

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5, 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  
Herb Robins for proofing

## Message from the Mayor *by Steve Zerkis*

“Someday” has arrived. The orange barrels along Highway 119 have finally disappeared. However, the road widening project is not complete. The State is creating a “punch list” of tasks that the contractor needs to finish before the work will be accepted. If you live along Highway 119 and there is some work that the contractor needs to complete on your property, please let me or Councilmember Herb Robins know as soon as possible so we can advise the state engineer. They know about the problem with the Arrowhead Lane intersection and need to know of any remaining problems with your property.

A reminder that we are having a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to present and discuss proposals for improvements on the Town Hall property. These capital improvements include proposed fencing and landscaping along the front and a side of the property, changes to improve the flow of traffic on and through the grounds and improved parking areas. Your Town Council would appreciate your comments on these improvements. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Our Annual Founder's Day Celebration will be at 6:00 p.m. on October 19, 2010. That is the third Tuesday of October. What is significant this year is that this will be our town's 20th birthday. Founder's Day is our way of honoring and celebrating the work done by so many residents to create the town of Indian Springs Village and preserve our town's natural beauty and rural/residential character. Please mark your calendars and come out to share supper and birthday cake with your neighbors and friends. Don't forget to bring pastries to share. There will be more information in the October issue of *The Village Voice*.

The annual budget for ISV will be discussed and, hopefully, approved at one of the Council meetings in September. We anticipate revenues to be slightly less than Fiscal Year 2010 and plan to keep our proposed expenditures in line if not lower than the current year's budget. We will still maintain a significant surplus and continue to build our town's “rainy day” fund. ISV has no debt of any kind including mortgage, nor do we anticipate taking on any significant debt.

Is that cooler weather I am feeling? Cool breezes? Let's all enjoy the coming fall and football season.

**FREE LANDFILL DAY – Saturday, October 9, 2010**

**Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Shelby County Highway 70 Landfill (205) 669-4169**

# Town Council Meeting

July 20, 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 Councilman Robins called the roll in the absence of City Clerk, Kelly Rasco, who was recuperating from surgery. All council members were present except Stewart Dudley.

The Mayor introduced Chad Scroggins of Shelby County's Environmental Department who had been invited by Zerkis to more fully explain the Shelby County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan that ISV had been requested to endorse by resolution. The Mayor and Council had previously reviewed the plan and had several concerns about the plan being an unfunded federal mandate by FEMA that ISV could not implement due to cost and staff required as well as concerns about the actual need for such an in depth plan for ISV. The plan requires that ISV develop action plans and resources to address flooding, high wind, ice/snow, pandemic hazards, wildfire, HAZMAT hazards, illegal drug labs, terror hazards and urban fire hazards. Many of the action items required are joint responsibilities of ISV with the fire department, sheriff's office, EMA and other departments but many items are the sole responsibility of ISV as stated in the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Scroggins explained that participation in the plan allowed FEMA to provide mitigation funding to ISV in the event of a disaster. He stated that without an approved plan, FEMA will not provide grant/mitigation funds for disaster prevention/mitigation. Scroggins noted that lack of plan approval could also affect the fire district's ability to receive FEMA grant money. The plan requires the approval of the Council by resolution. Though verbiage in the plan indicates that ISV would be responsible for implementing the plan (estimated cost of \$931,000), Scroggins stated that ISV would not be responsible financially for anything in the plan. Scroggins further stated that the Council could modify the language in the plan as well as the resolution as the Council saw fit. After further discussion, the Council agreed that they did not want to endanger the fire department's ability to receive grants by rejecting the plan entirely but on Mendel's suggestion would re-write the proposed resolution to reflect that the Council had reviewed and endorses the plan but, due to our limited resources, ISV does not accept any responsibility either financially or physically to implement the plan. One of ISV's first resolutions, #91-02-26-01 states that the Town's general purpose and goals are to "preserve, protect and enhance" this beautiful area and quality of life but it "shall be achieved with a minimum amount of government involvement at minimal expense, and relying primarily upon the voluntary efforts and support of community residents."

