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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Thursday January 3, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizen's Forum

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Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other Villagers a means of communicating – it is a “voice.” Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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Message From The Mayor *by Brenda Bell Guercio*

So, this is my first in a long string of messages to the residents of Indian Springs Village! First, I want to say I am honored to be your new mayor and will do my best to represent you well and be responsive to your needs and concerns. On that last note, I would strongly encourage you to submit your emails to the town at myvillagevoice@yahoo.com so that we can begin to use that modality to keep you informed of significant events. You would be more quickly informed of upcoming zoning issues or safety issues, among other important town news.

We are also in the process of updating several of our ordinances. I would like to see improvement in the length of time prior to considering a zoning issue and the ways residents are notified of important meetings. This would allow you time to gather information and formulate your questions and concerns on issues that could impact you and your property.

The town will work to improve our responsibility in letting you know of such issues, but you also have a responsibility to give us the information to be able to reach out to you effectively. Our council meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month. These meetings are open meetings, and we encourage you to come. Our Christmas party will follow the December 18th meeting, and we will enjoy refreshments brought by our Council and residents. Hope to see you there!

I look forward to working **with** and **for** each of you over the next four years.

The Town Council meeting which would normally be held on the first Tuesday of the month falls on January 1. It has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Notice of Planning and Zoning Commission Subdivision Meeting

A Subdivision application was filed with the Planning and Zoning Commission by Claudia R. Hildreth and Courtney Raughley regarding property in Bent Tree Acres. The Subdivision application is for a change and reconfiguration of lots and property. This subdivision request involves the following real property: The property is more fully described as Parcels: ID# 10-6-23-0-001-002.0, 10-6-23-0-001-002.001, 10-6-23-0-001-002.002 and 10-6-23-0-001-003.000 The purpose of the subdivision is to combine the four separate parcels into a single parcel. The hearing is scheduled before the Commission on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Highway 119. All citizens of Indian Springs are invited to attend.

Town Council Meeting

September 18, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The September 4 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bell Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss reported for the ZBA. A resident of Homestead has submitted an application for a building permit for a covered patio. The drawings show that the structure will be within the setback.

City Engineer, Frazier Christy, reported for the PAZ. Christy presented a resurvey of the Byrom commercial lots to the council for review. Robins made a motion to accept the resurvey as presented, seconded by Bell Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

After receiving requests from residents, Bell Guercio obtained a copy of the inspection reports on the four dams at Oak Mountain State Park from Park Superintendent, Mike Jeffreys. The report shows the dams were inspected in February 2012 by the state engineer and a landscape architect. All dams are in good condition, but some tree removal is required. The Alabama Department of Conservation owns and is responsible for repair and maintenance of the dams. Christy described options if the City is interested in pursuing. He also noted that the report is not certified. After a discussion, Bell Guercio said she would contact the Park Superintendent and request that the Council and City Engineer be allowed to view the dams.

Chief Tyler gave an update on the weather siren at Town Hall. Sullivan Communications inspected the siren and found that it has been struck by lightning and the control board and fuses were destroyed. The technician's opinion was that it would be better to replace the siren than repair it. Mayor Zerkis received a quote for the same type siren from Federal Signal. The cost is between \$15k and \$18K. Insurance should replace the siren with the same type.

Mendel presented the August financial report. He gave an update on the recent meeting with the auditor. For fiscal year 2011, the City has a net gain in assets of \$123,600. This is less than previous years because of the cost of paving. The audit presentation will be the second meeting in November. Mendel will add up to \$65K for fire hydrants to the budget. There was a discussion about cell tower inspection billing and ordinances in place when the towers were installed. Mendel motioned to endorse the August financial report, seconded by Bell Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013 to the Council for review. A discussion followed. Mendel made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Bell Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss gave an update on the proposed security camera project. The vendor cannot allow a site visit with a current customer due to privacy issues. However, demo cameras are installed at their office in Trussville. No references have been received yet. Stauss plans to get quotes from other vendors also.

Robins reported that Shane's Rib Shack submitted a bid for the catering for Founders' Day. It is the same as last year: \$1,015.32 to serve 100 people. Bell Guercio motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll call vote. Bell Guercio motioned to accept the bid as presented, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins also reported that McGuire Lane was widened and paved by the County. He expressed his thanks to Sr. County Engineer, Scott Holladay.

Stauss reported that he received a request from Shelby Mart to clean out the drainage ditch in front of their station. Robins will contact the County.

