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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 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
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Message from the Mayor *by Steve Zerki*

In a few short weeks, we will all be receiving our 2010 U.S. Census forms in the mail. This national census is much more important than just counting the number of people in our country. It's important to us personally since it helps determine such things as how much funding our schools and community, county and state services receive from the federal government, the numbers of representatives we have as a state in congress, where financial appropriations are made, trends in growth, etc. The bottom line is, the more people we have, the more support we receive. We all pay for that support through our taxes and we want to make sure we receive our fair share. The 2010 Census helps us do that. I encourage you to complete and mail in that census form as soon as possible.

The census only has ten questions, some of those questions have multiple parts, and it should take only about ten minutes to complete. Please complete the form and mail it in as soon as possible. Believe me, this will save us a lot of time. If you mail it in, there will be no need for a census taker to visit your home and do an interview. I'd appreciate your help and let's get counted.

Just a reminder that our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is happening on Saturday, April 3, the day before Easter and you want to be there. Volunteers will be out hiding thousands of eggs in the grass, bushes and trees at the rear of our Town Hall Park. So if you have children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces from ages zero through 12, bring them out. They can meet the Easter Bunny and get some prizes and just have fun. Even if you don't have any kids available, come on out and see the fun and meet your neighbors. The start time is 3:00 p.m. We need volunteers to spend a few minutes to hide the eggs and help with the set-up. Please call Brenda Bell-Guercio at 987-2581 to ask how you can help.

We wish you a happy spring!

Landfill “Free” Days

The “Free” days at the county landfill in 2010 will be Saturdays, April 17 and October 9. The landfill is located off of Alabama Route 70 in Columbiana. Residents, churches and civic groups will be allowed to bring their trash and household residential debris at no charge. It can't be more than a one-ton truckload. This is a great opportunity to dispose of all that spring cleanup debris.

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.

Town Council Meeting

January 19, 2010

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 Council reviewed the January 5, 2010 meeting minutes. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the December 2009 financial report. He noted that the first quarter was complete. Stauss made a motion to endorse the report as presented, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported that he spoke with Gary Ray of ALDOT. Ray has notified the contractor of the requests to restripe Highway 119 through the construction zone, reset barrels at intersections for easier ingress and egress, and to check the gravel at intersections and road shoulders for potholes. No action has been taken since Robins discussed these items with Ray, so he will contact him again.

Bell-Guercio stated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3. She will publish an article in February and March issues of *The Village Voice* to solicit volunteers. Members of Boy Scout Troop 007 who were attending the meeting offered to volunteer for the event.

Mayor Zerkis gave a follow up report regarding the wild animals discussed at the last meeting. He contacted Shelby County Animal Control who confirmed that the animal killed was a coyote with mange.

Zerkis stated he is still waiting on the Shelby County Commission to adopt the International Building Code. He noted that Vestavia voted to adopt the code with the exception of the requirement of sprinkler systems in residential buildings.

The City Clerk gave an update on business licenses. All invoices were mailed in December and approximately sixty percent of businesses have paid their license fee.

Jones reported for the PAZ. The board is reviewing building setback regulations to determine if they should be changed. A public hearing will be held at a later date.

Mendel inquired about the status of the Bishop property. Stauss responded that there are two issues. The first, a resident expressed concern that the foundation appeared too close to the property line. The City Engineer has verified that the home is 27 feet from the property line and in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The second issue is that neighborhood covenants may not allow for subdivision. All adjacent property owners were notified and some attended the zoning meetings. There was a discussion about the definition of a subdivision and a family subdivision. Mrs. Anne Bishop was present at the council meeting and stressed that they had done

everything to comply. She also noted that other residents in the neighborhood were not in compliance with things like fencing and outbuildings.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 007 from St. Mark's church attended the meeting to obtain their Citizenship in the Community and Communications badges. The scouts in attendance were: Jason Koncsuz, Life Scout; Jacob Thompson, Scout; Joseph Price, Star Scout; Evan Smith, Tenderfoot; James Barth, Scout; Lawson Mollica, Tenderfoot and Mitchell Sullivan, Scout.

