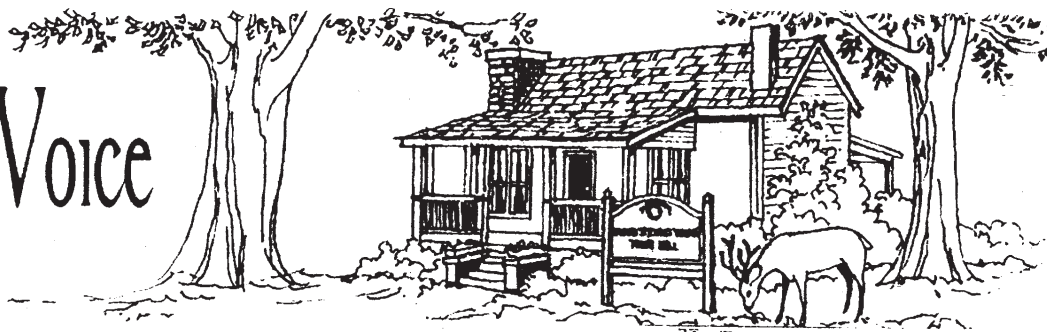


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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5, 2011 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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Message from the Mayor *by Steve Zerkis*

As I am writing this the last weekend in February, I think spring is finally coming. I see signs of life out there. Yellow and white daffodils are coming up, Bradford pear trees are starting to blossom and my neighbor's tulip tree has bloomed. Doesn't mean we won't have more sleet and ice but this is a very good sign that we might be finally coming to the end of winter. It's time for a good “spring cleanup” of our yards and adjoining property to make them look good for the season. If a neighbor needs some help, I hope you will consider going over and giving them a hand with their yard. Some of the road shoulders need a cleaning up and I hope you will help with that. Thanks to the individuals who have started picking up trash and illegal signs along several streets in town. It's beginning to look better already.

With spring comes our first town event of the year, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year it will be on Saturday, April 23rd on the grounds of the Town Hall. It will start at the usual time of 3:00 p.m. All children ages zero through twelve are invited to find all the eggs they can. There will be prizes for everyone. If you don't have children, bring your grandchildren, nephews, nieces and let them have a great time. I hope everyone can come out and enjoy the spring day. We have invited the Easter Bunny to come be with us and she would love to have her picture taken with all the children. Brenda Bell-Guercio is chairing this event again this year and she is asking for your help. She needs volunteers to spend a few minutes to hide eggs and help with the set-up. Please call her at 987-2581 or email at Brenda@indianspringsvillage.org.

What's new? Well, the U.S. Census Bureau is starting to release the results from their recent census and I've been told by Shelby County officials that Indian Springs Village has grown to 2,363 residents. Our 2000 population was 2025. There are also a total of 867 houses and the lowest vacancy rate in the region. Thanks to everyone for filling out those census forms.

Our town's population has grown gradually and at a reasonable rate. In the past ten years, there have been new homes built toward the eastern end of town along Indian Crest Drive and some in other neighborhoods. The owners of several parcels have asked to be annexed into the town. But there have not been large scale developments. The character of our town has not changed. It is still a “green oasis” and we hope it will stay like that and maintain its quiet and relatively rural environment.

Thanks to all residents who went out and voted in the recent election to maintain the current school property tax. It passed by a two to one vote. Shelby County has the best overall school system in the state and our four Oak Mountain schools provide the best public school education in the county. Your vote will help maintain our quality public schools.

A very happy spring to everyone!

Town Council Meeting

January 18, 2011

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.

The meeting minutes for January 4 were presented to the Council for approval. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the December financial report and made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Wayne Jones reported for the PAZ. The committee did not meet last week as planned due to no quorum, but will meet the third Tuesday in February. They plan to review the subdivision application from Ken Bush.

Mayor Zerkis presented a brief proposal from City Engineer, Frazier Christy for revision of the sign ordinance. The proposed cost would be six to seven thousand dollars. A discussion followed. Dudley made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted by a unanimous roll call vote. Mendel motioned that Hatch Mott MacDonald be engaged to develop ordinances for signs, rezoning and home-based business exceptions, with a cost not to exceed five-thousand dollars. Stauss seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins gave an update on roadwork. Per Gary Ray of ALDOT, the contractor has not returned to complete the clean up work on the Highway 119 project. Signs have been removed along the roadway.

