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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2, 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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Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
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Message from the Mayor *by Steve Zerkis*

This year on ISV Founders' Day, we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the creation of Indian Springs Village. We will have our town's birthday party on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the Town Pavilion starting at 6:00 p.m., and everyone's invited to come and enjoy meeting our friends and neighbors. There will be some outstanding barbeque, drinks and pastries and, of course, birthday cake for all of us to enjoy. I hope that as many of you as possible will bring cakes, pies and pastries to share. These home-baked goods are always the highlights of any ISV event. This event will also recognize and honor all those individuals who worked hard to create the town of Indian Springs Village to preserve and maintain the green environment of this valley. A lot of people were involved in the creation of ISV with numerous meetings and petitions and civic actions of all kinds that ended with the creation and incorporation of our town. So please come out and join us to ceremoniously blow out the candles and enjoy a town birthday party.

November 2, 2010 is another big day – election day. This year we will have a number of important races in Alabama starting with our legislature. Our own Mary Sue McClurkin is running for reelection to her seat in the legislature from District 43 and I urge you to get out and vote. Of course, we also have elections for a number of state offices starting with governor and members of congress. The important thing is to get out and vote and make your voice and opinion heard on critical issues in these important times. If you have not registered to vote, it's easy enough to do so and there is more information on the process in this newsletter. I hope to see you at the polls on November 2nd.

Happy Halloween! 

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

Town Council Meeting

August 17, 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 Stewart Dudley.

The minutes of 8/3 were presented. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Wayne Jones, PAZ Chair, reported that the committee has a meeting scheduled for September.

Mendel presented the July financial report. It includes the costs for the Fourth of July Celebration. Mendel made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously. There will be a meeting with the auditor this Thursday at Town Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Robins reported that the damaged street signs at Caldwell Trace and Castleberry Road have been replaced with temporary signs. There has been no response to the article in *The Village Voice* regarding the reward for the report of vandalism. Robins met with Gary Ray of ALDOT and requested that signs that were moved for construction along Highway 119 be reset. There was a discussion about continuing to replace vandalized, decorative signs. A decision was made to order new decorative signs to replace the temporary signs at Caldwell Trace and Castleberry Road.

Robins met with Gary Ray, Scott Holladay, Shelby County Sr. Engineer and Mayor Zerkis to discuss the proposed lighting at key intersections. Ray said the proposed pole was not a breakaway. He also said there are not enough lumens to get approval from the State. He suggested getting County approval to install the lights just off the State ROW on County ROW. Scott Holladay reviewed the proposal and had no issues with it. Mendel said a resident emailed him a link on dark sky lighting examples. He will forward it to Robins. Robins is gathering this information for the September 7 meeting when the proposed parking and lighting projects will be discussed. He also noted that the lights are rented, not purchased. A resident suggested waiting until the ordinance pertaining to lighting was written and approved. Bart Trammell, former City Administrative Assistant, stated an ordinance was passed exempting the City from any zoning ordinances. The discussion about lighting options continued.

For the last three weeks, Gary Ray of ALDOT has been requesting that the sub-contractor remove the barrels along Highway 119.

Jim Loper of J. Loper and Co. presented a drawing and cost estimate for the proposed landscaping improvements and parking area to be used by the Council for the

presentation at the upcoming September 7 meeting. Jones suggested having the City Engineer assess the impact of paving. The Council discussed options other than paving. A work session will be scheduled to prepare the presentation.

Stauss reported that an associate who lives in Highland Lakes subdivision asked if any ISV residents had been approached by Birmingham Water to install check valves at a cost of several hundred dollars. A resident of Willow Brook called regarding their FSBO sign that has been repeatedly removed from the neighborhood entrance. Stauss told her ISV has no restrictions on the placement of real estate signs. The Council discussed and suggested that possibly the local home owners association or the County is removing the signs from the right-of-way.

Mayor Zerkis distributed copies of the proposed 2011 budget to the Council for review and approval in September.

Zerkis opened the floor for public comment. A resident noted that the Redbox at the Kangaroo station is charging 7% tax instead of 5%. Zerkis noted that the States levies a tax at a different rate for movie rentals. Jones stated that the dirt pile at 2370 Cahaba Valley Road was dredged from the drainage pipe and given to the property owner. It is not in the flood plain. A resident presented pictures of an abandoned house at 1080 Indian Crest Drive. Mayor Zerkis reported that he has been trying to track down the owner and has contacted the mortgage company to clean up and secure the property.

