

The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3, 2009 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*

September has been a busy month for your Town Council as we worked on several financial tasks. The biggest task was developing the town's budget for the coming fiscal year which starts October 1. We anticipate a slight increase in revenues and expenses but, in general, the budget will be much the same as it has been. We don't see any huge changes. As you know, we have no debt of any kind. All bills are paid as received. We will be running a surplus again which will be invested in very safe financial accounts as required by law. We are considering some improvements and maintenance work on our Town Hall and the grounds, but that work will wait until the Highway 119 project is completed.

We have signed an agreement with the auditing firm of DeLoach, Barber & Caspers, P.C. to do the annual audit for the just completed fiscal year of 2009. They have done an excellent job for the town in the past and we have received a clean bill of health in their most recent audit.

ISV has again budgeted funds for grants to the four Oak Mountain schools and we hope to award those grants this fall. We believe we have the finest schools in Shelby County and they are among the very best in the state. We typically fund educational technology and software that directly assists teachers and students in the classroom.

As you can tell from the box at the bottom of this page, Indian Springs Village is having another birthday. It is our 19th. It will be held at the Pavilion on Tuesday, October 20th and will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner. That will be followed at 7:00 p.m. with our council meeting. So everyone is invited to join us in our town's birthday party. Bring pastries and cakes to share. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009 6:00 P.M.
ISV TOWN HALL PAVILION
DINNER SERVED - BRING A DESSERT!

Town Council Meeting

August 18, 2009

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. All council members were present except Stewart Dudley.

The Mayor read the meeting agenda. The Council reviewed the August 4 minutes. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Wayne Barber and John DeLoach presented the audit for the 2008 fiscal year. There was a discussion about the SAFE program. Barber will contact our banks to ensure our accounts are set up properly.

Mendel presented the July Financial Report. Mendel made a motion to endorse the financial report, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel reported that we have \$500,000 in the Money Market account, currently earning 0.747%. He motioned that the Council approve for him to move \$400,000 to First Commercial Bank and invest it in a 14-month CD earning 2.2%. Bell-Guercio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Robins reported on the Highway 119 turn lane project. Gary Ray of ALDOT has been notified that Carcel and G. have been awarded the construction contract. Ray doesn't know who their sub-contractors are yet. He will hold a pre-construction conference to update them on the project and expectations. Ray estimates work will begin in two weeks.

Robins gave an update on the paving in ISV and the missing street sign at the intersection of New Hope Mountain Road and Miller Circle. Per Scott Holladay of the Shelby County Highway Department, the majority of the paving is complete except for a portion of Spring Garden Street (south). A sign will be put up at the referenced intersection.

Robins received an invoice from Jimmy Rhodes for the repair, repainting and installation of the sign at Bishop Lane, and for the installation, sign, bracket and post for Cahaba Oaks. A copy of the invoice was given to Stauss for the Cahaba Oaks sign to be paid for by the subdivision.

Robins reported that Larry Rogers had completed the layout of the sprinkler system. Robins also confirmed with Jennifer Bondi of the ISV Garden Club that the sprinkler system is functioning properly with excellent coverage.

Zerkis reported that resident Max Davis is working with Dr. Dobbins of Samford University and several students to test water in Bishop Creek. The group will be contacting other residents on Bishop Creek as the project progresses. Zerkis also reported he met with Bart Trammell to discuss his issues.

Stauss asked for confirmation that the tornado siren had been repaired. Zerkis reported that a contractor provided through the fire district had repaired it. Stauss will follow up with the website company that specializes in municipalities forwarded to him by Zerkis.

Rasco presented a resolution for the transfer of the beer and wine sales license from Sunny Foods to Caldwell Shell. After review of the ABC application, the Council requested that the application be updated to accurately reflect the distance from the nearest church, school and residence.

