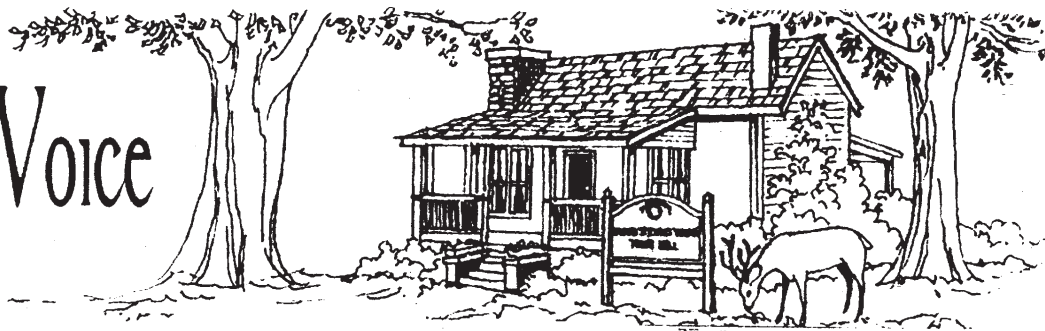


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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, December 7, 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*

The ISV Founders' Day birthday party was fun for everyone. We had a large birthday cake (*see page 8*) and candles, a chorus of “happy birthday” and a lot of stories and fun. We started with grace offered by Ron Luster and comments from Mary Sue McClurkin, our State Representative and fellow ISV resident. Then came the barbeque and dessert. What great desserts. A number of residents brought their wonderful creations for everyone to taste and definitely enjoy. It was a calorie- and taste-filled evening.

We then started the business meeting and quickly moved to comments from guests and residents. I asked them to share some stories of Indian Springs Village and how it was created. A guest, Terry Brasher, joined us and talked about how it was growing up 65 years ago among the three farms on Cahaba Valley Road belonging to members of the McGuire family and playing in the house that is our Town Hall. Ron Luster, Jim Wyatt, our first mayor, Hub Harrington, council member Stewart Dudley and others shared their memories of the work done to make create this town. That was not an easy task. Surrounding cities wanted to annex what is now ISV and open it for commercial development. There were a lot of meetings of residents and legal actions taken to give birth to Indian Springs Village. Jim Wyatt passed out ballots from the first municipal election. It was a wonderful night and many thanks to Herb Robins, Brenda Bell-Guercio and Kelly Rasco for helping make it happen.

At the last council meeting in September, your Town Council passed the annual budget for our new fiscal year 2011 that started October 1, 2010. As usual, a frugal budget was passed and we anticipate the revenues and expenditures to be in line with the fiscal year we just closed out. Jack Mendel reviewed the results of the previous year and, as we have done for a number of years, ISV enjoyed a significant surplus in revenues versus expenditures. We look to do the same in fiscal year 2011. This is important because of our zero debt load, we can look to saving all surplus in our ISV “rainy day” fund.

The holidays are going to be a busy time for all of us including your Town. ISV will have two events in December. I understand that Santa will be paying a visit again this year to the Town Hall and children of all ages are invited to come and visit. The ISV Christmas and Holiday Party will be on the 3rd Tuesday after the council meeting. Please join your friends.

When making donations and giving gifts, we ask you to consider the ISV Children's Fund. Money collected is used to buy gifts for needy children in Oak Mountain schools. Your donations help children receive presents they would not otherwise have. Please be as generous as you can. Please send your checks to the “ISV Children's Fund” attention Herb Robins or Kelly Rasco care of the Town Hall. You will be creating smiles.

I wish you all a wonderful fall.

Town Council Meeting

September 21, 2010

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00p.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 except Stewart Dudley.

The minutes of 9/7 were presented. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the August financial report. The 2009 audit has been completed and the City received an excellent rating. The auditors will attend a meeting in November to present the audit. The City's accounting has become more complex and there are plans to move to Intuit Quickbooks at the beginning of the coming fiscal year. Hollie Johnson will do the conversion. Mendel recommended budgeting at least one month's salary expense for this additional work. Mendel made a motion to engage Hollie Johnson to convert our books from Excel to Quickbooks, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously. Mendel presented and discussed the 2009 post audit financial report. Mendel made a motion to endorse the August financial report, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis presented the 2011 budget. Revenue projections were decreased by approximately \$7,000 from the previous year. The expense for website/software was increased \$200 for the purchase of Quickbooks. Administrative Services was increased \$350 for conversion expense. Bell-Guercio motioned to approve the budget, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Jones reported that the PAZ had a work session. At the next session they plan to review the building codes and make a recommendation to the Council.