Zerkis then asked Scroggins for an update on Shelby County's status with the MS4 program (municipal separate storm sewer system). Scroggins introduced Byron Woods, a storm water consultant who has been working with Shelby County to address the cost and feasibility of the latest changes to the storm water permit requirements implemented by EPA. They explained that ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) has administered the storm water program since 1996 with oversight from EPA. All municipalities are required to participate and ISV is a co-participant with the County along with several other municipalities. Municipalities pay the County for administering the MS4 program which includes water monitoring, testing and reporting at several locations in each municipality throughout the year. Shelby County has never received any negative notification from ADEM concerning the County's implementation of the MS4 program. EPA audited the program last year and wanted several changes made which the County is protesting as unnecessary, impractical and too costly. The County has implemented some changes on their own which they felt improved the program but is still in discussions with EPA concerning other requirements.

Zerkis discussed a resolution requested by Fire Chief O'Connor for the Council to endorse the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as required by the Homeland Security Presidential Directive in order for the fire district to be eligible for federal grant money. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Bell-Guercio, seconded by Mendel. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the July 6 council meeting were reviewed by the Council. Stauss motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Council agreed to postpone the review of the June Financial Statement until next month.

Zerkis distributed copies of the FY2010 Revenue and Expense Budget, and asked that the Council review the suggested FY2011 revenues and expenses before the next meeting.

Robins thanked Ben Jones and his dad Warren for their excellent work on Ben's Eagle Scout project. Three wooden benches were constructed adjacent to the Town Hall Pavilion. The last part of the project involves the installation of four decorative bollards adjacent to the flag pole steps. These are being built and should arrive in three weeks.

Robins reported that he will meet with Jim Loper of J. Loper and Co. at the Town Hall on Friday to lay out the proposed parking area and test the design function.

Robins contacted Alabama Power Company to get additional information on proposed street lighting on Highway 119. A representative from APC will meet on site to discuss available styles, recommended lumens, pole height and cost.

Robins discussed problems with the lawn care service with the owner. He agreed to a partial payment for the last mowing and will cut in the afternoon rather than morning so the grass will be drier and cut better.

Mendel reported that ISV had received a check from Alagasco for \$10,000 which represents the estimated amount they shorted ISV in February on the annual franchise fee. Alagasco used a new software vendor, Vertex, to list all households within a municipality that are Alagasco customers in order to calculate the franchise fee due the municipality. Mendel worked with J.R. Henderson of Shelby County Mapping to develop a current list of the address and zip code of each residence in ISV and sent the data to Alagasco. The Council thanked Mendel for his efforts over the last several months to convince Alagasco of their mistake. If after further review, the \$10,000 is still short of what is owed, the difference will be added in the 2011 payment.

Stauss reported that the Kubota tractor was picked up by Cahaba Tractor to be sold on consignment.

Bell-Guercio thanked everyone for their help in making the Fourth of July Celebration a success.

Zerkis reported that Chief O'Connor is getting the Mayor a copy of the fire district regulations which include language which exempts the fire district from paying impact fees for new fire hydrant installation. Zerkis will review the regulation with City Attorney Russ Allison before meeting with Mayor Murphy of Pelham.

Scout Joseph Wilson of Troop 454 attended the meeting to earn his Citizenship in the Community badge.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

## Town Council Meeting

August 3, 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 Brenda Bell-Guercio and Brian Stauss.

Robins reported two damaged road signs. The sign at Castleberry is missing and the sign at Cahaba Trace is broken. There will be an article in the next edition of *The Village Voice* reminding residents that there is a \$1,000 reward for the report of vandalism. There was a discussion about the signs that have been replaced in the last two years.

Robins spoke with Jim Loper of J. Loper and Company. He has marked off the proposed parking design at Town Hall. The plan will be presented to residents at the

September 7, 2010 council meeting. A discussion followed. Robins spoke with two representatives of Alabama Power regarding proposed street lighting. He shared a brochure with the council and discussed options. Dan Johnson of APC told Robins he would first need to get approval from ALDOT on the selected lighting. A discussion followed.

Mayor Zerkis congratulated Mendel on the birth of a grandson.