There was a recent article in The Shelby County Reporter about Judge Patti Smith's retirement. She has been an asset to the county and state and Robins expressed his thanks for her service. Smith, a former ISV resident, donated the flagpole at Town Hall in honor of her Dad.

Stauss reported that a resident had requested to put a mobile home on an E-1 lot. He told them they would have to request a variance or rezoning.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the dump truck with the advertising sign parked at Highway 119 and Caldwell Mill has been moved.

A work session will be held February 1 to talk about landscaping and building maintenance.

There may be some annexations coming up.

Zerkis spoke with Judge Hub Harrington. Harrington stated he has had superb care since his accident in Arizona.

Zerkis will review road paving priorities with Robins before he sends a request letter to the County.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

February 1, 2011

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.

The approval of the meeting minutes for January 18 was postponed until the next meeting.

Stauss reported for the ZBA. Approximately two weeks ago, he spoke with the attorney for the tutoring business. They plan to apply for a variance, but have not submitted paperwork yet.

The City Clerk gave an update on business licenses. Approximately 15 remain unpaid. Birmingham Water paid \$6,600; Pelham Water \$9,500 and Alabama Power \$115,000.

After the work session, the Council has decided to get pricing on a curb apron, stone columns, tree pruning, shrubbery installation and landscape rocks.

Robins reviewed the City's roads and sent a letter requesting paving and an estimate to the County. The roads that are priority city maintained roads are its portions of Star Trek Drive (675 ft.), Double Oak Lane (1050 ft), Park View Circle (1050 ft) and Timber Hill Road (600 ft). The highest priority roads that the County maintains are Mountain Park Drive and Foxfire Circle. Paving on several other roads that the county maintains was also requested. Once Robins receives the estimate, he will present it to the Council for a vote.

Mayor Zerkis commented that the intersection of Highway 119 and Arrowhead that was repaired two months ago is crumbling, and the intersection of Highway 119 and Valley View Road has not yet been repaired. Stauss reported that mile marker 21 hasn't been replaced yet either. Robins will follow up with Gary Ray of ALDOT.

Mendel is working with the bookkeeper to develop the capability to do ad hoc reports..

Jones reported for the PAZ. They have requested a draft of the sign ordinance from the City Engineer by next week. There was a discussion about the proposed zoning change for E-1.

Mayor Zerkis stated there is maintenance work required on the Town Hall. There are boards on the front porch that need to be replaced, and siding on the back of the house that also needs to be replaced. Some exterior painting also needs to be done. The carpet in the conference room needs to be cleaned. He will contact Tricia Crapet to find out what kind of flooring is under the carpet.

The Harrington's have returned home. Bee Little is coordinating meals.

Matt Langford of Troop 5 from Christ Church was attending the meeting to earn badges towards his Star rank.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Yard Waste Burning

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

I love the smell of an outdoor fire of leaves and wood as do many of us. But for a number of our residents that smoke means difficulty in breathing and possible asthma attacks. If you can, please dispose of yard waste through WMI or take it to the county dump. If you have to build an outdoor fire at this time of the year, please wait until you have a day with no wind, and keep the fire small so that smoke does not drift into your neighbors' yards and homes. I know some of our residents will be most thankful.

One other thought: the covenants of your neighborhood and/or state environmental regulations may restrict or prohibit outdoor fires, or may specify how far away that fire must be from a building. Please check your covenants before starting a fire, and call the Alabama Department of Environmental Management at 942-6168 about their "open burning regulations."

OLV National Blue Ribbon

Nomination

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School (OLV) in ISV has been nominated for the 2011 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award by the Council for American Private Education. It is only one of 50 private schools across the US to be nominated for this honor. Nominated schools will be reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education to determine national Blue Ribbon winners.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either high-performing or have improved student achievement to high levels. OLV was nominated in the high-performing school category. To be so nominated, student scores in mathematics and reading for all grades tested in the most recent year must be among the top 15 percent in the nation. Receiving this nomination is itself an honor. Winners will be announced in September.