Robins spoke with Jimmy Rhodes of Adkins Signs. To replace the decorative signs at Caldwell Trace and Castleberry, it will cost \$300 each. The post, painting and installation will cost an additional \$175 per sign for a total of \$775. Robins motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll-call vote. A resident asked if we should be replacing the Castleberry sign since it is on a private road. Jones responded yes, it is for the greater good. Robins motioned to hire Rhodes to replace the two signs and up to three other posts, which were in poor repair, in the interest of public safety at a cost up to \$1,300, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously. Ben Jones has completed his Eagle Scout project. The bollards are in place and the benches are complete. The Council greatly appreciates the effort he and his Dad, Warren Jones, have made. Robins asked the Council if they wanted Jim and Nick's BBQ to cater Founder's

Day and they responded yes. Robins made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll-call vote. Robins made a motion to contract Jim and Nick's BBQ or another vendor of choice to provide catering for Founder's Day at a cost up to \$1,250, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis noted there will be a meet and greet for Representative Mary Sue McClurkin at the Church home this Sunday from 4:30 to 6:30. The Mayor encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

The Mayor opened the floor for questions. A resident asked the status of the completion of the Highway 119 project. There has been activity in the last few days. Robins will follow up with Gary Ray of ALDOT. Mendel requested asphalt aprons at the Town Hall entryways. Robins will discuss with Ray. A county road sign on Indian Crest was knocked down. A resident attempted to put it back up, but the post is bent. Robins will contact the County.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

October 5, 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 except Jack Mendel. Stewart Dudley arrived at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of 9/21 were presented. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Wayne Jones reported for the ZBA. There is the possibility of a variance request for a sign advertising the Oak Mountain Preserve subdivision in Pelham to be placed on the Maddox property at Caldwell Mill and Highway 119.

Robins received a quote from Jim and Nicks BBQ for \$870.63 for the Founders' Day celebration. It will be the same menu and amount of servings as last year.

Robins spoke with Jimmy Rhodes of Adkins Signs. He will replace the signs at Castleberry and Caldwell Trace and the posts that are in ill repair at Castleberry, Arrowhead, Valley View and Grimes Road. The faded stop sign at Caldwell Mill Lane/Caldwell Mill Circle will also be replaced as well as the road signs and post. There is a damaged road sign on Indian Crest near Highgate Hill, and a pothole on Valley View Drive. Robins has contacted the County about both and requested repairs. He also asked the County to replace faded County road signs along 119.

Robins also spoke with Gary Ray of ALDOT. Ray reported that the contractor is almost complete with the work on 119. Robins asked Ray again about repairing the Arrowhead and 119 intersection. Ray stated it was to be done today or tomorrow.

Robins stated that Ben Jones submitted receipts in the amount of \$849.43 for the purchase of the bollards and for the waterproofing material for the wooden benches. His Eagle Scout project is now complete. Mayor Zerkis thanked Ben and his dad, Warren Jones, for the project. It has made a nice improvement to the Town Hall grounds.

Mayor Zerkis reported that a resident wants to rent the vacant store location for a weekend for her and other vendors to sell arts and crafts. The resident wanted to know if each vendor would need a business license. A discussion followed.

Stauss reported that resident Dr. Slaughter had passed away recently. He will request that his obituary be republished in *The Village Voice*. He offered his condolences to the family.

Nathaniel Henriques, a Star Scout of Troop 514, attended the meeting to earn his Citizenship in the Community and Communications badges. He has earned a total of eight badges so far.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor for public comment. Bart Trammell presented a map and survey of the Castleberry lot to the Council.

There was a discussion about Founders' Day activities.

Zerkis tentatively scheduled a work session next Monday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the grounds project.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

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• **FOUND: A cake server at the Founders' Day** •
• **Celebration on Tuesday, October 19th. If it's** •
• **yours, please call Nora Boyett at 988-0466.** •
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Scams and More Scams *by Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

Seems like the “bad guys” are coming up with more creative ways to get at our money. For those of us who use the internet, not a day does past when I don't get a email from someone asking me to hold a few million dollars for them or something that looks like it comes from my bank asking me to verify my account numbers and social security numbers or something equally silly. There are viruses that raid your address books and send out emails to friends saying you were mugged and could they please sent a couple of thousands of dollars to pay your hotel bill and so on. I keep getting emails with viruses from people I know whose email accounts have been hacked. I never open them. I never answer them, I use my “delete” key liberally, as should you.

