to the ISV financial procedures, based on his firm's audit. Mendel made a motion to accept the audit report as presented, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Ginger Street of Building By Design discussed the lack of septic tank records required for the building permit. Bell-Guercio recommended paying for an inspection. Street gave a status on the remodeling projects and estimates. The estimate total has increased to \$19,148.99, with an additional \$400 for adding bead board to the mudroom.

Bell-Guercio made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously. Bell-Guercio made a motion to approve the expenditure of the estimated \$13,100 for the bathroom remodel, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Bell-Guercio made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously. Bell-Guercio motioned to approve the expenditure of the estimated \$6,600 for the kitchen/mudroom remodel, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Zerkis presented the 2009 budget to the Council and asked for a motion to accept. Mendel made the motion, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel reported that the budget includes \$10,800 for administrative service allowances. He motioned to in-

crease Rasco and Johnson's monthly contractor fees by \$50, effective October 1, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis gave an update on the drainage improvement project at Town Hall and reported that he would speak to State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin about State funds.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor for public comment. Scouts from Troop 547 were attending the meeting to earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Attending the meeting were: Tyler Randall – Life, Alexis Lastra, Dixon Atkinson, Scott Klawitter – Eagle and Assistant Scout Master and Will Barnhart – Scout Master.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

by Brian Stauss, ZBA Chair

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Tuesday, September 30th to consider two applications. Robert and Christine Begg requested a zoning variance for an addition at 2102 Indian Crest Drive that will be located approximately 3 feet inside the 40 foot rear setback requirement for property zoned E-1. After brief discussion, the Board unanimously approved the variance. Jenny Cumberland requested a special exception use for a place of worship for property located at 2370 Cahaba Valley Road. A Hindu church has a contract on the property. The property is zoned E-1 and a place of worship is a permitted special exception use in E-1. Some of the buyer's representatives were not present at the meeting. At Ms. Cumberland's request, the meeting was continued to Tuesday, October 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

A Note to the Residents of Indian Springs

by Brian Stauss, ZBA Chair

At the 9/30/08 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, an application for a special exception use was continued because some of the buyer's representatives were not present at the meeting. Dr. Raghu Sundaram, who represents the organization interested in purchasing the property, called me the next morning to extend his sincere apologies to the residents and board members at the meeting for the delay and inconvenience. His representative, who was to present at the meeting, became ill very late in the day and was not able to contact anyone before the meeting. Dr. Sundaram and several of his associates will be at the October 28th meeting.

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In efforts to aid in putting out the word above and beyond the local veterinary offices, the Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation has commissioned a Spay/Neuter license plate, which will be produced after 1,000 have been pre-sold.

The required number of tags pre-sold must be reached by October 31, 2008.

Thank you for your efforts and please contact us if we may answer questions or assist in any way.

TC Branch, D.V. M.

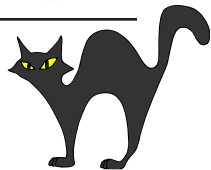
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For more information and to access the forms to apply for the Spay/Neuter License Plate visit: <http://www.alvma.com/displaycommoncfm?an=1&ubarticlenbr=255>

Courier Crisis!

by Alison Stigers, Editor



I would like to thank Mr. James Wood of Caldwell Mill Circle for his years of volunteer service to Indian Springs Village as a courier for *The Village Voice*. Mr. Wood has expressed a desire to make the October issue the last he delivers, so I've added his to the list of routes for which we need new couriers.

Some of these routes have been listed in *The Village Voice* for several months, with no takers. I am making a personal appeal for volunteers, otherwise delivery of these routes falls to me, and I already deliver to my own neighborhood! Please consider taking a route – it's a great way to meet your neighbors and to be involved in your town.

- Cahaba Mill Lane, Caldwell Mill Circle, Bishop Lane and Cahaba Farms
- Spring Garden Street and Alpine
- Willowbrook Subdivision
- Merryvale Lane and Valleydale Court

For more information, please contact me at alison@indianspringsvillage.org or 949.6258 for details.