18th Annual ISV Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

All children through the age of 12
are invited!

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

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



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



Petals from the Past's Jason Powell Discusses Antique Roses, Perennials

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

Jason Powell called to say he would be late for the Indian Springs Garden Club meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 24 at the Town Hall. Unaware when he left Jemison that road work on I-65 was being done at night, he was stuck in traffic around Alabaster. Patsy Strozier, president, called the short business meeting to order to accomplish that before his arrival.

Introduced were new members Preston and Ann Jackson. A treasurer's report followed: \$230.00 was collected in annual dues at the January meeting. Due to the cancellation of our June program, a new one is being sought and suggestions are welcomed.

When our speaker arrived, he was immediately captured by the rich fragrance of yellow blossoms from the shrub, edgeworthia, brought to the meeting by Mary Bowman. "Paperbush" is the common name; a high grade paper product is made from its bark in China and Japan. Mr. Powell also commented on the numerous orange lilies brought by President Strozier from her garden.

The speaker, a graduate of Auburn University, received his master's degree from Texas A&M, where one of his professors, also an author, introduced him to benefits of antique roses – any variety of rose grown before 1867. They are admired for their fragrance, shape and disease resistance. They climb, they ramble, they trail and form bushes large and small. They bloom steadily for several years and can be settled into a container if garden space is not available. The Cecile Brunner is an antique rose described as the "climbing pinky."

The only problem: deer love roses. The best deterrent is a commercial fertilizer which is also a wonderful food for roses – Milorganite. It can be used at any time even during a drought. At Petals from the Past, they fertilize the roses every five weeks.

Concerning perennials, Mr. Powell first discussed the benefits of annuals that re-seed themselves and add color to your garden, such as Johnny Jump-Up; delphinium or larkspur; peony poppy; California poppy; Flanders poppy; and Bishop's Flower, otherwise known as false Queen Anne's lace. The best mulch to use is finely-ground pine bark mulch.

Perennials (which return the next year and may survive 4-5 years) he talked about are the varieties "fire witch" (which resemble miniature carnations), "Parker's Gold" yarrow, atemisia, salvia "Hot Lips" variety, the primrose and "Becky" Shasta daisy.

Noting again that he "loved mulch," Powell suggested 2 inch minimum mulch in the spring with a "sprucing it up" in the fall.

The speaker had brought samples of all the perennials and herbs discussed, which were bought by members before everyone enjoyed refreshments brought by Malak McNinch and volunteers Liz Eich and Jennie Pittman.

The Thursday, March 24 meeting at the Town Hall will feature Angela Boackle and Cat Martin, whose topic is "Helping Create a Garden on a Low Budget."

Adult Lifelong Learning Survey

Through a partnership between Shelby County, The University of Montevallo Department of Continuing Education, Shelby County Public Libraries and Shelby County Board of Education, a survey has been developed to gather information concerning the types of lifelong learning opportunities that would most interest and benefit residents in the Shelby County Community.

During these economic times and as citizens of the 21st Century (The Information Age), it is important that we all continue to learn new things throughout our lifetime! We want your citizens to have a voice in the types of learning opportunities that will be offered to the community.

To take the survey online, go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XY57P82>. If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick one up at the Town Hall. When completed, please return it to any Shelby County Public Library or mail it to:

University of Montevallo
Department of Continuing Education
2790 Pelham Parkway
Pelham, AL 35124

If you have questions, would like to make suggestions or are interested in teaching a class, please contact any of the entities listed below.

Shelby County Public Libraries
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Alabama Wildlife Center

Upcoming Events

by Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant

03/05/11 & 04/02/11, Saturday 1:00 p.m. – Get Wild, a free, monthly family-oriented program promoting bird conservation and stewardship. Each program is hosted by wild bird educators and will feature a different topic. The program always includes our monthly conservation tip and may include an introduction to one of AWC's resident glove-trained Education Birds, a visit inside the workings of our unique rehabilitation clinic or maybe even a hands-on service project for our wild bird patients. Come get wild and have a learning adventure! Program starts at 1:00 p.m. and lasts 20-60 minutes.

