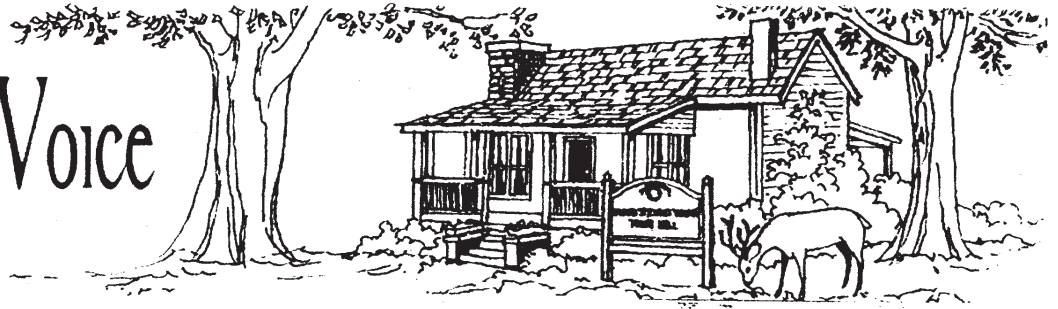


The Village Voice



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Here's hoping April showers have finally given way to May flowers. I know I have been enjoying these past few days of sunshine and pleasant temperatures.

There is no major news to report. We are still actively searching for a place to have a Farmer's Market in Indian Springs and collecting the names of residents who are interested in further developing this idea.

The Council is looking at plans for a building by the pavilion to replace the old sheds. The new structure would have storage, a small meeting room, and men and women's restrooms.

It is also time to begin planning our annual Fourth of July celebration, so if you have suggestions or would like to help with the event, please call the Town Hall or email us.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

GARDEN CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL PLANT SALE AMONG MEMBERS

By Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

The Town Hall Pavilion was almost like a supermarket on a pleasant Thursday evening, April 23, with so many commodities available.

Members had been e-mailed to bring a sandwich and drink for supper and a plant or two to sell. Most just ate supper before the meeting, but Lynn Hendricks brought in a big batch of brownies for all to enjoy.

Mary S. and Mary H. Bowman, mother and daughter, brought fresh eggs from their variety of hens and also eggs from the many quail on their property. Villager

Betty Michels had brought in seedlings in paper cups from different types of peppers, tomatoes, and other vegetables, and hollyhocks. Also brought were the plants from which Hawaiians make leis, sweet pea vines, cherry trees, ferns, begonias, sweet shrubs, ferns, coneflowers, asters, phlox, and many others.

President Liz Alosi brought cards and writing utensils so that members could write information about the name and care of the plants acquired. Numbers were drawn and

members went in order for choosing plants to purchase. After two rounds, members could choose at random. Whatever the individual plants were thought to be worth by the buyer was the selling price, which was immediately added to the Club's treasury.

On schedule for the next Garden Club gathering is a 4:00 p.m. tour of Hoover's Aldridge Gardens on May 28.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 7, 2015:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and all council members were present except Councilman Jack Mendel.

The minutes of March 17, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Deputy Leigh Stockman was present and had no actions to report.

Fire Chief Buddy Tyler reported that the total incidents in March were 144; 39 fire related and 105 medical related. He also stated the new transport ambulance will arrive on April 20th. He reported that the ISO survey will be conducted next week and the outcome could affect either an increase or decrease in homeowner's insurance rates for citizens. He anticipates good results. Chief Tyler also advised the

Council that North Shelby Fire Department is applying for a \$24,000 grant from the Health Foundation in order to purchase an ATV. In the past, the fire department has had to use personal ATV's to assist in emergency and medical crisis assistance. The Mayor will write a letter to the committee asking they give consideration to the fire department's request for the grant.

Councilman Robins reported on the price of enhancing the security video system cameras. The cost to replace two of the cameras would be \$749 each. The council decided to wait on this expenditure.