A resident asked about the COPS program that was proposed years ago. Robins and other Council members attended meetings in Chelsea at that time, but did not have any response from ISV residents. A discussion followed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

September 7, 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 in attendance.

The minutes of 8/17 were presented. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis introduced an open Town Hall discussion of possible landscaping and parking improvements for the Town's grounds, and improvement of intersection lighting. Robins gave a background on the possibility of a parking lot. He introduced resident Jim Loper of J. Loper and Associates. Loper said he focused on looking

for ways to create a park like setting and blending the parking lot into the existing Town Hall area. Different paving, fencing, landscaping and lighting suggestions were suggested and discussed.

The Mayor opened the floor for comments and questions. Regarding the intersection lighting project, Robins gave background information and there was a thorough discussion with a significant amount of questions and answers. No action was taken but additional information from Alabama Power will be requested.

Regarding improvements of the Town grounds, Jim Loper presented and explained a drawing of possible improvements including landscaping and fencing along the front, stone posts, parking and cobblestone paved entryways. He emphasized that his idea is to create a park-like setting in an enclosed atmosphere. Patricia Crapet, Town Hall Curator, stated that the building was reserved only 21% last year and a parking lot will not help with the large community events. Again, there were a number of suggestions by residents and a thorough discussion. No action was taken.

A resident stated that there was discussion several years ago about moving the Town Hall. Major Zerkis said it was not currently being considered but would look into it and get an idea of the need and costs of such a move. He said he was not aware of any near-term State plans to further widen highway 119.

Mayor Zerkis concluded the meeting, stating that he would investigate the suggestions and have another meeting in a month. The Council will have work sessions and begin developing a plan. He thanked Jim Loper and his firm for all the design work he has done. Zerkis also thanked the residents in attendance and reminded them of our upcoming Founders' Day on October 19.

Crapet asked everyone to fly their flags at half-staff in remembrance of 9/11.

Bart Trammell, former City Administrative Assistant, stated that we have two former mayors and two former council members attending and suggested that the City have pictures of past and present council members in the entry hallway.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

4th Annual St. Francis Take-Out Dinner to Support Ongoing Missions in Haiti

by C.J. Ross, RN, Villager

On January 12th of this year at 4:02 p.m. Central Time, my cell phone began to ring constantly; friends and family calling to tell me of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

For millions of Haitians, their lives would never be the same.

I have been part of the Episcopal diocese program for several years in companionship with the Diocese of Haiti to support nutrition and medical clinics, improving water sources and schools. St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Indian Springs Village, where I attend services, has been very active in this effort. Six weeks after the earthquake, I went back to Port au Prince with a medical team to serve, but also to help assess long term needs.



Images of tent cities, some holding 40,000 people, were like islands floating among buildings in ruins. Schools and churches I had been in before lay crushed before us, some with students and teachers still entombed. Today, the tent cities still exist, along with food shortages and marginal water sources, but the children are back in makeshift schools. Debris is slowly being removed and new schools,



wells, churches and clinics are being rebuilt. They have not lost hope and their faith is stronger than ever.

The 4th Annual St. Francis Take-Out Dinner to support these projects will be held October 27th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the church. You will have a choice of three homemade soups, salad, bread and dessert for \$12.50 per meal. You do have the choice to "eat in" or "take home" which allows you to have one night of no cooking, no dishes to clean and good food! We encourage you to pre-order by calling 914-3866 or the church at 988-4371. I will be going back in February to lead another medical team with your support and prayers and for this I am grateful. Hope to see you on the 27th!

Alabama Wildlife Center News

Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant

Next Volunteer Orientation Sessions:

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

Alabama Wildlife Center October Educational Events

(Free after Oak Mountain State Park Admission: \$1 per child (6-11) & Seniors (62+); \$3 Adults)

10/17/10 Audubon Teaches Nature at the Alabama Wildlife Center

Refreshments are offered at 1:30 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center; the programs are held at 2:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center OR the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center. An informal nature walk follows the program so be sure to bring binoculars and field guides for a seasonal look at the birds and critters of Oak Mountain State Park.