Mendel presented the June financials. The telephone bill was \$131.40 due to having a previous payment lost by USPS. The City Clerk is working with AT&T to have the late payment penalty waived. Mendel motioned to endorse the report, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis presented a resolution for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Mendel made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The minutes of 7/20 were presented. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis received a plaque from the U. S. Census Bureau thanking the City for participation in the 2010 Census. ISV had the highest response rate in Shelby County. The Kubota tractor is on consignment at Cahaba Tractor. Mayor Zerkis is waiting on an update from Chief O'Connor regarding the proposed fire hydrants.

There was a discussion about the Oak Mountain schools grants and recent requests to the City for donations from various groups. Mayor Zerkis pointed out that ISV recognizes the value of the four Oak Mountain schools to the community and currently contributes \$16,000 per year (\$4,000 for each school) in grants to them for educational needs. This is more than 10% of our annual expense budget.

Founders Day is approaching and the City will celebrate 20 years of incorporation. Mayor Zerkis would like to recognize ISV's founders and asked the Council to think about additional ideas and suggestions. A discussion followed.

Mayor Zerkis welcomed back resident and former administrative assistant, Bart Trammell, who recently recovered from a serious accident.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

**There is a BURN BAN in effect in all of  
Shelby County and several other  
counties through October 31, 2010.  
Fires are prohibited.**

## Building Permits

*submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer*

Applicant: Advanced Electric Co., Inc.

Owner: AT&T

Address: 4941 Cahaba Valley Trace

Proposed Use: AT&T Cahaba Valley Trace

## Alabama Wildlife Center News

*Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant*

Alabama Wildlife Center Always Needs Volunteers to:

- provide transport to or from AWC, to or from: our veterinarians, Auburn Raptor Center and rescue/release sites
- provide carpentry, plumbing, electrical skills as needed, usually associated with specific short-term projects
- perform a variety of office or housekeeping functions
- participate in children's educational programs
- and more.

Next Volunteer Orientation Sessions:

Sunday, 9/5/10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10/3/10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11/7/10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Want to stay updated on AWC new arrivals, reunites and releases? Now you can visit us electronically on our blog [www.alabamawildlifecenter.blogspot.com](http://www.alabamawildlifecenter.blogspot.com), and find us on Facebook where you can see pictures and videos.

## Alabama State Chess Championship Comes to Tuscaloosa

*submitted by Caesar Lawrence, Director Caesar Chess*

Tuscaloosa will host the biggest State Chess Championship in recent history thanks to an unique collaboration between local non-profit Freedom Chess Academy, the University of Alabama and the Tuscaloosa Sports Foundation.

The tournament will be held September 17-19 on the University of Alabama campus. With a guaranteed prize fund of \$2,500, the tournament is expected to draw more than 100 chess players from Alabama and surrounding states to compete for prize money and the prestige of being the Alabama State Chess Champion.

The opening round of the championship tournament will begin at 7:15 p.m. on Friday at the Ridgecrest South Residence Hall. Three rounds will be played on Saturday and two on Sunday, after which awards will be presented

A one-day tournament strictly for scholastic players (ages 5-18) will be offered in parallel on Saturday, September 18. Scholastic players will play for trophies. Details and registration forms for both tournaments are available at [www.freedomchessacademy.org](http://www.freedomchessacademy.org).

## TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit, non-commercial weight-loss support organization with thousands of associate chapters in the United States and Canada.

TOPS will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Highway 119 in Indian Springs. For more information, call 620-0602.

Another TOPS group meets at St Francis Church at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday. For information. call 995-2166 or 408-9340.

## Fancy Fruit Pizza

### Ingredients

- 1 (18 ounce) package refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 medium firm bananas, sliced
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, halved
- 2 kiwifruit, peeled and sliced
- 1 (11 ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1/3 cup orange marmalade
- 1 tablespoon water

### Directions

1. On a greased 14-in. pizza pan, press cookie dough into a 12-in. circle. Bake at 375 degrees F for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on a wire rack.