Robins also received pricing on sweet gum tree removal. The lowest bid was \$1500 to cut down and remove the tree along with a \$300 cost of grinding up the stump. Previously, a motion was made to remove tree with a not to exceed \$1000 price. Robins made a motion to suspend the rules and Mayor Bell-Guercio seconded. A roll call vote was held and all of the Council voted yea. Councilman Trammell made a motion to accept the lowest bid price not to exceed \$2000 amount. Councilman Staus seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio thanked Margie and Herb Robins for their leadership and organization resulting in the huge success of the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Additionally, Robins thanked all the volunteers that participated in making this 200 + attended event successful. Also, a special thank you to Lindley Jones this year's Easter Bunny (Lindley is the official mascot at Mobile College and resident of ISV). She added the special "wonderment" for the children.

Clerk's meeting request was discussed and approved. Councilman Trammell presented the Town's Firearm Policy and it is as follows: Pursuant to Section 6 of Act 2014 0283 the town's established policy relating to firearms is prohibition of any type firearm during any meeting of the Town Council. This policy shall also include prohibition of any type firearm at a town facility or a facility that the town may acquire or use on a temporary basis. Furthermore, any firearm brought onto the premises of the town facility must be kept from ordinary view and locked within a compartment or inside the interior of the person's motor vehicle or in a compartment securely affixed to the motor vehicle.

C.J. Guercio presented a proposal that would establish an ISV Farmer's Market. The Council was receptive to the concept and requested Guercio put together a committee that would explore in depth the pros and cons and feasibility of establishing such an endeavor. The Council thanked him for the enormous effort put into gathering and compiling the data for this project. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Bell-Guercio advised the Council that the property owner of the property located at the corner of Caldwell Mill Road and Hwy 119 is interested in selling this property to ISV. The Council advised Bell-Guercio to move forward with regard to obtaining a selling price for said property.

Bell-Guercio also presented the request by the State to once again partner with them with regard to the cost of cleaning up one dam face at OMSF. The first question was "why is the State subbing this work out when the State and the City of Pelham have the equipment and labor to do this work?" The Council had previously requested a copy of the video of the deteriorated corrugated metal pipe and reports of inspections and also an update on the inundation study report, none of which has been provided. It was the consensus of the Council that no more expense partnering be considered until we receive the information requested. Bell-Guercio will draft a letter in this regard.

Bell-Guercio also presented a Proclamation proclaiming April 7, 2015 National Service Recognition Day.

Boy Scouts in attendance were as follows: Andrew Thrower Troop 007 Citizenship Badge, Heath Padgett Troop 533 Communications Badge, Tanner Gray Troop 007 Citizenship Badge, Cooper Gray Troop 007 Citizenship Badge, Samarth Kumar Troop 07 Citizenship Badge.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

April 21, 2015:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and all council members were present

The minutes of April 7, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Bell-Guercio introduced John Willoughby, from the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture, Farmers Market Authority. Willoughby answered questions from the Council concerning basic set-up and requirements of operating a farmers market. It was the Council's opinion that a market would not work at the Town facility; however, they felt that if another location could be found the concept would work and be successful for the Town. Willoughby recommended that we start small and work our way up to a larger scale. Interested residents that attended the meeting meet with Willoughby after his portion of the meeting.

Wayne Jones, Chairman of PAZ, started the discussion on how to fix the current Zoning Ordinance which inadvertently had three missing sections. It was determined that the ordinance go back to PAZ and the process be repeated and a new ordinance adopted.

Councilman Robins reported that the sweetgum tree has been removed for a price of \$1800. An additional \$200 was spent trimming additional trees. He also advised that a training session for the video security system is scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. He also advised that the mail box entry way project is progressing.

Councilman Mendel who is also the Town Safety Officer advised that the Town received a Gold Award from our insurance company. Also, he advised that he has taken an on-line E-Verify exam and that we are up to date with the system requirements. He also questioned the ADS Security cost. The monthly cost for monitoring the AES Radio is \$35.71 per month, and the Fire monitoring is \$41.66 per month. It was determined that these prices are higher but it is because we are commercial rather than residential and these rates are in-line with commercial rates. The financials were reviewed and it was discussed and approved that \$3000 from budget account 5122 Engineering-PAZ be moved to 5123 Engineering-Council Support. Mendel made a motion that the March financials be approved as presented. Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Stauss reported that he was approached by the Town Hall Curator, Amy Eastman to make a bench and coat rack for the entrance of the Town Hall. He reported that he is going to use the logs from the sweetgum tree that was cut down to make a bench and coat rack; however, the logs must be cut and cured for a year. Using the wood cut from the property will however make a unique and meaningful piece of furniture.