The Making of Nature Journal-Larry Davenport, Guest Speaker: Larry authors a regular column in *Alabama Heritage* magazine, the columns of which form the basis of his new book, *Nature Journal*, published in August by the University of Alabama Press as part of the *Gosse Nature Guides* series. Larry's presentation will focus on the making of *Nature Journal* and how you and your children might incorporate its contents into your own lives to foster a new sense of connection to the natural world.

10/23/10 Creatures of the Night

2:00-5:00 p.m. featuring Childrens' Activities, Wildlife Presentations and Educational Programs.

In Memoriam

General Robert Lewis Slaughter, age 73, marched into heaven on Thursday, September 23, 2010. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Christian (Kristy) Slaughter Lach and his father, Herbert E. Slaughter. He is survived by his wife, Betty Christian Slaughter, his mother, Nellie Mae Slaughter of Haleyville, three sisters, Mary Jones of Nashville, TN, Sue Balsamo, Ohatchee, AL, and Mildred Holland, Richmond, VA. Sons, Robert Lewis Slaughter, Jr., (Page), Collierville, TN., Roddy Brian Slaughter, Indian Springs, Greg Slaughter, Alabaster, daughter Cynthia Slaughter, Arlington, VA, grandchildren, Robert Shane Toner, Katelyn Slaughter, Robert Lewis Slaughter, III, Kathryn Lach, Sarah Beth Slaughter, Robert Winston Slaughter, and Sydney Nicole Slaughter. He was a member of Hunter Street Baptist Church. General Slaughter was born on August 29, 1937, in Haleyville, AL and graduated from Haleyville High School in 1954. He was a graduate of Florence State College with honors in 1958. He entered medical school in 1958 and began postgraduate medical training in 1962. He completed a one year residency training program in gastroenterology at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C. during 1966-1967. Additional postgraduate training includes a fellowship in tropical medicine and parasitology at Louisiana

State University, 1969 and the Health Systems Management Program, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, MA, in 1978. He completed the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Medicine/Primary Course at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, in 1975. General Slaughter began his military career in 1955. Upon his entry into medical school, he transferred to the Alabama Army National Guard, Birmingham as a laboratory technician. In 1962 General Slaughter accepted a direct medical corp commission as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army Reserve and entered active duty at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, CO. He was granted a regular Army commission in 1963. His first five years of active duty were devoted to postgraduate medical training at Fitzsimons General and Walter Reed General Hospitals. After completing his medical training in 1967, he was assigned as staff gastroenterologist and later assistant chief of the gastroenterology service, Walter Reed General Hospital. Included in those treated were General William C. Westmoreland, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Korean surgeon general and numerous foreign ambassadors. He graduated from medical school in 1967 and returned to Birmingham in 1971 where he was Chief of Staff, Birmingham Veterans Administration Medical Center until retirement in 1993. He was a professor of medicine and associate dean for Veteran Affairs, University of Alabama School of Medicine. He has been employed with the University of Alabama Medical Center for the past 40 years as a Gastroenterologist and full Professor of the University of Alabama Medical School. General Slaughter was promoted to Brigadier General and federally recognized on December 16, 1985. He was named Best Doctors of America for the past 15 years. His civic affiliations include the Beta Beta Beta honorary biology society, Beta CWB (high school honor society) Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society and Phi Kappa Phi honor society, American Medical Association, Fellow American College of Physicians, American Gastroenterological Association, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Southern Medical Association, Medical Association of the State of Alabama, Jefferson County Medical Society, Alabama Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (president), Aerospace Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Alliance of Air National Guard Flight Surgeons (president), National Association of Veterans Administration Chiefs of Staff. He was licensed by the Alabama State Licensing Board for the Healing Arts and certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both internal medicine and gastroenterology. A military funeral service was held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Hunter Street Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, Dr. Slaughter would be honored that donations were made in his name for the Miss Alabama Scholarship Organization, 2809 Crescent Ave., Suite 2, Birmingham, AL 35209, or Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Alabama Medical Center, John Brinkerhoff, 700 6th Ave. South, HSROC Room 2248, Birmingham, AL 35233. (Reprinted from *The Birmingham News*)

Garden Club Members Are Happy with Concrete Success

By Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

They had to wait a week to see the results of their labors, but Indian Springs Garden Clubbers were, for the most part, pleased with the benches, tables, pots and other containers (70 pots and 12 tables) they had formed with concrete the previous Saturday.