The Mayor asked if there were comments from the audience. Trammell stated to Jones that he had been contacted with complaints about the outbuilding built on the Castleberry Road property. The individuals complaining stated that the building is in the front yard, not the side yard. There was discussion about the orientation of the house on the property and road easements. Mayor Zerkis will contact the City Engineer to discuss the issue.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

February 2, 2010

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. Stewart Dudley arrived at 7:05. Wayne Jones, PAZ Chair, was also present.

The Council reviewed the January 19, 2010 meeting minutes. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Jones reported for the PAZ. He has written an article for *The Village Voice* to solicit planning ideas from residents. Jones distributed copies of the plat map of the Castleberry property to the council members. The map shows Castleberry Road dead ends into the property, but the road goes beyond the property. Jones described the setbacks of the house and garage and then read from the Zoning Ordinance the definitions of front, side and rear yards. Mr. Castleberry's mailbox is located on Castleberry Road and the road is also recognized on Google maps. ISV has recognized the road and put up a street sign. Resident Bart Trammell gave the opinion that it is a shared drive. A discussion followed. Jones stated that the City Engineer had good evidence to base his decision on. Further discussion continued and included fire hydrants on private roads and fire coverage.

Robins followed up with Gary Ray of ALDOT regarding the previous request to restripe Highway 119, resetting the barrels and checking the gravel. Stauss reported that the barrels have been reset with recent paving.

Mayor Zerkis reported that a resident on Indian Forest reported pavement damage at Indian Crest and Caldwell Mill and requested a second dead end sign on Indian Forest.

Jones reported that a squirrel is chewing on the neutral electrical line again. There was a discussion about solutions, cost and related. The City Clerk will contact Alabama Power to have the damaged line replaced and request some type of guard be installed.

Mendel reported that the past biting dog issue is still unresolved. The dog is still running loose and attacking residents and animals. The Mayor read a complaint letter from a resident about the dog. Mayor Zerkis has called the owner and been to his house to discuss the issue. He will contact the Sheriff's Department and Animal Control and ask them to talk to the owner. Mayor Zerkis will also contact the owner again.

Bell-Guercio requested approval to order prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt at a cost up to \$2,500. Robins moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll call vote. Robins made a motion to approve that Bell-Guercio purchase prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt at a cost up to \$3,000. Mendel seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Mayor opened the floor for comments from residents. Peter Rish, Star Scout, of Troop 367 from Riverchase United Methodist was attending to earn his communications badge.

There was a discussion about the proposed new parking area.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Happenings

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

I'm glad to see the contractors out working along Cahaba Valley Road this past month. Even with the cold, rain, sleet and snow, there have been crews working to bury water pipe, pour concrete for culverts and drainage and lay asphalt.

I'm very glad to see the work they are doing to improve storm water flow. We have had numerous problems with minor flooding during and after a storm. Very often, the grounds of the Town Hall and neighbors' yards will be flooded. Drainage along Cahaba Valley Road would also quickly fill and flood the roadway. Several improvements have been, and continue to be, made. Thanks to the effort of our State Representative, Mary Sue McClurkin, the Town has received engineering advice and funding to improve the drainage ditch that runs through the Town Hall property. The Shelby County Highway Department, under Randy Cole, used their expertise to actually do the work efficiently. Various culverts and drainage pipes are in

the process of being installed along the north side of Cahaba Valley Road to feed water to the small lake on the south side of the roadway, which then lets it flow more gradually to Bishop's Creek. From the results of recent storms, the water seems to be moving along as it should. We will need a good "frog strangler" to test it out for us. This is a big step in the right direction.

