

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1, 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 Zerkis*

I invite you to attend one of the public information sessions that Chief Michael O'Connor and his staff will be conducting at the Town Hall in May. He is leading the effort to create a volunteer Community Action Team (CAT) in ISV to assist other residents in times of need. There is more information about this excellent program in this issue. I hope you will find the time to attend one of the two sessions.

The contractor is actually laying asphalt on Highway 119...really! We've been assured that the bulk of the roadwork will be completed by the end of April. The permanent striping and landscaping will begin in May. It will be wonderful to see those orange barrels finally disappear.

Memorial Day is this month. Please remember that this not a celebration, but let's all enjoy the day. We are commemorating the ultimate sacrifice made by men and women in uniform in various wars and engagements both hot and cold. They helped give us the freedoms we now enjoy. As a reminder, the US flag is to be flown at half staff until noon on Memorial Day.

If your Oak Mountain High School student drives and parks their car on Copena Drive, please ask them not to do so. Copena is a quiet residential street located behind the high school. Lately, a number of students have been using it as their parking lot to get to school. They are blocking school bus stops, trespassing on restricted property and generally causing the street to be unsafe for the residents and their small children. OMHS Principal Joan Doyle believes they are mostly 10th graders and we are asking the Sheriff's department to look into the situation. The residents on Copena would appreciate your help.

Well, spring has finally arrived with all of its green leaves and yellow pollen. Time to get out and enjoy this wonderful season.



2010  
*Easter Egg Hunt*  
*Photos Inside!*

# Town Council Meeting

March 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 except Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley. Wayne Jones, PAZ Chair, was also present.

The Council reviewed the February 16, 2010 meeting minutes. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously. Chief Mike O'Connor of the North Shelby Fire District presented a formal request to the Council for review and approval of the purchase and installation of eleven fire hydrants within the city limits. O'Connor also presented a map of the City showing existing and proposed fire hydrant locations. Bell-Guercio made a motion to proceed with obtaining bids for the purchase and installation of eight new fire hydrants in the city. Robins seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported on the Highway 119 turn-lane project. Per Gary Ray of ALDOT, the contractor has completed replacement of the water line, and related drainage and flume work.

Robins spoke with an Alabama Power representative regarding intersection lighting on Highway 119. He presented two commercial lighting brochures. The pricing is monthly and ranges from \$10 to \$60 per light. Alabama Power assumes all responsibility for each fixture. There is a display yard near the Shelby County Airport that Robins plans to visit. An article will be placed in *The Village Voice* to notify residents that decorative lighting is being considered for certain intersections on Highway 119.

Robins got pricing for a new dumpster contract from Moore Coal Company. The fee would be \$50 for every other week pick up. Zerkis will speak with WMI.

Bell-Guercio gave an update on the Easter Egg Hunt. She has confirmed the Easter Bunny, and Dunkin Doughnuts will donate free doughnut coupons for the kids participating.

O'Connor stated that a new bill has been passed by the Alabama Congress and Senate that restricts local government from amending the International Building Code and has gone to the Governor for approval. A discussion followed.

Ben Jones presented a proposal for his Eagle Scout project to the Council for approval. He would like to install bollards around the flag pole area. Mendel would like the project to be done in conjunction with the new parking lot. The City will pay for the materials and Jones will provide the free labor. Robins will coordinate with Jones. Resident Bart Trammell stated he would also like to present a proposal for the installation of bollards. Robins made a motion to approve the plan in principle, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Scouts Jeff Bannon, Sam Sheirod and Robert Mann of Troop 96 attended the meeting to earn their Citizenship in the Community badge.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

# Town Council Meeting

March 16, 2010

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Councilman Stauss called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. Only Council members Brian Stauss and Jack Mendel were present.

Mendel discussed the February financial report. He noted that Regions is now charging a \$20 analysis fee on each of the City's accounts. The Alagasco franchise fee was considerably below budget.

A resident reported the bridge on Indian Trail was stopped up with logs and debris. Stauss will notify Robins.

