



*Ho Ho Ho!*

**Santa Claus is coming to Indian Springs Village  
Saturday, December 13, 2008  
From 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.**

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

**Santa welcomes good boys and girls of ALL ages  
to share their holiday requests with him.**

**Bring the wish list and a camera and  
spend an afternoon with Santa!**



*Refreshments  
will be  
served.*



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

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

### Agenda

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

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### Editor's Notes

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

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### Editor's Appreciation to

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

## Message from the Mayor *by Steve Zerkis*



If you were not at our 18th Founder's Day on October 21, you missed a great time. The evening weather was perfect and we probably had the biggest crowd ever. The food was wonderful, as usual. Jim & Nick's provided the BBQ, and your neighbors brought their pastry creations. Some of us had cake and cookies for both dinner and dessert! Friends and neighbors had a great time together. A big thanks to Herb Robins for handling the organizing of this annual event. ISV Garden Club members were on hand raising funds for the ISV Children's Fund by selling their new ISV tee-shirts, and the Wild Oak Hydrangeas they raised from seedlings. I understand the hydrangeas will blossom this coming spring. They make wonderful gifts.

I'm writing this before the event happens but Monday, November 3, will be Inauguration Day for your Mayor and Council. All of us are returning for another term. Oaths of office will be administered by Judge Hub Harrington, our first Mayor, will do the honors. More on this event in next month's *The Village Voice*.

The ISV Children's Fund will certainly need your help this Christmas. Additional families will be affected by the recession and this program tries to assist by providing clothes and gifts for a number of children in Oak Mountain schools so they can have a joyful Christmas holiday. Your financial support in any amount will be appreciated.

Tuesday, November 11 is Veteran's Day. Please take a moment to thank a veteran for his or her service to our country. We owe them our freedom. A handshake and a “thank you” will be most appreciated.

The Highway 119 project is making good progress. The crews have been digging out the south side of the road to widen on that side and will shortly begin work on the north side. Problems do happen as with any major road project and utilities have been occasionally disrupted. The state highway engineers are still trying to complete the work by the end of the year. We will be seeing more one-lane closures as work progresses. The results and the improvements in safety will be worth the wait.

On behalf of the Town Council and everyone involved in ISV, let me wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

## Town Council Meeting

September 16, 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 was also present.

The September 2 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mendel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss reported for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He received an application for a special exception for a property for sale that the buyer wants to use as a church. A ZBA meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 29. He will meet with the applicant and buyer tomorrow night to discuss restrictions.

Robins reported on the new signs for NSFD stations 1 and 2. He received proofs from Richard Adkins of Adkins Signs and Graphics. Chief O'Connor is pleased with the design. The signs have been ordered and the NSFD will pay for the station 3 sign. Installation will begin in four to five weeks. Additionally, Adkins is re-doing the logo on three of the city entrance signs.

Robins reported that the fire department has attempted to unplug the culvert on Spring Garden at the Murphy property but they were unable to correct the situation.

Dudley asked for an update on the Highway 119 project. Robins spoke with Gary Ray of ALDOT two weeks ago who said the project is still on track for completion at the end of November. Bell-Guercio asked that ALDOT be reminded to notify residents when the water will be shut off. Her water was off with no notice from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. yesterday.

Mendel presented the August Financial Report and made a motion to endorse it. Stauss seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously. Mendel asked Zerkis if the school grants would be included in the next year's budget. Zerkis reported that he had sent letters to each school but has not yet received a response. The grants will have to be included in the following year's budget.

Bell-Guercio reported that the CPR class is tentatively scheduled for October and she is working to get a second date. The cost is \$10 a class. Seven residents have signed up and the class can hold up to ten.

Bell-Guercio asked Mayor Zerkis if a report was received with the results of the Bishop Creek testing done over the summer. Zerkis said he had not received a report and has tried to contact the ADEM representative.

Stauss reported that the shared file space is now accessible via the website. He needs to determine a structure for the files. He now has the information from Teklink to transfer the website to their hosting service. The library

has Monday and Thursday evenings available for meetings. He is tentatively planning a website design meeting next Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Zerkis spoke with the Waste Management representative today and the recycling program is now on for ISV. The price has increased to \$5.06 per month. The mayor will be working with WMI to begin the program.