Your Town Council has asked Chief Michael O'Connor to make an evaluation of the numbers and locations of fire hydrants in the city and report back with his findings. The basic guideline is that fire hydrants should be no more than 750 feet apart in residential areas and 500 feet apart in business areas. This is important to provide you with adequate water supply to fight a fire in your home. The North Shelby Fire District equipment can carry water in its trucks but it's a limited supply and may not be enough to handle a major fire. Fire hydrants must be available. An adequate source of water is also needed to maintain an acceptable and low cost insurance rating on your home. We will let you know what the Chief recommends.

ADEM has announced that the open burning ban will be going into effect on May 1 through the end of October for Shelby County and eleven other counties. The ban is designed to protect air quality.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Paul Ciesla
Owner: Eleanor Bennett
Address: 2620 Cahaba Valley Road
Proposed Use: Sun Room – Deck Remodel

Applicant: Henry Lambert
Owner: Herman Watts
Address: 252 Cahaba Oaks Trail
Proposed Use: Replace Exterior Dryvit with Brick

Applicant: Prime Works, Inc.
Owner: Paul Scokel
Address: 170 Pawnee Drive
Proposed Use: Kitchen Remodel

Applicant: Chantel Shamsuddin
Owner: Chantel Shamsuddin
Address: 244 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: Remodel

Thanks

The Carlton family recently lost their family pet pig, Oliver. They would like to thank all of their Indian Springs neighbors who called and searched high and low in attempting to locate him!

Eight ISS Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists

submitted by Melanie Kieve, Assistant Director of Development

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

- Richard Baxley of Birmingham
- Jack Feist of Indian Springs
- Alex Freedman of Birmingham
- Sam Gregory of Birmingham
- Michelle Luo of Vestavia Hills
- Julia McMinn of Birmingham
- Alison Newman of Birmingham
- Sunney Poyner of Hoover.



Front row - Sam Gregory, Alison Newman, Michelle Luo, Richard Baxley.
Back row - Jack Feist, Alex Freedman, Julia McMinn, Sunney Poyner

As finalists, they have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,200 National Merit® Scholarships worth more than \$36 million that will be offered this spring.

The eight 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 — representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors — were selected as National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists last fall. Approximately 15,000 semifinalists advanced to the finalist level, including all of Indian Springs' semifinalists.

Finalists were selected from the pool of semifinalists after a review of an application that included academic

records, a recommendation, SAT scores, a self-descriptive essay, and information about participation and leadership in school and community activities.

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

Bob Pollard Explains Hydroponics Method

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

The sight of red, ripe tomatoes hanging from vines reaching almost to the ceiling greeted Indian Springs Garden Club members as they approached the greenhouse on the Indian Springs School campus. Once inside, they learned about gardening by the hydroponics method as Bob Pollard explained how students grow vegetables which grace the school's dining room tables.

Biology teacher and chairman of the science department, Pollard had previously taken members on a late summer tour of the adjacent Fertile Minds Learning Gardens.

Now dormant, the gardens will soon spring to life with plants from seedlings produced in the greenhouse. He explained that the system which produces the tomatoes is the only "store bought" one in the greenhouse; the other growing



equipment being the handiwork of students. The tomato plants are set in pots filled with ground coconut husks connected to a tank containing the nutrients necessary for growth, which are dissolved in water (soil is not necessary for this method). Since there are no bees in the greenhouse, a special toothbrush is used for pollination application by hand.

For gardeners wanting to start their own at-home hydroponic projects, two pot, four pot, etc., systems are commercially available.

Members were invited to "graze" among the beds of lettuce and to sample slices of the tomatoes, which were proclaimed "delicious."