A resident of Valley View Road stated that a rotted utility pole was replaced by Alabama Power some time ago. The Charter Cable lines need to be moved to the new pole before the AT&T lines can be moved. Both sets of lines are hanging low and retaining water, causing service outages. The resident has made multiple calls to Charter Cable with no action. Stauss will contact Charter.

Another resident asked the status of the new fire hydrants that are to be installed and asked if they would have to pay for them. The City is paying for the purchase and installation of the new fire hydrants.

Councilman Stauss adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

# Town Council Meeting

April 6, 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 Jack Mendel. Stewart Dudley arrived at 7:10 p.m.

The Council reviewed the March 2 and March 16 meeting minutes. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins reported on the Highway 119 turn-lane project. Per Gary Ray's secretary, all major work should be completed this month. Robins also spoke with Scott Holladay regarding his request letter to repave

approximately 5.5 miles of road within ISV. Holladay responded that because of budget limitations, he could not do anything within ISV except for the roads and portions of roads for which the City is responsible. Of the roads requested to be paved in 2010-2011, only two, Old Post Road and Oak Mountain Trail, are completely the responsibility of ISV. The County was asked to include these two roads in their current paving at an estimated cost of \$22,000. There are sufficient funds in the Road Fund accounts to cover the cost of paving. Bell-Guercio inquired if it would be done by the County or a contractor. Robins said all the County work is bid out and will be performed by a contractor.

Bell-Guercio made a motion to suspend the rules. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll call vote. Bell-Guercio made a motion to pursue the County repaving the two roads we are responsible for – Old Post Road and Oak Mountain Trail – subject to approval of bid. Robins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bell-Guercio reported that the Easter Egg Hunt went well. Mayor Zerkis thanked Bell-Guercio for a great job. Bell-Guercio thanked all those that volunteered.

Stauss noted that the chipped corner of the glass top covering the conference room table needs to be repaired.

Chief O'Connor asked what the weight limit is on the bridge at Signal Trail and Rockford Road. Robins will contact the County to find out.

Chief O'Connor stated that the fire hydrant install was less than expected. The cost is \$2,700 per hydrant. The City of Pelham said there is a \$2,000 impact fee per hydrant. O'Connor noted that fire districts do not pay this fee; it is intended for building contractors when new subdivisions are built. He has discussed the matter with the Pelham fire chief and Mayor Zerkis has discussed it with Mayor Murphy of Pelham. Zerkis also spoke with Mayor Niven of Chelsea. They added 88 hydrants to the county water system and did not pay any impact fees. Once the project is approved, the City of Pelham will get permits from the State.

O'Connor confirmed that a resident comment at the last meeting was taken out of context. The fire department does not like to shut down major roads, but life saving is priority.

Robins has not been to the APCo lighting yard yet. Gavin Stockli of APCo has given him locations of decorative lighting nearby. Chief O'Connor asked if the state has limitations on what can be put up. Robins responded that these fixtures are approved and APCo will handle the permitting.

Mayor Zerkis noted that since the Highway 119 project is near completion, the Council needs to look at the parking lot and landscape redesign and consider completing it this summer.

Mayor Zerkis gave an update on the 2010 Census. As of last week, ISV has the highest percentage of surveys

completed and mailed. There was discussion about residents not receiving the forms. Zerkis will contact the local census office to see if we can get forms to distribute to residents.

The Fourth of July Celebration plans are underway. There was discussion about the DJ and how the music needs to be played. Bell-Guercio will contact him and see if he is interested and willing to follow the requested format. She will also check with the Garden Club about doing the centerpieces and see if they want a booth. Mayor Zerkis would like a Boy or Girl Scout to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Robins will contact Jim and Nick's to request a quote for the catering.

Stauss stated that the Kubota hasn't been used for over a year since Bobby's Lawn Care has been cutting the grass as we no longer have volunteers to do that work. Cahaba Tractor said it was worth approximately \$5,000. They can sell it at 10% commission. He would like to offer it to ISV residents first, but will need to check the Code of Alabama for the process to dispose of an unused City asset.