Mayor Zerkis distributed copies of the draft FY 2010 budget for review. After a discussion about administrative services, the Council voted to increase the monthly contractor fee for Johnson by \$30 and for Rasco by \$400 effective October 1, 2009.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. Rasco presented Mayor Zerkis with a cake for his birthday.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

September 1, 2009

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and called the roll. All Council members were present except Stewart Dudley and Brian Stauss. City Clerk Kelly Rasco and PAZ Chair Wayne Jones were excused.

The Mayor read the meeting agenda. The Council reviewed the August 18, 2009 minutes. Mendel made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Zerkis reported for Jones that the PAZ will be meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 to review an application to subdivide the Bishop property on Valley View Drive. After action by the PAZ, the application will be presented to the Council at its September 15, 2009 meeting. The PAZ is also continuing work on revised sign and nuisance ordinances.

The Council also discussed the need for legal action to correct seriously neglected and junk filled properties

Robins reported on the Highway 119 turn lane project. Gary Ray of ALDOT has been notified by the new prime contractor, Carcel and G, that their subcontractor for paving will be Good Hope Contracting. Ray is looking for Carcel and G to begin shoulder work on the north side of 119 within the next two weeks in preparation for paving.

Robins reported that Mendel had notified him that vegetation along the road shoulder at Mountain Vista and

119 was blocking the view of oncoming traffic on 119. This was reported to Gary Ray who had a crew mow the area.

Robins reported that Scott Holladay, County Engineer, will have a crew install a road sign at the intersection of New Hope Mountain Road and Miller Circle.

Robins asked if the Council would like Jim and Nick's to cater the Founder's Day celebration on Tuesday, October 20th. It was agreed that Robins would contact them about catering for 100 people.

Mendel reported that he purchased a fourteen-month certificate of deposit in the amount of \$400,000 earning 2.2% at First Commercial Bank. Letters from our banks indicating that the Town's accounts are covered by the State's SAFE financial insurance program were also presented.

Mendel also provided a revision to the draft FY 2010 budget for anticipated CD interest. Zerkis said that the draft budget would be brought up for final review and approval at the September 15, 2009 council meeting.

Bell-Guercio noted that Wayne Jones had previously mentioned the possibility of getting Bishop Creek declared a protected area. The Mayor said that Jones is researching that possibility. Bell-Guercio offered to assist Jones in that effort.

Zerkis reported that the recycling program was going well and that more people were signing up.

The Council discussed the need for new kitchen appliances for the Town Hall. Both the refrigerator and the stove have failed and would be expensive to repair due to age. On a motion by Bell-Guercio, seconded by Mendel, the Council unanimously approved to authorize the Mayor to purchase and have installed a new stove, refrigerator and microwave oven not to exceed \$1,500.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen W. Zerkis, Mayor
and Herb Robins, Councilman
for Kelly Rasco, City Clerk



Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Mark Whitlock
Owner: Mark Whitlock
Address: 234 Cahaba Oaks Trail
Proposed Use: Addition

Applicant: Clay Bishop
Owner: Clay and Jill Bishop
Address: 180 Valley View Drive
Proposed Use: New Home Construction

The Gift of Hope

by C.J. Ross, RN

Over the past three years, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Indian Springs, along with the Diocese of Alabama, has been supporting mission trips to Haiti. This nation, only 600 miles from our shores, has one of the world's highest infant and pre-natal death rates. Most of this is due to severe poverty, poor access to drinkable water and severe malnutrition. As a team coordinator, I have had the privilege of going to several outlying villages and last year went to a remote mountain village of Crochu which was devastated by the hurricanes. The medical team saw over 400 patients in two days, many of whom had walked for days to get there. Other mission trips focused on building wells, schools and nutrition clinics.



