

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 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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### Editor's Appreciation to

Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Herb Robins for proofing

## Message From The Mayor *by Brenda Bell Guercio*

There are a few news updates for Indian Springs residents. One is the purchase and pending installation of eight new fire hydrants in our city. Thanks to the hard work started by Chief O'Connor and continued to completion by Chief Buddy Tyler who worked with the new Pelham Mayor, Gary Waters, this was accomplished.

Another project underway is the updating and expansion of our web site capabilities. Pretty soon you will be seeing a new look to the Indian Springs Village webpage and lots more available information thanks to hard work by Council Members Kathryn Harrington and Brian Stauss and City Clerk, Kelly Rasco.

Each month I want to update you on the school security issue. I am sure you will agree the recent incident at Chelsea Middle School where a gunman held several young girls hostage brought this whole issue much closer to home. Gone were the arguments “The probability of anything like what happened at Sandy Hook ever happening here is very low!” Also, who wants to play the probability game when it comes to the safety of our children! I plan to attend a County Commission meeting Monday, February 25th, in Columbiana where the school security issue will be on the agenda. I will keep you informed of any developments. It is important you let the School Board, County Commission and local and state government know your feelings on this important issue.

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ISV EASTER EGG HUNT

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## City Email Blast Is Up And Running

*Brian Stauss, Town Council Place #3*

Thank you to each of the 380 residents that signed up to receive *The Village Voice*, city news and city communications via email. You are loaded into our database and by now should have received a couple of test emails, the February issue of *The Village Voice*, two communications from the Mayor regarding school security and this issue of *The Village Voice*. Thank you for trusting us with your email address. It will be held confidential and never sold, shared or publicly displayed by the City. For now, the email blasts are coming from my email ([kybgs@bellsouth.net](mailto:kybgs@bellsouth.net)) and will have “ISV” in the Subject line. Down the road, as part of a planned website redesign, we will send the blasts out from a City email address.

If you signed up for this service and did not receive the above noted communications (I did have 6 email addresses bounce back), or would like to sign up, send an email to [myvillagevoice@yahoo.com](mailto:myvillagevoice@yahoo.com) and we'll correct your record or add you to the service.

# Town Council Meeting

January 15, 2013

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.

Wayne Jones reported for the PAZ. He has posted notices for the public hearing to be held on January 23 regarding the revisions to the flood ordinance. The FEMA deadline for the ordinance is February 20. The first reading will be at the February 5 council meeting and the ordinance will be voted on at the February 19 meeting.

Chief Tyler reminded everyone about the North Shelby Fire Station Two Dedication to be held this Thursday at 11:30. Tyler, Mayor Guercio and Pelham Mayor Waters met about the fire hydrant project on January 9.

The January 3 meeting minutes were reviewed. Harrington motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the December financials and motioned that the Council endorse the report. Robins seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously. Mendel also noted that he has added the financial data through December 2012 to the archive on Skydrive.

Robins thanked the Jones brothers for installing the new dumpster pad. Robins met with Davis Plumbing. He received an estimate of \$460 to install a new commercial grade toilet in the restroom at Town Hall. Trammell asked if the toilet was handicap accessible. Robins will check with Davis Plumbing. Outdoor Lighting Perspectives installed a new sign light for \$164. Robins presented options for a new post light for the Council to select from. Robins presented an article on ethics training from the Alabama League of Municipalities Journal and reminded the new council members to complete their training.

Mendel reported that he cashed out the two Regions CDs and deposited them at Compass. Regions has offered a 1% CD for 5 years with no penalty for early withdrawal.

Harrington reported that the insurance check for the siren replacement has been received. She will work with Rasco on the paperwork and Chief Tyler to arrange installation. Harrington spoke with County Commissioner Lindsey Allison. Harrington is arranging for a certified dam engineer to inspect the Oak Mountain State Park dams. If problems are found, the issue will be reported to the State so that funding for repairs can be requested. Harrington also noted no progress on the flag project since the last meeting. She referenced an article in the Alabama League of Municipalities Journal about the municipal flag showcase at the annual municipal convention. The Council briefly discussed attending the upcoming convention.

Stauss reported that we are a finalist in the CivicPlus website makeover contest. He has completed the required interview. A decision will be made later this month. CivicPlus will forward a proposal and related details. Stauss is planning to do an email list test later in the month.

Trammell stated he was concerned about the resolution that was passed at the last meeting. It did not address his concerns. He believes the Council should determine term expiration dates for the members. A discussion followed.

Mayor Guercio gave an update on the school security meeting that was held January 14 to determine how to continue long-term security measures in schools. There were approximately 30 attendees including mayors from Helena, Pelham and Montevallo; Board of Education representatives; school principals; and law enforcement. This issue is being looked at on many different levels. Parents want some kind of security in the schools.