Stauss also reported that he has been doing some web design for the Alabama Woodworkers Guild. It has different navigation than what we currently have and also has a photo gallery on the home page. He asked that the Council review it and see if there are elements they would like to incorporate into the City's new website. A discussion followed.

Mayor Zerkis noted that the Statement of Economic Interest is due by April 30. It can be completed on line. He asked that all council members complete it and forward a copy to the City Clerk for her records.

Zerkis spoke with the Waste Management representative regarding the dumpster. They have agreed to \$39 per month plus taxes for every other week pick up. The WM representative said we have a 36 month contract to which Zerkis responded that the City Clerk is not authorized to enter into contracts on the City's behalf. Chief O'Connor noted that the City is tax-exempt.

A resident referred to the recent article in *The Village Voice* about proposed intersection lighting and asked for reflectors at Indian Trail.

Ben Jones presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout project to be done in June. Jones stated he owned all the required tools and only adults will operate the power equipment. The Council reviewed the proposal and discussed it. They asked that Jones follow up on a few items and report back at the next meeting.

Bell-Guercio motioned to suspend the rules. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll-call vote. Robins made a motion to approve the proposal up to three benches, eight bollards and up to \$2,000 expense and have Ben Jones supply the labor. Bell-Guercio seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

# News and Events at the Alabama Wildlife Center

by Janet Byars, Development Assistant

## Baby Bird Season is Here!

Next Volunteer Orientation Sessions:

- Sunday, 5/2/10, 1-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 6/6/10, 1-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 7/11/10, 1-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 8/1/10, 1-4:00 p.m.

Visitors can observe injured or orphaned baby birds being cared for in the baby bird nursery, solarium and raptor flight cages through one-way glass viewing windows.

Free after Oak Mountain State Park admission: \$3 for adults; \$1 for children 6 to 12 and for senior citizens 62 or older.

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## You're invited to a Baby Bird Shower at the Alabama Wildlife Center

Saturday, 05/08/10 (Mother's Day is Sunday)

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Visit [awrc.org](http://awrc.org) for our Baby Bird Wish List and other ways to "Chirp In & Help Alabama's Baby Birds".

Bring a Gift (go to [www.awrc.org](http://www.awrc.org) for list)

Wildlife Presentations

Charitable Donation Raffles

Children's Activities

Guided Tours of Treetop Nature Trail

**Purchase T-shirts, Homemade Goodies & More!**

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**WE'RE EXPECTING!** Up to 900 baby birds will arrive at the Alabama Wildlife Center this season. Come join in the fun and bring a gift! There are many ways to "Chirp In & Help Alabama's Baby Birds":

**Go shopping** — Purchase and donate needed items (go to [www.awrc.org](http://www.awrc.org) for list).

**Volunteer** — Animal Care volunteer orientation held monthly (Sundays 1-4:00 p.m.: May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1). Call 205-663-7930, ext. 3, for other volunteer opportunities.

**Become a member** — Help preserve and protect Alabama's precious natural heritage with your annual dues.

**Give what you can** — Express your love for wildlife by making a donation in any amount. Our monthly animal care expenses double during baby bird season. As funding increases, so does our ability to help more creatures.

Orientation registration, memberships and donations can be made in person at the Alabama Wildlife Center or online: [www.awrc.org](http://www.awrc.org). The Alabama Wildlife Center is a 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

# Garden Club Holds Plant "Sale" Among Members

by Ruth Goodwyn,  
Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club



While members of the Indian Springs Garden Club have had plant exchanges in the past, it was decided that the

April meeting would be a plant sale among each other (with proceeds going to the garden club) and it turned out to be a big success. Many brought more than the requested two plants. Members left with their new plants after depositing \$175.00 to the treasury which will help cover miscellaneous expenses such as speakers' fees and the yearbook.

Liz Alosi was welcomed as a new member and two visitors also attended the plant exchange held at the Pavilion on the grounds of the Town Hall on a beautiful Thursday evening. Delicious food was enjoyed, prepared by Jennie Pittman, Liz Eich and Carol McBride.

