

The Village Voice



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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*

Jake and I want to wish all the residents of Indian Springs a Merry Christmas and a joyful, healthy, and peaceful New Year. We have so much to be thankful for – our families, friends and community; our health, and the freedoms we enjoy and that our country strives to preserve for each of us.

I know our usual exuberance at this season has been greatly affected and diminished by the tragedy suffered in Connecticut. Our councilwoman, Kathryn Harrington, wrote a beautiful resolution that we sent from our town to the citizens of Newtown and Sandy Hook Village to offer them our support, sympathy and prayers.

With all the excitement and rush of this holiday season that sometimes leaves us frazzled, let us take time to appreciate the blessings we have and not for a moment take them for granted as if there is a guarantee they will always be there.

May God bless each of you and your families during this season and into the New Year.

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Brookstone Estates Homeowners Association

There will be a meeting at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Thursday January 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of forming the Brookstone Estates Consolidated Homeowners Association.

All residents in any sector of Brookstone Estates are invited to attend. For information contact Kathryn Harrington at kathryn@indianspringsvillage.org.

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Town Council Meeting

November 20, 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 November 5 meeting minutes were reviewed. Trammell suggested adding to the PAZ appointments paragraph, which member was the administrative official and which was the Mayor's designee. Mayor Bell Guercio responded that she spoke with Tracy Roberts with the League of Municipalities who informed her that only the City Clerk could be the administrative official. She has appointed Rasco to the PAZ and notified Dr. Lynch that he is not on the PAZ. However, Dr. Lynch will be appointed at the next opening. Mendel made a motion to approve the November 5 minutes as amended, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Council reviewed the September and October financial reports. Mendel made a motion to endorse the September 30 financial report, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously. Mendel made a motion to endorse the October 31 financial report, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Wayne Jones reported for the PAZ. He has received a subdivision application for Bent Tree Acres to combine four lots into one. The committee continues to work on amendments to the zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Mayor Bell Guercio reported for Jane Martin, Chair of the ZBA. The offer on the Siddle property has been rescinded.

Robins reported that there was recently a car accident in front of the Town Hall in which the Town Hall sign and adjacent light post were damaged. He has received an estimate of \$1,000 from Jimmy Rhodes of Adkins Signs to rebuild and install the sign. Robins will get a copy of the accident report from the Sheriff's Department and contact the driver's insurance company.

Mendel gave an update on the cell tower inspection billing. He reported that the cell tower at Oak Mountain High School is a light pole with an antenna on top and that the owner of the light pole is responsible for the cost of inspections. The lawyer for Southern Linc Wireless says the light pole owner is the Shelby County Board of Education. Rasco reported that Crown Castle is willing to pay for the inspections, but is requiring a copy of all the inspection reports before payment is made. Three inspection reports have been submitted. City Engineer Frasier Christy will obtain the other inspection reports from archive.

Harrington reported that she had received many phone calls and emails thanking the City for recognizing Veterans via the banners placed at the City entrances for

Veterans' Day. An anonymous individual would like to donate American flags to be put up with the banners next year. Harrington thanked Robins for his assistance in putting up and removing the signs. Harrington also reported that the Crapet family, who has provided Santa at Town Hall for many years, will be unable to do so this year because of medical problems. Unfortunately, there will be no Santa at Town Hall this year, but Harrington will work to have the event return next year.

Stauss reported that he had added the new contact information for the Council to the website. He is working to add new email addresses. He also spoke with Teklinks about the possibility of using their server for mass emails. Stauss received an email from Civic Plus about nominating our website for a makeover. If selected, there will be certain marketing requirements. Rasco reported that she received the same email and had submitted the City's website for the contest.

Trammell added that he would like a way to notify our citizens of all upcoming public meetings and public functions.

Wayne Barber and John DeLoach of DeLoach, Barber and Caspers, P.C. presented the fiscal 2011 audit report. Barber noted it was a good report with 1.8 million in assets. Mendel requested that the auditors provide the five-year comparison that they gave him so that he can share it with the rest of the Council. Mendel made a motion to accept the audit from DeLoach, Barber and Caspers, P.C. for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

City Engineer, Frazier Christy gave an update. He reported that resident LeeAnn Bailey of 850 Jasmine Hill continues to have tenants in her pool house which is against the zoning ordinance. City Attorney Russ Allison has sent Bailey a letter concerning this. The Andrews property on Pawnee continues to have trash and several un-operable vehicles on the property and violates the zoning ordinance. Detailed action is not defined in the ordinance, but the City can revert to the related State law. This issue will be referred to Allison. A similar situation exists on the property owned by Randy McGuire at the intersection of McGuire Road and McGuire Lane. This will also be referred to Allison.