Zerkis said the 2009 budget was approved at the last meeting based on the numbers we had at that time. Since then he has received updated information on an increase in the Sheriff Deputy's contract. It has increased from \$37,600 to \$42,300 annually. Zerkis made a motion to modify the budget. Mendel accepted the motion, seconded by Dudley. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Ginger Street has obtained the building permit for the remodeling projects. The electrical inspection has been completed with no problems cited by the inspector. The plumbing inspection is scheduled for Wednesday. Once that is completed, the insulation can be installed and the sheetrock and doors can be hung. The tile installation is tentatively scheduled for September 24. The fixtures have been delivered and tile and related supplies have been ordered.

Mayor Zerkis will meet with Thomas MacDaniel tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. regarding the Town Hall property drainage improvement project. The estimated project cost is \$15,000. Zerkis will talk to Representative Mary Sue McClurkin about funds for the project and will also speak with Alex Dudchock to see if the County is interested in doing part of the work.

Founders Day will be Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m. There was a discussion about catering the event. Robins will get a bid from Jim and Nick's and Full Moon Barbeque. Bell-Guercio will contact Hamburger Heaven to see if they cater. The notice for *The Village Voice* will include a request for residents to bring homemade desserts.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor for comments from residents. An individual living near Heardmont Park presented an issue with her neighbor causing drainage issues on her property. After a discussion, Mayor Zerkis said he would contact the City Engineer.

Trammell had questions about the Town Hall renovations. He asked why there were two motions. After confirming that all subcontractors were the same for both projects, he asked why there are two separate projects instead of just one. Mayor Zerkis responded that initially there was only one project to remodel the bathroom, but as they got into the process there was a decision to renovate the mudroom, and retile the mudroom and kitchen. Tricia Crapet had previously stated to the Council that this would be three projects. Trammell stated that he was of the opinion that it was still one project and therefore, one motion was sufficient. The Council disagreed. There was further discussion about not presenting the projects for bid, the use of local contractors, and certifying that the bathroom is ADA compliant once the renovation is completed. Trammell

## Upcoming Events at Alabama Wildlife Center (AWC)

submitted by Janet Byars

**November 16, 2008 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Audubon Teaches Nature: Birding for the Fresh Air Family at the Alabama Wildlife Center.**

Learn about bird watching: field guides, binoculars, how to attract birds and places to visit. Apple cider, punch and cookies will be available by 1:30 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., Greg Harber of the Birmingham Audubon Society will present "Birding for the Fresh Air Family." Bird watching is a popular past-time that can be enjoyed by the entire family. Come learn which field guides and binoculars are suitable for the young ones, how to attract birds to your yard so you can enjoy them at close range, and places to visit in Birmingham for a family-friendly bird watching experience. Also: Reports and news from Alabama Wildlife Center, The Friends of Oak Mountain State Park & Oak Mountain Interpretive Center; door prizes; bring binoculars & field guides for a birding adventure after the program. Free after Oak Mountain State Park admission: \$3 Adults; \$1 Seniors 62+ and Children 6-11.

**December 6, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Alabama Wildlife Center's 16th Annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale**

Free after Oak Mountain State Park admission: \$3 Adults; \$1 Seniors 62+ and Children 6-11. Call 663-7930 or log on to [www.awrc.org](http://www.awrc.org) for more information.

## 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](http://www.awrc.org) for more information about the next training session on Saturday, November 15, 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: J. Todd Goggins, G & C Properties, LLC  
Owner: Tommy Oswalt  
Address: Jasmine Hill Road  
Proposed Use: New Garage

## Gardeners Try Their Hands at Hypertufa

by Ruth Goodwyn,  
Publicity Chair – Indian Springs Garden Club

"This is like making mud pies when we were kids," observed the husband of an ISV garden club member as he watched her dabbling a concrete mixture on the outside of a pot. The scene was the Patsy and John Strozier backyard on October 25, a beautiful, sunny, breezy Saturday.

Set up were makeshift tables, where amid gravel, fiberglass mesh, strips of plastic sheeting, plant leaves for design, pots and other containers to be used as molds, members worked on containers, mostly flower pots and bird baths. Their host was pouring cement, water, peat moss, perlite and other ingredients in the small concrete mixer.

Being made was hypertufa, an artificial stone substance similar to the natural volcanic rock called tufa. Hypertufa is two-thirds more lightweight than regular concrete, and the mixture can be colored with concrete dye. Hypertufa is used to make garden troughs, fake rocks and boulders, stepping stones, and all kinds of other garden accessories and objects.

After members had finished their creations, set on boards, they put them aside to dry and "cure" for 48 hours. Miraculously, though some had worn aprons, nobody got dirty.

