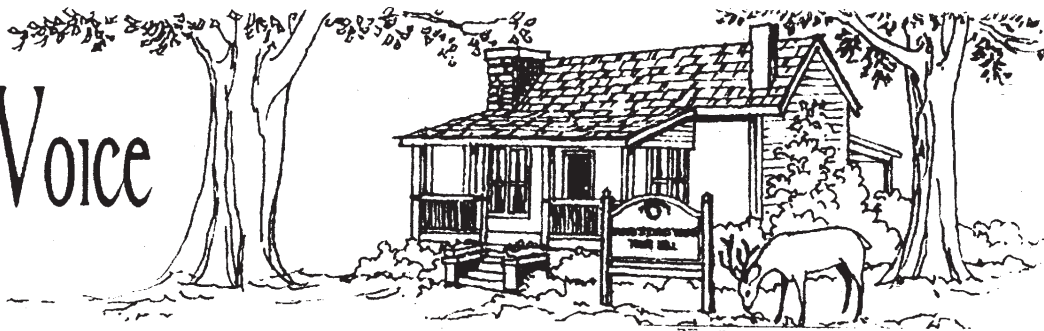


The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4, 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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The Village Voice is published the first week of each month. Articles for the October edition should be submitted by Friday, September 30, 2011. All materials submitted for publication may be edited, including **letters to the editor, which must be signed and give writer's address and phone number.** All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors of articles; any opinions expressed should not be attributed to the mayor or the council.

Editor's Appreciation to

Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
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Message from the Mayor *by Steve Zerkis*

Fall is coming. All of the schools in Indian Springs Village have welcomed their students back as you can tell by all the yellow buses traveling through town. As you know, our seven public and private schools are among the very best schools in the state. We can all be proud of the academic awards the students and school programs are achieving. The schools need your support

Your Council approved a change to the Zoning Ordinance that establishes the minimum lot size for estate E-1 property as three acres. This effects only future development. Lots previously buildable as one or more acres will remain buildable. There is no change there. In the future, when property is subdivided, it will be for a minimum lot size of three acres. I want to thank all the residents who attended the public hearings, signed petitions and shared their thoughts and ideas with the Council. Your comments were considered and helped us in arriving at our decision.

As I've discussed before, a major problem facing a number of property owners and the Town is increased storm water runoff and resulting flooding. The lot size change is only one step in a long process of better controlling storm water runoff. We will be looking at both our flood and subdivision ordinances for possible changes to improve water control at the lot and subdivision level. We also need to see what we can do to address current flooding problems. The major waterway through town is Bishop Creek. It is not all that wide or deep, but it has to handle the flow of the majority of the rain water in and through town. It also services a good deal of the unincorporated area up-stream of our town. We will need to work together with state, county and neighboring towns to address this growing problem. This process is going to take time and we will need to keep working on the problem step by step. Some actions will require investment so we will be exploring available grants and other funding sources. You will also be seeing more notices of public hearings as we continue to address this problem and your thoughts, ideas and help are most welcome. After all, we are a “volunteer” town.

We had to make an “invisible” improvement to our Town Hall. The water pipes have been replaced. The old galvanized iron pipes were rusting away and leaking. Every time the plumbers patched a leak, another one would show up when pressure was put on the system. Solution? Replace all the in-ground pipes from the water meter, around and into the Town Hall. Hopefully, we won't get more calls from Pelham Water telling us we are using too much water.

Our annual “Founders' Day” will be on Tuesday, October 18, at the Town Pavilion. We will supply the food and invite you to bring your cakes and pastries to share. We are celebrating our Town's 21st birthday.

Shelby County Family Day at McWane Center

Saturday, September 24, is Shelby County Family Day at the McWane Science Center. Go to <http://s3.amazonaws.com/mcwane/83/ShelbyCountyDayCoupon.pdf> to print off your pass or pick one up at any Shelby County library. Present the pass along with your drivers license and receive half-off the price of admission for your entire family. The McWane Center is located at 200 19th Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, go to mcwane.org or call 714-8300.

YOU'RE INVITED

Shelby County Family Day @ McWane Science Center Saturday, September 24

Shelby County residents will receive half-off admission to McWane Science Center. It is a great opportunity for families to explore the museum. McWane Science Center is a nonprofit, hands-on museum that features four floors of interactive exhibits including an amazing collection of dinosaurs, hands-on science exhibits, imaginative early childhood learning areas, and an awe-inspiring aquarium.

Present this invitation and a copy of a current driver's license showing proof of residency. Discount not valid with any other promotions or discounts



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Visit www.mcwane.org for more information

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.