The City Clerk presented a brief summary on her recent meeting with Pete Yonce of Revenue Discovery Systems. The company offers revenue discovery services and back office business license services. The Council was not in favor of a third party handling business licenses. A discussion about how to streamline the business license process followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

# Town Council Meeting

February 5, 2013

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

The January 15 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mendel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trammell. The motion was accepted unanimously. Later in the meeting, Harrington motioned to amend the minutes to reflect the fact that she, not Lindsey Allison, is investigating having a certified dam engineer inspect the dams at Oak Mountain State Park for safety. The motion was seconded by Stauss and was approved unanimously.

PAZ Chair Wayne Jones reported that the PAZ met on January 23 for a final review of proposed ordinance 2013-003 which adopts a Comprehensive Flood Damage and Control ordinance to allow the Town to apply for and participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The current ordinance expires February 20, 2013. The proposed ordinance was amended by PAZ to improve flood protection and approved by unanimous vote. Jones presented the recommendations to the Council

and presented a copy of the proposed ordinance to be attached to the minutes as a first reading. Jones noted that the ordinance had been discussed in previous council meetings and noted in the minutes of the January 15 meeting when public notice had already been posted for a public hearing on the ordinance to be held on January 23 with the first reading at the February 5 council meeting with vote on February 19 meeting. The ordinance had also been on the ISV website for residents to review. Trammell stated that he was concerned that the February 19 date did not provide the required 15 days from the "first reading" until the public hearing as required by the Zoning Ordinance. He also cited a section of the State Code pertaining to the procedure for adoption of zoning ordinances that require a minimum of 15 days to a maximum of 21 days. He suggested that the council delay the next meeting for one day to meet the 15 day criterion. After discussion, Harrington motioned to have a public hearing and vote on the ordinance at the February 19, 2013 council meeting, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted. Trammell abstained. Jones also reported that a proposed subdivision of the Slaughter property will be discussed at the next PAZ meeting on March 12.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has received a request for a variance on a driveway in the Stagg Run subdivision. No hearing date has been set.

North Shelby Fire Chief Buddy Tyler thanked the Council for participating in the dedication service for the late Fire Chief Michael O'Connor in which Station No. 2 was named in honor of Chief O'Connor. Mayor Guercio read a beautiful proclamation at the service prepared by Harrington in memory of Chief O'Connor's service to the citizens of ISV and proclaiming January 17 as Chief Michael O'Connor Day in ISV. Chief Tyler reported that he is still in contact with Mayor Waters on additional fire hydrants to be added in ISV and they are waiting on final pricing from the contractor.

Robins reported that he has again contacted Waste Management about trucks leaking hydraulic fluid as well as their failure to empty the dumpster at Town Hall. He thanked Wayne and Warren Jones for adding additional gravel to the dumpster pad.

Robins met with tree specialist J. C. Gilliland to discuss tree pruning around the Town Hall and grounds. Mr. Gilliland gave a quote of \$1,575 to prune, remove dead trees and haul off debris. Harrington motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Mendel. A roll call vote was unanimous. Harrington motioned to accept the bid of \$1,575 pending confirmation of the contractor's liability and worker's compensation insurance, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins noted he will do a survey of ISV roads and send a request for any paving/sign maintenance to the County to be considered on this year's projects. Trammell and

Harrington mentioned work needed in the Valley View area.

Mendel reported that he had been in contact with Regions and Compass in an effort to obtain the best CD rate. Regions offered the best rate of 1% for 5 years with no penalty for an early withdrawal. Mendel motioned for the Council to authorize him to invest \$900,000 from the general fund and \$160,000 from the 7-cent road fund in the 1% CD, seconded by Trammell. The motion was accepted unanimously. Mendel proposed putting a copy of ISV financial performance trends in *The Village Voice* showing revenues/expenses in bar graph form over the last eight years. A discussion followed concerning the proper format to keep citizens informed on the City's financial status.

Harrington reported that she and Stauss were researching three companies to develop and maintain the ISV website. Costs to develop the website range from \$2,000 - \$4,000 with annual maintenance ranging from \$600 - \$1,000. They will meet with all three companies and get final proposals. Stauss thanked his wife Kathy for inputting 300 plus residents' names and email addresses into ISV's server website to receive *The Village Voice* and other important ISV notices online.

Harrington noted that she and the Mayor have been working on prizes for the ISV Easter Egg Hunt and had secured prizes approximately 20% less than last year.

Harrington reported that she had witnessed the Waste Management truck leaking hydraulic fluid again in her neighborhood and contacted them about the ongoing problem as well as Chad Scoggins with the Shelby County Environmental Department. Harrington is writing a letter to Waste Management requesting a list of complaints filed against them.