A tour of Petals From the Past at Jemison is scheduled for the May meeting and a tour of three local gardens will take place on June 5. The tour will include member Nola Stans' flower garden, Jimmy Williams' vegetable garden (on Valley View), concluding at the home of John and club president Patsy Strozier where refreshments will be served. Possibly other gardens will be added later.

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## Audubon Teaches Nature at the Alabama Wildlife Center:

Swamp Life at Ebenezer

Sunday, 5/23/10, 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. and ends with a nature walk within the park, so be sure to bring binoculars and field guides!

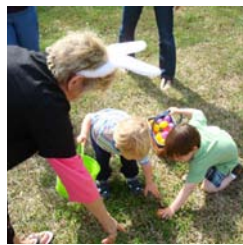
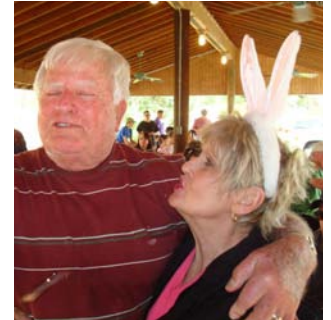
Ebenezer Swamp is a typical hardwood swamp familiar to many Birmingham area birders. A boardwalk through the heart of the swamp offers great views of the community and its myriad inhabitants, including a rich variety of bird life. The University of Montevallo's Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve's goal is to focus greater research on wetland ecology and to increase educational opportunities for area high school and middle school students.

Free after Oak Mountain State Park admission: \$3 for adults; \$1 for children 6 to 12 and for senior citizens 62 or older.

# 2010 Indian Springs Village Annual Easter Egg Hunt

by Brenda Bell-Guercio, Councilmember

Luck shone on our Easter Egg Hunt as the sun broke through the clouds and fair weather prevailed. I really need to thank the few brave die-hard volunteers who showed up in the rain early Saturday morning to set up and hide eggs. We were working on faith that the rain would end before time for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and our prayers were answered! Thanks also to the volunteers who helped that afternoon with the Hunt. We had a very good turnout, including a visit from the Easter Bunny himself! The kids all seemed to have fun and liked all their trinkets and candy. A special "Thanks" to Dr. Lisa Wilson for donating several hundred eggs filled with candy and surprises and to Dunkin Donuts for donating several hundred coupons for free donuts. The donuts coupons were gone before you knew it, but they have promised to give us more for our Fourth of July function, so those of you who missed out at Easter can have another chance!



*2010 ISV Easter Egg Hunt*



# A Shaggy Dog Story

by Dr. Andrew J. Rózsa, Villager

Those of you who don't like dogs, stop right here and skip this column. This is a shaggy dog story, both figuratively and literally. Well, kinda. You will see why. Tonight I got a phone call from a sweet lady a couple of miles from our house and she tells me "I have got your dogs in the basement." I input her address in my car's GPS and drive over there. Here come my pooches, strutting, proud as they can be with large bones in their mouths. Grrrr... I thought I had the fenced-in yard terrier-proofed. Apparently, they dug a hole under the fence, half-way-to-China-deep, and got out. Wanderlust, I guess, since they are both "fixed" so there is no mating-call to worry about. They just went exploring. This is the third time in the last 2 weeks. Today I finished lining the bottom of the fence with chicken wire (dogs hate the feel of metal when they try to dig), so it won't happen again, but that's not what this story is about.

Each time they got out, I got half a dozen phone calls from Cahaba Oaks Trail, Auburn Road, Jasmine Hill Road, Valley View Drive... the dogs have their names and our phone number on brass name-plates on their collars. People would say, "I got your dogs, fed them, but I went to get water and they disappeared." I would go looking for them, no sign of them anywhere, except maybe another lady or gent working in their garden telling me that they saw the dogs sauntering in "that" direction. Never had to ask them. They knew. Must have been my distraught face. I am a slow learner, you see.