Eight members and four guests arrived at 7:30 a.m., September 25, to get started at the home of President Patsy Strozier and her husband, John. He had everything set up with concrete mixer, workspaces and tables, and did some how-to-do-it demonstrations before everyone started their molds. Members had gathered and brought banana tree, elephant ear and castor bean leaves to smaller leaves like okra and fig leaves. They also brought plastic pots, baskets of different sizes and other containers as molds for their various designs.

The workers had a choice of colors, too, as John had different colors—green, golden amber and cranberry red—to add to the liquid concrete. He also had cut copper tubing for the legs of the tables made from banana leaves, which can be garden art or utilized on the deck or patio. The largest item, a table patterned after a gigantic elephant ear leaf, was made by Patsy Strozier's mother, Omatine Wright of Geraldine, AL.

The hosts provided barbeque and members brought side dishes, and all sat down to enjoy lunch on the patio. Everyone was exhausted by the end of the day. The molds were set up to cure for a week and members returned Saturday, October 2, to remove the containers from their forms.

The annual Harvest Supper will be enjoyed at the next meeting, Thursday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Suggestions for next year's Garden Club events will be discussed.

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.

Walk on November 7 to Benefit The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

by Ruth Locklin, AFSP Walk Chairman and ISV Villager

Sadly, every minute of every day, someone attempts to take their own life and every 16 minutes someone dies by suicide. It accounts for more than 34,000 deaths each year (double that of homicide) and is largely a result of untreated depression, which affects 19 million people a year.

Suicide is a national health problem that takes an enormous toll on families, friends, co-workers, schools and the entire community. This fall, thousands of people from across the country will participate in one of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Out of the Darkness Community Walks, including one right here in Birmingham. These fundraising walks will help the Foundation fund suicide prevention and awareness initiatives, vital research, support programs for survivors of suicide loss and for reaching out to those affected by mental illness.

The Alabama Chapter of AFSP will conduct its 5th Out of the Darkness Community Walk. Thanks to generous supporters, last year the Birmingham Walk ranked 5th in the nation with 690 walkers and raising almost \$90,000! This year's walk will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at Heardmont Park. Registration begins at 1:30 pm and the walk begins at 3:00 pm. For more information or to register, please go to www.afsp.org/alabama.

Approximately 600 Alabamians lose their lives to suicide each year, a tragedy that affects thousands of people across our state. On November 7th, people will walk to honor loved ones, support the cause and to raise awareness of the effects of depression and mental illness. Please join us as we walk to save the lives of our family, friends and neighbors.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: The W Group – Proctor & Sons Builders
Owner: Kevin Gann
Address: 1730 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: Interior Modifications

Applicant: C&C Constructions
Owner: Bruce Waldrop
Address: 129 Willow Ridge Lane
Proposed Use: Home Addition

October Happenings *by Cecelia Dean,* *North Shelby Library Youth Services Department* North Shelby Children's/Teen Department

Special Programming

Mondays, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th – 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.

Saturday, October 16th – Family Movie Day: 2:00-3:30 p.m.: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. Follow Mr. Fox as he cheerfully and recklessly takes his thieving ways a little too far and brings down the wrath of some poultry farmers on his family and friends. All ages. Snacks served. No registration required.

Tuesday, October 19th – 4:00 p.m.: **Craft: Ghost Windsock.** All the “ghouls” and boys will love making this frightfully fun craft just in time for Halloween! Registration begins October 5th. All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, October 20th – 1:00 p.m.: **Homeschool Hangout: Owl Pellet Dissection and Discussion.** By dissecting owl pellets (coughed up bundles of undigested fur and bones), we will find enough clues to reveal what barn owls eat and their role in the food chain. Ages 8-12. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, October 26th – 4:00 p.m.: **Intermediate Book Club.** Join our book club for kids ages 9-12. We will be discussing *Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy. 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 for more information.

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

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Mondays, October 4th, 11th and 18th - 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, October 12th and 26th – 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, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 10:45 a.m.

October 27th will be Mr. Mac's annual Halloween Party. Come for a sweet trick or a treat surprise! Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story Time

Thursdays, October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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

October 4th @ 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 nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.

October 27th @ 6:00 p.m.