Harrington again contacted Jim Fincher with Alabama Power requesting permission to place flags on power poles on Highway 119 for special events. She estimates the cost of the flags (20-30) with pole and brackets to be approximately \$2,500. A discussion followed concerning donations to cover the cost.

Harrington reported that the Town Hall weather siren is a "priority job" with the company building the siren but they don't have a delivery date as yet.

Harrington contacted Tom Woolsey, President-Elect of "Safe Dams," who recommended three engineering companies capable of assessing the dams at Oak Mountain State Park. Harrington did a site inspection with one of the engineers. He will do a dam leak analysis and estimate for any needed repairs. She will write a letter to the Department of Conservation with the dam safety information and request that they resolve any issues with the dams.

Stauss reported that he recently sent out an email blast of *The Village Voice* to all residents currently on the ISV email list (305). The test went very well with only two

emails not deliverable. He encouraged all residents to sign up via email, myvillagevoice@yahoo.com, so that they may receive *The Village Voice* (in color) and other important ISV notices.

Trammell reported that he had drafted an ordinance to be called the Public Records Review Policy which establishes guidelines for availability of ISV records to the public, review and copying fees, as well as a Public Records Review form to be filled out by anyone requesting records as required by law. He read the draft of the ordinance and form and will submit them to the Council for further review. A discussion followed regarding storage and availability of city records.

Mayor Guercio reported she and Harrington met with Randy Fuller, Superintendent of Education, and other school officials to further discuss a collaborative effort on school security. They discussed law enforcement, school safety designs/architecture, safety plans for police and fire, mental health as well as other issues. Potential grant opportunities are forthcoming. Information received from the County Commission indicates they believe the Oak Mountain schools are the primary responsibility of ISV which is contrary to law in that these are county not city schools. The majority of the students in the Oak Mountain school system live outside of ISV.

The Mayor read an anonymous complaint letter concerning unkempt property off 119 and asked the Council to investigate.

The Mayor introduced Deputy Derrick Dixon with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. He is a nine-year veteran and has been assigned to patrol ISV for 20 hours/week under our contract with the department.

A resident asked about any response to letters sent out by Russ Allison, City Attorney, concerning junk vehicles in ISV. Harrington will contact Allison and do follow up letters where needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Robins, Councilman, for Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

## ISV T-Shirts On Sale

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



## Building Permits

*submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer*

Applicant: Andy Lockhart – Clearwater Pools  
Owner: Bradley G. and Amanda Reynolds  
Address: 58 Paleo Place  
Proposed Use: Deck and pool addition

Applicant: SMW Engineering dba Q4  
Owner: T Mobile  
Address: 1111 Stagg Run Circle  
Proposed Use: Addition to Crown Castle Tower at Stagg Run

Applicant: Bradford Building  
Owner: Tim and Pam Holmes  
Address: 2300 Cahaba Valley Road  
Proposed Use: Interior Remodel

Applicant: SMW – Amy Stark  
Owner: Oak Mt. HS / AT&T/T Mobile  
Address: 5478 Caldwell Mill Road  
Proposed Use: T Mobile Add to AT&T at Oak Mt. HS

Applicant: Maurice Turgeon  
Owner: Howard and Barbara Manning by Cindy Barr  
Address: 5620 Cahaba Valley Road  
Proposed Use: Re-wire existing house

## “No Burn” Dates for 2013

*by Steve Zerkis, Villager*

A reminder to everyone that the burning of any brush, leaves and other yard and construction waste is prohibited by the State of Alabama starting on May 1, 2013. This prohibition runs through October 31, 2013. There may be restrictions against burning at any time in your neighborhood. ADEM regulations prohibit burning within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling at any time. Please check your property covenants and contact your neighborhood homeowner's associations.

If you need to burn before or after these dates, please be mindful of your neighbors. Smoke can irritate lungs and eyes and make breathing difficult for some individuals. Please keep any yard fire as small as possible to minimize smoke and soot. Try to burn on a day without wind to minimize drifting smoke. Please do not leave a fire unattended. Watch your fire closely and keep water near.

**TO SIGN UP TO HAVE THE VILLAGE VOICE DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL, PLEASE FORWARD YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO: MYVILLAGEVOICE@YAHOO.COM.**

# New Charts Summarize ISV Financial Status

by Jack M. Mendel, Town Council Place #4 and Treasurer

It seems that lately, finances at all levels of government have become problematic. However, ISV is truly blessed right now. We are operating at the level of government services envisioned by our founders, without the need to impose property or sales taxes. We have no debt, and we have pleasant, well maintained, grounds and a Town Hall that we can all be proud of. This past year, we invested in a new roof for the pavilion and new flooring for the Town Hall. This year, we are financing the installation of additional fire hydrants, as recommended by the former and present fire chiefs. We are doing great financially and we want this to continue.