ISV T-Shirts on Sale

The ISV Garden Club has a limited number of Indian Springs Village t-shirts. Sizes available are Large and 2XL. The shirts are dark green and have the ISV logo on the front. The back says, "Life is good in the Village." The sale price is \$10. If you are interested, please contact Garden Club member Kelly Rasco at 981-1808 or email at kelly_rasco@yahoo.com.

September Happenings

by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library Youth Services Department

****The Library will be closed for Labor Day on Sunday, Sept. 4th and Monday, Sept. 5th!**

Special Programming

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Any kids that sign up for a library card during this month will receive a special surprise in the Children's Department!

Saturday, September 10th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.: Lego Club. Join us for our first meeting of the Lego Club. Snacks served. All ages welcome. Registration required.

Thursday, September 15th at 4:00 p.m.: Craft – Johnny Appleseed Puppet. Start your Fall season off right by making this fun craft! All ages welcome. Registration required.

Saturday, September 17th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Movie – Rio. Travel with Blu, a small town bird, to Rio de Janeiro during Carnival as he prepares to meet the bird of his dreams. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Wednesday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout: Pirate University. Set sail on a high sea adventure and earn your pirate degree. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Thursday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m.: B'Tween the Pages Book Club. Join us to discuss great mystery books you have been reading and create book reviews. Snacks served. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, September 12th, 19th and 26th 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, September 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 9:30-10:00 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. Ages: birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration will begin one week prior to program date.

Wednesdays, September 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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.

Thursdays, September 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th 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 Happenings September 2011

Teen Advisory Council – Monday, September 12 @ 6:00 p.m. Interested in helping the Teen Department be even better than it is now? The Teen Advisory Council is the place for you! The TAC meets the second Monday of each month to work on projects for the Library. In September, we will be discussing new posters for the department and other improvements. Bring your ideas and your appetite! Snacks served and community service hours earned. Call 205-439-5512 or email Kate at nsyouth@shelbcounty-al.org for more information or to sign up.

Book Club – Monday, September 19 @ 6:00 p.m. The Teen Book Club will meet to discuss *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld: "In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts." Be sure to stop by and let us know your opinion! To participate, grab a book and start reading! Snacks served. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbcounty-al.com for more information.

Gaming Night – Thursday, September 22 @ 6:00 p.m. Join us for a night of open gaming. The Wii will be up and running with players' choice of Mario Kart or Super Smash Bros. Board games and card games will also be available or bring your own! Snacks will be served. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbcounty-al.com for more information.

2011 Teens' Top Ten

Cast your vote for the 2011 Teens' Top Ten. Every year in April since 2003, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) releases the list of nominees for the Teens' Top Ten List. Teens are encouraged to read the 25 nominated books to take part in voting for their ten favorite books of the year in August and September. The winning titles will be announced via a webcast during Teen Read Week in October. This year's nominees include *Hex Hall* by Rachel Hawkins and *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore. Stop by the library or visit www.northshelbylibrary.org/teens.html to find the complete list of nominated books and how to cast your vote. Voting ends Sept. 15.

There is a BURN BAN in effect in all of Shelby County and several other counties through October 31, 2011. Fires are prohibited.

BancorpSouth to Conduct Homebuyer Seminar

by Kate Etheredge, North Shelby Library Young Adult Librarian

BancorpSouth will conduct a seminar for first-time homebuyers at the North Shelby Library on September 15th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The library is located at 5521 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, AL 35242. This event is open to the public.

The purpose of the seminar is to educate first-time homebuyers on preparing to apply for a mortgage loan and the loan application process. Information will be provided on various programs available to assist in the purchase of the home. Current interest rates and types of mortgage loans will also be discussed.

Kim Skipper, BancorpSouth Mortgage representative, will conduct the seminar and be available to attendees to answer questions and discuss additional topics as needed.

BancorpSouth, Inc. is a \$13.4 billion-asset bank holding company. The company operates approximately 300 banking and insurance locations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. In addition to providing traditional banking services, credit cards, mortgages, trust and fiduciary services, the company provides investment services through its subsidiary, BancorpSouth Investment Services, Inc. and insurance services through its subsidiary, BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc. BancorpSouth's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BXS.

Coupon Classes

submitted by Suzette McGuire

Want to save money when you buy groceries? Attend a coupon class at Indian Springs First Baptist Church, Saturday, September 17 in the Fellowship Hall. Classes are at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 (no checks, please). Call Suzette McGuire @ 664-1738 to leave a message. She will call you back to reserve your seat. Start saving money on your next shopping trip. Classes will fill quickly.

