



July 2011

Heardmont Park Senior Center

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

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North Shelby Library to Offer Downloadable Music From Their Website

by Kate Etheredge, North Shelby Library Young Adult Librarian

The North Shelby Library is now offering patrons access to hundreds of thousands of songs from Sony Music’s catalog of legendary artists through Freegal Music.

Under the terms of the agreement, registered card holders of the North Shelby Library can download three Sony Music tracks in the MP3 format each week at no direct cost via www.northshelbylibrary.org. The library will underwrite the purchase of the music.

The North Shelby Library has joined Library Ideas’ network of public library websites to offer this service. Other libraries participating in the launch include the Princeton (NJ) Public Library, Maricopa County Library District (AZ), Orange County Public Library (FL), Nashville Public Library (TN) and Fairfield Public Library (CT).

“The North Shelby Library is always looking for new ways to deliver the materials people want. We are excited to offer a service like this that delivers great music, compatibility with lots of devices and simplicity of use. We think this will be incredibly popular with our patrons and will help the library continue to grow and offer more to our community,” said Katie Guerin, Library Director.

“Sony Music has an incredibly expansive and popular catalog and we are really excited to partner with them on this, a very important product for libraries,” said Brian Downing, co-founder of Library Ideas. “A library is a focal point of the community that requires many tools to excite people about library resources. More than anything, that is the reason for the service.”

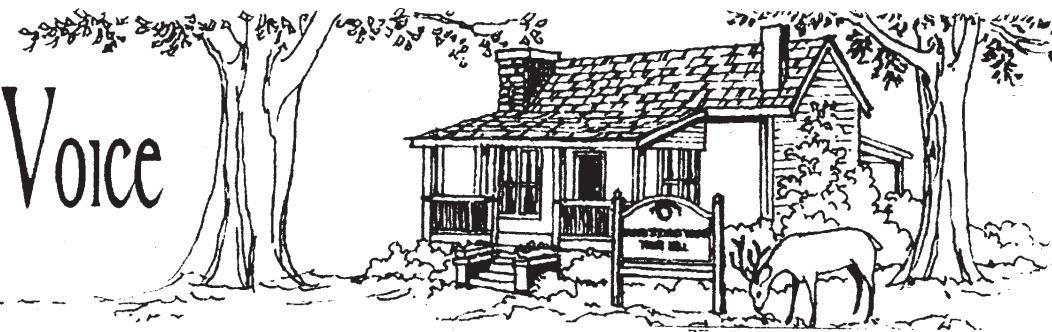
“Freegal” rhymes with legal and is a mash-up of “free” and “legal.”

Spay/Neuter Vouchers

In conjunction with the Shelby Humane Society, the City is providing vouchers for a free spay or neuter surgery for your dog or cat. If you would like a voucher, please contact City Clerk Kelly Rasco at Kelly@indianspringsvillage.org. The vouchers expire 30 days from the date of issue. Shelby Humane Quick Fix provides the surgeries. For more information, visit www.shelbyhumane.org.



The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 2, 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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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

I just got home from our town’s July 4th celebration and I have to admit that it was fun. I love our town events. They are good opportunities to meet and talk with friends and make new friends. We even had a young man who lives in Singapore who came to enjoy the day. The weather gave us blue skies with a gentle breeze that made the normal heat much easier to handle. The parade was fun. We drove through town with sirens and horns blaring. Lots of families lined the streets with kids holding plastic bags to gather the candy thrown. We had all kinds of vehicles, new and old, small and large. I think the oldest was a 1954 Buick hardtop coupe in perfect condition owned by the original family.

The flag ceremony was a special treat. Scouts of Troup 254 from Briarwood conducted the flag raising with direction from Jim Wyatt. While three Scouts raised the flag, a fourth, a bugler, sounded “To The Colors”. After the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, Ron Luster offered the prayer and Jim Wyatt recited a poem he had written.

The firemen and sheriff’s deputies carefully evaluated all the home made pastries and, with some repeated tasting, came up with the top three winners. I tasted a number of pastries and think they were all winners. Many thanks to all of you who baked.

Thank you to those of you who spent a great deal of special time to make this a wonderful event. Special thanks to Brenda Bell-Guercio, Herb Robins and the IS Garden Club. Without them and many other volunteers, this event could not have happened.