Then there are the contractor scams with offers of work at low prices. Money is paid and they “disappear”. There are also contractors who take down-payments and then declare bankruptcy. That's unfortunate but it's happening all the time. We've had a few of those in town recently. Times are rough and we all need to be very careful or else we will be out good money. The bad guys are making it harder for the good, hardworking and honest contractors to make a living.

A Business in Your Home

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

A number of residents have a business in the home and the ISV Zoning Ordinance permits that within some strict guidelines. If you have a home business, please take the time to read Section 4.0 Home Occupation in the ISV Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance is available to you on the town's website www.indianspringsvillage.org under Zoning.

Let me give you a few highlights from that section:

- The home occupation shall be clearly incidental to residential use,
- Customary home occupations shall be limited to an office or a business of a personal service nature,
- The home occupation shall be confined to twenty-five (25) percent of the principal building, and shall not be conducted in any accessory building on the same lot. No outside storage will be used in conjunction with a home occupation.
- Employment shall be limited to members of the family residing in the dwelling, and there shall be no employment of help other than those members of the residential family.
- No display of products shall be visible from the street.

If you want to operate your business from your home, you must adhere to all the requirements of this ordinance, and be approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Of course, you must also have a business license from ISV in order to operate. Your business must conform to the requirements of the ISV Zoning Ordinance in order for you to obtain or renew your business license. You may apply for a business license from our city clerk, Kelly Rasco. Please feel free to contact Ms. Rasco or me if you have any questions.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

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

Alabama Wildlife Center News

Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant

November 7, 2010 – 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Alabama Wildlife Center Volunteer Orientation

AWC always needs volunteers to:

- Work a 4 ½ hour animal care shift
- Provide transport between AWC and our veterinarians, Auburn Raptor Center, state transport relay sites and rescue/release sites
- Provide carpentry, plumbing and 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.

205-663-7930 Ext. 8; www.awrc.org.

November 21, 2010

Audubon Teaches Nature at the Alabama Wildlife Center

Refreshments are offered at 1:30 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Center followed by the program at 2:00 p.m., either at the Alabama Wildlife Center or the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center. Weather permitting, 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 program: *Red-cockaded Woodpeckers in the Talladega National Forest – Meet the New Neighbors* at 2:00 p.m. Art Henderson – Guest Speaker. The longleaf pine ecosystem once dominated the landscape of the southeastern United States. Its demise ushered in the decline of species such as red-cockaded woodpeckers, which depend on old pines for nesting cavities. Come learn about restoration efforts underway in the Talladega National Forest as we welcome an old friend to its new home.

Free after paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park: \$1 per child 6-11 & Seniors 62+; \$3 Adults
205-663-7930 Ext. 8; www.awrc.org.

December 11, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Alabama Wildlife Center's Holiday Craft and Bake Sale

Holiday-themed crafts, jams, jellies, preserves and baked goods with proceeds benefiting the Alabama Wildlife Center. Also, children's activities, guided tours and Santa.

Free after paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park:

\$1 per child (6-11) & Seniors (62+); \$3 Adults.

205-663-7930 Ext. 8; www.awrc.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.

Garden Club Workday at Town Hall Grounds Instead of Meeting

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair

Indian Springs Garden Club

With the advent of autumn, flower gardens usually begin looking messy and unkempt. The gardens of the Town Hall will be taken care of by members of the Indian Springs Garden Club on November 6 in lieu of a regular monthly meeting. Members should don gloves and bring tools to the Town Hall on Saturday at 7:30 a.m.; pruning, weeding, etc., should be finished long before favorite college football games begin.

Members celebrated autumn with their annual harvest supper October 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall. A variety of dishes were brought, from butternut squash soup and corn soufflé to blueberry cobbler and many others, for members to enjoy before getting down to the business of planning next year's schedule. Many good suggestions were given for President Patsy Strozier's consideration, and workdays at the Town Hall were scheduled.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party, Sunday, December 12, at 1:00 p. m.

