

Town Council Meeting

February 21, 2012

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 Stewart Dudley and Brenda Bell-Guercio. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

Bell-Guercio arrived at 7:07 p.m.

The February 7 meeting minutes were reviewed. Stauss motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the January financial report and moved that the report be endorsed by the Council. Bell-Guercio seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously. There was a discussion about utility revenues and Quickbooks Online.

Robins will complete the road survey over the next few days and submit a paving request to the County by the end of the month. The cover on the light on the Town Hall sign needs to be replaced. Robins will contact Marlin Bennetech of Outdoor Lighting Perspectives.

Mendel reported he is finalizing an article with Amy Jones of the Shelby County Reporter on municipal finances.

Bell-Guercio has ordered all the prizes for the egg hunt.

Mayor Zerkis will present a speech on the City to the Chamber of Commerce on February 29.

Stauss's employer, EPL, donated a lateral file cabinet to the City recently.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Business License Update

As of March 30, ISV has granted 2012 business licenses to the following new businesses: Buffalo Rock Company, Choice Concrete Walls, Coca-Cola Bottling, CR Management, Digital Mason, Dobbs Electric, Douglas Cooling & Heating, H&H Construction, ITAC Solutions, Mainline Heating & A/C, National Retail Properties and Signature Minerals. Bruster's Real Ice Cream is under new ownership and a new 2012 license has been issued.

The following businesses have renewed their license for 2012: Alan Thompson (rental property), Bailey & Owens Construction, Barry and Paula Morehead (rental property), By Betty Ponder, Caldwell Shell, Ener-Dyne, Knight Sign Industries, Spring Garden Arts and Learning, U.S. Nails and Valleydale Mini Storage. Diversified Services has made a partial payment for their license renewal.

Airwave Recording Studio, Done Right Car Wash, Dreamscapes Landscape, Haute Kitsch and Star Construction remain delinquent.

Dave's Lawn Care, Tony and Deborah Dickerson (rental property), and Joanna's Treasured Finds have notified the City they are no longer in business.

Town Council Meeting

March 6, 2012

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 Stewart Dudley. The mayor reviewed the agenda.

The February 21 meeting minutes were reviewed. Stauss motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss reported for the ZBA. There is a possible variance request in the Homestead subdivision for a sunroom that will extend beyond the setback line.

Robins reported that he submitted a paving request to Shelby County for approximately 4.2 miles, with .64 being the City's responsibility. He also requested 16 replacement road signs. The light cover on the Town Hall sign has been replaced by Marlin Bennetech at a cost of \$58.

Mendel gave an update on the possible move to Quickbooks Online. The cost is approximately \$40 a month for what the City needs. He would like to try the trial version for one month before proceeding.

Bell-Guercio reported that the Easter Egg Hunt plans are almost complete. She is still waiting to hear back from the lady whose company provides the Easter Bunny.

Stauss reported that he has a possible buyer for the Kubota.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor for public comment. A resident who is in the process of subdividing his property asked the Council for assistance in the process. Mayor Zerkis and PAZ Chair Jones noted that the resident needs to provide a plat map and cul de sac on the property.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

North Shelby Library April Happenings

by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library Youth Services Department

**You can now register for our programs online. Visit our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org/children.html to view our calendar and make reservations.

Special Programming

Saturday, April 7th at 10:30 a.m. for ages 4 and up and at 11:00 a.m. for babies to 3 years old: Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your Easter basket and hop on over to the Library to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Kids 4 and up will hunt eggs in the Children's Department beginning at 10:30 a.m. Babies up to 3 years old will hunt eggs in the Meeting Room beginning at 11:00 a.m. We will have refreshments, special prizes and a visit from a very furry guest! No registration is required.

Wednesday, April 11th – immediately following Mr. Mac Storytime: Focus First Vision Screening.

Wednesday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout: Poetry. To celebrate national poetry month, we will be exploring some silly rhymes and trying our hand at writing some peculiar poetry of our own. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Thursday, April 19th at 4:00 p.m.: B'Tween the Pages Book Club. Join us to discuss graphic novels and create book reviews. Snacks served. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Saturday, April 21st from 10:00-11:30 a.m.: Lego Club. The Library will provide the Legos and snacks, the kids will provide the imagination and creativity. Families are welcome to drop in anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. to build spectacular creations. Creations will then go on display in the Children's Department. Snacks served. All ages welcome. No registration is required.