The Scouts also received a number of torn and tattered U.S. flags from residents. Troop 254 will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at one of their camping events to properly dispose of these flags. If you have any worn U.S. flags, either bring them to any Town Council meeting or email me and I will take them.

An Important Reminder. The public hearing on two proposed zoning ordinance changes scheduled for June 21, 2011 was cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 7:00am. This meeting will give you an opportunity to offer input on two proposed ordinance changes. The first is a new sign ordinance to be incorporated into the zoning ordinance. The second is a change in the minimum lot size for Estate Lots E-1 to require that all new lots be a minimum of three acres instead of one. This change would only affect the future redevelopment of land. Lots currently buildable at one acre would so remain. Among the reasons for this change is the need to improve storm water control. The increased flooding around town does cause property damage. Just ask residents along portions of McGuire Road, Indian Trail, Indian Ridge Drive and Highway 119. The construction of more driveways, foundations and patios on undeveloped land will cause quicker water runoff and more flooding. This could be a significant long-term problem. Everyone is invited to attend and make their opinions known. Your viewpoints are very important.

We should all very proud of the academic achievements of the schools in ISV. Oak Mountain High School was named one of the top high schools in the nation according to separate evaluations by Newsweek Magazine and The Washington Post. Keep mind that OMHS is not a magnet high school as many on the listings are. This result is a tribute to the efforts of the students, parents, teachers and administrators. Congratulations!

Town Council Meeting

May 17, 2011

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Mayor Zerkis called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Herb Robins and Stewart Dudley.

The meeting minutes for May 3 were presented to the Council for approval. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The April financial report was presented. Mendel stated he had contacted the auditor to determine which account recent repairs and painting of the Town Hall should be paid from. Mendel motioned to endorse the report as presented, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Jones reported for the PAZ. The committee recently met and added a signage standards amendment to the zoning ordinance. Jones presented the current zoning ordinance and signage amendment to the Council. He noted this would be the first reading of the amendment and a public hearing notice will be posted in 15 days. Jones also presented a draft fee schedule for sign permit applications.

The PAZ also considered a zoning change for E-1 from one acre to three acres. No recommendation was made and the committee chose to forward to the Council for consideration. A discussion followed.

Stauss reported for the ZBA. The committee met last Thursday to hear the application from Chuck Kitchen of Builder Systems, Inc. Kitchen requested a variance of 30 inches on a side setback for a house he is building on Lot 88 in the Homestead subdivision. It was determined that he created his own problem and the variance request was denied.

Bell-Guercio stated a resident had contacted her to inquire why the City could not donate funds to the North Shelby Fire District for a new fire truck. Mayor Zerkis responded that Chief O'Connor had not asked for funding. A discussion followed.

Stauss reported on the status of the Kubota tractor on consignment at Cahaba Tractor. \$3,500 has been offered and the City would net \$3,150. This is a lower price than expected. The Council decided to have Cahaba Tractor return the tractor and Stauss will attempt to sell it out right.

Bell-Guercio gave an update on the Fourth of July Celebration plans. She will place an order for butcher paper from City Paper. She will contact Macs Tracks to DJ again. She will also contact the Garden Club to decorate.

Mayor Zerkis noted that Jim Wyatt will put up a large U.S. flag for the celebration. Zerkis has asked Boy Scout Troop 71 of Our Lady of the Valley to accept any old and unusable U.S. flags donated and do a retirement ceremony. An article was published in *The Village Voice* with details. Zerkis will contact the sheriff and fire departments for coverage for the event. A discussion followed.

Mayor Zerkis gave an update on the proposed fire hydrant

project. He and Chief O'Connor have spoken with Pelham Mayor Murphy and the Director of Public Works Eddie Jowers to discuss the project. They plan to meet again to discuss pricing. The project will consist of the installation of eight fire hydrants in the Indian Springs Village city limits at an approximate cost of \$4,000 each plus the repair of two others..

The repairs to the ramp to the back door of the Town Hall are almost complete. Mayor Zerkis will inspect the exterior painting before releasing the check to the painter.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor for comment. A resident noted that he had researched the minutes and could not find it documented where Bell-Guercio made a resolution for the PAZ to review the proposed E-1 zoning change. A discussion followed.