On Sunday, October 10, 2010 Claire Alexandra Tully, daughter of Martin and Fran Tully of Indian Springs Village (2612 Buckboard Road), exchanged vows with Dana Robin Green, grandson of Helen and Monroe Green of Vestavia, AL on the grounds of Indian Springs Village Town Hall. A dinner and dance reception followed at St. Mark Catholic Church Social Hall. The couple will honeymoon in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Oak Mountain Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Schedules



2010-11 Oak Mountain Boys Basketball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Location | 9 th Grade | JV | Varsity |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|
| Nov. 12 | Sylacauga | Away | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Nov. 16 | Shades Valley | OMHS | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Nov. 18 | Clay Chalkville | OMHS | 5:00 | | |
| Nov. 19 | Clay Chalkville | OMHS | | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Nov. 20-23 | Hewitt Trussville Tournament | Away | | | TBA |
| Nov. 30 | Shades Valley | Away | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Dec. 3 | Woodlawn | OMHS | | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Dec. 10 | Spain Park | Away | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Dec. 14 | Clay Chalkville | Away | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Dec. 17-22 | Shelby County Tournament | Univ. of Montevallo | | | TBA |
| Dec. 20-22 | Spain Park Tournament | Away | TBA | TBA | |
| Dec. 28-29 | Homewood Tournament | Away | TBA | TBA | |
| Dec. 29-31 | Homewood Tournament | Away | | | TBA |
| Jan. 3 | Gardendale | OMHS | 5:00 | | |
| Jan. 4 | Gardendale | OMHS | | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 7 | Sylacauga | OMHS | 3:30 | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 10 | Pelham | OMHS | 5:00 | | |
| Jan. 11 | Pelham | OMHS | | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 14 | Thompson | Away | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 17 | Hoover | OMHS | 5:00 | | |
| Jan. 18 | Hoover | OMHS | | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 21 | Pelham | Away | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 24 | Thompson | OMHS | 5:00 | | |
| Jan. 25 | Thompson | OMHS | | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 28 | Hoover | Away | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |
| Jan. 31 | Spain Park | OMHS | 5:00 | | |
| Feb. 1 | Gardendale | Away | 6:00 | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Feb. 4 | Spain Park | OMHS | | 4:30 | 7:30 |
| Feb. 7 | Prattville | OMHS | | 4:30 | 6:00 |
| Feb. 11, 14 | Area Tournament | TBA | | | TBA |
| Feb. 18 | Sub-Regional | TBA | | | TBA |
| Feb. 22-26 | Northeast Regional | Jax St. | | | TBA |
| March 1-5 | Final Four | BJCC | | | TBA |



2010-11 Oak Mountain Girls Basketball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Location | Team (s) | Time |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Nov. 10-12 | OMHS Tip-Off Tourney | OMHS | V | TBA |
| Nov. 11, 13 | Vestavia Tip-Off | Away | JV | TBA |
| Nov. 16 | Tuscaloosa County | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Nov. 18 | Clay-Chalkville | OMHS | JV | 6:15 |
| Nov. 19 | Clay-Chalkville | OMHS | V | 6:00 |
| Nov. 23 | Jackson-Olin | OMHS | JV/V | 4:45/6:00 |
| Dec. 3 | Woodlawn | OMHS | V | 6:00 |
| Dec. 7 | Tuscaloosa County | OMHS | JV/V | 4:45/6:00 |
| Dec. 10 | Spain Park | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Dec. 11 | Vestavia | Away | JV/V | 12:00/1:30 |
| Dec. 14 | Clay-Chalkville | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Dec. 17-21 | Shelby County Tourney | UM | V | TBA |
| Dec. 20-22 | Big Orange Tournament | Away | JV | TBA |
| Jan. 3 | Gardendale | OMHS | JV | 6:15 |
| Jan. 4 | Gardendale | OMHS | V | 6:00 |
| Jan. 6 | Jackson-Olin | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Jan. 7 | Sylacauga | OMHS | V | 6:00 |
| Jan. 10 | Pelham | OMHS | JV | 6:15 |
| Jan. 11 | Pelham | OMHS | V | 6:00 |
| Jan. 14 | Thompson | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Jan. 17 | Hoover | OMHS | JV | 6:15 |
| Jan. 18 | Hoover | OMHS | V | 6:00 |
| Jan. 21 | Pelham | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Jan. 24 | Thompson | OMHS | JV | 6:15 |
| Jan. 25 | Thompson | OMHS | V | 6:00 |
| Jan. 28 | Hoover | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Jan. 31 | Vestavia | OMHS | V | 6:30 |
| Feb. 1 | Gardendale | Away | JV/V | 4:30/6:00 |
| Feb. 4 | Spain Park | OMHS | JV/V | 3:30/6:00 |
| Feb. 10-12 | Area Tournament | TBA | V | TBA |
| Feb. 17 | Sub-Regional Playoff | TBA | V | TBA |
| Feb. 22-24 | Regional Tournament | Jax State | V | TBA |