Of course, this takes money and your donations go directly to providing medicines, supplies, transportation and lodging. So once again, I am planning a take-out or eat-in soup bar with homemade soups, fruited coleslaw, French bread and dessert for \$12.00 per person. This will take place October 28th, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church on Highway 119. "Hope becomes a sense of the possible, a sense that something will change, that something will come. Hope is fueled by the presence of God in our lives." With your support these seeds of hope will continue to grow. For more information, call 205-988-4371 or 205-914-3866. *(C.J. Ross, center, in above photo.)*

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

"Take Off Pounds Sensibly" Meeting each Tuesday, two groups offer morning (10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon) or evening (5:30-7:00 p.m.) times at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church on Highway 119 in Indian Springs Village. For the morning group, call 995-2166 or 408-9340; for the evening group, call 563-9840 or 408-1517.

**REMINDER – Free Landfill Day
Saturday, October 10, 2009**

**Shelby County Landfill
www.shelbycountyalabama.com**

**4154 Highway 70, Columbiana, AL 35051
205-669-3871**

**Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,
Sat 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Harvest Dance

At Heardmont Park Senior Center

*Please join us on
Friday, October 9, 2009
7:00pm.—9:00p.m.*

*Music provided by The Tradewinds
With Carol Downey & John Taylor*

Light Refreshments

\$4 per person admission at the door

Questions—Theresa at 991-5742



Alabama Wildlife Center (AWC) Creatures of the Night

submitted by Janet Byars, Development Assistant

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 several species of owls native to Alabama. Guests will have the opportunity to visit with an eastern screech owl, a barred owl and a great-horned owl. Children's activities, refreshments, story time and an educational presentation will also be part of this celebration.

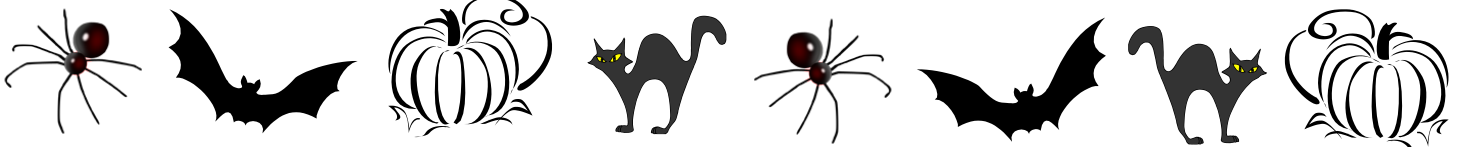
WHEN: Saturday October 24, 2009, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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 owls and other native Alabama wildlife so that people can learn about 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.

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



Eight Indian Springs School Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists *submitted by Melanie Kieve, Assistant Director of Development*

Eight seniors from Indian Springs School (ISS) have been named semifinalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program competition. They are:

Richard Baxley of Birmingham
Alex Freedman of Birmingham
Michelle Luo of Vestavia Hills
Alison Newman of Birmingham

Jack Feist of Indian Springs
Sam Gregory of Birmingham
Julia McMinn of Birmingham
Sunney Poyner of Hoover

As semifinalists, they have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,200 National Merit® Scholarships that will be offered this spring.

The ISS students were among 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) during their junior year. Of those 1.5 million entrants, approximately 16,000 of the highest scoring students were selected as semifinalists.

Finalists and winners will be selected from the pool of semifinalists in the spring based on their abilities, skills and accomplishments.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), an Evanston, Ill., not-for-profit organization.

Commissioner Lindsey Allison Talks About County's Finances

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair Indian Springs
Garden Club

Shelby County is on sound financial ground, though poorer than in past years. So said Lindsey Allison, Commissioner of District 7, which covers Indian Springs Village, Quail Run, Valley Station and all of the subdivisions south of Valleydale Road and north of Oak Mountain Park ridge, excluding Eagle Point. She spoke informally with Indian Springs Garden Club members at their regular monthly meeting September 24 at the Town Hall.

Current Chairman of the Commission, Allison recounted the Commission's long journey to get out, and stay out, of debt by practicing frugality and operating on a pay-as-you-go basis. In these economically challenging times, the termination of about 29 county employees has been necessary and more cuts, such as grants, may have to be made. Sales, property taxes, building permits, inspection fees, personal property tax and other revenues are all down, but Shelby County has the highest credit rating of any county in Alabama.