The discussion returned to the proposed signage amendment. Under temporary signs, Bell-Guercio added lost/found pet signs. Jones plans to have the public hearing during the second meeting in June. The hearing notice for the signage and zoning changes will be put in *The Village Voice* and on the website.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

June 7, 2011

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Mayor Zerkis called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Brian Stauss. Stewart Dudley arrived at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting minutes for May 17 were presented to the Council for approval. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins presented a bid for the outdoor lighting maintenance from Outdoor Lighting Perspectives. The bid was the same as the last two previous years, \$19 per light. Mayor Zerkis approved the bid.

Robins contacted Gary Ray of ALDOT about the road construction debris still on the lake property. The tree that fell on the Boy Scout bridge during a recent storm has been cut and the bridge has been repaired.

Robins said that there is enough stock of paper goods for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration. He will replenish anything that is needed. Robins received two bids for catering the Fourth of July event, one from Jim and Nick's and one from Shane's Rib Shack. A discussion followed. Mendel motioned to recommend Jim and Nick's for catering, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously. The Council also agreed that they would invite Shane's Rib Shack to bid on the catering for Founder's Day. Robins has also engaged the services of resident Ashley Kitchens, a face-painting artist, for the event. Kitchens charges are

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

July 14th is the last day for Summer Reading Registration Come by the Children's Department to register for our Summer Reading Program. No phone registration, please.

July 27th is the last day to have your reading log stamped!

Special Programming

Tuesday, July 5th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Craft – Make Your Own Lei. Drop in anytime between 2-3:30 p.m. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Thursday, July 7th at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.: McWane Starlab Constellations. Grades K-3. Crawl into an inflatable planetarium and learn about the solar system and constellations! Registration required. Registration begins June 23rd.

Monday, July 11th at 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee - *Tangled*. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Tuesday, July 12th from 2-3:30 p.m.: Craft – Hands Around the World Magnet. Drop in anytime between 2-3:30 p.m.. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Thursday, July 14th at 10:30 a.m.: Peter Hart Puppets. Puppets from around the world (such as an Indian snake charmer and Scottish pigs) will perform a show filled with music, fun and audience participation. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Monday, July 18th at 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee – *Despicable Me*. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Tuesday, July 19th from 2-3:30 p.m.: Craft – Cartouche (Your name in hieroglyphs). Drop in anytime between 2- 3:30 p.m.. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Wednesday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m.: B'Tween the Pages Book Club. Join our book club to discuss some great books. Kids 9 – 12 years old. Registration required.

Thursday, July 21st at 10:30 a.m.: Starshine Faces. Watch as your favorite stories come to life through face painting. Some kid's faces will be painted during the show, then face painters will paint faces for one hour after the show. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Monday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee – *Gnomeo & Juliet*. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Tuesday, July 26th from 2-3:30 p.m.: Craft: Hodgepodge. Drop in anytime between 2-3:30 p.m.. All ages welcome. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to craft date.

Summer Reading End Parties

Choose which day and time is best for you! Grade level prizes and a grand prize drawing will be held at each end party.

Thursday, July 28th at 10:30 a.m.: Summer Reading End Party with Blazer's Animals. Join us for a trip around the world where we may see anything from a baboon in pants to an African porcupine with 10 inch quills. Refreshments and prizes immediately following the show. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Saturday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m.: Summer Reading End Party with Ron Anglin, Quite a Catch Juggler. Have a ball with this comedian/juggler while giving both sides of your brain a workout. Refreshments and prizes immediately following the show. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, July 11th, 18th and 25th at 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 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, July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 9:30 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. Ages: Birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to program date.

Wednesdays, July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 10:45 a.m.: Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) . Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Thursdays, July 7th, 14th and 21st 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 welcome. 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 Summer Reading: You are Here

The North Shelby Library Teen Department has all kinds of programs and activities scheduled for this year's summer reading program — music, comics, movies, crafts and more! Registration runs until July 12th. Reading logs are stamped until July 25th.

Battle of the Books Strategy Meeting: Thursday, July 7th from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Stop by the get tips on what to expect and earn extra points for your team! Team must be set by this meeting. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information or for help finding team members.