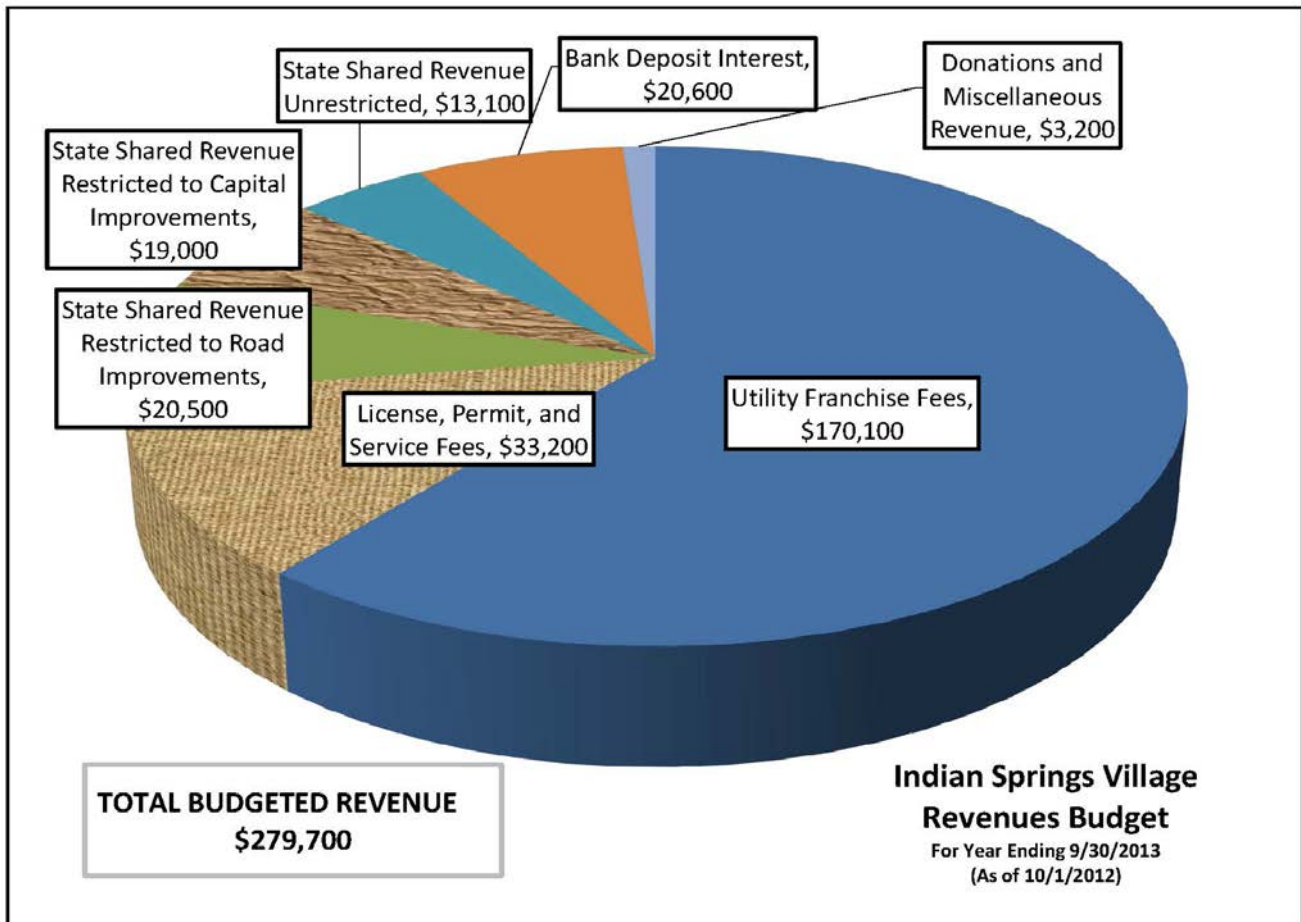
The Mayor and Council work with the detailed financial records and reports necessary to budget and review our finances and manage our assets. We believe that informed citizens taking an active role in our financial decisions is vital. We have tried in the past to put financial summaries periodically in *The Village Voice*. With this issue, we are trying a new format, using graphical charts to provide a broad overview. Let us know what you think.

The operating budget revenue and expenses are shown in two pie charts. These show respectively where our funding comes from and where it goes. By the way, the Alabama state constitution puts strict limits on how municipalities

operate financially. The annual operating budget is developed and approved prior to the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1st each year. Changes can be approved at any time during the year, if and as new circumstances arise.