Then Pat and Steve Zerkis, Margie and John Dunn, Carol McBride, Ginny Lusk, Ruth Goodwyn, Liz Eich, Jennie Pittman, President Lynn Hendricks, and a visitor, Carol Maddox, joined Patsy and John in their outdoor kitchen for a barbeque luncheon.

This was the last regular meeting of the Indian Springs Garden Club for 2008 except for the Christmas gathering in December.



# NOVEMBER 2008

## HEARDMONT PARK SENIOR CENTER

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

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Art Classes are \$10 each and include instructor fee and materials. You must pay when you sign up!!	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday dances w/Ray Newman will resume in Jan. 2009	<i>You MUST sign up for the computer classes. Space is LIMITED!</i>		Items with an * beside them will be a nominal charge
9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-12 Mah jongg 12 Lunch 12:30-4 Canasta *7-8:30 Square Dance Club	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> <b>9-12 FLU SHOTS</b> 10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch 1-2 Line Dancing	9:30 –12 Bridge Club 10-4 Games & Fellowship 12 Lunch <b>1:30-2:30 Computer Class- Using Microsoft Programs</b>	9:30-10:30 Blood Pressure Checks 10-11 Exercise w/Donna 10-4 Games & Fellowship 12 Lunch <b>*1-3 Acrylic Painting w/Edna</b>	9:15-10:15 Beg Line Dancing 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing <b>11:15-12 Pilates w/Ellen</b> 12 Lunch
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## Hundreds of Nativity Scenes on Display *by Liz Burkhardt, Villager*

Celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season the first weekend in December. Camels, donkeys, shepherds, wise men and stars mark the place you may find the Christ Child at the Nativity Exhibit right here in Indian Springs Village. Made of Alabama clay, porcelain, leather, olive wood, onyx, straw, cloth, seeds, resin and other mediums, the hundreds of depictions of Christ's birth are beautifully displayed. Last year over 500 nativities were loaned for the exhibit.

Start your Christmas Season by remembering "the reason." Be uplifted by special nativities from places like: El Salvador, China, Israel, the Philippines, Jerusalem and Rome.

"A Christmas Nativity" sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at 2720 Cahaba Valley Road, will be presented as a gift to the community on:

Friday, December 5, 2008 – 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6, 2008 – 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2008 – 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

A Christmas Devotional featuring The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will be broadcast Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free and we invite all to attend the eighth year of this Village tradition.



also inquired why contractors residing in Indian Springs Village were not considered for the project.

Ron Luster said the Episcopal Church asked if they could put a sign in his field to direct people to their church. Luster asked what the process and restrictions were. Stauss stated the sign could be 96 square feet. Dudley suggested reviewing the sign permit ordinance.

Another resident suggested having a listing of local contractors available to the community. There was a discussion about putting the listing on the website.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

## Town Council Meeting

October 7, 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 and Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones were also present.

The September 16 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bell-Guercio made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss reported for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board 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. 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, 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

Mayor Zerkis announced that Bart Trammell resigned as the City's Administrative Assistant. The Mayor and Council expressed their thanks for his invaluable work over the years.

Zerkis reported for Robins. Completion of the Highway 119 project has been delayed. Mayor Zerkis will contact Gary Ray for a projected date. Once completed, the road will encroach on a portion of the front driveway at the Town Hall. Zerkis suggested that the drive no longer be used and grassed over. Bell-Guercio reported that the water was off at her residence again with no advance notice. Mayor Zerkis will check in to it.

Bell-Guercio gave an update on the Founders' Day plans. She spoke with Pete Black of Hamburger Heaven. They will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and chips plus delivery for \$324. But, we would have to provide plates, utensils, napkins, cups, ice, drinks, do the set up, serve and clean. Jim and Nick's will provide catering and all related services for \$686. Bell-Guercio made a motion to have Jim and Nick's cater

the Founders' Day event at a cost of up to \$700. Mendel seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously. There was a brief discussion about paying a gratuity to the Jim and Nick's servers.

Bell-Guercio asked Mayor Zerkis for an update on the Bishop Creek testing. Zerkis distributed copies of a report containing raw data for the Council to review. Testing was performed a number of times at five locations starting at Heardmont Park and ending near Jim Wyatt's residence on Indian Trail. All tests were conducted after rainstorms that occurred in June, July and August. The Council reviewed and discussed the results. Zerkis has asked the ADEM representative for additional test results and an interpretation of the report's raw data results.