Senior Events in Shelby County

by Shelli Thomason, Shelby County Community Services Coordinator

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A) will host Medicare Part D enrollment events at their office in Calera in September, October and November. Don't miss this opportunity. Call 205-670-5770 for dates and directions.

Volunteers Needed!! –

“We get by with a little help from our friends”

If you would like to volunteer to deliver meals, lead games or crafts or provide a presentation to a senior center in your area...or if you would like to be matched with a senior who has an unmet need (light housekeeping, friendly visiting, lawn care, non-emergency transportation, pen pal, pet care), please call Ashley McGee of NetWorks at 670-5770 and let her know you are interested in volunteering. Meet your match!

October Happenings

by Katie Guerin, North Shelby Library Youth Services
Coordinator

Special Programming

Monday, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th – 3:15-4:15 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 the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, October 11th – 1:00-2:00 p.m.: **Family Movie Day - “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.”** Join us for this Peanuts classic holiday special and celebrate Halloween with Linus while he stays up all night waiting for the Great Pumpkin! Also, enjoy a bonus cartoon, “You’re Not Elected, Charlie Brown!” All ages. Refreshments served.

Tuesday, October 21st – 4:00 p.m.: **Craft - “Fall Message Board!”** Celebrate the changing season with a dry erase board that you can decorate and write your own messages on! Registration begins Tuesday, October 7th. All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, October 25th – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: **“Alabama Shakespeare Festival celebrates Charlotte’s Web!”** Join us for a special introduction to one of the most beloved children’s classics! Enjoy arts and crafts, the ASF costume trunk, games and much more!! All ages. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday, October 28th – 12:30-1:30 p.m.: **“Homeschool Hangout: Picture Book Science!”** What do picture books and science have in common? Lots of things! We will conduct experiments based on some of your favorite picture books! 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 NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, October 29th – 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m.: **“North Shelby Book Fair.”** There will be an Usborne Books representative in the Children’s Department during these times to showcase new fiction and non-fiction books for the whole family! Part of the proceeds from the sale will go towards purchasing books for the Library!

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Mondays, October 6th, 13th and 20th – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Registration begins Monday, September 29th. Ages 19-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Baby Tales Story Time

Tuesday, October 14th – 10:30-11:15 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. No siblings, please. Ages: Birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration begins Tuesday, October 7th. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 10:45 a.m. All ages. No Registration required.

P. J. Story Time

Thursdays, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 7:00 p.m. All ages. No registration required.

Teen Scene

Teen Ghost Stories Night – Wednesday, October 22nd – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us for ghost stories, eats and a candlelight tour of the library after hours and after dark. Registration required. This event is open to kids 5th grade and above. Call or email Katie at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Teen Writer’s Club – Monday, October 27th – 6:00 p.m.

This is a club for aspiring writers and people who want to improve their writing. Bring what you are working on to share with fellow members and offer suggestions for other works. Call or email Katie at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Teen Book Pick of the Month – *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman. A book where the world of the living and the world of the dead collide. Nobody Owens is the only living resident of a graveyard and he has been raised by ghosts and werewolves since infancy. This is not your ordinary coming of age book...

The Month of October – 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!

Brown Bag Lunch at the North Shelby Library

by Lori Skinner, North Shelby Library

Please bring your lunch and join us for a great program. We will provide the drinks and dessert.

October 14, 12:00-1:00 p.m. - "Leonardo da Vinci and the Birmingham Museum of Art". Join us for a presentation, by the Birmingham Museum of Art, as we discuss the exhibit "Leonardo da Vinci: Drawings from the Biblioteca Reale in Turin". The Birmingham Museum of Art will host one of the most significant groups of drawings by Leonard da Vinci to be loaned to a U.S. museum by the Biblioteca Reale (Royal Library) in Turin, Italy. The drawings contained in the exhibit include works from the *Codex on the Flight of Birds* and other important works.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Robert & Christine Begg
Owner: Same
Address: 2102 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: Sun Room/Deck Addition/Kitchen Renovation

Applicant: Building by Design, Inc.
Owner: Indian Springs Village
Address: 2635 Cahaba Valley Road
Proposed Use: Bathroom and Kitchen Renovation

Applicant: J. Todd Goggins
Owner: Tommy Oswalt
Address: Jasmine Hill Road
Proposed Use: New Home

Applicant: Walt Henley
Owner: Walt and Shelia Henley
Address: 830 Valley View Road
Proposed Use: Remodel - Home Office

It Is Indian Springs...