There was no February business meeting. Pruning-planting-propagation will be the topic of the March 25th meeting with Carolyn Snow, horticulturist for Aldridge Botanical Gardens, at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

2010 Alabama Youth State Wrestling Tournament Draws Nearly 500 Wrestlers



On February 20, 2010, the Tipton brothers, residents of Indian Springs Village, competed in the Alabama Youth State

Wrestling Tournament. Redding Tipton (fifth grader at Oak Mt. Intermediate) placed third in the 60 lb. Novice Division completing another outstanding year. Sullivan Tipton (second grader at Oak Mt. Elementary) became a three-time State Champion by winning a decisive 16-7 victory in the finals of the 50 lb. Intermediate Division. Finally, Camden Tipton (a five year old) placed fourth in the 40 lb. Bantam Division after finishing his first year of wrestling. All three brothers are members of Alabama Wrestling Club (AWC), which went on to sweep all four age divisions; Bantam, Intermediate, Novice and Schoolboy, and was named overall State Team Tournament Winner!

March Event Featuring Gin Phillips

by Lori Skinner, Adult Services Coordinator

Meet Gin Phillips

Author of *The Well and the Mine*

Saturday, March 13th at 2:00 p.m.

North Shelby Library, 5521 Cahaba Valley Road

Book Signing Will Follow – Free Admission

Birmingham author, Gin Phillips, will be at North Shelby Library to discuss her debut novel, *The Well and the Mine*. The winner of the Barnes & Noble Discover Prize, *The Well and the Mine* is an assured and inspiring literary debut that explores the value of community, charity, family and hope during times of hardship. Phillips will share the inspiration for the novel and sign books. Light refreshments will be served and books will be available for purchase the day of the event at the Library. For more information, call (205) 439-5500 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.

"I find it impossible to believe that *The Well and the Mine* is a debut novel. It's absolutely flawless: a beautiful, Depression-era story told without irony. I reveled in its shades of Harper Lee and Faulkner. Timeless, captivating, honest, brave and not one false move." – Suzanne Finnamore, Barnes & Noble Discover Award judge and author of *Otherwise Engaged* and *Split*.

In Memoriam

Cecilia Etheredge was born January 24, 1913 to Eb and Rose Eagar. She is survived by one brother, Thomas Eagar, two nieces, six nephews and many dear friends. "Cel" was raised in Birmingham and graduated from Woodlawn High School. She was active in Civil Defense and the American Red Cross during WWII. Cel continued her involvement in the Red Cross through December 2009, when she was hospitalized. She received numerous Red Cross awards, including National Red Cross Volunteer of the Year in 1995. In addition to at least weekly volunteering at blood drives, Cel organized the annual Alabama-Auburn blood drive for over 20 years. A funeral mass was held Friday, February 26 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. The family requests donations be made in lieu of flowers to: Shelby County Humane Society 381 McDow Road, Columbiana, AL 35051 or the American Red Cross Blood Services, 1130 22nd St. South Birmingham, AL 35205 and please donate a pint of blood to the Red Cross in her memory. (Reprinted from *The Birmingham News*)

Audubon Teaches Nature at the Alabama Wildlife Center

by Janet Byars, Development Assistant

Return of the Spring Migrants – Catching the Yucatan Express!

Sunday, 3/28/10 at 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., guests will gather in the Alabama Wildlife Center's front observation room for refreshments; the program begins at 2:00 p.m. Greg Harber of the Birmingham Audubon Society is the guest speaker. As the short and dreary days of winter lengthen into the longer sunlit days of spring, a birder's heart and soul looks forward to the return of our spring migrants! Some have traveled a great distance in their return to Alabama, while others never were very far away. Come learn which migrants are the "early birds" and which will "bring up the rear." The program ends with a nature walk within Oak Mountain State Park, so be sure to bring binoculars and field guides!

The program is free after Oak Mountain State Park admission: \$3 for adults; \$1 for children 6 to 12 and for senior citizens 62 or older. Call 663-7930 for more information.

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 sessions on the 1st Sunday of each month, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

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

Special Programming

Mondays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th – 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.