2. In a small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar



and vanilla until smooth. Spread over crust. Toss bananas with lemon juice. Arrange the pineapple, strawberries, bananas, kiwi and oranges over cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Combine marmalade and water; drizzle over fruit. (*In this case,*

*strawberries, blueberries, bananas and raspberries were used for the 4th of July holiday. All Recipes.com*)

# 2nd Annual Paws for the Cause 5K Fun Run/Pet Walk

submitted by Jacqui Sweet, Villager

Mark your calendars for Saturday, 9/11.....gather your walking/running shoes and your doggies and head out to Veterans Park for a morning of fun, exercise and prizes. All dogs receive a customized bandana and certificate of completion before heading to the "doggie water stop". This 2nd annual event to benefit the Shelby Humane Society will also have a moment of silence and short ceremony honoring our fallen fire/law enforcement on the anniversary of 9/11. Local fire and police will be competing in teams for prizes, in addition to individual prizes for every entrant. For further information, see the attached entry form. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 11th! (Yes, you will be out in plenty of time for football games – we plan it that way!)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Run and Fun Run/Pet Walk *Benefiting the Shelby County Humane Society*

Saturday, September 11, 2010  
Veterans Park – 4750 Valleydale Road, Hoover

Early Registration: On-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), or by mail before September 7, 2010.

\*\*\*All dogs receive a special bandana and certificate\*\*\*

Entry Fee: 5K Run/Walk - \$25.00  
1 Mile Fun Run/Pet Walk - \$15.00

Schedule: 6:30-7:45 a.m. - Late Registration  
and Packet Pick-up

Late 5K Run/Walk - \$30.00  
Registration: 1 Mile Fun Run/Pet Walk - \$20.00

8:00 a.m. – 5K Run  
9:15 a.m. – Fun Run/Pet Walk

Mail: Paws for the Cause Society  
3467 Brent Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35243

Checks payable to:  
Paws for the Cause Society

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### Paws for the Cause - Official Entry Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Race Day \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: (Circle one) S M L XL 2XL Event: 5K 1 Mile w/Pet

Waiver: I know that running or walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all the risks associated with running in this event but not limited to fall, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic and other conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read and understood this waiver and knowing those facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I for myself and anyone else entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release The Shelby County Humane Society, Leadership Shelby County, Paws for the Cause Society, Birmingham Track Club, The Trak Shak, City of Hoover, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims in liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event and in any other activities connected with this event in which I may voluntarily participate. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, motion picture recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Shelby County Is Financially Sound According to Commissioner

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

With all the gloomy reports about the economy, it was refreshing news to learn that Shelby County is in “great shape,” according to Lindsey Allison, Chairman, Shelby County Commission, who spoke to Indian Springs Garden Club members Thursday evening, August 26, at the Town Hall. With a balanced budget, Shelby is the only county or city in the Southeast with a perfect credit report, she said.

The county took heed when revenues started dropping and “we hunkered down,” she said, tightening our budgets and making payroll cuts where possible to adjust to the times. A big worry is the cost of maintaining roads; another drain on the budget is law enforcement, though Shelby County’s crime problem is minimal compared to that of other parts of the country.

The veteran commissioner, who has served District 9 for 18 years, took questions from the audience. She answered that the number of Hispanics at Valley Elementary in Pelham is 31 percent of the school’s population, but most of them are legal, and the bad Latino gangs of two or three years ago are no longer a problem. The problem with illegal drugs in the county is low compared to that of other places, with addiction to prescription drugs probably the biggest problem.

“Is there any hope for Highway 280 South?” she was asked, but had no answer for the question, stressing the need for counties and municipalities to work together for the mutual good. Shelby County Commission has a very good relationship with Hoover and other county areas, she reported. A proponent for having a county manager, Allison lauded the Shelby County Manager, Alex Dudchuck, and his 12 department heads for their expertise as being instrumental in keeping the county solvent. Allison waived the honorarium usually given to speakers, requesting that it be given to charity. The money was donated to the Indian Springs Children’s Fund.