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

How is your phone listed in the White Pages? Is it listed as Pelham? Helena? Birmingham? Remember, your telephone listing has nothing to do with your mailing address. If you want your listing to read Indian Springs Village, give me a call. It is as easy as that – no paperwork, just a phone call.

The deadline for the change is the last of November for the Spring issue of the AT&T Greater Birmingham Real White Pages. Be proud to have your residence listed in our wonderful town! Give me a call.....Bart Trammell (988-0094).

As a footnote – For some reason, AT&T failed to change the listing of four residents last year and I will get those changes made in the upcoming issue.

North Shelby Library Computer Class Schedule for October

by Michelyn Reid, North Shelby Library

All Classes are FREE and are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Limited Seating. Registration required. Please contact Michelyn or Lori at 439-5510 or nsref@shelbycounty-al.org to register.

Thursday, October 9th: Email for Beginners
Tuesday, October 14th: Advanced Searching
Wednesday, October 15th: SuperGoogle
Tuesday, October 21st: Excel I
Wednesday, October 22nd: Excel II
Thursday, October 23rd: Excel Workshop

October Area Events

Indian Springs/North Shelby
submitted by Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

4 – Fall Festival & Animal Blessing. St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church. Family fun. 12:00-4:00 p.m. FREE.

7 – Parish Halloween Party. Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School Gym. 7:00 p.m.

11 – Family Movie Day “It’s The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.” North Shelby Library 1:00-2:00 p.m. FREE.

16 – A Taste of Shelby County. Jefferson State Community College Valleydale Campus. 6:30-9:00 p.m. Tickets \$35.

18 – Mt. Laurel 7th Annual Harvest Festival. Family fun. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. FREE.

21 – **Founders Day Celebration. ISV Town Hall. Catered BBQ! 6:00 p.m. FREE.**

26 – Fall Festival. Valleydale Church. Family fun. 4:00-8:00 p.m. FREE.

31 – Light the Night Festival. Family fun. Winn Dixie Parking Lot. 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Worth the Drive

1-31 – Scarecrows in the Gardens. Aldridge Gardens, Hoover 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. FREE.

1-31 – Old Baker Farm Pumpkin Patch, Harpersville, www.oldbakerfarm.com for hours. Admission charged.

2-5 – Southern Women’s Show. BJCC. Thur. 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Sun. 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Tickets \$9.

3-5 – 3rd Annual Antiques at the Gardens. Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Fri. & Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tickets \$10.

9-11 – St. George Middle Eastern Food Festival, 425 16th Ave. S. Bham. 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

11 – Wine Tasting & Gourmet Dinner Benefit. Ozan Winery, Calera 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets \$80.

11-12 – 19th Annual Shelby Iron Works Festival, Shelby. FREE parking and admission.

11-12 – Tannehill Woodcarvers Show, McCalla. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission charged.

17-18 – White’s Mountain Bluegrass Festival, Springville. Fri. 6:00-10:00 p.m, Sat. 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

18 – Open House, Morgan Creek Vineyards, Harpersville. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. FREE.

18-25 – Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Juried Show. Hoover Library. FREE Admission. Open during regular library hours.

17-19 – Barber Vintage Festival, Barber Motor Sports Park. Admission charged.

25 – Tannehill Halloween Fairyland, McCalla. Noon – 3:00 p.m. Admission charged.

25-26 – Cotton Pickin’ Celebration, Old Baker Farm, Harpersville. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission charged.

28 – Garrison Keillor, Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center. 7:00 p.m. Admission charged.

31 – Monster Walk on Main Street, Columbiana. 4:30-5:30 p.m.