Saturday, April 28th from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: Family Movie Day – Happy Feet 2.

Mumble's son, Erik, is struggling to realize his talents in the Emperor Penguin world. Meanwhile, Mumble and his family and friends discover a new threat to their home – one that will take everyone working together to save them. All ages welcome. No registration required. Snacks served.

Monday, April 30th at 10:30 a.m.: El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Multi-lingual storytime). Join us to celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros. We will be reading a storytime classic in several languages, making a craft and having some yummy international snacks. All ages are welcome. Registration is required.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, April 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 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, April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th from 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, April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th 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, April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 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 or visit our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org/children.html.

Teen Happenings April 2012

New Foreign Language Books! The North Shelby Library is proud to announce we are now offering Young Adult fiction books in Chinese, Korean and Spanish. Stop by to see the collection and make recommendations for what to buy next.

Fridays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 – 3:30-6:00 p.m.: Gaming

Come to the teen department each Friday afternoon for open gaming on the Wii and with board and card games. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Teen Advisory Council

Monday, April 9 @ 6pm

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. Bring your ideas and your appetite! Snacks served and community service hours earned. Call 205-439-5512 or email Kate or Daniel at nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information or to sign up.

Thursday, April 12 @ 6:00 p.m. Anime Night. Join us in the teen department for an evening of anime. The audience will pick what we watch. New selections are in! Treats will be served and costumes are welcome! Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Monday, April 16 @ 6:00 p.m.: Teen Book Club. The Teen Book Club will meet to discuss *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. "In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the other districts in line by forcing them to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight-to-the-death on live TV. One boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and sixteen are selected by lottery to play. The winner brings riches and favor to his or her district. But that is nothing compared to what the Capitol wins: one more year of fearful compliance with its rule." Grab the book and start reading and then stop by to let us know your opinion! Snacks served. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Thursday, April 26 @ 6:00 p.m.: Craft. Bring an old t-shirt with a cool design and transform it into a bowl. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com to register.

New Courier Needed

by Alison Stigers, Editor

After 15+ years of service to Indian Springs as a courier, Cora Brakhage has requested that we ask for a new volunteer to deliver *The Village Voice* to the Old Mill Court, Old Mill Circle and Old Mill Cove route. We are very grateful for Cora's commitment to the town and her neighbors.

If you would be interested in taking over delivery to this route, please contact me at 253-1605 or at alison@indianspringsvillage.org.

Garden Club Members Design Floral Arrangements at Workshop

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

The prize for working on floral arrangements was taking them home, and several members of the Indian Springs Garden Club were rewarded this way following the spring flower arrangement workshop conducted by member Mickey Farmer, who has trained extensively in this art. The two-hour workshop was held Tuesday morning, March 28, in the fellowship hall at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, where Mickey regularly arranges the flowers for her church.

After picking up the flowers at Davis Wholesale the day before, Mickey took them to St. Francis to condition them and set up workstations for each participant. Delicious refreshments were prepared by Marge Dunn and Malak McNinch.

Others were chocolate-covered strawberries, a surprise from Pat Zerkis, plus huge global grapes brought by Jennie Pittman, who also gave a demonstration about how to eat them without making a mess with the seeds, as she had been taught to do by a vendor at a local supermarket. Then the group got down to work.

Mickey said the first step was always to visualize the position of the arrangement in the room, the colors needed to blend in, and showed how to begin with the



primary stem and fill in with “form” flowers and “filler” flowers, etc., and greenery. She stressed the need for cleanliness, sometimes using Clorox as a refresher and warm water to loosen up rose buds, for example, and changing the container water daily. She had many handouts to further demonstrate her main points and pictures of suggested floral arrangements, plus many interesting books to show them. Liz Alosi, Garden Club president, said the participants were all so pleased with the variety and colors of the flowers Mickey had chosen for the group to work with.

The next Garden Club meeting will be Saturday, April 28, at Indian Springs School, when Kat Martin, who takes care of all the flowers on the campus, will give members a tour. The time will be announced when confirmed. Kat Martin has been a previous speaker, giving tips on how to have an attractive garden on a budget.