Robins reported that the County is going to patch Valley View Drive and Valley View Lane where the water main burst recently.

Robins met with Brett Hambrick of Alabama Power. Hambrick gave an estimate of \$1,070 to bury the power line at the Town Hall. He also noted that the phone line was hanging lower than it should be and suggested having AT&T raise it to standards. He also suggested ground rods for the meter. The Council decided rather than bury the line, AT&T should be contacted to raise the phone line to the proper height to avoid interference with Waste Management's truck.

Stauss requested the list of emails received for electronic distribution of *The Village Voice*.

Kathryn Harrington requested that the delivery of paper copies of *The Village Voice* be extended. She stated it is a great way to communicate information to our residents. Other residents in the City are also interested in helping. The Council agreed to extend the delivery of paper copies. Mayor Zerkis reported that after several months of asking for resident's emails we now have about 300 responses. However we have over 800 residences and that means that a significant majority of our residents would not be continuing to receive *The Village Voice*. That would seriously limit communication with and among residents. Harrington noted that Veterans Day will be observed on November 11. She would like to do something to acknowledge our living veterans and suggested banners and/or flags at the City entrances.

A resident reported that his neighbor is upset about the 3% ISV fee on his Pelham Water bill. There was a

discussion about the Pelham Water franchise fee and how it is collected.

Jim Wyatt reminded the Council that David Dyson is scheduled to give a patriotic presentation at the Founders' Day Celebration.

Stauss reported that he plans to buy a projector and cart for the Town Hall this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

October 2, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Council Chairman Pro Tem Robins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Mayor Zerkis and Brian Stauss. Robins reviewed the agenda.

The review of the September 18 meeting minutes was waived since there was not a quorum.

Bell Guercio gave an update on the Oak Mountain dams. Alabama is the only state without a dam safety program or law. She, Robins and City Engineer Christy inspected the dams last Friday with Park Superintendent Jeffries. They are in overall good condition, but some trees and vegetation on the back slopes of the dams and spillways needs to be removed. Christy contacted the Army Corps of Engineers for guidance. They also plan to talk with the new Pelham mayor since the park is in Pelham city limits.

Mendel reported that the fiscal year 2013 budget has been formalized and forwarded to the City Clerk and bookkeeper.

Robins reported that AT&T has raised the phone line at Town Hall to meet vertical clearance standards. The dumpster may now be moved to the right side of the Town Hall to be less visible. A discussion followed.

Robins contacted the State to clean out the drainage grate in front of the Shelby Mart.

Robins has confirmed catering with Debbie Rodriguez, the catering manager for Shane's Rib Shack, for Founders' Day on October 16. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. David Dyson will give a presentation about how the Veterans' Day Parade was started in Birmingham. Robins will contact Dyson to confirm.

Chief Tyler will re-send the quote to the Clerk for the insurance claim on the weather siren. Tyler wants to hold off on the hydrant project until the new Pelham mayor is in office in November. NSFD is selling breast cancer awareness t-shirts for \$10. \$4 goes to breast cancer research. They will be for sale at Founders' Day and at Station One on Valleydale Road.

Bob Thomas, Chair of the Educational Building Authority, reported that he and Wayne Jones, Secretary,

went to Indian Springs School and signed off on the retired bonds.

Thomas also reported an incident that occurred at the County Services Building when he renewed his vehicle tags. The County has installed a new software system that does not recognize Indian Springs Village as a city. He distributed documentation of the incident to the Council. The Council will pursue a resolution.

Robins adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

October 16, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Pavilion. The Mayor called the meeting to order and called the roll in the absence of City Clerk, Kelly Rasco. Council members Brenda Bell Guercio and Herb Robins were present. The Mayor reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

There was no quorum so the review of the October 2 meeting minutes was waived until the next meeting.

Mayor Zerkis reported for the PAZ. The Mayor has been working with PAZ Chair Wayne Jones and City Engineer Frazier Christy to correct some language discrepancies in the zoning regulations and the flood control ordinance.

The Mayor has forwarded a bid to the City Clerk that he received from Sullivan Communications for approximately \$16,000 to replace the damaged weather warning siren at the Town Hall.

Kathryn Harrington is continuing to work on finding additional couriers for *The Village Voice* to continue hand delivery.