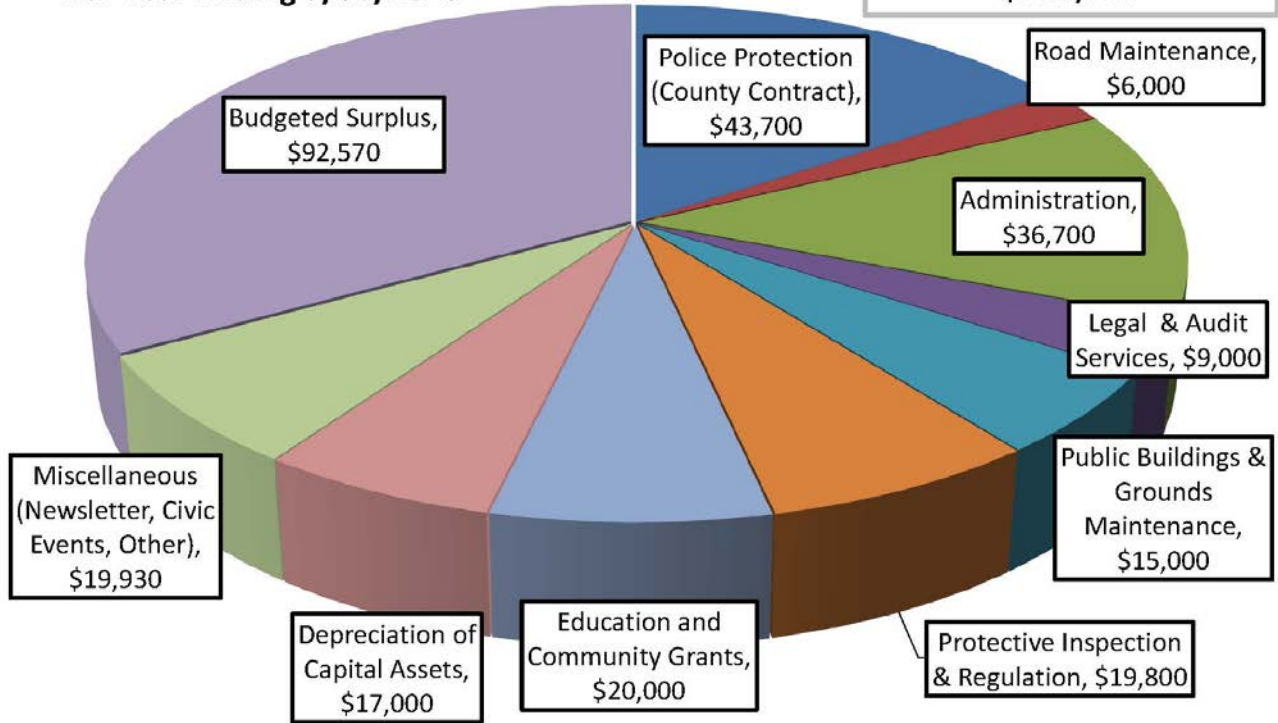
Important financial trends are summarized with three bar charts, all covering the preceding eight fiscal years. The upper bar chart shows a comparison of actual operating revenue and expenses. Notice that we have been running a significant surplus. The accumulation of assets from this surplus is shown in the middle bar chart. Most of the surplus has been kept in current assets (the lower bar section each year). This includes cash and bank CD's. The upper bar section is the book value of our net fixed (capital) assets. Our total net assets, current and fixed, was zero on November 15, 1990, when ISV was incorporated. By September 30, 2004, total net assets had grown to \$892,604. As of September 30, 2012, pending audit, we are up to \$2,064,000.

The lower bar chart shows the trend of our investment in capital projects. These can be approved by the Council at any point in the year. The taller bar each year is the accumulated investment at the end of the year. The shorter bar is the net of investment less depreciation, the same as the book value of net fixed assets from the middle bar chart, but shown on a different scale. On September 30, 2004, accumulated investment in fixed assets was \$232,085. As of September 30, 2012, we are up to \$304,869 (pending audit).