Stauss reported that the website review meeting at the North Shelby Library needs to be rescheduled. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 15 or October 20. Stauss will contact the library to confirm availability. Additionally, Stauss reported that he will check all the City email accounts and forward them to the council members' personal email accounts.

Mayor Zerkis requested the Council review the Town Council Rules and Procedures Ordinance and make recommendations for changes to be passed at the November organizational meeting.

Stauss made a motion to combine the first November regular meeting and the organizational meeting and meet on Monday, November 3, 2008. Bell-Guercio seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Tricia Crapet gave an update on the remodeling projects. The hinges for the closet doors have not come in yet. Ginger Street is looking for doorknobs that fit the period. Hot water temperature and pressure needs to be adjusted. The tile around the fireplace in the parlor has been secured. Projects are to be completed by Founders' Day.

Trammell commented that Street needs to comply with the Public Works Law before final payment is issued. She will need to post a notice of completion and swear under oath that all bills to subcontractors have been paid.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting *by Brian Stauss, Chair*

The ZBA met on October 28, 2008 to continue the request by Jenny Cumberland for a special use exception for a place of worship on property located at 2370 Cahaba Valley Road. Representatives for the buyer discussed the plans for the property and answered questions from the Board. Several Indian Springs residents in attendance asked questions and stated their concerns. The Board asked the buyer to provide a rendering of the proposed temple and community center. The meeting was continued to Wednesday, November 19th, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

## November Happenings

by Katie Guerin, North Shelby Library Youth Services Coordinator

**The library will be closed November 26th-28th in observance of Thanksgiving**

### Special Programming

**Tuesday, October 28th-November 4th: “Election 2008”.** Just because you can’t vote in the presidential election doesn’t mean you can’t vote at North Shelby Library. We will be deciding on the next series of books to add to our collection. Help us decide which one to pick! Voting will take place between Oct. 28th and Nov. 4th. Get your “I voted” sticker and a sweet treat or prize!

**Monday, November 3rd, 10th, 27th and 24th – 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](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

**Saturday, November 8th – 1-2:30 p.m.: Family Movie Day – “Veggie Tales: Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything.”** Join Larry the Cucumber, Mr. Lunt and Pa Grape on this high seas adventure full of trademark Veggie Tales songs and an adventurous time-traveling plot! All ages. Refreshments served.

**Tuesday, November 18th – 12:3-1:30 p.m.: “Home-school Hangout: The Real Thanksgiving!”** Do you think you already know everything there is about Thanksgiving? Well, think again! Find out about who was there, what they ate, and more! 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](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

**Tuesday, November 20th – 4:00 p.m.: Craft – “Box of Thanks!”** Decorate this cute box and write down all the things you are thankful for right before Turkey Day! Registration begins Tuesday, November 6th. All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or [NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

### Story-Time Programming

#### Toddler Tales

**Mondays, November 3rd, 10th and 17th - 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, November 11th – 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, November 5th, 12th and 19th at 10:45 a.m.**

All ages. No registration required.

#### P. J. Story Time

**Thursdays, November 6th, 13th and 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

All ages. No registration required.

### Teen Scene

**Anime Cinema Saturday – Saturday, November 15th - 10:30 a.m -3:30 p.m.**

Drop in for a day of some of the best Anime movies around. Bring your own manga drawings to share with everyone else. Refreshments served! Call or email Katie at 439-5504 or [NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com).

**TAG/Writer’s Club – Monday, November 17th – 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a joint meeting of the teen advisory group and writer’s club. We will be picking a book to read for the group and discuss upcoming events. Pizza and drinks served! Call or email Katie at 439-5504 or [NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

**Teen Book Pick of the Month – *Paper Towns* by John Green**

Local author, John Green, is back with another intriguing story of growing up and expanding horizons. *Paper Towns* is clever, funny, suspenseful and mysterious – perfect for a great read!

**The Month of November – 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](http://www.northshelbylibrary.org) to get started!

## North Shelby Library Adult Programming

by Lori Skinner, North Shelby Library, Adult Services Coordinator

**Tuesday, November 11th - 12:00 p.m.**

**"Holiday Decorating Tips from Chelsea Lane"**

Bring your lunch and join us to kickoff the Holiday Season. Lisa Sisk, owner of Chelsea Lane, will present tips and tricks to make holiday decorating and entertaining a snap in the rush of the season.