North Shelby Fire Chief Buddy Tyler reported that he had been asked by a representative of Bruster's Ice Cream about the possibility of allowing them to have an outdoor "camp fire" area during the winter months. A discussion followed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Robins for Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

November 5, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The City Clerk called the meeting to order. Ron Luster gave the invocation. Jim Wyatt led the pledge of allegiance. Judge Hub Harrington swore in Mayor Brenda Bell Guercio. He then swore in council members Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Kathryn

Harrington, Brian Stauss and Bart Trammell as a group. Mayor Guercio and each council member then signed the Oath of Office. The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Bell Guercio reviewed the agenda.

Mendel made a motion to adopt ordinance 2013-001, Rules and Procedures of the Council, seconded by Trammell. The motion was accepted unanimously

Harrington made a motion to nominate Robins as Council Chairman Pro Tempore for the 2012-2016 term, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins made a motion to appoint Kelly Rasco as City Clerk for the 2012-2016 term, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Harrington made a motion to appoint Mendel as Treasurer for the 2012-2016 term, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins made a motion to appoint Russ Allison as City Attorney for the 2012-2016 term, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel made a motion to continue using the bank accounts at Regions and Compass and that the signatories for all accounts will be the Treasurer, Mayor and City Clerk. Robins seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Bell Guercio announced that the two PAZ appointments that follow the term of the incoming mayor are Dr. Thomas Allison and Dr. Murphy Lynch. Harrington nominated Robins as Ex-Officio to the PAZ, seconded by Mendel. All voted in favor except Trammell. [Correction in November 20, 2012 minutes.]

The September 18 meeting minutes were reviewed. Harrington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The October 2 meeting minutes were reviewed. Trammell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The October 16 meeting minutes were reviewed. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trammell. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Governor Bentley has requested that each city in the state submit a Christmas ornament to be displayed on the Christmas tree in the Rotunda. Rita Mendel donated an ornament and Julie Schenk will customize it with the city name and logo.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Bell Guercio presented outgoing mayor Steve Zerkis with an engraved gavel. Zerkis thanked the Council and attendees for having the opportunity to be mayor the past eight years and thanked everyone for their encouragement and support. He said he enjoyed working with everyone.

Mayor Bell Guercio stated that she had spoken with Tracy Roberts with the League of Municipalities and

reviewed an Attorney General's opinion from 1970 that stated a councilmember cannot serve on the ZBA. She noted Stauss has done a fantastic job over the years, but unfortunately he has been asked to step down.

A ZBA meeting was scheduled for November 6 to hear Glenn Siddle's request for a special exception use for a private school on his property. A discussion followed to determine if the meeting should take place as scheduled. It was determined that it should.

After hearing opinions from the majority of the Council that it was in his best interest to step down as ZBA member and chair, Stauss submitted his resignation letter to Mayor Bell Guercio. Bell Guercio recommended Jane Martin be appointed to the ZBA. Harrington made a motion to appoint Jane Martin to the ZBA, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss noted that the board will need to appoint a new chair. He will call all the board members tomorrow morning to notify them the meeting will be held as scheduled.

Trammell requested a copy of the Attorney General's Opinion, dated February 24, 1970, which states that a person may not hold the office of Councilman and serve as a member of its Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Matthew Parent, Life Scout, of Troop 533 from Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, attended the meeting to earn his Communication badge.

Mayor Bell Guercio invited all attendees to a reception following the meeting. She also announced that Judge Harrington would be available for photos of the council members and their family.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

*Please join us at the
Indian Spring Village Town Hall
on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.,
for the regularly scheduled meeting of
the Town Council, after which we will
celebrate the holiday with our annual
Christmas party. Everyone is invited –
please bring a treat to share!*



Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

by Jane Martin, Chairperson, ZBA

Mayor Bell Guercio, with a unanimous vote of the Town Council, appointed Jane Martin to the Zoning Board of Adjustment on November 5, 2012. Ms. Martin replaced Council Member Brian Stauss. At its meeting on November 6, 2012, the board of the Zoning Board of Adjustment elected Ms. Martin as its Chairperson. The board members are: Jane Martin – Chair, Benton Baker, Ralph Bodie, Bruce Monical and Steve Zerkis. The supernumeraries are Art Johnson and John Strozier.

The Board then reviewed an application from Mr. Glenn Siddle for a special exception to his property on Cahaba Valley Road to be used as an International Baccalaureate School. Ms. Ann Stanton and Ms. Connie Edwards explained how they planned to use the property and potential modifications they would make. They also explained the definition of an International Baccalaureate School. The hearing was opened up to the attending public for question and answer. Topics such as lighting, septic, traffic, school size and hours were discussed.