03/06/11 & 04/03/11, Sunday 1:00-2:30 p.m. – Volunteer Orientation – Introduction to the Alabama Wildlife Center. This is recommended if you're interested in volunteering or are simply curious about AWC. At this free session, you'll learn about our mission and history, volunteer opportunities and ways to support AWC's work. You'll meet some of the AWC staff and volunteers, have an opportunity to get answers to your questions and enjoy a brief tour of our facility. Register online at www.awrc.org. If your schedule does not permit you to register in advance, you can simply arrive a few minutes early to complete your registration in person. Quiet children are invited to attend, but please note that the minimum age to volunteer is 18 (16 accompanied by parent).

3/15/11, (Approximate date, depending on Mother Nature) Baby Season at the Alabama Wildlife Center. Every day, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Visitors can observe the care of Alabama native wild bird patients in the nurseries, solarium and raptor flight cages through one-way glass viewing windows. One never knows from one day to the next who the patients will be. The number of new arrivals at the start of baby bird season in 2010: 1 in February, 5 in March, 88 in April, 309 in May (peak of new arrivals that ran through mid-November).

3/27/11, Audubon Teaches Nature at the Alabama Wildlife Center: Reptiles & Amphibians of Alabama – Critters that Hop, Slither & Crawl. Ken Marion is the guest speaker. Refreshments are offered at 1:30 p.m. in the Observation Room 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. Few creatures are as captivating as reptiles and amphibians – we either find them endearing or fearsome. Ken will introduce us to the reptiles and amphibians of Alabama, explaining what makes a frog a frog, a turtle a turtle and a snake a snake – they are all unique. But, as you'll also learn, many face environmental pressures and ecological threats. Your children are sure to enjoy this engaging program.

4/10/11 – Audubon Teaches Nature at the Alabama Wildlife Center: An Introduction to the Fishes of Alabama. Mike Howell is the guest speaker. 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. Alabama is blessed with a wealth of waterways, inhabited by an astounding array of fish and other aquatic species. Mike Howell will introduce us to a few of the fish species in our area, helping us to identify them and better understand their ecology. Weather permitting, we'll visit a stream within the park and discover for ourselves which species are found there.

Oak Mountain High Robotics Team

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Oak Mountain High-Tech Solutions, the school's robotics team, advanced to the national Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology (B.E.S.T.) competition after winning second place in a regional contest at Auburn University. The OMHS team was one of only three in the state to advance to the national competition. The theme incorporated the six Sigma management and engineering processes which the students used to build and test their robot design. They also developed an iPhone application for the competition and an on-line digital phone site.

The team will compete in the B.E.S.T. National/World competition in Orlando on April 14-16.

New Business in ISV

A new business has opened in Indian Springs Village. LiveFIT is located at 5502 Caldwell Mill Road, and is owned by Tammy and Bobby Watts, residents of the area just outside of the Village for over 13 years.

Tammy started in personal training in college and had worked with numerous clients over the past 17 years before deciding to open a personal training business. She has joined with Ginger Brackner, an experienced and successful personal trainer and nutritional consultant, and a group of other trainers with over 18 years of experience, to form LiveFIT.

The LiveFIT team has helped numerous people achieve a variety of goals and make lasting changes to their lifestyles. Clients of LiveFIT will have 24/7 access to cardio equipment and core training areas, personal resistance training instruction from a certified trainer and nutrition counseling. They provide online tools and resources on their LiveFIT online website (www.livefit4him.com) for maintaining client accounts, establishing and tracking results, meal planning with grocery list creation, customized nutritional requirements, health/fitness articles and much more. They also offer group training – a full body resistance program limited to only 6-7 people per group to ensure individual attention from a certified trainer.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday by appointment. For more information, contact LiveFIT at 995-9698.

Lawyers State-wide Support Special Equestrians

by Dorrie Fuchs, Assistan Director Special Equestrians

Special Equestrians was honored to be among those receiving grants at the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation (ACJF) Birmingham Area Grants Presentation on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. The ACJF awarded nearly \$500,000 statewide, of which 23 Birmingham area nonprofits received \$136,500. "It is especially rewarding to offer funding that supports the outstanding work that is being done to help others. We recognize that the downturn in the nation's economy has meant decreased resources for nonprofits while the need for their services has increased. We are pleased that our grants can offer some support during these difficult times," Rebekah McKinney, ACJF President, said.