I walked and drove through parts of the Village I have only seen on the map. After living more than 22 years in the Willow Ridge area, I never knew that Auburn Road opened up from Arrowhead Lane. Maybe it is the time of the year, but I felt like I was in paradise. Blooming young trees, bright grass, old shady trees, no two houses alike, flowers and flowering shrubs everywhere, the wonderful redolent fragrance of spring in the air, and the world's most friendly people one can imagine.

I have waved at folks thousands of times to or from work in the years we have lived here, most of the time not even knowing who the people were, except they were by the side of the road chatting with a neighbor, walking a dog, or ambling on a horse. It occurred to me that this was like being in my wife's small town in the panhandle of Florida (maybe 2,000 people): quiet, slow, friendly, beautiful, safe and feeling like home. Yet, we are a 20-minute drive from a metro area of over 1 million inhabitants, some of the best hospitals and medical care in the country, the amenities all big cities have, and no more than 4 hours of driving distance from some incredible mountain vistas and some of the most beautiful beaches anywhere. As I drop down from Indian Crest Drive onto Willow Ridge Drive, the panorama of the mist-covered hills in front of me reminds me of the most coveted mountain trips we took from Los Angeles to Lake Arrowhead or Big Bear Lake, a 130-mile trip that takes Los Angelinos 3 hours of driving.

I started thinking... maybe some of the folks who live in Indian Springs are so used to being here they don't

realize how fortunate we are. I have lived in large cities all my life – with the exception of the graduate school years in Tallahassee, Florida. I will tell you here and now, there is no place in any of them like Indian Springs Village – not in Europe, not in America.

Here comes the rest of the shaggy part: my dogs are Sándor and Tisza. Both are American Pit Bull Terriers (APBTs). He is 2 1/2, white with brindle light brown patches. Tisza is 7 months old, solid caramel, with a white crest in her nose and chest and white booties. They are the most affectionate dogs in the world. They love people and other dogs more than they like to eat. They have never met a stranger, as people who have met them will tell you. Don't believe any of the horror stories you hear or see in the hysterical media. APBTs used to be called "The Nanny Dogs" because they love children and love people. Mine are extremely well trained, properly socialized, disciplined and listen attentively to their alphas. Just say "Sit" or "Lie down" and they do.

"I think pit bulls get a bad rap. They are affectionate, smart, loyal, keep you safe. Treat them right. Don't lie to them." – Agent Gibbs in "NCIS," Season 6, Episode 18, March 17, 2009.

Unfortunately (for you), my dogs won't be seen running around anymore after the scare I got in the last two weeks. But I shouldn't have worried... after all, we live in Indian Springs Village, as close to paradise as possible on this earth. We are truly blessed and I feel privileged to be a Villager.

I came to the south 38 years ago and my friends from Los Angeles still ask, "When are you coming back home?" I tell them, "I AM home."

## Indian Springs School to Hold 'Summer at Springs' Enrichment Program *submitted by Melanie Kieve, Assistant Director of Development*

Summer at Springs — the summer enrichment program at Indian Springs School — is slated for June 7-18.

Courses will include PSAT/SAT Preparation and Drivers Education classes for high school students. Other courses, geared toward middle school students, will include Chess, Creative Writing/Visual Arts, Culinary Arts, Drama, Fishing, Math Enrichment, Photography and Wetlands Ecology. One-week and two-week classes will be offered.

For more information, contact Director of Admission E.T. Brown at (205) 332-0561 or [ebrown@indiansprings.org](mailto:ebrown@indiansprings.org).

## Update

Bart Trammell's daughter, April, contacted us to say that her dad completed almost three weeks of physical and occupational therapy at Lakeshore and was released, ahead of schedule, on Saturday, April 24. He must wear a back and neck brace for the time being, and continue his therapy, but is grateful to be at home.

# Oak Mountain High School Concert Bands Perform at Carnegie Hall

By Corinne Alcazar, NBC13.com



Students from two concert bands from Oak Mountain High School recently participated in a once in a lifetime opportunity - to play on the famed stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City. The two bands attended the 2010 National Invitational Band and Orchestra Festival on April 2. They represented two of eighteen bands that were invited to perform at this year's event.