Food Drive by Kelly Rasco, Villager

A food drive for Oak Mountain Missions will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, November 13. The OMM truck will be parked at the Town Hall and you may drop off your donations any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The mission has the following needs: • canned goods (meat, fruit, vegetables, soup, etc.) • non-perishable goods (cereal, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, etc.) • personal care items (toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.) • coats for men, women and children (clean, gently used) • plus size clothing for men and women.

Oak Mountain Missions serves Shelby County and surrounding areas by providing food, clothing and household goods to qualified, screened clients.

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

***The library will be closed on November 24th, 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.

Special Programming

Mondays, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th – 3:15-4:15 p.m.: “Sit, Stay, Read!” A non-profit organization through Hand-in-Paw dedicated to providing volunteer services to children. “Sit, Stay, Read!” brings children together with specially trained dogs to help them gain more confidence in their reading abilities in an individual setting at the North Shelby Library that is supportive, relaxed and furry! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Friday, November 12th at 3:30 p.m.: **Intermediate Book Club.** Join our book club for kids ages 8-12. We will be discussing *The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry. This is a selection from the Battle of the Books in which Shelby County schools are participating. Our discussion will be great practice for the actual competition. Please join us even if you are not participating in the Battle of the Books and are just interested in knowing more. Registration required. Snacks served. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, November 13th – 2:00-3:30 p.m.: **Family Movie Day – Disney’s Pocahontas.** Join Pocahontas and John Smith as they fight to bring two cultures together. Will they be successful, or will all-out war ensue? All ages. Snacks served. No registration required.

Tuesday, November 16th – 4:00 p.m.: **Paper Plate Turkey.** Kids will love making this festive turkey craft. Registration begins November 2nd. All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m.: **Homeschool Hangout – Autumn Crafts.** Join us as we celebrate the beautiful season of autumn by making some great crafts! Ages 8-12. Registration required. Call or email the Children’s Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales – Mondays, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts make up a lively 30 minute program designed especially for short attention spans. Registration will begin one week prior to each storytime. Ages 19-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Baby Tales Story Time – Tuesdays, November 9th and 23rd – 10:30-11:00 a.m. A story time designed especially for babies and their caregivers. Stories and music provide interaction for the babies and time for caregivers to talk and share with each other. No siblings please. Ages: Birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration begins two weeks prior to program date. Call the Children’s Department at 439-5504 to sign up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) – Wednesdays, November 3rd, 10th and 17th 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, November 4th, 11th and 18th at 7:00 p.m. Come in your PJs, have milk and cookies and hear some wonderful bedtime tales. All ages. No registration required.



Special Equestrians, Inc. 2010 T.H.R.I.L.L. Ride

(Therapeutic Horseback Riding is a Labor of Love)

Ride to help people with disabilities know the joys of riding too!

WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2010

Rain Date: 11/21 -- If concerned about weather on the day, call (205) 987-WHOA and press #1 for confirmation.

- o Registration 9:00 – 10:30 am
- o Lunch (Non-riders pay \$5 for lunch) 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
- o Ride at your leisure or with a group 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
- o Gates close 4:00 pm

WHERE: The Farm of Gates Shaw in Brierfield Farms near Montevallo

TO REGISTER: \$35.00 minimum tax-deductible contribution. Have friends, family, and co-workers sponsor your ride. All money must be turned in at registration to be eligible for prizes. (Raise funds quickly and easily by creating your own fundraising page to accept secure online contributions at www.firstgiving.com/specialquest.)

R S V P Call 205-987-WHOA (9462) to reserve your place.