Special Equestrians provides therapeutic horseback riding and equine-assisted activities for individuals with disabilities, serving as many as 95 riders each week during a typical term. The staff, certified instructors, therapists and volunteers work to provide a fun and stimulating environment to enrich the lives of the riders. The horses, facilities and equipment are carefully selected and maintained for safety and to accommodate a wide range of disabilities. The program relies on foundation grants and individual contributions for the bulk of its revenues. "The generosity of the ACJF in granting us \$3,000 means a great deal to our organization," said Executive Director Kathleen M. Claybrook. "Given the difficult economic times many families are facing, donations from individuals are down. This makes support from foundations and other charitable organizations even more important."

ACJF grants are funded by contributions from individual lawyers and law firms as well as from attorneys' participation in the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. In the letter announcing the award to Special Equestrians, ACJF Executive Director Sue H. McInnish said, "Through ACJF, these attorneys are working with you to create a more civil and just society for the most vulnerable citizens in our state."



Left to right: G. Courtney French, a partner at Fuston Petway & French; Greg Powell, President of the Special Equestrians Board of Directors and CEO of FiPlan Partners; Kathleen M. Claybrook, Executive Director of Special Equestrians; and Sue H. McInnish, Executive Director of the ACJF.

Dancer Heading To NYC From ISV

by Tricia Crapet, Villager

Congratulations to Jessie Dennis, daughter of former ISV councilman Gary and Sharon Dennis, on being accepted to the School of American Ballet's 2011 Summer Course. Jessie was one of only 200 students chosen from over 2000 applicants who were from 26 cities across the United States and six international cities.

School of American Ballet, located at New York City's



Lincoln Center, is the premier ballet academy in the United States, training more students who go on to become professional dancers than any other school. SAB's former students fill the ranks of the New York City Ballet and other leading U.S. and international ballet companies. SAB is the official training academy of the New York City Ballet, having been established in 1934

by legendary choreographer George Balanchine and philanthropist Lincoln Kirstein as the first and most essential step in their quest to create an American classical ballet company.

Jessie will be staying at the Juilliard School in New York City and will be dancing at Lincoln Center for five weeks this summer. Well done, Jessie, and congratulations!

In Memoriam

Taylor Rowe Crane, 21, Indian Springs Village. "In remembrance of our beloved son, Taylor. His gentleness and love for family and friends leave us with a lifetime of joyful and cherished memories." Taylor, an exceptional student and gifted athlete, attended the Oak Mountain schools and graduated from Oak Mountain High. He attended Auburn University and, at the time of his death, was a student at UAB. Taylor is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Crane, Jr., and sisters Hannah and Mary Claire, of Indian Springs Village, numerous relatives and many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Autism Society of Alabama in honor of Taylor's little buddy, Raleigh Blackwell. Visitation was held at Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home in Pelham and the memorial was held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at Valleydale Baptist Church.

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

Special Programming

Mondays, March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 3:30, 3:50 and 4:10 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.

Friday, March 4th, 4:00-4:45 p.m.: Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party. Come celebrate the birthday of one of the best loved children's authors of all times. We will have cake, ice cream, stories and fun! All ages.

Wednesday, March 23rd at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout: Crypto Zoology. Explore the world looking for fantastic animals that could never exist...or do they?? Snacks served. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Spring Break Activities at the Library

Tuesday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m.: Cat in the Hat Craft. What better way to celebrate Spring Break and Dr. Seuss' birthday month than by making this awesome Cat in the Hat - hat craft? All ages. Registration required.

Wednesday, March 16th from 2-3:00 p.m.: Movie – Dr. Seuss - The Lorax. All ages. No registration required. Snacks served.

Thursday, March 17th at 2:00 p.m.: Rainbow Craft. Help us celebrate St. Patrick's day by making an awesome rainbow craft. All ages. Registration required.