A business meeting followed, with sign-up sheets for those who want to attend the Saturday, September 25, meeting at the home of President Patsy Strozier and her husband John. He will have the gravel, sand, plastic sheeting, etc. and the mixer for making concrete to form hand-made pots, birdbaths or other containers for yard or garden. Pictures were available for inspiration. Members need to be there at 7:30 a.m. with their forms, whether elephant ear leaves or pots to use as a mold, and rubber gloves – and perhaps an apron.

In case there is no inclination to dabble in concrete, members may come for lunch at 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 noon and see what industrious members have created, which will be drying. The Stroziers will have barbecue available; those joining for lunch should bring a side dish.

After the business meeting, members enjoyed delicious refreshments – sandwiches and pastries prepared by Karen Kendall and Nota Stans. Jennie Pittman had brought cuttings of a purple-leafed plant which goes by several names – “purple pride” being one – for members to take home.

At the August 7th workday at the Town Hall, these stalwart members donned gloves and sweatbands and got up early: Marge Dunn, Jennifer Bondi, Mary S. Bowman and Mary H. Bowman, Lynn Hendricks, Carol McBride, Steve and Pat Zerkis and President Patsy Strozier. They busied themselves pruning hydrangeas, trimming, pruning and removing dead blooms from plants in the flower beds. Some took root cuttings to transplant elsewhere.

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

**The library will be closed on September 5th and 6th in observance of Labor Day.**

### Special Programming

**Mondays, September 20th and 27th – 3:15-4:15 p.m.: “Sit, Stay, Read!”** A non-profit organization through Hand-in-Paw dedicated to providing volunteer services to children. “Sit, Stay, Read!” brings children together with specially trained dogs to help them gain more confidence in their reading abilities in an individual setting at the North Shelby Library that is supportive, relaxed and furry! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or [NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

**Tuesday, September 7th – 4:00 p.m.: Intermediate Book Club.** Join our book club for kids ages 9-12. We will be discussing the Newbery Honor Book, *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. Please join us even if you have not read the book and are just interested in knowing more about it. Registration required. Snacks served. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or [NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

**Saturday, September 11th – 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Family Movie Day: Matilda.** Join us in celebrating Roald Dahl’s birthday by watching this re-make of his fabulous book by the same name. All ages. Snacks served. No registration required.

**Wednesday, September 15th – 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout: Alabama Author, Irene Latham.** Join us for a talk from the author of *Leaving Gee’s Bend* as she discusses the process of researching and writing a book about Alabama life during the Great Depression. 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, September 18th – Talk Like a Pirate Day:** **Avast me hearties!** Stop by the Children's Department anytime today to celebrate this day by talking like a pirate and go home with some special "booty!"

**Tuesday, September 21st – 4:00 p.m.: Happy Campers Craft.** Remember summer camp memories fondly with this crafty paper plate memento. Registration begins September 7th. All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or [NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com) for more information.

## Story-Time Programming

### Toddler Tales

**Mondays, September 13th, 20th and 27th – 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, September 14th and 28th – 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, September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th 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, September 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th 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

**September 13th, 6:00 p.m.**

### Writer's Club/Book Club Meeting

This group is for teens in grades 6th-12th that enjoy talking about books or enjoy creative writing. Join us each month for pizza as we talk about what we have read since the last meeting and discuss things we are working on (and maybe get some fresh ideas). For more information, please call 205.439.5512 or email [skinner.lori@yahoo.com](mailto:skinner.lori@yahoo.com).

**Teen Book Pick of the Month: *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore.** Nine of us came here. We look like you. We talk like you. But we are not you. We can do things you dream of doing. We have powers you dream

of having. We are stronger and faster than anything you have ever seen. We are the superheroes you worship in movies and comic books - but we are real. Our plan was to grow, and train, and become strong, and become one and fight them. But they found us and started hunting us first. Now all of us are running. Spending our lives in shadows, in places where no one would look, blending in. We have lived among you without you knowing. But they know. They caught Number One in Malaysia. Number Two in England. And Number Three in Kenya. They killed them all. I am Number Four. I am next. (From Product Description. \*Librarian's Note: This book has a huge amount of buzz and the movie will be released early next year.)