In Memoriam

Robert Henry Sprain, Sr., age 77, of Indian Springs Village, passed away March 20, 2012. Surviving are his wife, Theresa Bruno Sprain; children, Robert Sprain, Jr., Kathy Jones, Rachel Rose Schadt and Anna Anderson; and 12 grandchildren. Graveside service was held in Jasper, AL at Oakhill Cemetery Saturday, March 24, 2012. He was a loving and devoted father and grandfather who had a passion for people, books and conversation. He was known by the Joseph S. Bruno Montessori Academy teachers as "Mr. Bob". You will be greatly missed but forevermore in our hearts. (Reprinted from *The Birmingham News*.)

Special Equestrians Hold

5k/10k Run submitted by Martin Harvey

The Derby Run, to be held on Saturday, April 28 at 8:30 a.m., will be a 5k/10k run on groomed trails and paved roads through the beautiful campus of Indian Springs School, with a 1 mile fun run/walk on a paved road. It will

benefit Special Equestrians, Inc. which has provided high quality therapeutic horseback riding and equine assisted activities/therapies to persons with physical, mental, developmental and emotional disabilities since 1985.



Presented by Bourke Thomas of Aamco Transmissions in Birmingham, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, fi-Plan Partners and by Partners Tax & Accounting, LLC.

Registration Times and Fees

Registration \$25.00 until April 19, 2012.

Late registration is \$30.00 from April 20, 2012-April 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

There will also be registration at the event from 7:30-8:00 a.m. on race day. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m..

For more information, or if you would like to make a contribution to Special Equestrians through this event but will be unable to attend, you can do so at <http://www.active.com/running/indian-springs-al/special-equestrians-derby-run-2012>.

Oak Mountain Middle School Students Participate in Wreath-laying Ceremony

Four 7th grade students at Oak Mountain Middle School, Redding Tipton, AJ Fleet, Carson Park and Jacob Carlisle, were chosen to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery during their school trip to Washington, DC. Essays written by the boys were selected by a panel of teachers which allowed them the opportunity to be part of the ceremony.

Two of the boys, Carson Park and Redding Tipton, are residents of Indian Springs Village. Their essays follow.

Carson Park's essay:

"It was a muggy, hot day as the 20-year-old young man carefully walked through the dense jungle of the Philippines. He knew that the area was spotted with the Japanese enemy, and he was very afraid of what fate could bring. With one thing on his mind, he knew he had to survive for his wife & two baby girls. The young man went around a bend in the trail and came face to face with a surprised Japanese soldier. "I thought to myself," he said, "it's either him or me."

This young man was my great-grandfather. When he ended this story, he said, "and look who's telling the story." He has tragically passed away, but his story will be told & passed on.

My other great-grandfather who passed away this past year on November 6th was in the navy. My grandfather was a history major and is still alive. He has a great knowledge about WWII and WWII aircraft. I love when he teaches me something new about the war and the World Wars. My family is very big with World War II. As a boy scout, I was able to spend a weekend on the U.S.S. Yorktown in Charleston, South Carolina. During the trip, I went to both Fort Moultrie & Fort Sumpter. These forts were used during the revolutionary war. A similar trip, I went down to Pensacola, Florida to the naval air base. I also went on the U.S.S. Alabama.

When I grow up, I want to be in the Navy and fly aircrafts. Having connections with the army, navy & WWII, I am extremely proud of the freedom that this country has earned. I also thank the men & women who helped serve America. I will be thankful & proud to lay the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Carson Park
7th Grader, OMMS | Scout, Tenderfoot

Redding Tipton's essay:

I feel honored to come from a family that has had many brave men who have served in the United States Army. My Great-grandmother had three sons who were in the military during three different wars. My uncle, Claude Sullivan, fought for four years during World War II. He was stationed in the South Pacific, in the 25th infantry. He had a very cool but dangerous job. He was the radio man and flame thrower. He received two purple hearts, one for being shot in the head and ear. Which made him deaf



permanently in his left ear. His second purple heart was given because he had shrapnel from a grenade thrown in his arm. He received a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and an Oak

Leaf Cluster for his is bravery and courage in saving men of his platoon. My Uncle Claude was an unselfish man and tried to send his medals back, because he felt like he didn't deserve them. He was only doing what he was suppose to do as an American soldier and protect his country.