Christy also reported that one of the underground tanks at the Shelby Mart (Marathon Oil) was leaking per the station owner. The tank has been sealed in accordance with ADEM regulations and ADEM will continue to monitor. This is not a City issue.

Christy recently received the new FEMA flood maps that will become effective February, 2013. A letter of map revision will follow from the map company concerning the Indian Springs School property where the base flood elevation was recorded incorrectly. The actual increase to the base flood elevation is two feet, but was previously recorded much higher. Christy will accept the letter when

it is received. Christy added that the flood ordinance needs to be updated to the current FEMA flood damage prevention ordinance by February 20, 2013.

Christy gave an update on the Oak Mountain State Park dam report and suggested that a dam break analysis be done. He recently attended a Dam Safety conference and requested a proposal from the consultant who previously did FEMA consulting for the City.

Chief Tyler gave an update for the North Shelby Fire District. The Oak Mountain Intermediate School weather siren is back in service. He spoke with the new Mayor of Pelham, Gary Waters about the fire hydrant installation project. Tyler, Waters and Mr. Jowers of the Pelham Water Board will meet next week to discuss. Tyler asked about the status of the Town Hall siren insurance claim. Rasco reported that several weeks ago she had received a letter stating the claim had been received but no other information since. Mayor Bell Guercio asked that Councilwoman Harrington take on the siren insurance claim. Chief Tyler introduced the newest Battalion Chief, Randy Miller. In Tyler's absence, Miller or one of the other battalion chiefs will attend council meetings.

Mayor Bell Guercio announced the council structure. Robins will continue to be responsible for road maintenance and related; Mendel will continue to be responsible for financials; and Stauss will continue to be responsible for IT. Trammell will be responsible for revenue and Harrington will be the legal liaison and responsible for communications. The Council will work together on public events.

Mayor Bell Guercio asked Trammell to draft a policy on production of public records.

Trammell presented a draft ordinance for an individual to administer oaths. Harrington suggested adding the ZBA Chair.

Harrington and Rasco will work on having all City ordinances scanned and compliant with the storage policy.

Mayor Bell Guercio presented the revised Sheriff's Deputy contract. A discussion followed. The Council agreed that the section of the contract they disagreed with should be crossed through and signed by Bell Guercio. Bell Guercio also reported that a new deputy has been assigned to our contract.

The City's insurance policy needs to be reviewed.

The Council discussed getting a printer for the Town Hall and decided it was not necessary.

Rasco reported that the State is requiring an increase in the business license issuance fee from \$10 to \$12 effective January 1, 2013. Rasco also noted that she needs an easier way to collect license fees, particularly from contractors and has scheduled a meeting with a representative of Revenue Discovery Systems.

Bell Guercio reported that the City's Christmas party will be December 18.

Mayor Bell Guercio opened the floor for public comment. A resident asked what Oak Mountain State Park is doing about complying with the dam report requirements. Bell Guercio responded that they have a limited budget, but are looking into alternatives for funding.

Scouts Austin Barnes, Life, of Troop 5 from Christ United Methodist, Nicolas Young, Star, of Troop 538 from Asbury United Methodist, and Taylor Wombwell, Life, of Troop 71 from Our Lady of the Valley attended the meeting to earn their Communications badge.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

December 4, 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 except Brian Stauss. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The November 20 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mendel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Harrington. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Wayne Jones reported for the PAZ. They will hear a subdivision request at the meeting scheduled for December 11. Jones has sent meeting notices to the adjoining property owners and published the same information in *The Village Voice*.

Robins reported that he does not have a date for the installation of the new Town Hall sign. He received a notice from Rasco from State Farm regarding the insurance claim. After a recent dumpster pickup, Waste Management damaged the Town Hall phone line again. Their trucks are also leaking hydraulic fluid on the streets in several neighborhoods. A discussion followed. Robins will contact the phone company to have the lines repaired and instruct them to bill Waste Management for the repair.

Harrington has the information on the weather siren insurance claim and will follow up on it. She received information about Municode's document codification and scanning services but determined they are too expensive. The document scanning project needs to be part of the website upgrade.

Harrington has reviewed the updated flood ordinance from City Engineer, Frazier Christy and stated it is in compliance with FEMA. She is checking to determine if we need a public hearing on the ordinance. At the last meeting, concerns with the Andrews and McGuire properties were discussed. Harrington has reviewed the properties and will meet with City Attorney, Russ Allison about them.