Spring Break Activities

Monday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. Movie: “Lady and the Tramp”. Embark on a thrilling adventure with the most unforgettable characters: Lady, a lovingly pampered cocker spaniel; Tramp, a mutt from across the tracks with a heart of gold; Jock and Trusty, Lady’s best friends; and Si and Am, two of the most devious cats to prowl across the screen. All ages. Snacks served.

Tuesday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m. Craft: Handprint Leprechaun. Get in the St. Patty’s Day spirit by making this super cute leprechaun with your own handprint. All ages. Registration required. Registration begins March 2nd. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, March 17th at 2:00 p.m. Movie: “The Wizard of Oz”. Join Dorothy and Toto as they go on an exciting adventure into the land of Oz – a mythical land full of witches and flying monkeys. All ages. Snacks served.

Thursday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. Craft: Hop On In Door Hanger. Come make this charming craft that is sure to make everyone who sees it feel welcome. All ages. Registration required. Registration begins March 2nd. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Friday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. Movie: “Inkheart”. A young girl discovers her father has an amazing talent to bring characters out of their books and must try to stop a freed villain from destroying them all, with the help of her father, her aunt and a storybook’s hero. All ages. Snacks served.

Wednesday, March 24th – 1 p.m.: “Homeschool Hangout: Artistic Exploration”. Explore the work of three masters and create one of your own. Ages 8-12. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Mondays, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd - 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.: Stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts make up a lively 30 minute program designed especially for short attention spans. Registration will begin one week 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, March 9th and 23rd – 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 two weeks prior to program date. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 10:45 a.m. Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story Time

Thursdays, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 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

Monday, March 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we discuss Mark Twain’s *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Discussion guide will be available in the Teen Department or on the website. Snacks served. For more information, call (205) 439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.

Monday, March 15th @ 6:00 p.m. Spring Break Movie Night!!! Join us to watch Star Trek and have some "out of this world" snacks! For more information, call (205) 439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.

Thursday, March 18th @ 6:00 p.m. Spring Break Teen Craft Night!!! Join us for some "crafty" fun! We will working with altered book art to create your own journal or scrapbook. Bring in any photos that you may want to use in your art project and get ready to be creative! For more information, call (205) 439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.

Monday, March 29th @ 6:00 p.m. Teen Writer’s Club/ Teen Advisory Group. This group is for aspiring writers and people who want to improve their writing skills. Bring what you are working on to share with fellow members and offer suggestions for other works. Also, you can earn community service credit by participating with our Teen Advisory Group. Pizza and drinks served. Call or email Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Teen Book Pick of the Month - *Truancy* by Isamu Fukui

Some kids were rebellious...In an alternate world, in a nameless totalitarian city, the autocratic Mayor rules the school system with an iron fist. Fighting against the Mayor and his repressive Educators is a group of former students called the Truancy, whose goal is to take down the system by any means possible—at any cost.

Fifteen-year-old Tack is just trying to survive. His days are filled with sadistic teachers, unrelenting schoolwork and indifferent parents. Things start to look up when he meets Umasi, a mysterious boy who becomes Tack’s mentor.

Then, someone close to Tack gets killed in the crossfire between the Educators and the Truants and he swears vengeance. To achieve his purpose, he abandons his old life and joins the Truancy looking for an opportunity to confront Zyid, its enigmatic leader. But Tack soon finds himself torn between his desire for revenge and his growing sympathy for the Truants... (From Product Description)

The Month of March – 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!

Town Hall Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2010
12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Location: Family Connection, Inc.



Sponsored by:

Shelby County Drug Free Coalition
and
Family Connection, Inc.