Three of the nine commissioners currently serving, including Allison, were on the Commission in 1993. They all remember the \$22.5 million sewer debt, how hard they worked to resolve it, and don't want to incur debt again. Having County Manager Alex Dudchuck to work with is a big asset toward remaining fiscally sound.

Members enjoyed refreshments before a brief business meeting, presided over by Patsy Strozier in the absence of President Lynn Hendricks, and saw a preview of our new yearbooks, to be available in January. Member Ginny Lusk announced that the new director of Aldridge Gardens in Hoover is Rip Weaver, who lives at Roebuck Springs.

A Harvest Supper will be enjoyed at the Thursday, October 22 meeting at the Town Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members will vote on new officers and on proposed changes to the by-laws which have been discussed.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

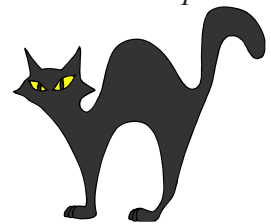
by Susan Shoemaker, Financial Coordinator
for Dr. Lisa G. Wilson's office

Dr. Lisa G. Wilson's dental office would like to announce that this will be our fifth year to accept monetary donations in honor of October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will be collecting from September 1 thru October 8th, with all money going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. You can stop by our office located at 5470 Caldwell Mill Road Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., call us at 995-8084 or visit our website www.drlicawilson.com. Please help us make this our biggest year yet.

US Census for 2010

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

This may seem a bit early, but in a few months we will be asked to participate in the U.S. Census for 2010. A census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Unlike the previous census, they will be mailing out one, short questionnaire for all of us to fill out and mail back. I understand that it only has ten questions. It is important that each of us complete the questionnaire. They use the data from this census to determine the numbers of congressional seats our state gets and to distribute over \$400 billion in federal funds to local and state governments each year. If a town or county is undercounted, then they will not get their fair share of federal funds. If you don't complete and mail in the questionnaire, then a census worker will be calling on you to get the information in person. Save your government some money and let's all fill out the forms. There is more information at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.



Food Festivals

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Fall seems to be the season for some very interesting food festivals. Most of them are held by various churches or community organizations, usually to raise funds for their programs. What do you get out of it? The opportunity to taste some very good and unique cooking and enjoy some interesting ethnic music and dancing. Two of the better known food festivals are at the St. George Melkite Catholic Church at 425 16th Avenue South near UAB which offers middle eastern foods and St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Brookside with Slavic foods. St. George has their festival the weekend of October 8-10, and St. Nicholas has theirs the first weekend in November. Also, the City of Cullman holds its annual week-long Oktoberfest starting October 3. You will love their German cooking.

New Courier Needed

Bart Trammell has notified *The Village Voice* that the October issue will be the last he will deliver. We sincerely thank Bart for his years of service to the town and as a courier. Bart is a hard act to follow. However, if you'd like to give it a try, please contact Alison Stigers at 205-253-1605 or alison@indianspringsvillage.org. Bart's route covers Brookstone Estates.

October Happenings *by Cecelia Dean,* *North Shelby Library Youth Services Department*

Special Programming

Mondays, October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th – 3:15-4:15 pm.: “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.

Tuesday, October 13th – 4:00 p.m.: “Craft – Rock Spider and Web”. Come and make this delightful craft sure to thrill and delight all who see it. All ages. Registration required. Registration begins September 29th. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Friday, October 16th – “Dictionary Day”. Stop by the Children’s Department today and define this word – Bibliotheca – to receive a special sweet treat!

Saturday, October 17th – 1:00-2:30 p.m.: “Family Movie Day – *Race to Witch Mountain*”. Join Jack Bruno for a thrilling ride to help two kids recover their lost spaceship and get home in time to save their planet. All ages. Snacks served. No registration required.