## ISV Children’s Fund

by Kelly Rasco

Thank you to the ISV Garden Club for their recent donations totaling \$425 to the ISV Children’s Fund. Your hard work and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Each Christmas, the ISV Children’s Fund is used to provide gifts and clothing for less fortunate children who attend schools within Indian Springs Village. Without our help, these children may not experience the joy of Christmas.

Each year, school counselors provide an ISV volunteer with the wish lists of several children. The lists typically include toys and clothing and sometimes household needs. A shopping trip is organized, and the lists are distributed to the volunteer shoppers. I had the privilege of participating in the shopping trip last year and had a great time! In about three hours, myself and four other shoppers purchased gifts and clothing for nineteen children. It was a whirlwind trip but very enjoyable and for a very worthy cause. If you have never participated in this shopping trip, I would like to encourage you to contact Herb and Margie Robins at 980-9217 to volunteer.

By using volunteers for activities associated with the Children’s Fund, there are no administrative costs. Therefore, every dollar donated goes towards the cost of the gifts and clothing requested by the children we support. Additionally, Councilman Jack Mendel had the account for the fund converted to a money market account so that interest could be earned on the balance. However, donations from 2006 to 2007 decreased by 50%. As the Christmas season approaches, please consider making a donation to the Children’s Fund. Checks should be made payable to ISV Children’s Fund and mailed to ISV Children’s Fund, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.

## My Neighbor’s Recipe *submitted by Kelly Rasco*

Just in time for the holidays, an easy, tasty appetizer! This month, I am featuring Chad and Linda Burdett’s recipe for Bacon Swiss Dip. (We’ve called it Cheesy Bacon Dip at our house for the last couple of years, but I called Linda and got the correct name.) Chad prepared this for Linda to take to the Homestead Ladies Christmas Party a couple of years ago. It was a hit with everyone who tasted it.

1 block cream cheese, softened	2 cups shredded Swiss cheese	2 Tbsp chopped green onions
½ cup mayonnaise	8 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled	½ cup crushed Ritz crackers

**Note:** For a lighter version, use reduced fat cream cheese, light mayonnaise or Miracle Whip, reduced fat bacon (such as Gwaltney) and reduced fat Ritz crackers.

Mix together the cream cheese, Swiss cheese, green onions and mayo and two of the crumbled bacon slices. Spread mixture into a small, lightly greased baking dish. Top with remaining six slices of crumbled bacon and cracker crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve immediately with your choice of crackers.

Send your favorite Christmas recipe to me at [Kelly\\_rasco@yahoo.com](mailto:Kelly_rasco@yahoo.com). I’ll try it out on my family and publish it in the December issue of *The Village Voice*.

## November Area Events

Indian Springs/North Shelby

**3** – Organizational Meeting and Swearing in of Council Members – Town Hall, 7:00 p.m. Refreshments.

**4** – Election Day – polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**6-8** – “Once on this Island” – Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School. 6th and 7th at 7:00 p.m., 8th at 2:00 p.m.

**6-9** – Christmas Village – BJCC. \$10.

**6-9** – Homestead Hollow Arts and Crafts Festival-Christmas in the Country, Springville, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., admission charged.

**8** – Blood Rock EX Off Road Duathlon – Oak Mountain State Park. Sponsored by BUMP (Birmingham Urban Mountain Peddlers) to raise funds for new trails. [www.bump.org](http://www.bump.org) for registration fees and schedule.

**9** – Ruffner Mountain’s Fall Color Hike – 2:00 p.m., \$7.

**11** – National Veteran’s Day Parade – 1:30 p.m. – downtown Birmingham beginning at 8th Avenue North and 19th Street. [www.nationalveteransday.org/parade.htm](http://www.nationalveteransday.org/parade.htm) for route.

**13-16** – 2009 Alabama International Auto Show – BJCC, admission charged.

**14** – Travel Channel’s *Ghost Adventures* Premier and Canned Food Drive – Sloss Furnaces, 8:00 p.m.

**17-19** – Hunter Education Class – Oak Mountain State Park. For registration and information, go to [www.outdoorsalabama.com](http://www.outdoorsalabama.com).

**18** – Council Meeting – Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**20-22** – The Market presented by the Junior League of Birmingham – BJCC 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Tickets \$8.

**27** – **Thanksgiving Day.**

**28-30** – The Polar Express – Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum, Calera, \$24.

**28-30** – Santa Special at the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum, Calera. \$14. [www.hodrrm.org](http://www.hodrrm.org) for more information.