Wii Gaming and Pizza: Thursday, July 7th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Rock out with your friends in the Young Adult Department with Rock Band and Guitar Hero while enjoying pizza. Vulcan GameBox will be supplying the great prizes. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Craft Night: Steampunk: Monday, July 11th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Use found objects to create a Steampunk-style keychain. Win prizes and enjoy snacks. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Harry Potter Movie Marathon: Thursday, July 14 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Be ready for the midnight showing of Part II of *The Deathly Hallows* by watching *The Half-Blood Prince* and *The Deathly Hallows Part I!* Snacks served and prizes awarded. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Wizard Rock: Tuesday, July 19th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Harry Potter + Live Music. featuring The Whomping Willows, Lauren Fairweather, Justin Finch-Fletchley and Tonks and the Aurors. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Movie Night: *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*: Thursday, July 21st from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Return to Narnia for another adventure. Prizes, popcorn and soda. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Movie Night: *I am Number Four*: Monday, July 27th at 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nine alien children have fled their annihilated homeworld and have sought refuge on earth. Three are dead. He is number 4. Prizes, popcorn & soda. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Battle of the Books Competition and End Party: Thursday, July 28th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cheer for your favorite team and see who reigns supreme while enjoying snacks! Door prizes, drawing for the Grand Prize and the Battle of the Books Champions will be crowned. Please call 205-439-5512 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Back to the Basics of Nutrition

Come enjoy an informative talk on basic nutrition followed by a question and answer session by Dr. David Todd of 4Health Chiropractic. The presentation will be held at the Town Hall on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Comments on Proposed Minimum Lot Change for E-1

by Bart Trammell, Villager

As you may be aware, the Town Council is proposing to change the minimum lot area requirement of an E-1 lot from one acre to three acres. Presently, a property owner of three acres can, under stringent conditions, divide that parcel into three one (1) acre parcels. Similarly, a property owner with ten acres can divide his parcel into ten parcels of one (1) acre each. Under the proposed zoning ordinance change, the owner of those three acres could not subdivide his parcel. The ten acre property owner could subdivide his parcel into only three parcels. However, division of parcels is not that simple in that our present zoning ordinance provides controls such as set-backs, 150 feet minimum front yard, frontage on a public street, etc. Furthermore, most neighborhoods have covenants to further control subdivision of parcels in their areas.

Before the Town Council could schedule the upcoming public hearing, state law and our zoning ordinance required the Town Council to present their proposed zoning ordinance change to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their consideration and report. The PAZ had their public meeting May 10, 2011. After considerable discussion about the proposed change to a three acre minimum, the PAZ Chair asked for a motion from the membership to present to the Town Council. Not a single commissioner offered a motion. Apparently, the zoning commissioners believe the present zoning ordinance minimum area requirement of one acre has served the community well for 20 years and no change is needed.

The Town Council endorsed this unique three acre minimum proposal last December. I attend most council meetings and I don't recall any citizens coming before the Council to voice their concerns about any need or reason to restructure the E-1 residential district area requirements. I believe our greatest need in this area is for the Town Council to interpret and enforce the present zoning ordinance as it is written.

If the proposed change is approved by the Town Council, I believe Indian Springs will have the distinction of being the only city in Alabama with a minimum requirement of three (3) acres for a minimum density residential district. Most cities in Alabama require a minimum of only 15,000 square feet for minimum density residential districts. In fact, only a few cities require the minimum one acre lot that we presently require.

The following fact may come as a surprise to most Town Council members. Since our incorporation, **only five (5) requests** (other than requests for subdivision development) have come before the Town Council requesting subdivision of their properties. In all five cases, **the Town Council's approval was unanimous**. Why do we now need to make this drastic change?

The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19. Please try to attend and participate in the discussion.

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi Indian Springs, Alabama

11th Annual Golf Tournament

July 25th at Riverchase Country Club

submitted by Gwen Kaminski

Take a Monday off of work and be a part of St. Francis' 11th Annual Golf Tournament, where there will be something for everyone! Whether it's golfing, putting, participating in a silent auction or the hole-in-one contest, two things are guaranteed: if you come you will have a blast, and when you participate in this annual fund-raising event, your generosity will be used responsibly toward many worthy causes.

The format for the day is a four-player scramble format. The registration fee is \$150, which includes lunch, a player's gift, 18 holes of golf with a cart, tee prizes, practice balls, a sleeve of balls, complimentary beverage cart, silent auction, putting contest, hole-in-one contest, awards, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment.

Check out the sneak preview of silent auction items, including photos, at www.saintfrancisindiansprings.org.

We will see you there! For more information, contact Buster Norvell, St. Francis' Chair of the 11th Annual Golf Tournament, at (205) 991-5602, or mail to mbnorvelljr@charter.net.



Found

This mature female beagle appeared at the home of Tom and Pam Allison following the storms over the weekend of June 25th. If you know to whom this beagle belongs, please contact the Allison family at psallison@mindspring.com.



Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Tenna McGinness
Owner: Tenna McGinness
Address: 2909 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: New Residence

\$100 for the first hour and \$65 for every following hour.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the Iwo Jima re-enactors are not available this year. They are booked for another event in New Orleans. Zerkis will ask one of the local Boy Scout troops do a flag raising ceremony with Jim Wyatt. There was a discussion about recognizing military veterans at this year's event. The Council decided to invite all attending veterans to eat for free. The Council then reviewed the complimentary ticket list.

Bell-Guercio reported that she had confirmed Mac's Tracks to DJ and Bob Konecny will sell tickets.

Mendel emailed the auditor about how funds in the capital improvements account can be used. He determined that the painting and repairs to the Town Hall could be paid from the account. Mendel confirmed with Rasco that the annual audit is in process.

The public hearing scheduled for June 21 has been rescheduled to July 19. Meeting notices and copies of the proposed ordinance changes will be posted 15 days prior to the meeting.

Zerkis gave an update on the painting and repairs for the Town Hall. He has requested that the painter do some touch-ups and then he will do a final inspection. The metal handrails on the ramp have not yet been installed. Mayor Zerkis is researching to determine if they are necessary.

Mayor Zerkis is coordinating schedules with Cahaba Tractor for the return of the tractor.

Zerkis gave an update on the proposed fire hydrant installation. After discussion with representatives of the City of Pelham, he learned that they only have one contractor who performs this service. Chief O'Connor is getting updated costs for installation.

Rasco presented an annexation petition for 503 Caldwell Mill Circle. Zerkis made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll-call vote. Bell-Guercio made a motion to approve the annexation of 503 Caldwell Mill Circle, seconded by Dudley. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll-call vote.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco,
City Clerk



ISS's Van Horn to Coach State's Boys Basketball Allstars

submitted by Melanie Kieve, Assistant Director of Development, Indian Springs School

Indian Springs School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Greg Van Horn has been selected to coach the North Team during the North-South All-Star Boys Basketball Game July 13 in Montgomery.

Van Horn will be coaching north and central Alabama's top boys basketball players across all Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) classifications during the game, which will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Alabama State University Acadome. The game is part of the Alabama All-Star Sports Week, sponsored by the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association.

Van Horn was chosen for the honor by the AHSAA Basketball Coaches Committee.



TOPS "Cleans House"

submitted by Lori Anthony

On June 7th, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter AL576, Indian Springs, which meets at the Indian Springs First Baptist Church on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., ended their Spring Cleaning Contest. The group had a house diagram with all of the rooms labeled. Each member had a cleaning check list and after their private weigh in, if they had a weight loss, they got to check off a "cleaned" room each week. DeAnne Daniels "cleaned her house" first by losing weight the most consecutive weeks and winning a huge basket full of cleaning supplies. DeAnne, being the giving person that she is, chose to donate the cleaning items to Alabama Tornado Victims. Way to go, DeAnne!

The group had a visit from Area Coordinator Jan Causey on June 14th and then kicked off their Summer Road Trip 2011 Contest. This summer, they will be traveling the country marking off the states as they lose weight and conquer unhealthy obstacles in front of them.

For information on TOPS Chapter AL576, please call 620-0602.

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

Meeting Change of Location.

TOPS Chapter AL576, Indian Springs will now be meeting effective immediately at Indian Springs First Baptist Church, 3375 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs Village. The Take Off Pounds Sensibly Weight Loss Support Group still meets on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Call 620-0602 with questions. Please join us! Lose weight with friends!

Annual Indian Springs Fourth of July Celebration

by Brenda Bell-Guercio, Council Member

While the crowd was not quite as big this year, the celebration was just as big as ever, starting with the parade, then the flag-raising ceremony followed by fine food and fellowship. Mayor Steve Zerkis and his wife, Pat, registered participants for the parade and then led the procession through the town.

A huge thanks goes out to Herb and Margie Robins for so much of the prep work, as well as the event itself and the cleanup. Herb had a hard-working assistant in Ben Jones for setup on Saturday and breakdown Monday. Jack Mendel and Jake Guercio took care of parking, and Margie Robins and Rita Mendel with her granddaughter, Jesse, handled drinks and desserts. As always, we had help and support for this event from the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and the North Shelby Fire Department.