Wednesday, October 21st – 1:00-1:45 p.m.: “Homeschool Hangout: Money Mania”. Come learn about money in cool and exciting ways. Play games, create coins and eat tasty snacks. Ages 8-12. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, October 31st – Happy Halloween. Stop by the Children’s Department today to receive a special “Trick or Treat.”

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Mondays, October 5th, 12th and 19th – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Registration will begin one week – on Monday – prior to each storytime. Ages 19-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Baby Tales Story Time

Tuesdays, October 6th and 20th – 10:30-11:00 a.m.
A 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, September 22nd. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, October 28th will be Mr. Mac’s Halloween Party. Come for a sweet trick or treat surprise! All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story Time

Thursdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 7:00 p.m. Come in your PJs, have milk and cookies and hear some wonderful bedtime tales. All ages. No registration required.

Teen Scene @NSL

Teen Writer’s Club/Teen Advisory Group – Monday, October 19th @ 6:00 p. m. This club is 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. Pizza and drinks served. Call or email Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Teen Book Club – Monday, October 12th @ 6:00 p.m. The Teen Book Club will meet to discuss what members are currently reading. Be sure to stop by and let us know what you’ve read lately and your opinion! To participate, grab a book and start reading! Snacks served. Call or email Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Wizard Rock – Monday, October 12th @ 7:00-9:00 p.m. Those fabulous wizard rockers are back in town!!! Join us for a fun evening full of wizard rock featuring The Whomping Willows, The Moaning Myrtles and Justin Finch-Fletchly and the Sugar Quills!!!! Snacks served. Call or email Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Teen Ghost Stories Night – Wednesday, October 28th @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of spook-tacular stories told by Kristy Hearn as you roast marshmallows by the campfire. Bring blankets or chairs to ensure a comfy seat! For more information, contact Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com.

Teen Book Pick of the Month - *The Hollow* by Jessica Verday. When Abbey’s best friend, Kristen, vanishes at the bridge near Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, everyone else is all too quick to accept that Kristen is dead and rumors fly that her death was no accident. Abbey goes through the motions of mourning her best friend, but privately, she refuses to believe that Kristen is really gone. Then she meets Caspian, the gorgeous and mysterious boy who shows up out of nowhere at Kristen’s funeral, and keeps reappearing in Abbey’s life. Just when Abbey starts to feel that she might survive all this, she learns a secret that makes her question everything she thought she knew about her best friend. As Abbey struggles to understand Kristen’s betrayal, she uncovers a frightening truth that nearly unravels her—one that will challenge her emerging love for Caspian, as well as her own sanity. (From Product Description)

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!

***Piggly Wiggly* Author, Robert Dalby, to Give Book Talk, Signing**

by Lori Skinner, Adult Services Coordinator

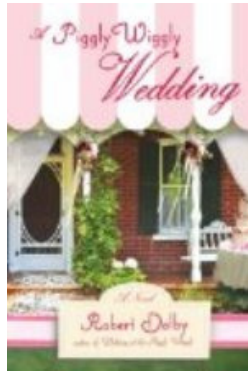


Robert Dalby, author of the popular *Piggly Wiggly* Southern fiction series, will be giving a talk and signing books at North Shelby Library on Sunday, October 11th.

Dalby will begin the book talk at 2:00 p.m. and will sign afterward. Free tickets will be given out through the event on October 11th,

however seating is limited, so reserve your ticket early. Light refreshments will be served. *Piggly Wiggly* fans are looking forward to Dalby's newest book, *A Piggly Wiggly Wedding*, which was released on August 9th. This is the third installment in the series that features the charming and quirky inhabitants of the small town of Second Creek, Mississippi.