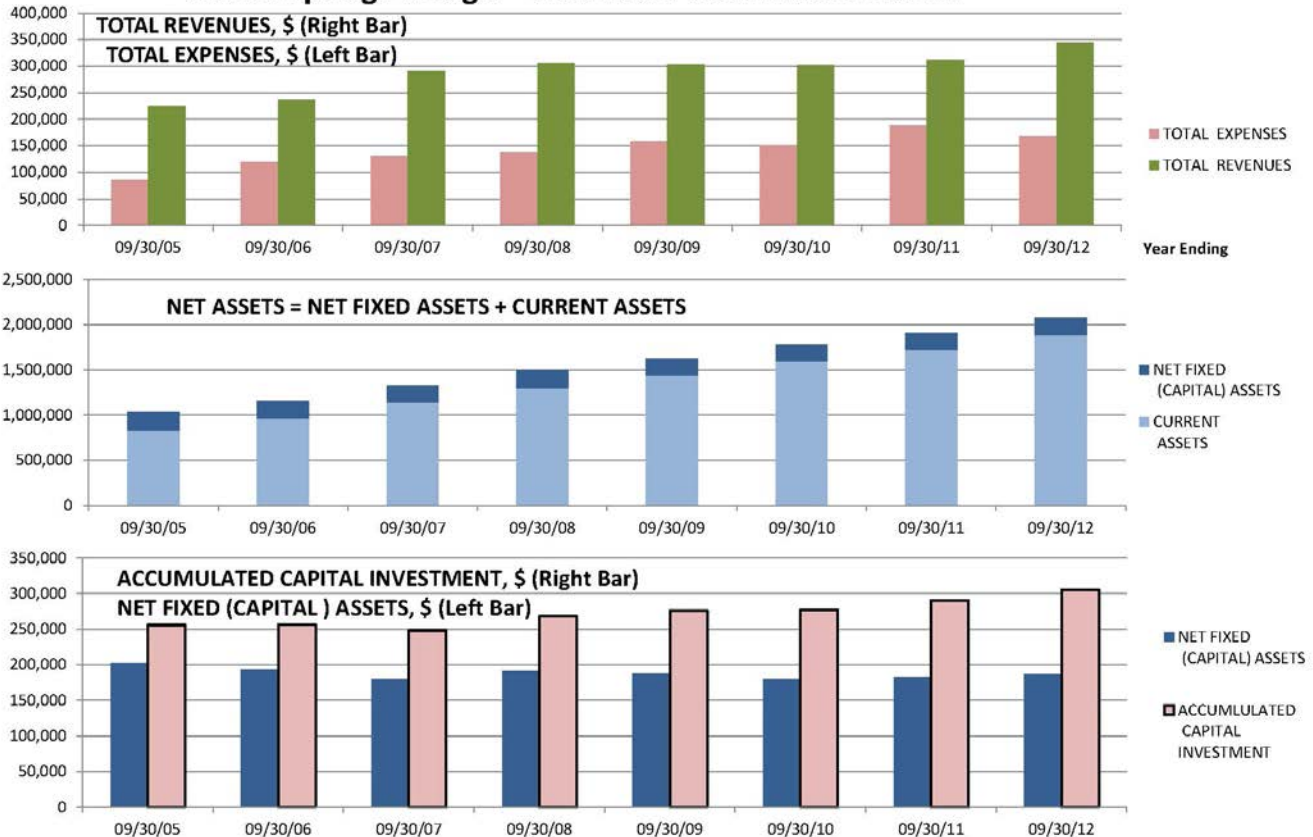


**Indian Springs Village  
Operating Expenditures Budget  
For Year Ending 9/30/2013**

**TOTAL BUDGETED  
REVENUE  
\$279,700**



**Indian Springs Village -- Financial Performance Trends**



NOTES: 1. Amounts shown are from audited, accrual-based, government activity report, with the exception of the last year shown. The last year amounts are from the cash-based, ISV books.  
2. Net Fixed Assets stated at investment cost less accumulated depreciation.

# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ISV EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30, 2013 3:00 p.m.

## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN HALL

If you would like to volunteer to set up in the morning, and/or help during the hunt, please call Brenda Bell-Guercio at 987-2581.

All children through the age of 12 are invited!  
Bring your own baskets and be ready to hunt for eggs, trinkets,  
candy & cash prizes!



In case of rain, please stop by between 2 & 4 p.m.  
to pick up a "Goody Bag"

Volunteers are still needed in the morning to set up and  
during the hunt. Please call Brenda Bell-Guercio  
at 987-2581 to volunteer.

## From the Dental Corner

by Dr. Lisa G. Wilson, D.M.D.

"You have cancer." These are the three most dreaded words from your doctor. Patients diagnosed with any type of cancer face many challenges. While cancer treatments vary, the key to successful outcomes is early diagnoses. April is Cancer Awareness Month. According to the Oral Cancer Foundation, there will be approximately 42,000 new cases of oral cancer in America this year. The most common site in the mouth for oral cancer occurrence is the tongue but a large number of these cases can only be diagnosed by a physician. Often, oral cancer is only discovered when the cancer cells have metastasized to another location, mostly in the lymph nodes of the neck. Early stage oral cancer is often asymptomatic, without pain. Early diagnosis will help to ensure the treatment is as effective as possible.

There are several risk factors contributing to oral cancer. As with other types of cancer, age, tobacco use and alcohol use are common risk factors. Historically, oral cancer occurs in people over the age of 40, but it is now occurring more frequently in populations much younger than 40. The most likely cause is HPV, human papilloma virus. There are over 100 strains of HPV, some cause the common wart, others cancer. There have been

recent discussions of HPV causing cervical cancer and about 25% of patients with oral/throat cancers are also infected with the same HPV strain seen in cervical cancer patients. Patients who develop oral cancer associated with HPV tend not to be heavy drinkers or smokers and these patients usually have a good prognosis.

