

Sylvan Springs Newsletter

“Growing into the Future”

Winter 2017

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Mayor

Dr. Stevan Parsons

Council Members

Dennis Brand

Karen DeLuca

Rickey Jones

Mike Thompson

Bill Toxey

Town Clerk

Peggy Shadix

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - Noon

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - Noon

Meeting Times

1st & 3rd Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

Fire Department

Fire Chief

Rusty Johnson

Emergency

911

Non-Emergency

491-7637

Village Post Office

(VPO) Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. - Noon

From the Mayor

As we begin 2017, I hope everyone enjoyed a blessed Christmas Season and is ready for a *busy* New Year! It is interesting to watch advertisements at this time of the year. Everyone is trying to sell you products to organize your home, products for weight loss and a variety of other products that will HELP you manage your time and life. Regardless of what you may purchase to help you get control of your home and your life, the one constant in the mix is you must actually USE the product or method.

Our second annual tree lighting was held at the Fire Department this year. I want to thank the employees of the fire department for hosting this event. Several residents were able to attend and we had a great crowd. We were blessed to have the Nguyen family entertain us with their talents in music. Santa attended as well. The children were delighted to talk with Santa and receive a gift from him. If your child or grandchild came to talk with Santa, the pictures are at the Town Hall and you can pick them up during regular business hours. There is no charge. A special thanks to the Nguyen family and to Mr. & Mrs. Santa for brightening the faces of the children & adults.

During the Holiday Season, the Town of Sylvan Springs is beautiful with Christmas decorations. The judges for the Holiday Awards had a very difficult time this year trying to narrow down the winners. Congratulations to the Holiday Award 2016 winners. We appreciate everyone taking time to decorate the outside of their home for Christmas and transform our little town into a winter wonderland.

I want to take the opportunity to thank our employees of the town. Our staff at the fire department is led by Chief Rusty Johnson. They work extremely hard to keep us safe and assist with health issues. Also, at the town hall we have our clerk and assistant clerk, Peggy Shadix & Vicki Paradis assist us with information and a variety of needs for the town. If you visit the Village Post Office, located in the town hall, Belinda Perkins and Linda Thomas will be happy to assist you with all of your postal needs. For all of your building code questions, Benny McKenzie is always happy to meet with you and discuss them. Don Horne and Greg Kilburn continue to keep the roadways and our town properties in great shape. They are often working in extreme temperatures to get the job done. Last, but not least, is Lynn Parsons, Director of the Senior Adult Center. She works hard to insure our seniors are taken care of, fed well and most of all, having a lot of fun at the center. If you see any of these individuals take time to thank them for all they do to make the Town of Sylvan Springs, the "10th Coolest Town in Alabama"!

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Mayor Stev



Senior Adult Corner

Monday - Friday
8:00 - 1:00

It has been a long time coming, but I think “*Winter*” has finally arrived. We are waiting to see what the first winter storm will bring – the milk and bread are bought and we are tucked inside. Now just wait.

No matter what the weather, we at the Senior Center are warm and toasty. We come together each day to share a time of fun and fellowship. The Center offers a place where you can be with others to play a variety of card games, dominoes, checkers, puzzles and a Senior designed exercise room (with a television). There is a hot lunch brought in daily from Valley Food (\$1.50) and always snacks and coffee. We always have room for more friends here at the Center and in our hearts. Please consider giving us a try.

Hope to see you soon,

Lynn Parsons



*Thankful for my friends-my circle of unique people who grow with me,
who listen intently, support unconditionally and love completely.*

FYI

❖ **Congratulations to the 2016 Happy Holiday Award recipients:**

1st place - John Sullivan on Walnut Drive

2nd Place - Jeff & Cherie Fitzgerald on Higgins Drive

3rd Place - Robert & Susan Lyman on Sunset Drive

❖ **Sylvan Springs has a Leash Law**

If you have a dog, remember there is a county leash law that is enforced by the county. If you need more information, contact Peggy @ 491-3210.

❖ **Sylvan Springs New Web Address -----www.sylvanspringsal.com**

❖ **Council Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.**

We want to invite our citizens to attend the meetings and find out what is happening in Sylvan Springs. We have enjoyed seeing some of you there and hope to see more of you in 2017.

❖ **Sylvan Springs Opry @ Sylvan Springs United Methodist Church**

You are invited to join this group for a time of music, fun and fellowship. It is held the 3rd Saturday of each month; 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Also, you can purchase a Hot Dog supper for \$3.00.

From the Fire Chief

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 497-7637

In order to serve the citizens of Jefferson County more effectively, the 911 system of our county has been enhanced and is fully operational. If you have an emergency, dial 911 and the dispatcher will forward your emergency to us with your street address. With that being said, the importance of having your address number fully visible from the roadway cannot be overstated.

In an effort to serve you better, Sylvan Springs Fire Department is requesting that residents cooperate in posting their street numbers on their homes and mailboxes. When we are called to a home for an emergency, time is always critical. Walk out to the street in front of your home and see if your house numbers can be easily seen. If they cannot be seen easily, please take time to post the house numbers in a visible area from the roadway.

The Sylvan Springs Fire Department offers these guidelines:

1. The numbers on residences should be at least 3 inches high and the numbers on businesses should be at least 4 inches high.
2. Numbers should be a contrasting color to the background.
3. Numbers should be placed on, above, or at the side of the main entrance, so that they can be easily detected from the street.
4. If the entrance is more than 50 feet from the street, or cannot be seen from the street, a second set of numbers should also be displayed on the mailbox or on a post at the street or end of the drive.
5. Remember - the person delivering your mail always comes from the same direction. Emergency vehicles come from any direction. Be sure to mark both sides of your mailbox or mark your house number in such a way that it may be easily seen from the main road, regardless of the direction they are approaching.
6. Reflective numbers or one of the new light-up signs are recommended.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please call us. We will be happy to assist you in finding the best location for your house numbers.

Remember, we are here to serve you,

Rusty Johnson, Fire Chief

"Free" Landfill Days

The landfill owners have graciously offered the citizens of Sylvan Springs a more favorable schedule for monthly "free" use days. The next monthly days are:

Wednesday, January 25

Friday, February 24

Monday, March 20

Remember, you can use the landfill any day for a minimal fee, but these days are "free" to the residents of Sylvan Springs. ***This newsletter is your proof of residency.***