The Oak Mountain High School Symphonic Band, under the direction of Associate Director of Bands Kevin Ownby, took the stage first with performances of *Kirkpatrick Fanfare* and *Song for Lyndsay*, both by Andrew Boysen, and *Summer Dances* by Brian Bamages. The Oak Mountain High School Wind Ensemble performed next under the leadership of Director of Bands Jim

Duren. They performed *Rocky Point Holiday* by Ron Nelson, *Movement for Rosa* by Mark Camhouse and *Russian Easter Overture* by Nickolai Rimsky-Korsakov (arrangement by Tohru Takahashi).

The band was evaluated by nationally recognized adjudicators Craig Kirchoff (Professor of Conducting and Director of University Bands at the University of Minnesota); Charles Peltz (Director of Wind Ensembles at the New England Conservatory of Music); Frank Battisti (Conductor Emeritus of the New England Conservatory of Music); H. Robert Reynolds (Principal Conductor of the Wind Ensemble at the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California and Past Director of University of Michigan Bands for 26 years). Both bands were given high praise for their performances. *Information from Shelby County Schools*



## Former Olympian Visits Oak Mountain Elementary School

by Jeanette Darby, Oak Mountain Elementary School Principal

On Tuesday, March 9, Jennifer Chandler visited Oak Mountain Elementary as the keynote speaker for the "Celebration of Champions" assembly. Mrs. Chandler spoke to the students about what it is like to be a champion, stressing the fact that "Winners never quit and quitters never win." The students were celebrating test scores, the conclusion of many philanthropic activities and a variety of other school highlights. Mrs. Chandler spoke to the second and third graders. She then walked down the kindergarten and first grade hallways to show them her Olympic gold medal she won for spring board diving.

Former Oak Mountain Olympians, including Beth Olive, returned for the assembly to hear the US Olympian speak.



Jennifer Chandler shows students her gold medal, awarded to her at the 1976 Olympics which were held in Montreal. She was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.



Jennifer Chandler and Beth Olive

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

## Announcements:

**Summer Reading is almost here! We have all kinds of great programs and activities scheduled for this year's Summer Reading program, "Make a Splash" at your library. Some of these include jugglers, cows, magicians, movies, crafts and more!**

- **Summer Reading Early Registration – May 17th - 23rd.** Come by the Children's Department to pre-register for our Summer Reading Program. Children will receive a special prize for registering during this time. No phone registration, please.
- **Summer Reading Regular Registration – May 24th – July 13th.** No phone registration, please.

## Special Programming

**Mondays, May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th – 3:15-4:15pm: "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.

**Tuesday, May 4th – 4:00 p.m.: "Craft – #1 Mom Photo Frame".** Show Mom how much you love her by making her this very special photo frame. Registration begins April 20th. 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.

**Wednesday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m.: "Homeschool Hangout: End of School Party".** Join us as we celebrate the end of the school year with games and snacks. 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.

**Saturday, May 22nd – 2:00-3:30 p.m.: "Family Movie Day – Astro Boy".** Join Astro Boy, a young robot with incredible powers, as he embarks on a journey in search of acceptance. All ages. Snacks served. No registration required.

## Story-Time Programming

**Toddler Tales – Mondays, May 3rd, 10th and 17th – 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, May 11th and 25th – 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, May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 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, May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 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 Book Club – May 15 @ 11:00 a.m.**

The Teen Book Club will meet at Books-a-Million at Brook Highland, located off of Hwy. 280, to suggest new books for the collection. Call Lori or Katie at 439-5512 or email [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Teen Writer's Club/Teen Advisory Group – May 15 @ 11:00 a.m.**