Councilperson Harrington asked the Council to declare July 4, 2015 Mary Sue and Van McClurkin day in appreciation for their dedication and years of public service. Mary Sue was State Representative for sixteen years until her retirement this year.

Deputy Leigh Stockman reported a total of 135 calls for service in March, an increase over February. There were three burglary alarms and 2 wrecks worked.

Per a request from a resident, Council discussed and agreed that if Boy Scouts are in attendance at the Town Council meetings that they be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.



OAK MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

I attended the Oak Mountain Elementary School Volunteer Reception recently and learned of so many positive things happening there. For example, the first grade teachers applied for and received a Resource, Conservation, and Development Grant from CAWACO to be used for iPads. Senator Jabo Waggoner and State Representative, Arnold Mooney, presented the grant to the teachers and students.

Also, Oak Mountain Elementary School is moving forward with "The Leader in Me" program and incorporating it in the children's learning experience. If you would like more information on this program, go to www.leaderinme.org.

Next year, we are hoping to have students from the school participate in our Town Hall meetings to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and get a little early information on municipal government that hopefully could inspire them to be public servants in the future.

(Pictured above are from left to right: Aubrey Miller, Shelby County School Board President; Brenda Bell-Guercio, Mayor Indian Springs Village; Debra Horton, Principal Oak Mountain Elementary School; and Lewis Brooks, Assistant Superintendent of Administration Shelby County Board of Education.)

OAK MOUNTAIN STUDENT WINS BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART AWARD



Oak Mountain's Charlee V. Creates Stunning Dress, Awarded BMA Rising Design Star Rick Vawter April 17, 2015

- Charlee V. is a junior and an Art III student at Oak Mountain High School, who has the ambition of working in fashion merchandising and fashion designing, after studying at Auburn University or the Savannah College of Art and Design. In this case, it was only fitting that Charlee V., along with 39 other Alabama students, would be selected as a Rising Design Star Challenge 2015 Winner for the Birmingham Museum of Art. The Birmingham Fashion Week Rising Design Star competition was created to provide encouragement to youthful artists and designers within Alabama, through the creation of wearable art pieces. In this competition, a student submits their sketch to the staff of the Birmingham Museum of Art, and the top 40 sketches are then moved into the second round of competition. In this round, the top 24 male or female garments of clothing are displayed by a live model during the Birmingham Fashion Week runway show. These garments will be judged on the runway, and eventually, one student will be titled as the 2015 BFW Rising Design Star, and will receive \$500 of scholarship money. This year, students were challenged to create a garment representing one of the following major industries of Alabama: Agriculture, Livestock, Transportation, Technology, Fishing, Forestry, or Mining.

Fake or synthetic materials could be used for the clothing pieces, while real fur, feathers, plants, greenery, food, liquids, and glitter could not be used. Also, all items had to be constructed so that they would be sturdy enough to be worn by a moving model on a runway. All garments needed to be made to fit a size four mannequin, with the chest at 35 1/2", the waist at 26", and the hips at 37". As a twist to the challenge, any garments traditionally sewn or made with fabric would be disqualified. Playing off of this rule, Charlee V. spent four weeks hot-gluing newspaper and staples to form the base of the dress. Getting further still into the world of creativity, Charlee V. built the bodice up with artificial purple, yellow, white, blue, and pink colored flowers, and then made the skirt out of fake leaves and vines. Getting bashful, Charlee V. claimed, "It only took me 10 minutes to sketch out the dress, and since no one in my family had ever pursued fashion, and I didn't know the skill level of my competitors, I wasn't very confident at all! I was really excited when I got picked because, even though I had drawn a very elaborate dress, I never could have expected that BFW would have picked me!"