In order to make an informed decision, the Board decided to continue the hearing to a later date to allow Mr. Siddle the opportunity to gather detailed information relating to the topics discussed.

On November 12th, the Board received a letter from Mr. Siddle which stated that the application for special exception was being withdrawn. Ms. Stanton and Ms. Edwards had decided to look at other suitable properties for their school.

In Memoriam

Betty Durrett Jinks

by Steve Zerkis, Villager

Graveside services for Betty Durrett Jinks, 81, were held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln, AL. Mrs. Jinks was born on February 23, 1931 to Benjamin and Lois Durrett in Arcadia, LA. She passed away on October 22, 2012 at her residence on Mountain Park Drive. Her husband, Crawford Jinks, preceded her in death in 2008. Mrs. Jinks was a member of Craig United Methodist Church in Eastaboga where she lived for many years until moving to Indian Springs Village in 1994. She is survived by her sister Margaret D. Smith (Paul) of The Woodlands, TX; her son Michael C. Jinks (Helen) of Greenville SC; a daughter Karen J. Phillips (Larry) of Lincoln, AL; four grandchildren: Mary Margaret Shepard (Russell), Scott Stearns Jinks, Jody Phillips and Meaghan Phillips; three great-grandchildren: Tucker Shepard, Sawyer Shepard and Wyatt Phillips; two nieces: Ginger Yeakley (David) and Lory Margraves (Scott), both of Texas. Crawford and Betty were a quietly generous couple who loved to help people. They provided heating fuel, clothing, food and dental and medical care to a number of needy families in our area. They made a number of lives better and did it without any publicity. Mrs. Jinks was loved and will be missed by many. The family requests that any donations be made to the Craig United Methodist Church in Eastaboga.

Vehicle Registrations

by Steve Zerkis, Villager

I just wanted to express my thanks to County Commissioner Lindsey Allison for her help in correcting a problem for most of us. A resident came to a council meeting in October with a problem. He had gone to one of the county offices to renew his vehicle registration. The printed registration receipt showed his residence as being in “Pelham” instead of Indian Springs Village. To compound the problem, all vehicle registrations from zip code 35124 are showing Pelham as their residence. I won’t get into all that was said between the resident and the office supervisor other than to say it was colorful. But basically, he was told something to the effect that this is how it is and there is nothing that can be done about it now. I called the county office, spoke to a couple of supervisors and got basically the same answer. I was told the county installed a new software system on September 1 and this is how it works.

So, I then sent an email to Lindsey Alison asking for her help. Early the next morning I had a response from the the Shelby County finance manager and the software contractor describing how they had identified and solved the problem overnight.

What it means is, from now on when you renew your vehicle registration, it will show the correct city name of Indian Springs Village for anyone in zip code 35124. They can’t redo registrations previously issued, but going forward, we should be in good shape. I verified this by renewing my own car registration on-line a few days later and it shows I still live in Indian Springs Village. The system seems to work correctly.

It’s common for new, complex software systems to have a few “bugs” and this one was quickly corrected.

Lindsey, thanks again for stepping in and getting this problem fixed so quickly.

ISV Children’s Fund

Can you believe Christmas is just around the corner? Each year, the ISV Children’s Fund provides Christmas gifts and clothing to needy students in the Oak Mountain school system. Since the Children’s Fund was created, the residents of Indian Springs Village have provided Christmas for countless children through both their financial generosity and the gift of shopping time. We are grateful for your past and continued support! If you would like to donate to the fund, please make your check payable to ISV Children’s Fund and mail to 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124. If you are interested in participating in the shopping trip, contact City Clerk Kelly Rasco and provide your name and contact information. Kelly can be reached via email at Kelly@indianspringsvillage.org or via phone at 981-1808. As soon as the date and time are set, you will be contacted.

Thank You, Crapet Family, For A Christmas Tradition

by Kathryn Harrington, Councilperson



For many years, the Crapet Family has given a very special gift to the families of Indian Springs Village. One of the founding families of the town, the Crapet family has made their home on Valley View Road for almost 30 years. Several years

ago, as Christmas approached, it occurred to them that there was something important missing for the children of Indian Springs Village. There was no visit from Santa Claus to our town before Christmas. Knowing that the children of Indian Springs Village would love a chance to sit on Santa's knee, share their secret Christmas wishes and, for some, pull on Santa's most authentic beard, Tricia and Mike contacted Santa at the North Pole. They asked if he would be willing to make a visit to the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. With a robust Ho! Ho! Ho! he said he would love to come and see our children and a date was set.