It's time for our annual trip to Books-a-Million at Brook Highland, located off of Hwy. 280! We want you to suggest new books for the collection. Call or email Katie or Lori at 439-5512 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Teen Book Pick of the Month – Taken by Edward Bloor** Starred Review. Bloor (Tangerine) shows top form with a gripping novel, set 30 years in the future, that works as both a thriller and a commentary on the dangerously growing gap between America's rich and poor. Thirteen-year-old Charity Meyers lives with her father, a dermatologist whose wealth has survived the World Credit Crash, and her stepmother, a noxious vidscreen personality. Despite all the precautions within the Meyers' high-security housing development, Charity is kidnapped on New Year's Day 2036—the taken of the title, also a chess allusion to a didn't-see-it-coming plot twist. Because child-snatching is a major growth industry in South Florida, Charity has been trained to handle the stress and she knows what should happen. Within 24 hours, her parents will empty their home vault of its currency, and she will be freed. Pacing the narrative so readers can feel the clock ticking, the author fills in Charity's back story—the ironic death of her mother to skin cancer, her days at satschool, where education comes beamed in from an elite Manhattan academy, her home run by Albert and Victoria, the butler and maid whose very names are regulated by Royal Domestic Services. Bloor, whose gimlet-eyed view of modern society has occasionally pushed his narratives to extremes, reigns in the satire to concoct a plausible-enough scenario of the not-too-distant future, adding just the right measure of consciousness-raising in the dialogue between Charity and a teenage abductor. Deftly constructed, this is as riveting as it is thought-provoking. Ages 12-up. (*From Publishers Weekly*)

**The Month of May – 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!

## Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Mike Trettel  
Owner: Holland McGinnis  
Address: 525 McGuire Road  
Proposed Use: Remodel – Siding

Applicant: Case Remodeling  
Owner: Dennis Horne  
Address: 245 Cahaba Oaks Trail  
Proposed Use: Remodel – Roof Repair

## Surplus Equipment for Sale

by Brian Stauss, Councilmember

The City has contracted out the mowing and general upkeep of the Town Hall property and entrances to the City. We have several pieces of lawn maintenance equipment for sale as they are no longer needed. The items include:

- Kubota G1900 lawn tractor. 54" deck with hydraulic lift. 18 hp, 3 cyl. diesel, approximately 450 hours. Purchased new 8 or 9 years ago. Excellent condition. Serviced by Cahaba Tractor. Always garaged. \$5,000.
- Stihl BG65 gas blower. Purchased new 2007. Like new condition. \$100.
- MTD high wheel push mower. Briggs & Stratton engine. Fair condition. Free to a good home.

The equipment will be available for inspection on Saturday, May 15 from 2-3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Pavilion. Payment only by cash or cashier's check. All items sold as is. Contact Brian Stauss at 987-9997 or [brian@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:brian@indianspringsvillage.org) for more information.



## In Memoriam

**ALLETA STEVENS LOWE**, 89, of Indian Springs Village, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 18, 2010. She was born on October 18, 1920 in Noxapater, Mississippi to the late James Vernon Stevens and Mary Eula Blackwood Stevens. A member of Indian Springs First Baptist Church for almost 40 years, she was formerly a 20-year member of South Avondale Baptist Church. She was employed by the Birmingham City School System as registrar at McElwain School. Mrs. Lowe was an active citizen in her community of Indian Springs Village, where she was a courier for *The Village Voice* for many years. Villagers were often treated to Alleta's delicious desserts at town functions. She was a good neighbor to many and will be missed by all. Mrs. Lowe was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Harold (Pete) Broughton Lowe; and their daughter, Mary Kathryn Lowe. Survivors include Mrs. Lowe's daughters and their spouses, Ann and Jim Moore and Nancy and Ted Wilson, all of Birmingham. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the loving care given by the staff at Rittenhouse Assisted Living and Odyssey Hospice to their precious mother during the last months of her life. Visitation was held at Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home in Pelham, with graveside service at Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Alleta may be made to Alzheimer's of Central Alabama or to your favorite charity.