Prevention of oral cancer is critically important and can be accomplished by modifying your risks and getting screened for a possible early diagnosis. During the month of April, my staff and I will be conducting oral cancer screenings for a \$10 donation to the Oral Cancer Foundation. We invite you to our office for a screening. Please call 205-995-8084 for an appointment. I look forward to seeing you. Dr. Lisa Wilson, 5470 Caldwell Mill Road.

## Meals On Wheels Volunteers Needed

submitted by Nancy Leadbetter, Heardmont Senior Center

Please remember volunteers are needed for our Meals on Wheels program. Meals need to be picked up by 10:15 a.m. at Heardmont Park and delivered. This usually takes 1-2 hours once or twice a month. For more information, please call Frances, Kay or Nancy at 991-5742. Thanks!

## Sydney Slaughter Competes in Teen Pageant

by Roddy Slaughter, Villager

Sydney Slaughter, Miss Shelby County's Outstanding Teen, will be competing in the Miss Alabama Outstanding Teen Pageant in Sylacauga on March 3, 2013. This program is part of the Miss America Origination's program for teenage girls ages 13-16.

The petite, talented 14-year old resident of Indian Springs is the daughter of Roddy Slaughter of Indian Springs and Terri Moore of Hoover. She is an eighth grader at Briarwood Christian School, which she has attended since 4K, and has danced competitively in ballet, jazz and hip-hop since she was 3 years old.

Sydney's life has been strongly influenced by her grandparents, Betty "Kikee" Slaughter and the late Brig. Gen. Robert Slaughter, M.D. For 10 years, her grandmother hosted the Miss Alabama Gala, where Sydney grew up understanding the importance of the Miss Alabama Origination through the scholarships available and volunteer work of the young women. Her grandfather, a gastroenterologist, served in the Air Force for 38 years and was chief of staff at the VA Hospital in Birmingham. He taught her the value of patriotism and the role of the veterans in our nation.

From these two special people in her life, Sydney began to pursue her dream of becoming Miss Alabama and developed her platform, "Salute to the Stars, Recognizing our Veterans."

Sydney was a Rising Star for four years from ages 8-12, where she was partnered with title holders, a Miss Alabama origination that help young girls develop poise and have fun on stage. One of her Rising Star highlights was when she was selected to go to Orlando with Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen 2009, Avery Cooper, for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant. She met girls from all over the USA and performed on stage at the pageant.

"I founded my platform, 'Salute to the Stars, Recognizing our Veterans', to bring awareness, education and patriotic passion back to teens today," said Sydney. "My grandfather taught me the importance of being patriotic and serving others. My mission is more than just a platform for a scholarship program. My life's mission is to be the crusader for veterans."



## Indian Springs First Baptist Church Hosts Passover Seder

submitted by Anthony A. Wade, Administrative Assistant, ISFBC

The Indian Springs First Baptist Church is hosting an authentic Jewish Seder, or Passover meal, on March 14, 2013, complete with all of the symbolism and its meaning. It is scheduled for 6:00-8:00 p.m. and will be in the church Fellowship Hall. Anyone in the community is cordially invited to attend, but we do ask that they RSVP by noon March 7 to our church office number, which is (205) 988-3662, or they can RSVP by email to [aa.isfbc@gmail.com](mailto:aa.isfbc@gmail.com). The suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children age 12 and younger. The Seder will be conducted by representatives of the organization Jews For Jesus.

If you have any questions or need additional information, give me a call at 988-3662 or email me at [aa.isfbc@gmail.com](mailto:aa.isfbc@gmail.com).

## Indian Springs School Seniors Named U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates



Indian Springs School seniors Caleb Caldwell and Benjamin Kitchens have been selected as candidates for the 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholarship.



Caldwell and Kitchens, both of Indian Springs, are two of only 3,000 students nationwide identified as candidates for the prestigious program, which honors the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. They were selected on the basis of their outstanding scholarship and exceptional SAT and ACT scores.

Up to 141 Presidential Scholars will be selected in May and honored during a weekend event in Washington, D.C., in June, during which they will receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a White House-sponsored ceremony.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President. Being named a Presidential Scholar is one of the nation's highest honors bestowed on high school students each year.

Both Caldwell and Kitchens were also selected as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program competition. With their finalist status, they remain in the running for NMSC scholarships numbering in the millions of dollars that will be offered later this spring and summer.

# North Shelby Library March

## 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](http://www.northshelbylibrary.org/children.html) to view our calendar and make reservations.