Campfire Tales

Join us for a night of scary stories, told by Kristy Hearn, as we roast hot dogs and marshmallows around the campfire. Bring blankets or chairs to ensure a comfy seat. For more information, please call 205.439.5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.





2nd Annual

Halloween Candy Buy Back

Monday November 1ST from 12-5 pm. In cooperation with "Operation Gratitude" we will be buying back your Halloween candy.

Bring in your Halloween candy and we will buy it for \$1 per pound!!

The candy will be shipped to our troops deployed in the Middle East. We will also collect and send other personal items to the troops. You can go on line to troopcarepackage.com for a list of acceptable items.

Thanks and Spread the word!!

Dr. Lisa Wilson

5470 Caldwell Mill Rd

995-8084

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian



An Oak Mountain Band Christmas

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

The Oak Mountain High School Bands will be performing at the Alabama Theatre with special guest Carrie Tillis on Friday, December 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$20. For more information you can go to www.omchristmas.com. Tickets are also available from any band student.

The Oak Mountain Band is comprised of four groups; the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble. All band students are also members of the Oak Mountain "Spirit of Cahaba" Marching Band. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Carrie Tillis will perform a range of music with the Oak Mountain's Jazz Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, ending up with a mass band "sing-a-long". This will be a great way to start the Christmas season and support your Oak Mountain Band.



Indian Springs School to Hold Admission Open House on October 24

submitted by Melanie Kieve, Assistant Director of Development

Indian Springs School will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, October 24.

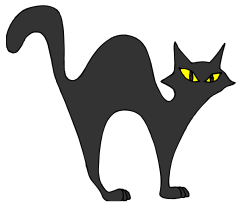
The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. and include campus tours, student and faculty panels, an address by ISS Director Gareth Vaughan, a performance by the school's choir, the opportunity to sit in on a class and a reception with faculty members, staff, students and parents.

For more information, please contact the ISS Admission Office at admission@indiansprings.org or (205) 988-3350.



Book Signing at North Shelby Library

Dale Brakhage, a resident of Indian Springs Village, will be the guest author at a book signing featuring his new book, *ABC's of Selling with Etiquette*, copies of which can be purchased for \$12.00. The event will be held at the North Shelby Library on Tuesday, October 26 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



October 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
				9-9:45 Zumba Gold 1 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 4 10:30-1 Dominoes 11:30-3 Canasta	Senior Health & Wellness Expo 5 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m. Flu shots available	9-12 Bridge Club 6 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch 1-2 Ballroom Dancing— Foxtrot	10:15-11 Aerobic Workouts 7 10-2 Bingo Bunch 12 Lunch 12:30-3:30 Acrylic Art Class	9-9:45 Zumba Gold 8 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing 6:30-9 Octoberfest Dance
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Shelby County Hamfest

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Shelby County Amateur Radio Club members volunteer and train at their own expense to respond in severe weather and other crisis situations. These ham radio operators work very closely with the National Weather Service and the Emergency Management Agency. Whenever inclement weather threatens, they have operators at these locations with storm spotters in the field. Soon they will be operating from the Shelby Baptist Medical Center and the Red Cross headquarters on Valleydale Road. If you would like more information, the club will be hosting a “Ham fest” on October 16th from 8:00 a.m. in Old Town Helena until 1:00 p.m. and you are invited to attend. The club can offer tutoring to pass the test for a ham license. If someone would like to become a ham radio operator, please contact Jim Niven at 205-260-6477.



Your Editor

Mail-In Voter Registration

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Our upcoming election on November 2, 2010 is important for the people of Alabama. To participate in the election, we all need to register to vote. To register to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States, reside in Alabama, be at least 18 years of age on or before election day, not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony or, if you have been convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored and not have been declared “mentally incompetent” by a court. I urge everyone to register to vote.

To actually register, all you have to do is complete and send in a Mail-In Voter Registration Form to the Board of Registrars, Shelby County, P.O. Box 1642, Columbiana, AL 35051-1642. Where do you get this form? You can print it out yourself by going on-line to the website of Beth Chapman, Secretary of State, www.sos.state.al.us, you can call the Secretary of State’s office at 1-800-274-8683 or call or e-mail me and I will send you a form to complete. Keep in mind, voter registration and updating of voter records is closed during the ten days prior to each election in Alabama, so get your form to Columbiana by October 22, 2010.