In advance of his visit, the Crapet family set about decorating the Town Hall with Christmas lights, a tree and all the trimmings. They prepared baskets full of their home made Italian cookies, candies, Italian sausage balls and brought kegs of warm apple cider so that Santa, the children and their moms and dads would have refreshments for this important occasion.

The first year, Santa was thrilled to see dozens and dozens of Indian Springs Village children. All were delighted that Santa had taken the time to come to see them in their very own village. Santa, in turn, was happy that so many good children lived in our village. At the end of the day, Santa asked the Crapet family if he could be invited back again the next year. What could they say but of course! And, from that beginning, was born the annual Crapet family gift to Indian Springs Village of "A Day with Santa Claus."

This tradition has been unbroken at our Town Hall each December for all these many years. Sadly, this year, due to unavoidable conflicts, Santa will not be able to come to Indian Springs Village Town Hall before Christmas. However, we have been assured by Santa himself that, even though he could not make it this year, he will be back at the Town Hall next year. He wants all to know that when he comes next year, he will again have his reindeer with him and lots of special surprises for all the children of Indian Springs Village who he hopes will be there to meet him.

As residents, we all know that Indian Springs Village is a very special place. It is the dedication of families like the

Crapet family that helps make it so. For all these years, it has been the Crapet family that has transformed the Town Hall into a Christmas Hall and made the Santa visit possible for our children. Everything that has been part of the event has been a gift from their family to this town. For their labor of love for all these years, Indian Springs Village expresses its deepest appreciation to Tricia, Mike and Joseph Crapet. We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas this year. And we look forward, as a town, to joining you next year as your co-hosts for Santa's visit.

Thank You Steve!

by Herb Robins, Councilman

We in Indian Springs Village have been blessed with great mayors and Steve Zerkis was no exception. For the last eight years, Steve continued to build on the foundations of the town laid out by Mayors Hub Harrington and Gene Weingarten while always maintaining the vision for Indian Springs Village stated by our founding fathers (and mothers) in the town mission statement. His highest priority was protecting ISV from improper development and maintaining it as a 'green oasis', as he likes to call it. He was never afraid to 'take some heat' for his decisions as long as they were in the best interest of the town. He always conducted himself with honesty and integrity and believed in the mayor and council as a team, with decisions being a team effort. While Steve is a great conversationalist, he's an even better listener. He truly was and is concerned about people's problems. He took his role as mayor very seriously and considered ISV 'his town' – not in a possessive way, but a protective way. His positive attitude and enthusiasm for any task was a great influence and motivator for me personally. Whether it was developing the annual budget, speaking in Montgomery or the mayors conference, developing new ordinances or fine tuning old ones, inspecting drainage problems, talking with reporters, dealing with town hall maintenance issues or wrangling coyotes or rogue chickens, Steve was always up for the task.

While Steve's interest and energy for dealing with town issues was very evident, his personal interest in people was even more evident. He was always the first to inform the Council of a resident's illness or passing and he and Pat were always calling, making hospital visits, bringing meals or just offering words of encouragement to villagers in need – a true servant heart.

It was an honor and privilege to serve with Steve over the last eight years. Indian Springs Village has been protected and improved under his leadership. The gavel has been handed to Mayor Brenda Bell Guercio and she will continue our history of great mayors. On behalf of the Council and citizens of Indian Springs Village, thank you Steve for your faithful service to us as mayor.

North Shelby Library December Happenings

by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library Youth Services Department

****The Library will be closed on December 24th, 25th and 31st and on January 1st, 2013. ****

****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, December 8th, 9:00-10:30 a.m.: Breakfast with Santa. Join us for a great time of food, fun and pictures with Santa. Breakfast will be from 9:00-9:30. Pictures with Santa and a Christmas craft will be from 9:30-10:30. Registration required. A \$5.00 fee per person is due at the time of registration. All ages are welcome.

Wednesday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout: Holiday Party and Crafts. Join us to celebrate the holidays with yummy food and fun crafts. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Thursday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.: Hobbit Party. You are invited to celebrate *The Hobbit* at the library. We will have costume contests, games, riddles and, of course, food. The celebration will take place in the Children's and Teen Departments. The original cartoon will be shown in the Teen Department at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.: Snowman Craft. Come make a super cute snowman craft! All ages. Registration required.