### Special Programming

**Saturday, March 2nd 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.

**Saturday, March 16th at 10:30 a.m. for ages 4 and up and 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. Babies up to 3 year olds will hunt eggs in the Meeting Room beginning at 11:00. We will have refreshments, special prizes and a visit from a very furry guest! No registration is required.

**Monday, March 18th – March 22nd: Spring Break Crafts.** Stop by the Children's Department any day this week and pick up a cool craft to make in the department, or to take home with you. No registration required.

**Wednesday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m.: Homeschool Hangout – PAX Academic Exchange.** Students from around the globe will be discussing their home countries and giving information about how to become an exchange student. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

**Friday, March 22nd at 2:00 p.m.: Family Movie – *The Muppets*.** While on vacation in Los Angeles, Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, his brother Gary, and friend Mary uncover the diabolical plot of a greedy oil millionaire to destroy the Muppet Theater. Now, the Muppet-loving trio must reunite Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear and their friends to stage the greatest Muppet telethon ever and save their beloved theater. Snacks served. No registration required.

**Monday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m.: NSL Yarn Arts Hangout.** Bring your current knitting or crochet project, hang out, chat and share tips with other crafters your age. This group is open to all skill levels. There is NO fee. All ages are welcome. No registration is required.

### Story-Time Programming

**Mondays, March 4th, 11th and 18th 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, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 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, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 10:45 a.m.: Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)** Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration.

**Thursdays, March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 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](mailto:northshelbyyouth@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.northshelbylibrary.org/](http://www.northshelbylibrary.org/).

### Teen Happenings March 2013

**Gaming: Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 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](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Anime Night: Thursday, March 14 @ 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 at 439-5512 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Young Adult Writing Group: Thursday, March 21 @ 4:30 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. Writing prompts to get your ideas flowing are available in the Teen Department throughout the month. Snacks served. Contact Daniel at 439-5512 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

**Spring Break Movie: Thursdays, March 21 and March 28 @ 6:00 p.m.** On a break from school or just love surfing? Come watch *Chasing Mavericks* at the North Shelby Library! Contact Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or [nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org](mailto:nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org) for more information.

## Alabama Wildlife Center News


**3/3/13 & 4/7/13, Sunday, 2:00- 4:00 p.m., Volunteer Orientation; 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](http://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).

**3/24/13, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. for complimentary refreshments at AWC; program begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center (next door to AWC). Audubon Teaches Nature: Dragonflies and Damselflies – Winged Wonders Around Us. Steve Krotzer, Guest Speaker.**

These colorful denizens of the woods, wetlands and open spaces capture our imaginations with their speed and agility. Their names give us an inkling of their diversity: Blue Dasher, Eastern Pondhawk, Halloween Pennant & Widow Skimmer. Add in those petite Damselflies and the identification challenges start to mount! Steve will introduce us to this very special group of insects: the Odonates. Weather permitting, we'll look for live specimens in the park or examine nymphs captured in local streams.

MARCH, 2013

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE & HEARDMONT FARMS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
<b>4</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9:30 – 10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-3 – Canasta	<b>5</b> <b>ISV Town Council Meeting</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Town Hall</b>  Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH <b>SHELBY STRUMMERS</b>	<b>6</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-12 Bridge 11:30- 3 Rummikub 12 LUNCH	<b>7</b> Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH	<b>8</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing  <b>MARCH HEARDMONT DANCE</b>
<b>11</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-3 – Canasta	<b>12</b> <b>ISV Planning &amp; Zoning Meeting</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Town Hall</b>  Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH	<b>13</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-12 Bridge 10 Computer Class 11:30- 3 Rummikub 12 LUNCH	<b>14</b> Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH	<b>15</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
<b>18</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-3 – Canasta	<b>19</b> <b>ISV Town Council Meeting</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Town Hall</b>  Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH <b>PETALS FROM THE PAST TOUR AND LUNCH</b>	<b>20</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-12 Bridge 11:30- 3 Rummikub 12 LUNCH	<b>21</b> Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 11-Harrison Reg. Library 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH <b>CELEBRATE MARCH BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>22</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
<b>25</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9:30 – 10:30 Tai Chi 10:30-3 – Canasta 9:30-12 Mah Jongg	<b>26</b> Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH <b>UAB VISION SCREENING</b> <b>9:00-11:30</b>	<b>27</b> Heardmont Senior Center 9-12 Bridge 11:30- 3 Rummikub 12 LUNCH	<b>28</b> <b>ISV Garden Club Meeting</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Town Hall</b>  Heardmont Senior Center 10-11 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH	<b>29</b> Heardmont Senior Center <b>CENTER CLOSED</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>

**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!

**LANDFILL "FREE" DAY**

Saturday, April 6, 2013

(Also, Saturday, October 5)

Shelby County Landfill [www.shelbycountyalabama.com](http://www.shelbycountyalabama.com)

4154 Highway 70, Columbiana, AL 35051

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Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sat 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.