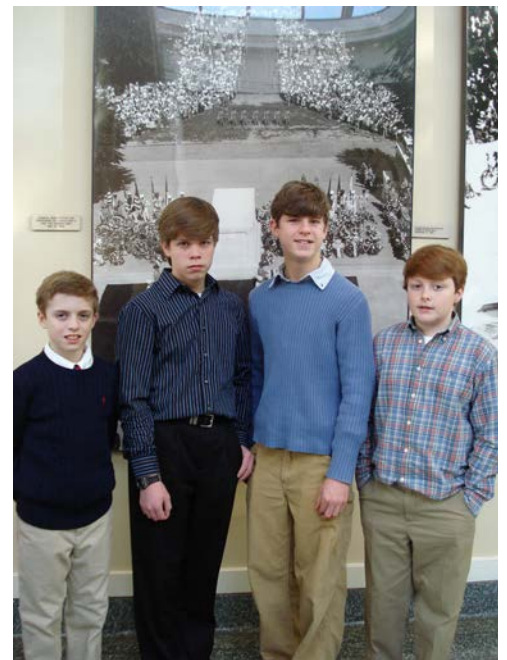
My uncle Harold Sullivan wad drafted in the Army during the Korean War. He was in the Airborne unit, and responsible for setting up communications. He served two years as an Airman. Thankfully he was not injured while serving our country.

Now my grandfather Robert Sullivan (PawPaw) served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was drafted and served two years. He was stationed in Hawaii and Thailand. He was with the tanks unit, and they were called to Vietnam. Hours before they were to leave their orders were cancelled to stay and train more soldiers. My grandfather was later transferred back to the States at Fort Knox, Kentucky, because his father was dying from cancer.

I am thankful to my grandfather and uncles for their sacrifices to our country. It has allowed me to enjoy many many blessings and freedoms. I am looking forward to my trip to Washington D.C. to see my family's and country's history. I would love to be able to show my gratefulness to all the soldiers who have given their lives for my freedoms, by helping change the wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. I am proud to be a part of an US ARMY family.

Redding P. Tipton
OMMS

Redding Tipton,
AJ Fleet,
Carson Park,
Jacob Carlisle.



Books-A Great Return on Your Investment

by Tim Shaffer, Villager

Somebody got a great bargain at the St. Francis Used Book Sale last year.

The day before the sale, I was thumbing through the fiction looking for anything that might interest me, or that I thought might have unusual value. We had many copies of books by John Grisham, and I wasn't paying close attention as I went through his section, but then it caught my eye: a hardcover version of his first novel, "A Time to Kill". I picked it up and went immediately to the publication page, which identifies both the publisher and the edition. I saw that it was published by Wynwood Press in 1989.

About that time, somebody came to me with a question about where we were putting some other items. My momentary distraction became somewhat permanent...I forgot completely about the John Grisham book until the next evening, as people were swarming through the 8,000 plus books we had for sale. Something triggered my recollection and I went to see if the book was still there. It wasn't. I went home that night and checked the book's value online. I learned, to my chagrin, that the book we had in our sale was one of a limited first printing that Grisham had for his first novel, a few years before "The Firm" made him an international sensation. The same book (in pristine condition and with the author's signature) was for sale online for \$11,000!! And somebody took it home from our sale for one dollar. Now that's a bargain!

I can recount similar experiences:

- A friend of mine found a first edition of John Kennedy Toole's "A Confederacy of Dunces" at a school used book sale. The book was worth \$3,500 and he bought it for two dollars.

- I found a signed copy of Saul Bellow's last novel, "Ravelstein", at an unclaimed baggage store in Scottsboro. I paid six dollars and learned a few days later that the book had a value of approximately \$475.

- I bought a signed first edition of "The Help", the book that became the movie nominated for a number of Academy Awards this year, for \$26.95. The last time I looked, my copy was valued at more than \$1,000.

So books can be a great financial investment, particularly if you have a signed first edition from a limited first printing of a debut novel. But I have always believed that the true value of books has nothing to do with their monetary value. I don't collect and read books because they enrich me financially, but because they enrich my soul.

What I have learned from a lifetime of reading is that I am not alone, that the experiences I have are shared experiences, that I am part of the human experience. It

used to surprise me how frequently I would come across a passage in a book and think, "Has he/she been reading my mail?" It doesn't anymore. I understand now, because of books, that joy, pain, anxiety, love...these and all the emotions that I experience...are simply a part of what it means to be human.

The third annual used book sale at the Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi takes place on April 20-22 this year. On Friday night, there will be a sneak peek and purchase opportunity, with wine, cheese and desserts. The cost of admission that night is \$5. The sale continues on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and on Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will also be some signed first editions in a silent auction. Here's your chance to get a great return on an investment in a book.