PRIZES:

All riders that raise:

- o \$35 will receive a Horsey Goody Bag
- o \$50 will receive a Horsey Goody Bag and a T-shirt
- o \$200 or more receive a Horsey Goody Bag, T-shirt, and a Leather Halter
- o \$500 or more will receive a CHANCE TO WIN a synthetic English or Western Saddle (Winner’s choice) provided by Carousel Tack Shoppe

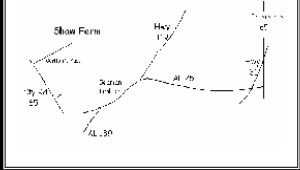
A silent auction and raffle will be held throughout the morning. Prizes, including for the costume contest, and winners will be announced at 1:00 pm during lunch. (If you want to donate prizes for the raffle or silent auction, please give us a call!)

Rider Checklist

- Call Special Equestrians at (205) 987-WHOA (9462) to reserve your spot.
- Have friends, family, and coworkers sponsor you for your ride.
Set up your own web page at www.firstgiving.com/specialquest
- What should I bring with me?
 - Bring your horse and ride in a group or solo
 - Negative Coggins (within the last 12 months)
 - Signed waivers required before riding
 - Helmets highly recommended.
(Extra helmets will be available.)

Directions

Take 25 South from Calera or 119. About 8.5 miles south of Montevallo, turn right on City Rd 65. Turn right on Carlton’s Pass. (2nd paved road on RT with church on corner) Go to end of the road and drive straight into the pasture! Look for signs!



Additional sponsor forms can be downloaded from the Calendar and Events page of our website, www.specialquest.org

Teen Scene

November 1st @ 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

Teen Book Pick of the Month: *The DUFF (Designated Ugly Fat Friend)* by Kody Keplinger. Are you the DUFF in your group of friends? Oh, don’t know what the DUFF is? It’s the Designated Ugly Fat Friend. Seventeen-year-old Bianca Piper didn’t know that word either until the richest, hottest guy in school, Wesley Rush, used it – to describe her. While sitting at a teenage club one night, waiting for her friends to stop shaking their booties, Wesley strikes up a conversation with Bianca. When she asks why he is talking to her, he let’s her know it’s because he wants to get with one of her friends, and the best way to do that is to talk to the DUFF. When Wesley explains what the DUFF is, Bianca throws her drink in Wesley’s face. After that episode, Wesley and Bianca start being thrown together more and more and eventually begin a relationship in which they both say there are no strings attached and they are just using one another. Everything is going great until Bianca realizes Wesley isn’t the slimy pig she envisioned and she begins to have feelings for him.

The Month of November – Online Book Club

Want to find another teen book to read? Join our Online Book Club and receive portions of a teen book each week through your email! Sign up at www.northshelbylibrary.org to get started!

“An Oak Mountain Christmas” Featuring Internationally- known Vocalist Carrie Tillis

“An Oak Mountain Christmas,” featuring the Bands of Oak Mountain with special guest Carrie Tillis, will be held December 3 at the historic, beautiful Alabama Theatre in Birmingham.

Tillis, daughter of country music legend Mel Tillis and sister of superstar Pam Tillis, is an internationally-known vocalist with an incredible range of music styles, from opera and Broadway musical theatre to classic country tunes and standards.

Tillis is known for standout performances, which include standing ovations for her rendition of “O Holy Night” – which also will be performed at this special event. Popular demand for her performance of that song brought her back to the Meridian Symphony Orchestra two years in a row. She has worked with singers, musicians and conductors from throughout the world.

Tillis will perform a range of music with Oak Mountain High School’s nationally-recognized jazz, symphonic and wind ensemble bands, culminating with a mass band “sing-a-long” that will appeal to all ages. This special evening also will include music by the Alabama’s “Mighty Wurlitzer” organ.

All proceeds benefit the Oak Mountain band program. For more information, visit www.oakmountainchristmas.com.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are general admission. For tickets, including group sales, email tickets@oakmountainchristmas.com.

North Shelby Library News

Land the job of your dreams with ReferenceUSA on Wednesday, November 17th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at North Shelby Library.

Please join us for a presentation on how ReferenceUSA can be utilized as a job-searching tool. ReferenceUSA representative Rick White will be leading this instructional program and will be available to answer any questions about researching all phases of your job search.

ReferenceUSA is a database available to the community that provides in-depth information on more than 14 million US potential employers nationwide.

Please call 439-5510 to register for this event.