Dalby's previous novels, *Waltzing at the Piggly Wiggly* and *Kissing Babies at the Piggly Wiggly* grew out of his own fascination with the eccentricities of the small-town South he grew up with and loved. As a native and resident of Natchez, Mississippi during his formative years, Dalby learned to expect eccentricity and quirky behavior as par for the course – he often only had to look as far as his own family and friends for inspiration. Don't miss this chance to hear him discuss this popular series and get your own *Piggly Wiggly* books signed. For more information on Dalby's appearance at North Shelby Library, please call Lori Skinner 439-5512. Copies of all books in the series will be available for purchase at the library.



Alabama Wildlife Needs Volunteers

submitted by Janet Byars, Development Assistant

Alabama's wildlife needs your help! Volunteers are urgently needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for this year's orphaned and injured wildlife. Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org for more information about the next training session on Saturday, November 7 at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Alabama Wildlife Center Redefines Mission, Focuses on Protected Species

submitted by Janet Byars, Development Assistant

The Alabama Wildlife Center, our state's oldest and largest wildlife rehabilitation organization, continues upholding its mission with a focus of resources to help Alabama's native wildlife and federally protected species which the federal government has recognized are in need of protection due to declining numbers. With this new direction by the non-profit organization, AWC continues to be one of the few federally permitted facilities in the state that accepts a diverse range of protected species for rehabilitation.

AWC's new mission includes reuniting healthy nestling and juveniles with their natural parents and the rehabilitation of raptors, songbirds and water birds afforded protection under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Each year, hundreds of injured eagles, hawks, owls and songbirds are found by Alabamians throughout the state. Licensed and trained experts at the Center ensure that the special needs of each patient are met throughout the rehabilitation process.

Besides a focus on releasing these animals back into the wild, AWC will continue and increase its offering of wildlife education and outreach through public programs and with free admission to their interactive nature center located in Oak Mountain State Park. The center also provides a telephone hot line and web site offering information to people who find injured or orphaned animals.

This environmental service, the public programs and the free admission to the interactive nature center are made possible by donations and annual membership dues to the non-profit organization. Although located in a state park, AWC receives no governmental funding. To learn more about the Alabama Wildlife Center, to join or to make a contribution, please visit www.awrc.org.

Audubon Teaches Nature: An Introduction to the Spiders of Alabama

Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be ready in the front observation room at the Alabama Wildlife Center. At 2:00, guests will meet at the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center for the program which begins with general announcements from Birmingham Audubon Society, Friends of Oak Mountain State Park, Oak Mountain Interpretive Center and the Alabama Wildlife Center. The announcements will be followed by the featured speaker, Mike Howell, and an informal nature walk. Alabama is blessed with a wide variety of habitats within her borders and filling every available niche are an equally diverse group of animals. Among these are the spiders. Some are found only within the dune system of the northern Gulf coast, while others are found only on certain plants. Come learn all about these spiders, and more, from an expert who literally "wrote the book." Free after Oak Mountain State Park admission.



OCTOBER 2009

HEARDMONT PARK SENIOR CENTER

Center Manager – Theresa Green

Hours: Monday – Friday 9a.m. – 3p.m.