Harrington noted that *The Village Voice* will soon add a Town Hall meeting calendar.

There was a discussion about an outbuilding being constructed that was against neighborhood covenants. Harrington suggested that building permit applications be placed on the City's website.

Trammell presented ordinance 2013-002 allowing the Mayor to administer oaths. Trammell made a motion to accept the ordinance, seconded by Harrington. The motion was accepted unanimously. Trammell is working on a public records release policy.

Mendel suggested the Council consider a volunteer or contractor to maintain the new website. A discussion followed. Mayor Bell Guercio appointed Stauss, Rasco and Harrington to a committee to research and interview vendors and for Stauss to be the liaison to any new website vendor.

Trammell asked to discuss the recent PAZ appointments. He gave a brief history of the committee. He stated that he did not think it was correct to appoint the City Clerk as the Administrative Officer and presented several Attorney's General opinions to support his statement and asked the Council to review them. Trammell also referenced an appointment letter dated October 19, 2012 from former Mayor Zerkis. He believes one of the appointment term lengths is in error and the November 1 appointment dates for the first six named appointees are incorrect. The term expiration date should be in August to coincide with the initial appointments by former Mayor Harrington. Trammell added that this needs to be discussed with City Attorney Allison. Harrington said she would discuss this with Allison in their upcoming meeting.

Mayor Bell Guercio gave an update from City Engineer Christy on the dam break analysis he suggested. Christy received an estimate from AMEC for \$26.6K. Martin Engineering gave an estimate of \$6,000, with surveying done by Christy at a cost of \$4,000, for a total of \$10,000. If the work is performed by certified individuals who determine a detrimental possible problem, then the City will present the information to County and State officials to get funding to correct the issues. Bell Guercio also will talk with Lindsey Allison and the County as well as the Pelham Mayor about developing a plan and possibly sharing the cost.

Harrington stated that Christy had received a complaint about chickens in the road on Swann Drive. She has investigated and did not find any chickens. She also reported that a resident is keeping chickens on Valley View, which is against neighborhood covenants. The Council discussed and determined that these two situations do not require council action at this time.

Mayor Bell Guercio thanked resident Julie Schenk for painting the Town logo on the Christmas ornament submitted for the tree at the State capitol.

The Town Christmas Party will be held at Town Hall December 18 after the 7:00 p.m. council meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Council discussed having the *Selected Readings for Municipal Officials* and the *Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers*, provided on CD by the Alabama League of Municipalities, printed and spiral bound.

Rasco gave an update on business licenses. Ninety-one renewal invoices were sent out on December 1.

Mayor Bell Guercio opened the floor for public comment. A resident asked why the City of Pelham is not taking care of the dams at Oak Mountain State Park. Harrington responded that the property was annexed by Pelham, but the park is owned and managed by the State. Another resident asked if the dams have floodgates. Mendel responded no, they have spillways. A discussion followed.

Chief Tyler reported that he does not have an update on the fire hydrant project since he hasn't been able to meet with Pelham Mayor Waters yet. On January 17, 2013 at 11:30 at North Shelby Station Two, there will be a station dedication ceremony for the late Chief O'Connor. Tyler asked for information on the ISV Children's Fund to share with his employees. Mendel provided the information.

Harrington suggested the Council consider the gift of cushioned folding chairs for the ISV residents. She and Mayor Bell Guercio will get prices.

A resident reported that former Town Clerk, Shirley Church's husband will be having surgery for a brain tumor this Friday and asked for prayers for the family.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

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!



Lawson Receives “EMT of the Year” Award

*submitted by Eugene “Buddy” Tyler, Fire Chief,
North Shelby Fire District*

Lieutenant Robert Lawson, a North Shelby Fire District employee, was recently selected by the Shelby County Fire and EMS association to represent Shelby County as their “EMT of the year”. Lt. Lawson was presented the award at the annual BREMSS banquet which was held at the Pelham Civic Complex on December 17th. Lt. Lawson has been employed at the Fire District for 25 years. Chief Buddy Tyler had the honor of presenting Lt. Lawson with the award. Chief Tyler stated that Lt. Lawson exemplifies all the traits of a great paramedic. He is knowledgeable and possesses great skills. He has a great attitude and is compassionate and empathetic toward all patients. Lt. Lawson encounters numerous patients on a weekly basis and provides excellent treatment to all. Lt. Lawson not only works at North Shelby Fire District but is also employed as a supervisor/paramedic with Rural Metro Ambulance in Bessemer, Alabama. Lt. Lawson was very instrumental in establishing the ambulance transport service at North Shelby Fire District and he chairs the “Transport Committee” at our department. He has been assigned to our ambulance transport unit since its inception in 2006.