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**JAMES TERRY COCHRAN**, age 71, of Indian Springs passed away April 14, 2010. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama to George Pugh and Margaret Lightfoot Cochran. He graduated Auburn University and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He was president of G.P. Cochran Inc. and owner of Kitchen Trend of Homewood. He was a member of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Rita Cochran, his sister, Ann Cochran, his children and their spouses: Dan and Kristin Cochran, Lt Col Kenneth and Virginia Cochran Lindberg. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and his grandchildren: Nathan and Andrew Cochran. Services and burial were on April 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Southern Heritage. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice. (Reprinted from *The Birmingham News*)



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## Heardmont Park Senior Center

5452 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35242

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

Hours: Monday-Friday 9a.m.—3p.m.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>9-3 Strawberry Picking &amp; Petals From the Past Outing 9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-12 Dominoes</p> <p>3</p>	<p>10-11 Workout w/Donna 4 11-12 Bible Study 11 Wii 12 Lunch 1 Gardening Project</p>	<p>9-12 Bridge 5 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>10-11 Workout w/Donna 6 12 Lunch *12:30-3:30 Acrylic Art Class 12:30—2 Bingo Bunch</p>	<p>9-9:45 Zumba Gold 7 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>9-12 Mah Jongg 10 9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-12 Dominoes 11:30-3 Canasta</p>	<p>10-11 Workout w/Donna 11 10-1 Brunch Bunch Outing 11-12 Bible Study 11 Lunch 1 Advisory Council</p>	<p>9-12 Bridge 12 10-11 Computer Knowledge 101 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>10-11 Workout w/Donna 13 11 Soup Can Performers from Oaks on Parkwood 12 Lunch 12:30 Master's Game Information</p>	<p>9-9:45 Zumba Gold 14 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>9-12 Mah Jongg 17 9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-12 Dominoes 11:30-3 Canasta</p>	<p>10-11 Workout w/Donna 18 11-12 Bible Study 11 Wii 12 Lunch 12:30-2 Bingo Bunch</p>	<p>9-12 Bridge 19 10-11 Computer Trouble Shooting 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>20 <b>Shelby County Senior Picnic</b> <b>9:00a.m.—1:00p.m.</b> <b>Shelby County Airport</b></p>	<p>9-9:45 Zumba Gold 21 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>9-12 Mah Jongg 24 9:30—10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-12 Dominoes 11:30-3 Canasta</p>	<p>10-11 Workout w/Donna 25 11-12 Bible Study 11 Wii 12 Lunch 12:30-2 Bingo Bunch</p>	<p>9-12 Bridge 26 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch *1-2 Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>10-11 Workout w/Donna 27 12 Lunch 12:30-2 Bingo Bunch *12:30-3:30 Acrylic Art Class</p>	<p>9-9:45 Zumba Gold 28 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>
<p>31 Center Closed in observance of Memorial Day</p>	<p>Come and use our new exercise equipment any-time during operating hours!!!!</p>	<p>Zumba Gold is now part of our regular wellness program—join us on Friday mornings!</p>	<p>Art Classes are now 3 hours long for only \$20 per month—come and meet our instructor, Edna Hodges, and make new friends while having fun—no experience needed</p>	<p>* indicates nominal fee Please be sure to reserve your meals one week in advance \$2 suggested donation for lunch</p>

## Formation of Community Action Teams (CATs)

by Michael O'Connor, Shelby County Fire District Chief

The North Shelby Fire District and the Shelby County Sheriffs department are called into resident's homes at all hours of the day and night. Your first responders get an opportunity to see people in a time of need. Many times we leave the scene having fulfilled the job for which we were called, and yet feel like more issues need to be addressed. But the needs are outside our normal scope of operation. So what do we do? The needs fall in the cracks between the fire district normal service delivery model and what the local churches/charities/DHR provide.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We believe that needs can be met through local resources that are currently in place but are unaware of the need. Indian Springs Village and North Shelby Fire District are in the process of organizing a Community Action Team (CAT) to address these needs that have been identified. CATs will be composed of volunteers from the community that will assist residents. Ideally, CATs will be improving the quality of life in the community in which we live. So how can you help?

Please join us for one of our informational meetings at the Indian Springs Town Hall. At these meetings, we will inform you of the vision and mission of the Community Action Team, as well as the result we hope to achieve.

Meetings will be held:

Wednesday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m.

We hope, during the meetings, to inform you of specific needs in the community that need to be addressed, as well as take your input of needs in the community of which we are unaware.