Made possible with support from:
Shelby County Commission
Shelby County Schools
Shelby County Sheriff's Office

Coalition Leadership
The Coalition is chaired by
Jim Kramer, Shelby County
Juvenile Court Judge

The **mission** of the Coalition is to promote the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse among youth through education, awareness and action to enable communities to achieve their greatest potential

Join Our Efforts

The coalition has an open membership policy with no membership fee

For information on the Coalition contact:

Carol Williams
Project Coordinator
205-663-6301 ext. 208
carolwilliams@charterinternet.com

Knowledge is Power...
become informed about patterns of drug and alcohol use among Shelby County youth

Shelby County Drug Free Coalition



The Coalition is a volunteer group representing education, law enforcement, mental health, substance abuse professionals, nonprofit agencies, businesses, faith-based groups and concerned parents and citizens. We work together to prevent substance abuse among the children and youth in our community.

Current projects include:

- Awareness campaign concerning the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medications;
- Parent education focusing on raising drug-free children;
- Providing "No-Smoking" signage for athletic fields/parks and school campuses.

www.shelbycountdrugfreecoalition.org

The Purpose of the Town Hall Meeting

- Increase understanding and awareness of underage drinking
- Encourage individuals and families to help us address this problem

The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents, teachers, officials and other community members to voice their concerns and suggest ideas for preventing underage drinking.

Did You Know?

- 8.6% of 6th-8th graders report monthly alcohol use and use increases to 28.5% for 9th-12th graders
- 30.9% of 6th-8th graders report that they have easy or very easy access to alcohol and access increases to 62.3% for 9th-12th graders
- 6th-8th graders report that they first used alcohol at age 11

Keynote Speaker: Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb

Justice Cobb is dedicated to making the lives and conditions of Alabama's children and youth a top priority in our great State.

Moderator

Andrea Lindenberg,
NBC13

Panelists:

- Sheriff Chris Curry
- Superintendent Randy Fuller
- District Attorney Robbie Owens
- Juvenile Court Judge Jim Kramer
- ABC Agent Robert Gautney
- Adriane Ireland, Therapist

Informational Booths:

- Department of Public Health
- Bradford Health Services
- Chilton-Shelby Mental Health
- MADD Alabama
- Shelby County Drug Free Coalition

Town Hall Meeting: Stop Underage Drinking

Monday, March 29, 2010
12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Booths Open at 12:00 PM

Location: Family Connection

Directions from Alabaster/I-65:

- Travel south on Highway 31
- Turn left onto County Road 26
- Travel 3.3 miles and turn left at the Family Connection sign
- Follow signs to the Counseling Center

Directions from Columbiana:

- Travel south on Highway 70
- Turn right onto County Road 26
- Travel 6 miles and turn right at the Family Connection sign
- Follow signs to the Counseling Center

For more information contact:

Susan Johnston
Family Connection, Inc.
(205) 663-6301 ext. 201
Email:
shelbyyouth@charterinternet.com

Business License Update

submitted by Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

New 2010 licenses have been issued to Blair Building and Remodeling, DriverTech, Eagle Ridge Construction, Landscape Workshop, Mike Barefoot Carpentry, Prime Works, ProBuild, Inc., Small Engine Repair and White Systems. As of March 1, the following businesses have renewed their license for 2010: Alagasco, Alan Thompson, Birmingham Water, Davis Design, Davis Plumbing, Dollar Tree, Ener Dyne, Higginbotham Oil, J L Auto Sales, Sanpeggio's Pizza, Shook & Fletcher, Strozier Construction, U. S. Nails and Vulcan Insulation. Curtain Call Fabrics and Slappay Telephone have notified us they will not be renewing their license. Airwave Recording Studio, G&L Underground, Haute Kitsch, James E. Roberts, Movie Gallery and Selco Cleaners are delinquent.

Alabama Wildlife Center Works with Florida Facility to Return Peregrine Falcon to the Skies

A peregrine falcon that was found in Fairfield, AL will be transferred to a facility in Florida for flight reconditioning this week. The falcon was found on the ground in early October and brought to the Alabama Wildlife Center where it has been recovering from a fractured wing. Peregrine falcons are noted for their amazing speed and can exceed 200 miles per hour in aerial pursuits of prey.