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

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

Cash for Candy

submitted by Liesa Allie, office of Dr. Lisa G. Wilson, DMD

Local Dentist Takes a Stand Against Sweets this Halloween

One area dentist is redefining the phrase "put your money where your mouth is." This Halloween, trick-or-treaters can bring their excess candy to Dr. Lisa Wilson's office in Indian Springs and receive \$1 per pound! Dr. Wilson is participating in this anti-decay movement by giving away dollars, light-up toothbrushes and other prizes in exchange for cavity-provoking candy.

"'Ditch the candy' is what we're saying. Seeing your dentist twice a year and brushing daily are great ways to keep your teeth healthy, but doing away with excess sweets altogether would really give your teeth a healthy boost," says Dr. Wilson. "Kids can still have fun trick-or-treating, and now their piggy banks will benefit as well!"

Global sugar consumption for kids increases by about 2% annually and currently sits at 50 million tons per year, which means parents need to be sure their kids teeth are being cared-for more than ever. Candy, as well as hurting children's teeth, can lead to hyperactivity and weight gain. In some cases, the wrong types of candy can also lead to broken teeth and damaged braces.

Candy will be collected at Dr. Wilson's office the day after Halloween, Tuesday, Nov.1st, from 3:00-5:30 p.m.. Children will receive \$1 per pound of candy donated and a goody bag from Dr. Wilson. They may also register for door prizes and have the opportunity to write a note to the troops, which will be sent with the candy.

Dr. Wilson began participating in the Halloween Candy Buy Back program in 2009 and, in two years, has sent over 400 pounds of candy to our military troops stationed overseas through Operation Gratitude. Please consider joining the movement this year!

All candy must be unopened. No bites, please!

Dr. Wilson's office is located at 5470 Caldwell Mill Road, just down from Oak Mountain High School. For more information, please contact Dr. Wilson at (205)-995-8084, or by email at info@drlisawilson.com.



Photo courtesy of Operation Gratitude.

Harvest Salad

Ingredients

1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 bunch spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
2 tomatoes, chopped
1 avocado - peeled, pitted and diced
1/2 red onion, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons red raspberry jam (with seeds)
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/3 cup walnut oil
freshly ground black pepper to taste
salt to taste

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Arrange walnuts in a single layer on a baking sheet. Toast in oven for 5 minutes, or until nuts begin to brown.
2. In a large bowl, toss together the spinach, walnuts, cranberries, blue cheese, tomatoes, avocado, and red onion.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together jam, vinegar, walnut oil, pepper, and salt. Pour over the salad just before serving, and toss to coat. (*Allrecipes.com*)

Colorful Coleslaw with a Kick

Ingredients

1/2 medium head green cabbage, shredded
1/2 medium head red cabbage, shredded
1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
1 yellow bell pepper, thinly sliced
1 red onion, thinly sliced
2 carrots, shredded
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/2 cup light olive oil
1/3 cup lime juice
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce, or to taste
salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine green cabbage, red cabbage, red bell pepper, yellow bell pepper, red onion, carrots, and cilantro. In a small bowl, mix together olive oil, lime juice, cumin, garlic, and hot pepper sauce. Toss dressing with cabbage mixture until evenly coated. Season with salt and pepper. Let stand 30 to 60 minutes before serving. (*Allrecipes.com*)

Easy Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Truffles

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter, softened	3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk	1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup toffee baking bits	1 pound chocolate confectioners' coating

Directions

1. Beat the butter and brown sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until smooth. Beat in the vanilla extract. Add flour, alternately with sweetened condensed milk, beating well after each addition. Fold in the chocolate chips and toffee bits; mixing just enough to evenly combine.
2. Using a small cookie scoop, make 1-inch balls and place them on waxed paper lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.
3. Melt the chocolate coating in a microwave-safe glass or ceramic bowl in 30-second intervals, stirring after each melting, for 1 to 3 minutes (depending on your microwave). Do not overheat or coating will scorch. Dip the dough balls in the chocolate coating, allowing any excess to drip off. Place on waxed-paper lined baking sheets and sprinkle the truffles with additional toffee pieces. Refrigerate until firm, about 15 minutes. Store in the refrigerator. (*Allrecipes.com*)

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Roman Catholic Bishop of Birmingham Owner: Roman Catholic Bishop of Birmingham
Address: 5514 Double Oak Lane Proposed Use: New Addition to Rec Building for Equipment Storage