Friday, December 21st from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Christmas Movie Marathon. Drop by between 10-5 to see a great Christmas movie and have some yummy snacks. No registration required.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, December 3rd, 10th and 17th 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, December 4th, 11th and 18th 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, December 5th, 12th and 19th 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, December 6th, 13th and 20th 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/

Teen Happenings December 2012

Anime Night: Thursday, December 6 @ 6:00 p.m. Join us in the Teen Department for an evening of anime. The audience will pick what we watch. Treats will be served and costumes are welcome! We will also fold origami – show us what you can do or learn a new technique. Contact Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Gaming: Fridays, December 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 3:30-5:45 p.m. Come to the Teen Department each Friday afternoon for open gaming on the Wii and board and card games. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Local Author Book Release: Sunday, December 9 @ 3:00 p.m. The Friends of North Shelby Library are proud to host Birmingham author Anne Riley at a holiday tea in celebration of her new young adult book, *Shadows of the Hidden*. Light refreshments will be served.

Teen Advisory Council: Monday, December 10 @ 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! Bring your ideas and your appetite! Snacks served and community service hours earned. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information or to sign up.

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Teen Book Club: Monday, December 17 @ 6:00 p.m. In December, the Club will talk about *The Hobbit* and books similar to it. To participate, start reading! See the display in the Teen Department or the reading list on the Teen page at www.northshelbylibrary.org for recommended books. Snacks served. Contact Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Craft : Thursday, December 20 @ 6:00 p.m. Come make chocolate spoons. Perfect as a tasty gift or to enjoy yourself. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information. Register online at www.northshelbylibrary.org.



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DECEMBER , 2012
 Heardmont Park Senior Center
 5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 9:30 – 10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-3 – Canasta 9:30-12 Mah Jongg Trip to Governors Mansion And dinner. Leave 2:00 PM	4 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH	5 9-12 Bridge 11:30- 3 Rummikub 12 LUNCH	6 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH	7 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
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24 CHRISTMAS EVE CENTER CLOSED	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! CENTER CLOSED	26 CENTER CLOSED	27 CENTER CLOSED	28 CENTER CLOSED
31 CENTER CLOSED	NEW YEAR'S DAY CENTER CLOSED	**As a Christmas project during the month of December we will be collecting non-perishable items for Oak Mountain Ministries Food pantry for Pelham & surrounding areas.	 CENTER REOPENS JAN. 2ND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!	<i>Center hours are Monday-Friday 9-3 pm</i> <i>Phone : 991-5742 Fax: 991-5657</i> <i>Email: heardmontparksc@gmail.com</i>

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: To be determined
 Owner: Ann Williams
 Address: 500 Caldwell Mill Circle
 Proposed Use: Additional parking

Applicant: Maverick Enterprises
 Owner: Michael Moats
 Address: 180 Highgate Hill
 Proposed Use: Garage addition

Applicant:
 Owner: Tom Egan
 Address: 1145 Indian Crest Drive
 Proposed Use: Remodel

Applicant: Ontime Electric
 Owner: Steve and Sharon Orazine
 Address: 4968 Caldwell Mill Lane
 Proposed Use: Replace electric meter



Alabama Wildlife Center Upcoming Programs & Events

submitted by Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant, AWC

**12/8/12: Alabama Wildlife Center Craft and Bake Sale –
 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**NEW LOCATION: Veterans Park, across from Spain Park
 High School, 4750 Valleydale Rd.**

Just in time for the holidays, AWC's 1st fundraising cookbook: "Look Whooo's Cooking!?", meet Santa, enjoy free coffee & hot cider, shop for locally made holiday-themed crafts, ornaments, handmade jewelry, gifts with a natural theme, homemade jams, jellies, preserves, baked goods, frozen casseroles (Mac N Cheese, Broccoli Rice, Sweet Potato & Sausage Grits) and on-site freshly smoked turkey breast and smoked ham. All proceeds benefit the Alabama Wildlife Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Phoneraiser by Oak Mountain Student

Raven Thornton, a sophomore at Oak Mountain High School, is conducting a phoneraiser to help raise funds for her trip with People to People as a student ambassador to the South Pacific this coming summer. She is collecting used cell phones to be recycled. If you have some cell phones you would like out of your junk drawer, you can send her a message for them to be picked up, or they can be dropped off at Cahaba Mini Storage on Highway 119 next to Heardmont Park. Contact Raven at freshwaterbayart@charter.net.