Phone: (205)991-5742 Fax: (205)991-5657 Email: heardmontpark@hotmail.com



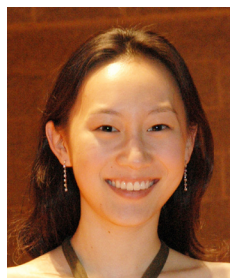
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>\$2 per person suggested meal donation – please reserve your meals in advance</i></p> <p><i>*Items indicate a nominal fee is charged</i></p>	<p>Be sure to sign up for the Chattanooga Fall Foliage Riverboat Cruise on November 3rd by Oct. 15th – only \$110 per person that includes a 4 hour tour, lunch buffet, entertainment and motorcoach transportation. Seating is limited so call Theresa soon.</p>	<p>AARP Driving Class coming on November 5th & 6th – call now to reserve your spot.</p> <p>Be sure to reserve your seat for the day trips, art class, and computer class.</p>	<p>10-11 Exercise w/Donna 11 Come Take A Walk With Me author – Brent Watson - presented by Comfort Keepers 12 Lunch *1-3 Acrylic Painting w/Edna Hodges</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beg. Line Dancing 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing 12 Lunch</p>
<p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30-12 Mah Jongg 12 Lunch 12:30-3 Canasta *7-8:30 Heardmont Squares</p>	<p>10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch 12:30 Let's Wii</p>	<p>9:00 – 12 Bridge Club 11:15 – 12 Pilates 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Lessons (Waltz)</p>	<p>*DAY TRIP – Cracker Barrel & Shopping 10a.m. – 1p.m.</p> <p>10 - 11 Exercise w/Donna 10 - 3 Games & Fellowship 12 Lunch</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beg Line Dancing 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing 12 Lunch 7p.m. – 9p.m. Harvest Dance \$4 per person at the door Music by The Tradewinds</p>
<p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30-12 Mah Jongg 12 Lunch 12:30-3 Canasta *7-8:30 Heardmont Squares</p>	<p>10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 11 Diabetes Supply Co. – free monitors/information 12 Lunch</p>	<p>*Day Trip – Apple Orchard Tour/Picking 9a.m. – 2p.m. 9:00 – 12 Bridge Club 11:15 – 12 Pilates 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Lessons (Waltz)</p>	<p>10 - 11 Exercise w/Donna 10 – 11 Fall Craft 12 Lunch & Learn – Educate Before You Medicate *1-3 Acrylic Painting w/Edna Hodges</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beg. Line Dancing 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing 12 Lunch</p>
<p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30-12 Mah Jongg 12 Lunch 12:30-3 Canasta *7-8:30 Heardmont Squares</p>	<p>Health & Wellness Expo sponsored by Brookwood Medical Center 10a.m. – 2p.m.</p> <p>No Center Meals</p>	<p>9:00 – 12 Bridge Club 11:15 – 12 Pilates 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Lessons (Waltz) 1:30 Computer Class</p>	<p>10-11 Exercise w/Donna 11 – 12 Let's Wii 12 Lunch & Learn – Be Prepared</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beg Line Dancing 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing 12 Lunch *</p>
<p>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30-12 Mah Jongg 12 Lunch 12:30-3 Canasta *7-8:30 Heardmont Squares</p>	<p>8:30-11 UAB Vision Screening 10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch</p>	<p>9:00 – 12 Bridge Club 11:15 – 12 Pilates 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Lessons (Waltz)</p>	<p>10-11 Exercise w/Donna 11 – 12 Halloween Party 12 Lunch</p>	<p>9:15-10:15 Beg. Line Dancing 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing 12 Lunch</p>

Dr. Lisa Wilson's office at 5470 Caldwell Mill Road will be hosting a candy buy back on November 1 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and November 2 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. They are offering \$1 a pound for unopened Halloween candy. The candy that is collected will then be shipped to the troops. Call 205-995-8084 for more information.

Indian Springs School Students Named Among "21 People Who Will Change the World" *submitted by Melanie Kieve, Assistant Director of Development*

Indian Springs School seniors Elliott Bell and Michelle Luo have been selected by *Portico* magazine as among "21 People Who Will Change the World." They are profiled in the Birmingham area magazine's September-October issue, which just hit newsstands.

The school's mayor (student body president) and Men's Glee Club president, Bell is also involved in politics on a wider scale — having served as campaign manager for his mother, Cindy Bell, who ran for Shelby County Commissioner, and Nick Sparks, who ran for the U.S. Congress 4th District post. An active volunteer and award-winning singer, his own career plans involve public service.



Luo is accomplished in the classroom and beyond. She earned a perfect 2400 on her SAT and is active in volunteerism, coordinating school-wide community projects and serving as president of the Schools for Schools Club (which works on projects benefiting Ugandan school children). She is also an accomplished pianist and ballerina who played the lead in a recent Birmingham Ballet performance of "Hansel and Gretel."