17th Annual ISV Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 3, 2010
3:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

All children through the age of 12
are invited!

Bring your own baskets and be ready
to hunt for eggs, trinkets,
candy & cash prizes!

In case of rain, please stop by between
3 & 4 p.m. to pick up a "Goody Bag"

Volunteers are still needed in the
morning to set up and during the
hunt. Please call Brenda Bell-Guercio
at 987-2581 to volunteer.



March 2010

Heardmont Park Senior Center

5452 Cahaba Valley Road—Birmingham, AL 35242

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Hours: Monday—Friday 9a.m.—3p.m.



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 1 10:30—12 Dominoes 11:30—3 Canasta 12 Lunch | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 2 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch w/Tom Sawyer Rdg 1-3 Let's Wii | 9-12 Bridge Club 3 11-11:45 Pilates w/Ellen 11:30—3 Rummikub 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Dancing—Fox Trot | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 4 12 Lunch 12:15 Dr. French—How To Stay Young Your First 100 Years *1-3 Acrylic Art Class | 9:30-10:30 Intermediate 5 Line Dancing 10:30-11:30 Beginning Line 11:30-3 Brown Bag Lunch & Board/Card Games |
| 9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 8 9:30—12 Mah Jongg 10:30—12 Dominoes 11:30—3 Canasta 12 Lunch | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 9 11-12 Bible Study 11:30 New Beacon Blood Pressure/ Blood Sugar Clinic 12 Lunch w/Tom Sawyer Rdg 1-3 Let's Wii | 9-12 Bridge Club 10 11-11:45 Pilates w/Ellen 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Dancing—Fox Trot | Quarterly Carry In Luncheon with Business Meeting 11:00a.m. Bring a covered dish to share Entertainment provided by Harrison Regional Library | ASO Coffee Concert 12 *7-9 Spring Dance - Music by Wolfgang Sponsored by Town Village |
| 9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 15 9:30—12 Mah Jongg 11:30—3 Canasta 10-3 Buds Best Cookies Tour w/ Lunch at Taziki's | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 16 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch w/Tom Sawyer Rdg 1-3 Let's Wii | 9-12 Bridge Club 17 11-11:45 Pilates w/Ellen 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch w/St. Patrick's Trivia Contest *1-2 Ballroom Dancing—Fox Trot | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 18 12 Lunch 1-2 Coupon Class 101 *1-3 Acrylic Art Class | 9:30-10:30 Intermediate 19 Line Dancing 10:30-11:30 Beginning Line 11:30-3 Brown Bag Lunch & Board/Card Games |
| 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 22 9:30-12 Mah Jongg 10:30-12 Dominoes 11:30-3 Canasta 12 Lunch | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 23 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch w/Tom Sawyer Rdg 1-3 Let's Wii 10:30 The Egg & I Outing | 9-12 Bridge Club 24 11-11:45 Pilates w/Ellen 11 Computer Class—Basic Skills 11:30-3 Rummikub *1-2 Ballroom Dancing—Fox Trot | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 25 11:15 Seasoned Performers— Conversations from Tom Sawyer 12 Lunch | 9:30-10:30 Intermediate 26 Line Dancing 10:30-11:30 Beginning Line 11:30-3 Brown Bag Lunch & Board/Card Games |
| 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 29 9:30-12 Mah Jongg 10:30-12 Dominoes 11:30-3 Canasta 12 Lunch | 10-11 Workout w/Donna 30 11 Tom Sawyer Finale w/ Harrison Regional Library 12 Lunch w/Tom Sawyer Rdg 1-3 Let's Wii | 9-12 Bridge Club 31 11-11:45 Pilates w/Ellen 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Dancing—Fox Trot | Zumba Gold is coming in April—\$5 per class-Fridays at 9:00a.m. Call for info | \$2 per person suggested lunch donation-be sure to reserve your meal with Theresa *indicates nominal fee |