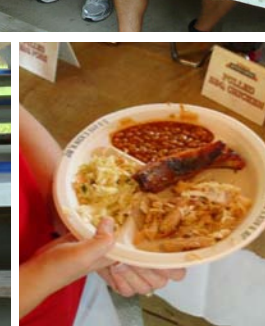
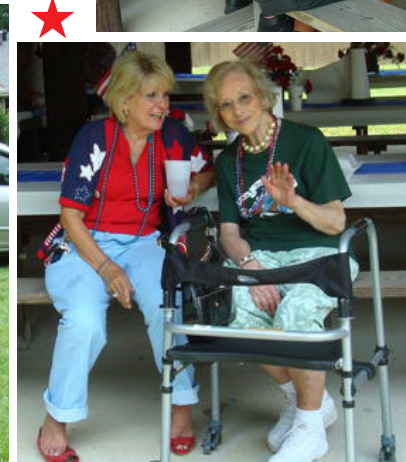
About 280 people enjoyed Jim 'N Nicks BBQ and all the homemade desserts. The Garden Club made patriotic arrangements for all the tables that really looked spectacular. Randy McDonald of Mac's Tracks kept us supplied with uplifting and patriotic music. Thanks also to Jim Wyatt and Boy Scout Troop 254 from Briarwood for the flag-raising ceremony, and to Ron Luster for leading us in prayer, and Bob and Judith Konecny for again manning our ticket booth.

Citizens were also able to submit flags to be retired to the Boy Scouts, who will conduct a special ceremony at their troop event.

A new addition to the festivities this year was a face painting booth. Ashley Kitchens did a fantastic job painting enough faces to probably cover the Sistine Chapel!

Judges for the homemade dessert contest were members of our local fire and sheriff's departments, including Aaron Byess, Jason Hughes, Brandon Miller, Randy Sipe, and Dale League. They had a difficult task choosing from so many tasty treats. First place went to Jenny Pittman with her Pineapple Upside Down Cake. Erica Mihelin and Scotty DePriest took second place with a Striped Silk Pie and a chocolate cake by Eloise Greene won third place.

Thanks to all our volunteers, and all who came and shared their Fourth of July holiday with us!



Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization

Public Involvement Meeting Announcement

FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity Determination and Amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Presentation – 12:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Presentation – 5:00 p.m.

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB)

1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 First Avenue N – Birmingham, AL 35203

Online presentation available at www.rpcgbb.org/tip

Purpose: To obtain public comments on the FY 2012-2015 TIP, Air Quality Conformity Determination and Amended 2035 RTP for Jefferson and Shelby Counties.

Sponsored by: RPCGB on behalf of the Birmingham MPO.

Visit www.rpcgb.org/tip for additional information. Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact Cissy Edwards Crowe at RPCGB (205-251-8139) at least one week in advance.

Understanding the TIP: The TIP is a short-term list of federally funded transportation projects scheduled to be undertaken over the next four fiscal years and is prepared by the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which serves Jefferson and Shelby Counties. Projects in the TIP support the vision in the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adopted June 2010. The latest federal transportation legislation, the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires TIPs include a four year list of projects with each year demonstrating fiscal constraint.

Garden Club Members Get Town Hall Ready for Fourth of July Celebration

By Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, IS Garden Club

The gardens around the newly-painted and refurbished Town Hall look good for our annual Fourth of July Celebration, thanks to several members of the Indian Springs Garden Club.

Nick and Jennifer Bondi, Mary S. and daughter Mary H. Bowman, Malak McNinch, Marge Dunn, Lynn Hendricks, Eleanor Bennett and Carol McBride brought gloves and garden tools and began work at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25. In the next two hours they pulled weeds, trimmed overgrown shrubs and removed twigs and other debris from the high winds we had Friday night. Nick Bondi is to be thanked for his expertise in taking care of the roses.

Afterwards, members went inside the Town Hall to enjoy Mary S. Bowman's delicious sausage and egg casserole, fresh mixed fruits, orange juice and Eleanor Bennett's special breakfast cake, coffee and iced tea. All agreed that the fellowship is the best part of these twice-a-year events, which also supply an opportunity for members to share plants they have thinned out from their own gardens, as the Bowmans did by offering money-tree seeds, viney plants, bearded iris and baby Bradford pear trees.

The next Garden Club clean-up at the Town Hall will be in the fall before Founders' Day. The July meeting will be a Saturday morning visit to Edith Johnston's "oasis."