## The Month of September – 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!

## Mt Laurel Public Library September Happenings

### Toddler Tales

**Wednesdays, September 8th and 22nd – 10:00 a.m.:** Stories, songs, fingerplays and more make up a lively 30 minute program designed especially for short attention spans. Registration begins two weeks prior to each storytime. Ages 36 months and younger. Registration required. Call or email the Mt Laurel Library at 991-1660 or [mtlaurellibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mtlaurellibrary@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

### Storytime with Ms Kristy

**Wednesdays, September 8th and 22nd – 11 a.m.:** Stories, music and more for every member of the family. All ages. No registration required.

## Cheesy Bread Recipe

8 oz shredded Mozzarella cheese

1 lb shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1/2 to 1 cup chopped green onion (to taste)

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 Tbsp sour cream (optional)

3-4 cloves garlic, minced

1 stick unsalted butter (1/2 cup, 4 ounces), softened to the point of being slightly melted

1 to 2 loaves of French or Italian bread (I used Ciabatta), depending on the size of the loaves



**1** In a large bowl, mix together the cheeses and the green onion. Stir in the mayonnaise and sour cream. In a separate small bowl blend the butter and garlic until smooth. Add the butter mixture to the cheese mixture.

**2** Preheat broiler. Slice loaf of bread in half horizontally, lay crust side down. Spread cheese mixture over the bread. Place under the broiler until nicely browned, about 3 to 5 minutes.

**3** Remove from broiler and let sit for 5 minutes until cool enough to handle. Slice the bread with a bread knife. Serve.

Makes 30 to 40 slices. ([SimplyRecipes.com](http://SimplyRecipes.com))

# September 2010

## 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
<i>September is National Senior Center Month. Take time to visit your local centers and get involved with all of the offerings available in Shelby County</i>		9-12 Bridge Club 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch	10-11 Aerobic Workouts 10-2 Bingo Bunch 12 Lunch 12:30 - 3:30 Acrylic Art Class	9-9:45 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
Center Closed for Labor Day	9-10 Organic Gardening 10-11 Aerobic Workouts 11-12 Bible Study 11:45 Laughter Yoga 12 Lunch 1 Advisory Council Meeting	9-12 Bridge Club 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch	10th Anniversary Luau Celebration 11:30a.m. Please R.S.V.P.	9-9:45 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
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### Senior Job Fair

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South Shelby Chamber of Commerce  
Shelby County Board of Education  
Shelby Volunteers in Service, Inc.  
Shelby County RSVP

Date: September 21, 2010

Time: 8:00 am – Noon

Location: **SHELBY COUNTY INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE CENTER**  
601 First St. South, Alabaster, AL. 35007  
(Hwy 31 at Hwy 119)

Contact: Harold Deason (205)670-6570  
via e-mail [haroldd@positivematurity.org](mailto:haroldd@positivematurity.org) ; or  
Peggy Clarke, (205)803-1665  
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### 2010 Fall Flu Vaccines Clinics in Shelby County



**September 30, 2010 – Alabaster Senior Center 9:00 am – 11:00 am**

1097 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Alabaster 35007  
Please call Alicia Walters to make a reservation at 205-664-6840

**October 5, 2010 - Heardmont Park Senior Center will host a Senior Health and Wellness Expo and will have flu shots on site. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

5452 Cahaba Valley Rd. (119) Birmingham, AL 35244.  
Please call Theresa Green at 205-991-5742 for details.

**October 7, 2010 - Calera Senior Center (9:00 am-10:30 am seniors...10:30 am to 12:00 pm public).**

15863 Highway 25, Calera, AL 35040 – Call Sharon Echols at 205-670-5770 for details.

**October 21, 2010 - Wilsonville United Methodist Church (9:00 am-10:30 am seniors...10:30 am to 12:00 pm public).**

111 School Street, Wilsonville, AL 35186 - Call Sharon Echols at 205-670-5770 for details.

**November 3, 2010 – Westover Town Hall – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.**

3312 Westover Rd, Westover, AL 35147. Call Annette Tyler at 678-3375, Ext 707 for details.