Garden Club Members Have Annual Christmas Party

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

Members of the Indian Springs Garden Club met at the beautifully decorated home of Mickey Farmer at one o’clock Sunday, Dec. 9, for their annual Christmas party. Honorary member Del Levesque had already sent, via e-mail, greetings and well wishes from her Lockport, NY home, writing that, so far, the Buffalo area was experiencing a mild, Alabama-like winter.

The pot-luck meal was the highlight of the day, which included “firecracker favors” supplied by Jennifer Bondi. Members received instructions from Lynn Hendricks about playing “Dirty Santa.” The Farmers’ two spaniels, Casey and Molly, followed every unwrapping of gifts and the exchanges with great interest. Many garden items were among the gifts – from garden gloves to live poinsettias, wire baskets lined with coconut fiber and filled with daffodil bulbs, to name a few. Of special interest to the group was a vase of red roses which the Farmers had in their home. The roses had been preserved, possibly in glycerin, and looked entirely real.

President Liz Alosi announced the next meeting for Thursday evening, January 24, 2013, at the Town Hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Kerry Brasher, locally known, will describe what it was like growing up among the farms on Cahaba Valley Road, and Villagers are invited to join us.

Letter from Jim Wyatt

I would like to thank all of my friends in our town for the award that I received at our town’s Founders’ Day.

I had no idea that you could receive an award for doing something that you like to do – the annexations, clearing the trees and debris after the “‘94 storm” and the Pothole Crew. I met new people and made new friends. The friends I worked with on the Pothole Crew, Paul Stephens and Jim Boyett, were top-notch.

I would also like to thank past Mayor Steve Zerkis, Herb Robins (who I heard was the instigator of the award), Dale Brakhage (for his article in the *Shelby County Reporter*) and last, but certainly not least, Lt. Commander and Councilwoman Kathryn Harrington for her article in *The Village Voice*. She really had to research to get that information.

Thanks again, y’all,
Jim Wyatt

In Memoriam



Sandra Owen Luster, 72, of Indian Springs, Alabama went home to be with the Lord on Thursday morning, December 27, 2012. The Gadsden, Alabama native was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Okie Owen and Mildred Louise Owen; and her brother and only sibling, Herbert Michael Owen. Survivors include Sandy's loving husband of 48 years, Ronald Burton

Luster, Sr.; four adoring children, Kelly Luster Wertz, Karen Luster Eddins, Ron Luster, Jr., and Mike Luster; and 17 grandchildren. The family greeted friends from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, December 30, 2012 at Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home in Pelham, Alabama. The 3 p.m. celebration of Sandy's Life was held Sunday, December 30, 2012 in Southern Heritage Chapel, Pelham, followed by interment in Southern Heritage Cemetery, Pelham.

Rita Tilly Cochran, 69, of Indian Springs, Alabama passed away Sunday, December 23, 2012. Born in Memphis, Tennessee, she was raised in Atlanta, Georgia and attended North Fulton High School. She graduated in 1964 from Auburn University and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. Rita was the owner of Kitchen Trend in Homewood, Alabama. She was a member of Briarwood Presbyterian Church and most recently attended Covenant Presbyterian Church. She was a Master Gardener and volunteered in wildlife rescue. Rita was preceded in death by her father, Harwell Parks Tilly III; her mother, Aileen Camp Tilly; and her husband of 45 years, James Terry Cochran. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Dan and Kristin Cochran, and Lt. Col. Kenneth and Virginia Cochran Lindberg. Rita is also survived by three grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. Services were held Saturday, December 29, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Ridout's Southern Heritage Chapel, Pelham, with burial following. The family received friends on Friday, December 28, 2012 from 5-7 p.m. at Ridout's Southern Heritage, Pelham. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.