OAK MOUNTAIN STUDENTS TAKE HOME WINS AFTER ANNUAL LATIN CONVENTION

On April 22nd and 23rd, Oak Mountain's Latin I, II, III, and AP classes, all attended a statewide Junior Classical League Convention, at Hartselle High School. This yearly competition brings roughly 500 students of all ages and educations together, to participate and compete in an art contest, a costume contest, a t-shirt making contest, the Athletic Olympiad, a club scrapbook contest, and the Academic Olympiad.

Staying at Comfort Inn Suites, the 30 Latin students kicked off their Sunday morning with their traditional breakfast at Cracker Barrel, and then headed off to Birmingham's famous statue, Vulcan.



This year, Ms. Kristen Mitchell wanted her students to learn about the city of Birmingham's early culture, and why, with its various industries, it became attached to Vulcan, the Roman God of the Forge.

Ms. Kristen Mitchell, Oak Mountain's Latin teacher, laughed, "While we were visiting the Vulcan museum, we decided to make a very educational trip out of the whole thing, and looked at the museum's new display, 'Italian-American Influences on Birmingham'. It was really neat to be able to tie in Ancient Rome's history and classicality to an everyday place like Birmingham, Alabama."

Once the Oak Mountain classes arrived at Hartselle High School, they began to participate in the athletic field day competitions, like relay races, egg tosses, and strength battles. Aleksandra F., a junior and Gabby M., a senior, participated together in a water sponge relay race called, "Poseidon's Panic", and helped lead Oak Mountain to gaining their first, first place position.

After that, the Oak Mountain students moved into the academic portion of the competition by taking a multiple choice test on reading comprehension, translating, grammar rules, vocabulary, and Roman history.

Once the students had finished all of their competitions, the guys prepared for dinner by changing into their Roman "togae" and the girls prepared by changing into their "peplos"

or "chiton", in order to honor traditional, Ancient Roman rules of dinner etiquette.

After the dinner, the students returned to their competitions and participated in the "Mythology Stand Down", which resembles a Spelling Bee with mythological questions. Then, Oak Mountain Latin students competed in the costume contest, where they were dressed up as famous mythological figures, like Neptune and Persephone. Finally, all of the schools headed off to the "Roman Festival", a dance party that took place in Hartselle's school gym.

The next day, the students from Alabama came together to watch the final two Certamen teams (Scholar's Bowl) compete. After that, the awards ceremony began.

All in all, many Oak Mountain students were awarded. In the Academic section:

- Adam P.: 3rd place, Greek and Latin Derivatives (Level 1)
- Sarah W.: 2nd place, Greek and Latin Derivatives (Level 2)
- Matt T.: 3rd place, Grammar (Advanced)
- Aleksandra F.: 1st place, Grammar (Advanced)
- Kenneth T.: 3rd place, Roman History (Advanced)
- Caleb L.: 3rd place, Mottoes, Phrases, and Abbreviations (Level 1)
- Shawn R.: 3rd place, Vocabulary (Level 1)

In the Athletic section:

- Gabby M. and Aleksandra F.: 1st place, "Poseidon's Panic" (Water Sponge Run)

In the Aesthetic section: • Jordie M. and Lydia M.: 1st place, Club Scrapbook • Peter R.: 2nd place, 3D Art (Collage) • Josh E.: 2nd place, 2D Art (Charcoal/Pencil)

Aleksandra F. claimed, “My favorite part of Latin Con was when people from all schools came together at the Festival to relax and dance together. It was a great ending to a great day!” Good job everyone!

MEMORIAL DAY 2015

By Steve Zerkis

I think we all know now that Memorial Day is a special day dedicated to honor our military men and women who lost their lives defending our country and its freedoms. This not a holiday in the sense of a day of celebrating, but a day of remembering their loss. As Americans we remember by enjoying our freedoms. For many of us it means firing up our grills and enjoying the day with family and friends.