To learn more about the sale or to make a donation of books, call 205-317-5005.

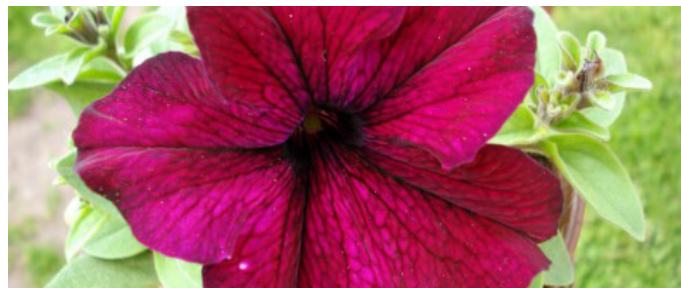
American Red Cross Blood Services Now in Indian Springs

submitted by DeNita Young, Donor Recruiter, ARC

The American Red Cross - Blood Services fixed site has moved from Southside to Cauldwell Trace. We are excited to be a part of the Indian Springs Village community. We hope to participate in community events and become a welcome part of the community, and we hope donors in this area will visit our new center. We collect whole blood five days a week and the last Saturday of the month, and we collect platelets seven days a week. The need for blood and platelets is constant. We hope you and others in the community will come in and support the American Red Cross by donating blood.

Monday & Tuesday	Noon until 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Platelet donations every weekend.	

Please call 1-800-722-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS) to schedule or schedule online @ redcrossblood.org. You may also call to schedule with our receptionist Darlene at 994-7700, or you may call me at 994-7725.



‘Bubbles for Love’ April 25, Noon

by Kenneth Paschal, ALFRA

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month ... a time to emphasize that our children are innocent and deserve the leadership of the adults (parents, leaders, community) around them to ensure their health, wellness and safety.

I would like to implement a “Parental Alienation Awareness Campaign”. The idea is that there be a unifying, fun activity to draw awareness. Blow soap bubbles representing LOVE! The campaign name, “Bubbles for Love” can be inclusive in those who choose to participate; mayor’s office, community center, churches, businesses, daycare, schools, etc. – anywhere people are present.

Goals

- We want to encourage the state to participate.
- Work with the city and other organizations to decorate a tree with blue ribbons, maybe at the local park or along the main street in your city.
- Invite every church, organization, school, childcare, business, neighborhood in your city and surrounding communities to “Blow soap bubbles representing LOVE on April 25th”.
- Show community support for children by taking 10 minutes out of your day at noon on April 25th, Blow Bubbles for LOVE!
- This will remind everyone of the precious nature of childhood and our responsibility as adults to protect our children.

LOVE takes us all higher and the bubbles represent that LOVE. Just like bubbles, LOVE cannot and should not be contained.

We want to remind everyone: Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, all extended family and step-family members, that LOVE is the answer! If we all just believe, the world will be a better place.

When you put LOVE in everything you do, and in every interaction with all the people around you, soon you will see how things seemingly work out and EVERYONE will be so much happier for it!

For more information, visit the Alabama Family Rights Association’s website at www.alfra.org.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and

WHEREAS: Speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child; interfering with communication and visitation; and discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the separation, court proceedings, or financial matters, are behaviors that can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation takes advantage of the impressionable and dependant nature of children; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

WHEREAS: Parental alienation is considered harmful to children, as the alienating tactics are confusing, frightening and rob children of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS: Professionals agree that the problem of parental alienation is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood, with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans, and in 2010 there were more than 21,000 divorced Alabamians, including the parents of more than one million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples (in 2010 there were more than 25,000 unwed birth) with children separating; and

WHEREAS: With awareness come education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love; dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another;

WHEREAS: Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. This year organizers are doing something special by asking everyone to take 10 minutes out of their day at noon on April 25th, anywhere in the state, and blow soap bubbles representing love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Zerkis, Mayor of the City of Indian Springs Village, do hereby proclaim April 22 through April 28, 2012, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK

And April 25, 2012, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY



Community Health Fair and Wellness Screening

submitted by Kathryn Acree, Community Editor, 280 Living

The Senior Adult Ministry of Meadow Brook Baptist Church is sponsoring a community health fair on May 15, 2012. The following screening services will be offered by the MEDCREST wellness screening team: blood pressure check, blood sugar testing, BMI/body fat percentage determination and three types of ultrasound testing for: carotid artery disease (stroke), peripheral artery disease (PAD) and abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA).