Friday, March 18th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Movie – Horton Hears a Who. Horton the Elephant struggles to protect a microscopic community from his neighbors who refuse to believe they exist. All ages. No registration required. Snacks served.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, March 7th, 14th and 21st at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Tales. 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.

Tuesdays, March 8th and 22nd from 10:30-11:00 a.m.: Baby Tales Story Time. 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.

Wednesdays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:45 a.m.: Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!). Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration required.

Thursdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 7:00 p.m.: P. J. Story Time. Come in your PJs, have milk and cookies and hear some wonderful bedtime tales. All ages. No registration required.

* For more information, or to register for any of our programs or storytimes, call or email the Children's Department at 205-439-5504 or northshelbyyouth@gmail.com

Teen Scene

March 3 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.: Board Game Night. What do Settlers of Catan, Forbidden Island and Carcassonne all have in common? They are three of the games you can try at the Teen Department Board Game Night. Or, bring your favorite to share with others. Snacks will be served. Please call (205)439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Special Spring Break Programming

March 14 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.: Teen Movie Night: Flipped. Come watch Wendelin Van Draanen's book translate to the big screen and enjoy tasty snacks. Please call (205)439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

March 17 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.: Board Game Night. It's time for a rematch! This is your second chance to try out new games at the Teen Department Board Game Night or bring your favorite game to share with others. Snacks will be served. Please call (205)439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Teen Book Pick of the Month: Wicked Woods by Kailin Gow. Briony had to move to Wicked Woods, Massachusetts to live with her Great-aunt Sophie after her family disappears on vacation. The wood at the edge of Aunt Sophie's inn is filled with secrets and inhabitants both seductive and deadly. Among them is a beautiful boy name Fallon who saves her one night in the woods. As Briony gets closer to Fallon, she learns he has a secret, as do most of the residents of Wicked Wood. Book 1 of 5 in the *Wicked Woods* Series. (From Product Description.)

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.

New Courier Found

Thanks to Paula Lynch who has volunteered to deliver *The Village Voice* to residents on Indian Crest from Mountain Park to Arrowhead Lane!



March 2011

Heardmont Park Senior Center

5452 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, AL 35242

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

Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00a.m.—3:00p.m.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<i>Men—join us for our new coffee time just for you on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of month</i>	10-11 Aerobic Workouts 1 11-12 Bible Study w/ Harold Bright Singing 12 Lunch 10-2 Variety of Games	9-12 Bridge 2 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch 1:30-3 Community Grief Support Group	10-11 Aerobic Workouts 3 10-2 Bingo Bunch 11:15 Blood Pressure Checks w/ New Beacon 12 Lunch	9-10 Zumba 4 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
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9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 14 9:30-12 Mah Jongg 10:30-1 Dominoes 10:30-2:30 Canasta	10-11 Aerobic Workouts 15 10-1 Lunch n Shop Outing 11-12 Bible Study 12 Lunch 10-2 Variety of Games	9-12 Bridge 16 10-11 Computer Class 11:30-3 Rummikub 12 Lunch 1:30-3 Comm. Support Group	10-11 Aerobic Workouts 17 10-2 Bingo Bunch 11-12 Apron Strings w/Becky 12 Lunch 9-1 AARP Driving Class	9-10 Zumba 18 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing 9-1 AARP Driving Class
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Tipton Brothers Compete in Alabama Youth State Wrestling

Tournament submitted by Sandy and Brian Tipton, ISV Residents

On February 26, 2011, The Tipton Brothers, residents of Indian Springs Village, competed in the Alabama Youth State Wrestling Tournament. Redding Tipton (sixth grader at Oak Mt. Middle School) placed second in the finals at the 65 lb. Novice Division, with a 15-4 record to complete another outstanding year. Sullivan Tipton (third grader at Oak Mt. Elementary School) placed second in the 60 lb. Intermediate Division for his fourth straight State Finals (a three-time state champion) with a record of 24-3 to end his season. Finally, Camden Tipton (kindergartner at Oak Mt. Elementary School) placed third in the 45 lb. Bantam Division, finishing his wrestling season with a 14-4 record. All three boys are members of Alabama Wrestling Club (AWC), which trains at Oak Mountain High School.