I joined a history book club a couple of months ago and we have been reading biographies of European leaders from the 19th century such as Napoleon and Bismarck. Those biographies describe the way people lived during that time. What a difference between life in Europe and the U.S. The average citizen in Europe had relatively few freedoms and rights. Freedom of speech and religion as we know it really didn't exist. Education was limited or non-existent. There was little justice. There were wars in some part of Europe almost constantly, and rampant prejudice and discrimination. Many Europeans emigrated to other countries such as the U.S. simply try to get a better chance at life. Many of those immigrants served in our military in every American. My grandfathers served in the Austrian army before WWI. Two of their sons served in WWI in France, several grandsons served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam Nam. Luckily none of them were killed although several were wounded in combat.

The first time I heard of somebody dying in war was in a place I never heard of called Korea. I was ten. The older brother of a boy I played with went into the Marines and was killed there. That was a shock to

me. I knew him. They lived a few houses away. During Vietnam Nam a number of guys I served with were shot down. They were not just numbers but faces.

You might not know anyone who was killed in the military, and that is fine. But do spend a moment remembering all the men and women who did die serving our country. There is a beautiful National Cemetery in Montevallo and they will be having services. If you can't make it, that's OK, just remember who is there, and enjoy Memorial Day. As for me I'll be marching in our local Memorial Day parade with my grandson and his Cub Scout pack. Now if I can only fit into my old uniform.

LARGEST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IN ISS HISTORY PAVES WAY FOR NEW CLASSROOMS

More than 300 Indian Springs School students, faculty, alumni, and friends gathered in John Badham Theater on April 12, 2014, to celebrate the public launch of the \$20 million Campaign for Springs Eternal, the largest capital campaign in the school's history.

At a ceremony that kicked off Alumni Weekend 2014 festivities, ISS Director Gareth Vaughan, Board Chair Libby Pantazis, and Campaign Co-Chair and alumnus Rusty Rushton '74 revealed that because of the generosity of more than 100 alumni, parents of alumni, and current parents during the Campaign's silent phase (September 2013 to early April 2014), commitments of about \$15 million—75% of the fundraising goal—had been secured over the next five years, enabling the school to begin constructing new classrooms and continue planning for a new dining hall and new arts center to support and enhance the excellence of all programs and student life at Indian Springs.

Enduring Legacy

“It's incredibly exciting to be able to usher in this next chapter in Indian Springs School history,” said Vaughan. “The passion and

dedication that we are witnessing from the ISS community will give our students the tools they need to succeed in an increasingly global world and provide our world-class faculty a state-of-the-art stage on which to shine.”

Lead gifts have come from Gillian and Mike Goodrich '63, Cecilia Matthews and the Estate of Alan Matthews '68, Mary and Rob Henrikson '65, and parents of alumni Judy and Hal Abrams, said Pantazis. “On behalf of the Board, I offer my deep appreciation to those who remember the importance of Indian Springs School in their own lives, to those who value the role of the school in the lives of their children and grandchildren, and to those who continue to make it a priority,” she said. “You ensure the school's place for future generations.”

Three-Phase Plan

The Campaign for Springs Eternal was created in response to Indian Springs School's new Campus Master Plan, which identifies the need to replace or modernize aging buildings dating from 1952, when the school opened its doors. Prepared by internationally recognized architects ArchitectureWorks, LLP, of Birmingham and Lake|Flato Architects of San Antonio with input from a wide range of ISS constituents—Board members, alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents, and friends—the proposed plan impacts a large portion of the school campus and comprises three phases.

The proposed plan includes a) modernizing the campus and classrooms to accommodate emerging technologies for greater flexibility and global connectivity; b) replacing the current dining hall with a new dining hall that includes an outdoor dining area, new appliances, and flexibility to accommodate groups of various sizes; and c) creating a new arts center that features art studios, an art gallery, and an outdoor art yard at the heart of the campus. Plan highlights include:

Classrooms

- Removing 6 classrooms
- Adding 15 new classrooms (for a total of 22)
- Building a new administration building
- Renovating the library



Dining Hall

- Replacing the current dining hall with a new one
- Getting new appliances
- Creating outdoor dining

Arts Center

- Replacing 7 existing classrooms with new ones
- Removing 3 existing art studios
- Building 5 new art studios
- Renovating music practice rooms

Construction on the classrooms phase began on schedule during summer 2014. The Indian Springs School Board of Governors will finalize the timing and details for the arts center and dining hall phases as fundraising continues.