In Memoriam

Sherrel Boozer McClure Sr., age 89, of Indian Springs, died Wednesday, September 17, 2008 after a short battle with leukemia. He was born on September 9, 1919 to the late Walter Samuel McClure and Martha Nora McClure near Sylacauga, AL. After his education at Weogufka High School and Auburn University, he taught Vocational Agriculture at Shelby County High School and he was the leader of the regional Veteran's Vocational Agriculture Training Program before becoming the Director of Transportation for the Shelby County School System for 25 years. After retirement, he served a term as mayor of Wilsonville, AL where he lived with his wife for more than 30 years. Sherrel loved to farm, garden and travel. He was an active member of Wilsonville Baptist Church for many years before relocating and becoming a member of Indian Springs First Baptist Church. He was a fixture at both the Heardmont and Pelham Senior Citizen exercise classes and he loved to 'cut a rug' at their monthly dances. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Betty Jean Gore McClure; daughter, Carol Maddox (Cam), Hoover, AL; son, Sherrel Boozer McClure, Jr. (Julianne), Marietta, GA; grandchildren, Warren and Julia McClure, Marietta GA; brothers, Sam McClure (Louise), Decatur, AL, Kyle McClure (Myrtle), Trussville, AL, Woodson McClure (Beverly), Apopka, FL and James McClure (Janice), Warrior, AL; sister, Christine Reeve, Vestavia, AL and many nieces and nephews. The children would like to thank Dr. Brian K. Adler and Jan Haley for the compassionate care they provided Mr. Mac, and to Veronica, his caretaker, who provided both care and support throughout his illness. A graveside service was held on Saturday, September 20th, at 11:00 a.m. at Pinelawn Cemetery, adjacent to the Funeral Home, Br. Steve Thomas officiated.

(Reprinted from The Birmingham News)

Arley Dennis Prince, 87, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, September 4, 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife, Tula Love Prince. He was a member of Enon Baptist Church in Morris, AL and served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Dennis enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid fisherman. Widely known as the tomato man, he grew the best tomatoes in the area. He is survived by two sons, Tom Prince (Louann), Reed Prince (Peggy) of Indian Springs Village; two sisters, Laverge Huffstutler and Verla Huffstutler; five grandchildren, Todd Prince, Heather Standifer, Sarah Morgan, Carmen Annelo and Phillip Prince; great-grandchildren, Ashli Prince, Madison Prince, Magdelyn Morgan and Laine Prince. Dr. John Hambricht officiated at funeral services at Ridout's Trussville Chapel on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. with burial following in Jefferson Memorial Gardens.

(Reprinted from The Birmingham News)

My Neighbor's Recipe

submitted by Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

"Thank you, it's my neighbor's recipe." This is something I have heard myself say many times in response to a compliment received about a dish I have prepared. In the five years we have lived in Indian Springs, I have had many neighbors share some fantastic recipes with me, and I would like to share some of my family's favorites with you! This month, I am featuring Ashley Kitchens' recipe for Country Grits Casserole. Enjoy!

2 lbs. Ground pork sausage
4 C. Water
1 ¼ C. Quick-cooking grits
4 C. Shredded, sharp cheddar cheese
1 C. Milk
1/8 tsp. Garlic powder
4 Large eggs
Paprika

1. Brown sausage in a large skillet, stirring until it crumbles. Drain well and set aside.
 2. Bring water to a boil in a large saucepan; stir in grits. Return to a boil; cover, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
 3. Remove from heat; add cheese and next three ingredients, stirring until cheese melts. Stir in sausage and eggs.
 4. Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish, and sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Let stand 5 minutes.
 5. Garnish, if desired, with tomato wedges and parsley sprigs.
- NOTE: I substitute reduced-fat sausage, 2% cheese and skim milk and no one notices.

Do you have a recipe to share? Email it to me at Kelly_rasco@yahoo.com. I'll try it out on my family and publish it in a future issue of *The Village Voice*.



Alabama Wildlife Center Asks for Volunteers

by Lee McDonald, Outreach Coordinator

Alabama's wildlife needs your help! Volunteers are urgently 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, October 18, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Alabama Wildlife Center (AWC) *Creatures of the Night* Event

submitted by Janet Byars

WHO: Alabama Wildlife Center, located in Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham, AL

WHAT: *Creatures of the Night*, an educational event (free with Park admission) featuring live creatures to meet and appreciate up close and personal. Live appearances will be made by a barred owl, a great horned owl and a special guest animal. Guest speakers will address some of the challenges nocturnal wildlife must overcome to survive in the wild. Speakers and topics relating to *Creatures of the Night* include:

AWC staff and volunteers:

Things that go “bump” in the night

Dave Holloway, Camp McDowell:

Reptiles and amphibians

Oak Mountain State Park admission: adults \$3, children (age 6-11) and seniors (62 and over) \$1, children under age 6 are free.