You are cordially invited to our

Eagle Vision Dinner & Auction

January 29, 2011

4:30-8:00 p.m.

Oak Mountain High School

**Dinner Tickets \$15 adult
\$10 child age 10 & under**

Silent Auction and Entertainment

Come support our school!

For ticket information, please contact
Cynthia cjones@crossbridgechurch.com (985-8483)
or Sandy sandyj@sheffieldrisk.com (991-6658).

***Evening sponsored by OMHS PTO.
100% of proceeds directly benefit the academics of
Oak Mountain High School.***

North Shelby Library "Holiday Open House"

Monday, November 29th from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

**A book-signing with author Robert Dalby and live holiday
music with Phil McEntee and Chuck King.**

Join us for a holiday open house, featuring Robert Dalby author of the beloved *Piggly Wiggly* series. Dalby will speak from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and sign his newest release, *A Piggly Wiggly Christmas*, immediately following. Books will be available for purchase and refreshments will be served.

The Nitwits are back in this charming conclusion to the beloved *Piggly Wiggly* Series!!! There's no Christmas like Christmas in Second Creek, Mississippi. But, when a fire devastates the town square's beautiful buildings a week before the holiday, it will take a miracle --and the Nitwits-- to find a way to revive the Christmas spirit and raise the money to rebuild.

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2010

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Veterans Day is a time to honor all the men and women who served in our armed forces since the founding of our country 234 years ago. Not all veterans have seen war, but a common bond they share is an oath they took to defend our constitution and express their willingness to die defending this nation.

It is tragic that the men and women who served to keep us free and safe in our homes are often without homes themselves. Twenty-three percent of America's homeless population are veterans. Eighty-nine percent of these homeless veterans were honorably discharged and 47 percent served during the Vietnam War.

Don't undervalue the effect of simply saying "thank you" to veterans you meet. There are approximately 23 million living Americans who have served, including those who continue to serve in uniform. Of these veterans, 1.2 million are women. Showing your appreciation is the least we can do. Whether it's welcoming them home from deployment or volunteering at the local VA hospital, there is no shortage of opportunities to assist these men and women who have given so much for their country.

Wreaths Across America

by Selene Vaught, Villager

The cadets of the Bessemer Civil Air Patrol are needing folks to sponsor wreaths for the 2nd annual Wreaths Across America remembrance ceremony at the Alabama Veteran's National cemetery in Montevallo, AL on Saturday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Please visit www.BessemerCAP.com/WAA before November 22 to sponsor a wreath to adorn a fallen soldiers' resting place for the Christmas season. Individual, Family, Small Business and Corporate sponsorships are available. Help us reach our goal of 1000 wreaths.

All are welcome to join us in this commemorative celebration! For grave specific requests at this location, please email fobc087@gmail.com or call 516-7089.



Veterans Affairs Offers Medallion

by Villager Bill Weems, CDR, USNR (Ret.)

"The Department of Veterans Affairs is making available a new medallion to be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a veteran. If requested, the medallion will be furnished in lieu of a traditional government headstone or marker for veterans that died on or after November 1, 1990, and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. The medallion is currently available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 ½ inches. Each medallion will be inscribed with the word VETERAN across the top and the branch of service at the bottom. Appropriate affixing adhesive, instructions and hardware will be provided with the medallion. Important: This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible veterans are entitled to either a traditional government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both." (quoted from VA website)

A picture of the medallion and full details for obtaining one at no cost to family members are included via the following link on the VA's website: <http://www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmtype.asp>. The phone number for the VA regional offices is 800-827-1000.

I ordered one in July for my father's headstone and it arrived in about seven weeks. It is of heavy bronze-type material and is a fitting way to recognize his six years of service in the Marine Corps during World War II. I hope by sharing this information that others in the area will choose to honor their former service members in this manner.

Indian Springs School News

submitted by Melanie Kieve,
Assistant Director of Development

Indian Springs School (ISS) held a very successful open house for prospective students and their families on Sunday, October 24, that drew approximately 120 guests to the school to learn about its academics and programs.


The open house featured a brief concert by the Indian Springs School Chamber Choir, campus tours, student-faculty panels on academics and extracurricular activities and an outdoor reception with faculty members, staff, students and parents.