Euel Lecil Colburn, age 92 of Indian Springs, Alabama, passed away on November 24, 2012. He served with the United States Army in the Hawaiian Islands and was a charter member of Valleydale Baptist Church. He was honored to serve on the Supreme Council, the Mother Council of the Supreme World, 33rd and last degree and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. Southern Jurisdiction. USA. He became a 33rd degree Mason in 1985 and was a member of the Hoover Masonic Lodge #644. He also was employed with Deaton, Jack Cole, and was the Director of Safety at Chem-Haulers. More than any of this, he was considered to be a devoted husband to Lillabelle Jones Colburn for 74 years; and a wonderful father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great,great-grandfather by those who had the privilege of being a part of his life. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Abner and Mary Ann Harbin Colburn; brothers, Cecil Colburn and Ralph Colburn. He is survived by his devoted, doting, and loving wife, Lillabelle Jones Colburn; son, Lecil McCoy Colburn (Jessica); grandchildren, Kevin Colburn (Cheryl), Kirk Colburn (Michelle), Katrina Brown (Keith); great grandchildren; Allyssa Colburn, Kallie Brown, Nicholas Colburn, Kameron Brown; and great great grandson, Nathan Gabriel Brown. He is also survived by two sisters, Geneva Elliot and Genella Schoonover. Visitation was held Friday, November 30, 2012 at 11:00 am at Ridout's Elmwood Chapel followed by a graveside service, with Masonic rites rendered, at Elmwood Cemetery at 12:00 noon. Rev. Keith Brown officiated over the service. Ridout's Elmwood Chapel directing

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Alabama Wildlife Center Upcoming Programs & Events

NINTH ANNUAL Wild About Chocolate Benefiting the Alabama Wildlife Center

Are you ready for a fun-filled evening to support the Alabama Wildlife Center's mission to rescue, rehabilitate and return to the wild Alabama's injured and orphaned native birds? Celebrating its ninth year, the Wild About Chocolate fundraiser begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9 at Rosewood Hall in SoHo Square, downtown Homewood (2850 19th Street South, Homewood, Alabama 35209). Complimentary parking. Dressy casual attire.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$75 each, \$100 at the door. Reserved tables can be purchased for \$1000 (8 seats) and sponsorships are also available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.awrc.org, or by calling (205) 663-7930, Ext. 8.

North Shelby Library January Happenings

by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library Youth Services Department

****The library will be closed on January 1st and 21st****

****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, January 5th from 10:00 -11:30 a.m.: Lego Club. The library provides the Legos, the kids provide the imagination and creativity. Families are welcome to drop in anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 to build spectacular creations. Creations will then go on display in the Children's Department. All ages welcome. No registration is required.

Friday, January 11th at 4:00 p.m.: Snowflake Craft. Come make a super cute snowflake craft! All ages. Registration required.

Wednesday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout. Topic to be announced at a later time. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Saturday, January 19th at 1:30 p.m.: Family Movie Day: *Ice Age*. When a group of prehistoric animals band together to save a human baby, the misfit herd becomes the only hope for the future in this delightful computer-animated treat. Snacks served. No registration required.

Tuesday, January 29th at 4:00 p.m.: Amelia Bedelia 50th Birthday Celebration. Come to the library and help us celebrate the 50th birthday of the lovable Amelia Bedelia books. We will have fun games and good food. Registration required. Ages 5-12.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, January 7th, 14th and 28th 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, January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th 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, January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:45 a.m.: Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration.

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

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

Teen Happenings

Gaming: Fridays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 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.

Anime Night: Thursday, January 10 @ 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! Contact Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Young Adult Writing Group: Monday, January 14 @ 4:00 p.m. Ready to start your novel? Looking for an audience for your poetry? Want to perfect your blog? Need to brush up on writing skills in general? North Shelby Library is looking for teen authors who want to build their writing skills and respectfully discuss and provide feedback on each other's work. You can come with a piece of writing complete or half-done, or with no writing at all. Snacks served. Contact Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

Craft: Tuesday, January 22 @ 4:00 p.m. An instructor will be available from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on January 22 to teach a paper-folding technique to create Valentines. Or, use our supplies to make your own card design through February 13. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org for more information.

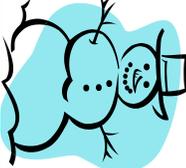
More Library News

The library has hundreds of engaging online courses for adults that are instructor-facilitated. Most courses run for 6 weeks. You can complete any of these courses from your home or office and at anytime of the day or night. Courses cover every topic from SAT Test Preparation to Web Design. Visit our Online Instruction Center: www.ed2go.com/l-birm36048 or www.northshelbylibrary.org and click on 24/7 Library link for more information.

NSL Book Club – January 17th from 10:30-12ish (meet upstairs in Conference Room)

Our January book is *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje. We are a casual group that meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. For a list of our books for 2013, go to www.northshelbylibrary.org and click on Adult link.

JANUARY , 2013
Heardmont Park Senior Center
5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

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