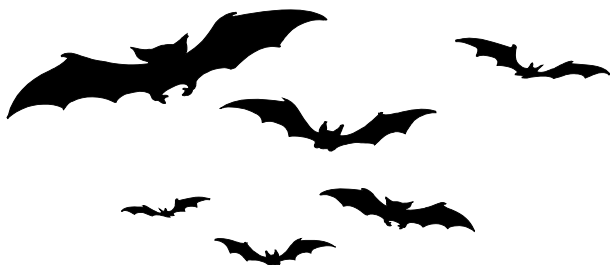
WHEN: Saturday October 25, 2008, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, October 26, 2008, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.)

WHERE: Alabama Wildlife Center, 100 Terrace Drive, Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham, AL.

In the Alabama Wildlife Center's Margaret Monaghan Auditorium.

WHY: Each year the Alabama Wildlife Center treats an average of 2,500 animals from 100 different species. Many of these animals are nocturnal. The AWC would like to share the fascinating aspects of these nighttime creatures so that people can learn and appreciate their importance to a healthy ecosystem.

AND: An owl which has been rehabilitated by the Alabama Wildlife Center will be released at the close of the event. A children's story time and other festivities will be part of this celebration of *Creatures of the Night*.



Remember: October 19, 1:30 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center - Audubon Teaches Nature “An Introduction to the Bats of Alabama”

**Free after Oak Mountain State Park admission.
Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org
for more information**

T-Shirts, Oakleaf Hydrangeas for Sale

by Ruth Goodwyn,

Publicity Chair – Indian Springs Garden Club

T-shirts are going fast! And when they're gone, they're gone! The Indian Springs Garden Club is still offering the forest green cotton T-shirts with the Indian Springs Village logo on the front and “Life Is Good in the Village” imprinted on back. Many were sold at the Fourth of July celebration, and they can still be purchased in time to celebrate Founders' Day in October, or at the celebration itself. What better way to show appreciation to those who worked so hard to make Indian Springs Village an incorporated town back on October 16, 1990, than to proudly wear one of our unique T-shirts?

No small sizes are left, but medium, large, and extra large T-shirts are available for \$15.00 each, delivered to your door by Indian Springs Garden Club members. They are Eleanor Bennett (985-7746), Marge Dunn (987-4765) and President Lynn Hendricks (988-0099). If the one you call does not answer, please leave a message with your name and telephone number.

All proceeds from T-shirt sales go directly to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, whereby needy children in the Oak Mountain Schools are located before Christmas by school counselors. After a shopping spree by Indian Springs Village volunteers for as many of the items as the fund allows—clothing, books, medical expenses, etc.--the specified children are presented these gifts before schools close for the holidays.

Also on sale at the garden club's tent will be oakleaf hydrangeas seeded by Mr. Eddie Aldridge of Aldridge Gardens at a previous garden club meeting. They have been taken care of by some members in their gardens and are now ready for transplantation to new homes. The sale of hydrangeas is the Garden Club's annual fund-raiser to take care of expenses in keeping the town hall's and entry signs' gardens.

Garden club members enjoyed a pot-luck dinner Thursday night, September 25, at the Indian Crest home of Peggy and Jake Vaughn. Although this gathering was originally planned as a pool party, the weather had turned cool, and only a few husbands of members briskly refreshed themselves in the water.

Time for Our Shots!

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor
Winter flu season is coming quickly. If you are looking for a flu shot, they will be available at several locations in or near Indian Springs in October.

- RiteAid Pharmacy: Caldwell Mill Rd. and Valleydale Rd., October 23, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Heardmont Park Senior Center: October 16, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Walgreens Pharmacy: Caldwell Mill Rd. and Valleydale Rd., October 14, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