The next ISS admission event — See Us at Springs — will be held November 11, 2010. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and will involve a tour of the campus and the opportunity to see a class in session. For more information, please visit www.SpringsExperience.org or contact the Admissions Office at admission@indiansprings.org or (205) 988-3350.

Happy Birthday, Indian Springs Village!



November 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.

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| 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-1 Dominoes 11:30—3 Canasta | 10-11 Aerobic Workouts 10:30-1 Dale's Restaurant/ Hobby Lobby Outing 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch | 9-12 Bridge Club 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch 2-3 Community Grief Support Group | 10-11 Aerobic Workouts 10-2 Bingo Bunch 12 Lunch 12:30-2 Wii Bowling | 9-9:45 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dance 11-12 Beginning Line Dance |
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Time to Winterize

by Steve Zerks, Mayor

Think we are going to have any more 90 degree days this year? Probably not. We are in a beautiful fall and winter is not far behind. I heard the weather forecast say that temps are dropping and to expect frost one of these nights and some serious cold. It is time to check your house and winterize to save fuel costs.

You also want to especially focus on protecting your pipes from freezing. Here are some ideas:

- Identify and seal all cold air drafts near water pipes including basement windows and crawl spaces vents.
- Install fire retardant insulation around susceptible pipes.
- Water pipes that are located on the inside of exterior walls or unheated spaces, such as your attic, are also vulnerable. You may need to install electric heater tape on those pipes. North and west walls are typically most vulnerable.
- If you have an underground sprinkling system, shut off the water supply and properly drain the system.
- If you leave your home for any extended period of time during the winter, set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees before leaving.



Villager Attains Eagle Scout Rank

Ben Jones, son of Warren and Leigh Fran Jones of Star Trek Drive, has recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. As his eagle project, Ben, working with Herb Robins and the Council, built and installed three new benches that were

placed under the trees beside the ISV pavilion, and he installed horse-head ballards that flank the stairs on the ISV flag pole memorial. Ben, an Oak Mountain junior, is on both the cross country and track teams and is a member of Briarwood Presbyterian's Boy Scout Troop #254. Both his grandparents, Don and Anita Jones of ISV, and great grandparents, R.E. and Eunice Gurley, were founers of Indian Springs Village.



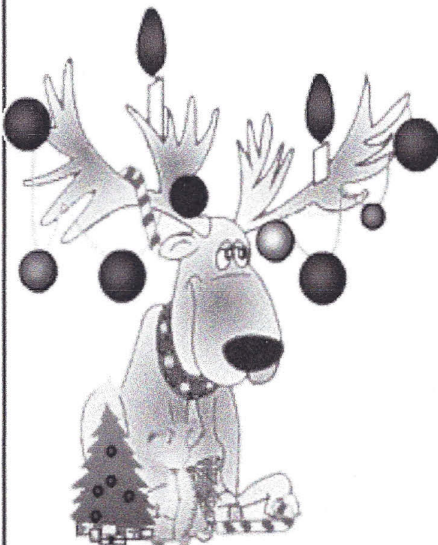
Ho Ho Ho!

**Santa Claus is coming to Indian Springs Village
Saturday, December 11, 2010
From 1:00 P.M until 4:00 P.M.**

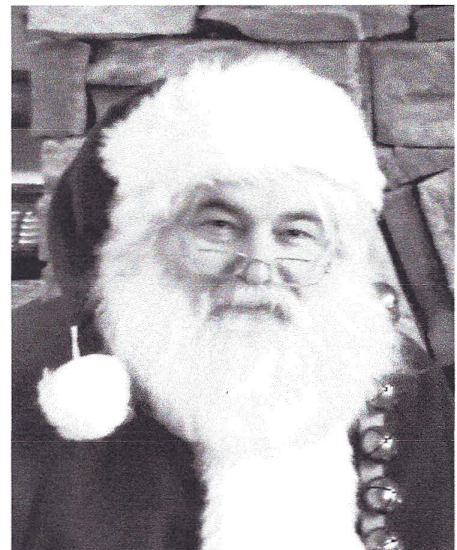
**Indian Springs Village Town Hall
2635 Cahaba Valley Road**

**Santa welcomes good boys and girls of ALL ages
to share their holiday wishes with him.**

**Bring the wish list and a camera
and spend an afternoon with Santa!**



*Refreshments
will be
served.*



*Santa is brought to you by the Crapet family.
Merry Christmas from Michael, Tricia, and Joseph!*