“The firms we’ve chosen absolutely recognize the unique character of the school—the new buildings will be beautiful yet modest and part of the natural landscape,” said Vaughan. “We will be honoring the original architecture and respecting our connection to the outdoors.”

Rushton, who is Associate Director of the University Honors Program at UAB, believes that “the learning environments we provide for our bright young students must be consciously geared toward the increasingly global reality in which we now live and work” and that, “for this to be the case, our curricula must reflect a serious engagement with interdisciplinary studies; our campuses—certainly our classrooms—must be able to accommodate new innovations in technology; and our administrators need to remain watchful of trends in and possible opportunities for distance learning. Indian Springs has always been a haven for intellectual growth and exploration. The campus upgrades we’re initiating will help us raise the physical components of our academic provision to the standard of our already exceptional program.”

Vaughan asked the entire Indian Springs community—alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends—to join together in making a commitment to the Campaign, which will continue through 2018. To learn more and view the short Campaign for Springs Eternal video, visit ISSspringseternal.org.

If you are new to the Campaign website, simply click “New to the site? Register here” at the bottom of the log-in page to create your personalized username and password.

Thank you for helping us make Springs Eternal.

Why Now?

Indian Springs School offers an exceptional educational experience for its students and continues to enjoy a strong reputation in the community and beyond. To remain true to our Mission and to continue to offer a first-rate education for the 21st century, an infrastructure must be established that fully supports the educational needs and aspirations of our students, parents and faculty.



JAKE GUERCIO KEEPS UP WITH N.S.F.D.

By Jake Guercio

Most early mornings in May are rather pleasant. This Monday morning started out that way but ended unexpectedly with me physically exhausted but mentally elated. You see, the men of the North Shelby Fire District were completing their annual training and I was their muse. Most of us of the male gender have a desire to test our skills against the best. You've heard it maybe even said it "Bet I could go at least two rounds with Tyson". Sure you could. That doesn't stop us from wondering, dreaming if we could regardless of how ridiculous the task might be. Guilty as charged. The older I get the more eager I am to accept a challenge. Maybe it's because I see the years slipping away and the time it takes for the synapses to fire telling my body to do what my mind wants it to get longer every day.

Ok so today I accepted the challenge. Complete the required obstacle course, in full turnout gear without throwing up or passing out. I watched as young men many less than half my 62 years donned the gear and completed what for them was a requirement of their job. Sweating, breathing hard these men wondered why anyone in their right mind would do this if it wasn't required. Many smiled and chuckled to themselves. Of course, I was last, not on the "official" list. Time to go.

Luckily, the men of the NSFD saw my apprehension and some helped me with the gear. If you have never zipped yourself in 75 pounds of leather, cotton, gloves a hard hat with visor and ten pound boots you don't know what you're missing. Within 2 minutes I was soaked and had trouble seeing as salt covered my eyes. Now I feel an ache in my back as an air pack was secured to me. I'm beginning to feel a little concerned and I'm not even dressed yet. Now a young man steps in front of me and slaps a mask that covers my entire face. I panic as all oxygen is cut off. They didn't tell me you had to breathe really hard to get this thing going. Now it's time to start the test.

I walk slowly (as if I can move any other way) to the start. If you get to feeling bad stop and rip off the mask and breathe "God's air". Great, just what I needed to hear! My "buddy" picks up the 50 pound hose that I am required to carry up the stadium steps turn around and descend. Ok I'm off. The first thing I notice is the quiet. All I hear is my own breathing. I've made it to the top. Back down. Easy? Hell no! The weight on your back propels you down and I'm afraid I might go head over heels. Somehow I make it down. I don't know who's happier; me or those first responders that didn't need to have to revive me. Next I am required to pull a 50 pound bucket on a pulley the height of the stadium - twice. Sounds easy enough but try it with gloves so big you can't feel your fingers, not so easy. Next step, dragging the fire hose about 75 yards around a barrel then pulling it-oh well you get the picture. Damn, do I look as tired as I feel? And I'm just half way there.