A MEDCREST representative will be in the MBBC Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM, May 2, to discuss the benefits of wellness screening.

Further, MEDCREST Representatives will be available before and after MBBC's Morning Worship Service, which begins at 10:30 a.m., May 6 and 13 to discuss the screening process and to register those who desire to take advantage of this important wellness screening opportunity. Registration can also be done by phone (205-870-1140) or by e-mail @ medcrestusa.com.

Meadow Brook Baptist Church is located at 4984 Meadow Brook Road in the Meadow Brook community.



LOST: A cherry-headed conure, 12" long, with a red head and a green body. \$1500.00 reward. Please contact Judy Keenum at 205-637-5026, or at judith1111@charter.net.

The photo is to help you identify the species – it is not a photo of the actual missing bird.

Swinging for Achievement Golf Tournament May 17

Play GOLF and help individuals with developmental disabilities achieve. Bring a friend or a foursome — but be sure to join us for one of the premier golf events in Shelby County. The Swinging for Achievement 6th Annual Golf Tournament, benefiting the Arc of Shelby County, will be held Thursday, May 17 at Timberline Golf Course in Calera. This will be a best ball scramble. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and practice at noon and a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to supporting programs of The Arc of Shelby County – a non-profit dedicated to serving children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

For more information and to register, go to www.arcofshelby.org, click the “Get Involved & Contribute” button. From the drop-down menu, select “Special Events” and then click “Swinging for Achievement Golf Tournament.” Brochures are also available at the Town Hall.

What is Anytown Alabama?

Anytown Alabama is a wonderful opportunity for high school students to develop leadership skills that they bring back to their school and community. We recruit student “delegates” from all over Birmingham so that every race, gender, religion, school, neighborhood, immigration status and ability is represented. Delegates are encouraged to participate in honest dialogue and interactive learning about social justice issues. Delegates engage in team-building exercises that create life-long friendships and a supportive, inclusive camp environment. Students learn how to respond to difficult real-life situations with kindness, courage and respect.

Students leave Anytown as leaders, more confident, empathetic and ready to stand up for what they believe is right. Students who attend Anytown have a positive impact on a school’s culture as they discourage intolerance and bullying and serve as allies for marginalized students. Interaction with a diverse group at Anytown also prepares students for life after high school where cultural sensitivity and the ability to communicate with different types of people are crucial.

Anytown Alabama will be June 3-9, 2012 this summer. Apply to be a volunteer staff member or delegate now!



PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION

- WHEREAS,** intellectual and developmental disabilities are conditions which affect more than 7 million Americans and more than 121,000 Alabamians and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** public awareness and education enhance a community’s understanding of the issues affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and
- WHEREAS,** the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, with more than 100,000 members and 700+ chapters of The Arc of the United States and more than 5,000 members and 29 local chapters of The Arc of Alabama undertaking public awareness, educational, and fundraising initiatives; and
- WHEREAS,** The Arc of the United States is the largest national volunteer-based membership organization and The Arc of Alabama is the largest state volunteer-based membership organization working to include all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Steve Zerkis, do hereby proclaim March, 2012, as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Indian Springs Village and urge that all citizens of Indian Springs Village to give full support of efforts toward enabling all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

(AFFIX SEAL OR SIGNATURE HERE)

Steve Zerkis
Mayor
3/20/2012



Don't Forget
June 3-9, 2012



How to Apply
Applications are available on the YWCA website:
www.ywcabham.org/anytownalabama/applications.asp

Call or e-mail the YWCA Central Alabama to receive a paper application.
Phone: (205) 322-9922 ext. 179 or anytown@ywcabham.org.

We welcome applications from students of every race, creed, nationality, school, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status and ability.

Cost
The fee for Anytown Alabama is \$400 and covers all expenses, including room, board and transportation.

Scholarships
Full and partial scholarships are available. No applicant will be turned away because of inability to pay. See application for details.



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Alabama Wildlife Center

Upcoming Events

submitted by Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant, Alabama Wildlife Center

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

Get Wild Programs: a free, monthly, family-oriented program promoting bird conservation and stewardship hosted by Alabama Wildlife Center Educators, usually the 1st Saturday each month.