Finally, the hose job is complete as I amble to the two power saws sitting all alone. Wow a break. As I lift them, one in each hand, I move smoothly (ha) and look up to see a giant red sledge hammer sitting atop a metal contraption that I am required to hit until the metal moves about 5 feet. If only I could have started those saws I would have gone ballistic and injured any and all in my way, including myself. Here goes. I pick up the hammer and begin to pound and pound thinking I am moving the heavy steel bar only to look and see it has barely moved. Harder and harder, my heart is going to come out of that gear or I'm going to vomit in my mask. No, no way. Just a little more, finally done. The sweat is running down my face my entire body is soaked. I am alone just me and the remaining challenge. I follow my partner as

he tells me what a good job I've done. I'm sure he was taking pity on me but as is the case with these firefighters part of their job is to make someone will themselves to do things their body tells them not to do. I look ahead and see laying there in a stretcher a body. Now, I know it is a dummy, 185 pounds lying there, lifeless. But somewhere in the back of my mind I begin to think, to imagine. Today for me is a challenge; if I fail the only consequence is a little embarrassment for me. The guys will smile, say things to encourage me and we'll all go home no worse the wear for this hot May morning. But for these men, these first responders, each day can bring challenges where someone may not go home. So I grab the strap and begin to pull. Thirty yards to save a life, no way I was going to let these men down. In my own small way I am saying Thank You for all you do. Yes I completed the task and surprised a few including myself. Today I put myself in a very small way in the boots of these brave men. How fortunate we are to have a fire and rescue squad who take the difficult and make it look easy. To look into the eyes of a parent, a husband a wife who has just lost someone. To perform the miracle of bringing someone close to death back to see another sunrise.

A hero is defined as someone admired for courage or outstanding achievements, one that has performed heroic achievements. A role model. So gentlemen of the North Shelby Fire District you are by definition heroes. But with that label comes a greater responsibility. Thank you all for what you do. You represent a great many things to a great many people. Godspeed men and be safe.

TOILETRY DRIVE

A toiletry drive is underway to benefit Oak Mountain Missions Ministries, Inc. (<http://oakmtnmissions.com>). Donations of bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, razors, shave cream and hand or body lotion will be collected Sunday, June 7, from 2:00-5:00 at Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church at 5227 Cahaba Valley Cove (corner of Hwy 119 and Cahaba Valley Cove). Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. For questions or further information, contact Trudy Scokel 985-4065.

Indian Springs Village & Heardmont Park Senior Center **May 2015**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 9:30-10:30 – Tai Chi	3 10-11:30 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Games 12 LUNCH Jinnie Lacey - Healthsouth HEART HEALTH	4 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH	5 10:15-11:55 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Games 12- Lunch	6 9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing
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BUILDING PERMITS

Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Daniel Bishop
Owner: Daniel Bishop
Address: 485 Bishop Lane
Proposed Use: Storage

Applicant: Nottingham Building Group
Owner: Chad & Kimberly Gottier
Address: 640 Valley View Dr
Proposed Use: Res. remodel

Applicant: Criss Home Builders, Inc.
Owner: Edward & Melissa Zwilling
Address: 600 Indian Springs Trail
Proposed Use: New Residence

Applicant: Butch Billingsley
Owner: Donald & Victoria Hogue
Address: 323 Brookgreen Lane
Proposed Use: Demo & New Build

Applicant: All Element Restoration
Owner: Joshua Meeks
Address: 55 Indian Crest Dr.
Proposed Use: Roof/Eve repair & Reconnect Power

Applicant: Chris Williams-Carlisle Creek Const.
Owner: Brooke & Charles Guercio
Address: 1112 Alpine Way
Proposed Use: New Residence

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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Directory Number is 982-1755
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