4/7/12, Saturday, 1:00 p.m., in the AWC Auditorium: **Get Wild: Growing Up Precocial.** Each baby season AWC receives dozens of precocial and semi-precocial baby birds including ducklings, doves, plovers and nightjars. These precocial birds are very different from altricial songbirds such as cardinals and bluebirds. Join us as we take a closer look at precocial bird development - most likely we will have several precocial patients in the nursery or in the aviaries.

5/5/12, Saturday, 1:00 p.m., in the AWC Auditorium: **Get Wild: Purple Martins.** The purple martin is one of the earliest spring migrants to return to North America for the nesting season. Join us at this segment of **Get Wild** as we learn about the natural history of this species. After a brief program, we'll visit one or two of the purple martin colonies in the park to observe their activities. Bring your binoculars!

Volunteer Orientation: 4/1/12 & 5/16/12, Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Introduction to AWC: 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 a parent).

Audubon Teaches Nature: Hooray for Honeybees – Workers in your Garden. Refreshments are offered at 1:30 p.m. at the AWC followed by the program at 2:00 p.m. at the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center Auditorium, next door to AWC. 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.

Honeybees are interesting insects with their astonishing abilities and complex societies. They make delicious

honey, pollinate our crops and help to make our flowers grow. You'll gain a whole new appreciation for this busy little worker in your garden and learn what you can do to help in their conservation. Come early and sample some honey! Sallie Lee, guest speaker.

5/12/12, Saturday, 11:00am – 2:00 p.m., Baby Bird Shower for Alabama's Native Baby Birds. Cake and beverages, children's activities, baby bird videos, view feedings and care in the baby bird nursery. Hosted by AWC, you are invited to bring a gift and join us as we celebrate the expected arrival of nearly 1,000 baby bird patients this spring and summer. Community members are invited, so bring your family and friends. Most needed items include toilet paper (the baby bird nests are made from it), paper towels, garbage bags (13 and 55 gal.), unscented laundry detergent, Iams Kitten Food (purple bag), black oil sunflower seed, wild bird seed mix, safflower seed, sunflower hearts and gift cards to Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Lowe's. A full wish list of needed items is available online at www.awrc.org.

Children's Safety is Topic of OMES Event

submitted by Miranda Payne, Villager

Oak Mountain Elementary School will host "A Second Cup of Coffee" on Thursday, May 3 at 8:00 a.m. This is a mini-parenting day that will focus on our children's safety. We are excited for this safety event, which has been in the planning stages since February, to occur just before we break for summer. We will have speakers from Owens House and the Children's Advocacy Center as well as our OMES School Resource Officer. Internet and weather safety will also be discussed. Everyone is welcome! Call 682-5230 for more information.


TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS Chapter 0566) meets every Tuesday morning at St. Frances Episcopal Church, 3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Indian Springs Village, 35242. Weigh in at 10:30 a.m. Meeting at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Call 995-2166 for more information.



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!

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Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

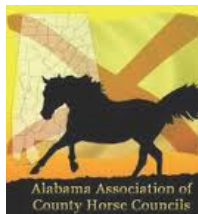
Applicant: Knight Sign Industries
 Owner: Midland Valleydale, Inc.
 Address: Valleydale Marketplace
 Proposed Use: American Credit Union signs

Applicant: Dobbs Electric
 Owner: Thomas Larry Vincent
 Address: 2011 Indian Crest Drive
 Proposed Use: Restore electrical service

Applicant: Bill Burrus Home Improvement
 Owner: Phillip Bradford
 Address: 237 Cahaba Oaks Trail
 Proposed Use: Replace and enlarge deck

Shelby County Horse Council Formed

by Dave Engel, Villager



The SCHC (Shelby County Horse Council) has just been formed having its first meeting this past January. It is for the benefit of the horse owner (or future horse owners) in Shelby County. Its mission and focus is on connecting, informing and educating horse people in Shelby County. We will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Indian Springs Town Hall at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. We will be featuring guest speakers on equine related topics each month. The topic for the May meeting will be Pasture Management and Weed control with Ricky Colquitt, extension agent for Shelby County. The June meeting will feature “Ask the Vet”. We have scheduled an equine veterinarian panel featuring several vets serving our area so that you may ask any questions concerning equines.

Membership is open to anyone. Contact persons: Rebecca Salamone, Executive Director of Alabama Association of County Horse Councils, Tel: 612-6781; Dave Engel, Co-founder of SCHC, 991-7131.