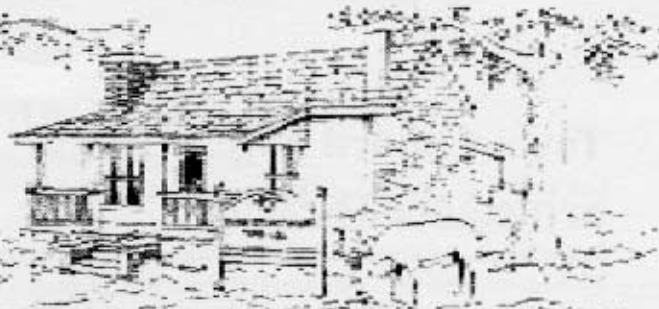


The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, October 16, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
Indian Springs Village Town Hall
PICNIC PAVILION**

Agenda

- I. Supper served from 6-7:00 p.m.
- II. Mayor/Council Reports 7:00 p.m.
- III. Announcements and General Business
- IV. Citizens' Forum
- V. Social Hour/Food Served 'til Gone

*Indian Springs Village Telephone Directory
Number is 982-1755*

*For Town Hall Reservations please call
Patricia Crapet Voice Mail 802-2753*

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 the 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:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

HAPPY ELEVENTH BIRTHDAY



INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

*Eleventh Annual
Founders' Day Celebration
Tuesday, October 16, 2001*

FREE

***Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks,
and Home-Made Desserts***

***Come and celebrate the founding of your town with
family, friends, and neighbors!***

***Food will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Town Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.***

****** Bring a dessert to share ******

Town Council Highlights

September 18, 2001

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Brian Stauss, and Stewart Dudley present. The meeting began with Mayor Weingarten leading those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as written. In the absence of Town Clerk Paul Stephens, Mayor Gene Weingarten announced the following revenues for the month: beer taxes, \$916; auto licenses, \$440; building permits, \$772; aluminum cans, \$185. The balance in the general fund was \$103,016. The road fund garnered \$832, making the road fund balance \$66,117.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilwoman Patricia Crapet announced that the next council meeting would be the Annual Founders' Day Celebration. Villagers were urged to participate in this event and to bring along family and neighbors. The annual event will be held as usual at the ISV Town Hall and picnic pavilion.

Councilman Art Johnson announced the need for volunteers for the aluminum can recycling program, especially those with pickup trucks. The monthly pickup takes only about an hour.

Councilman Brian Stauss announced that the Village is still searching for a volunteer Webmaster to maintain the new ISV website. Our first Webmaster, Michael Felix, who initially designed and implemented www.indianspringsvillage.org, has left ISV for the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Any interested parties are urged to get in touch with Councilman Stauss (987-9997).

Councilman Herb Robins reported that Shelby County has been contacted to clean debris from the bridge area on Signal Trail and Indian Trail. Also, that the turn lane project along Highway 119 is for turn lanes only, and not for four or five-laning the road. The actual construction will not begin until some time in 2002.

Councilman Stewart Dudley reported that any discussions regarding sales taxes for ISV will be postponed until the November town council meeting. (See *A Letter to Citizens*, p.3.)

Jerry Templeton, Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, presented the council with a request for the re-zoning of a 1.8 acre parcel located due south and adjacent to Oak Mountain Intermediate School. The requested change from E-1, residential, to O & I, preferred commercial, is to allow for a 3,000 square foot dental office to be constructed. The property, which lies in a flood plain, has thus far been unsuitable for any residential development. After several months of careful consideration, the ISV Zoning and Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning with a vote of 5 to 2. The Town Council's decision was 4 to 2 in favor of the measure. Voting in favor of the measure were Mayor Weingarten and council members Patricia Crapet, Stewart Dudley, and Brian Stauss. Opposed were council members Art Johnson and Herb Robins.

No October Recycling Pickup

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

There will be no aluminum recycling curbside pickup in October. Three of our volunteer recycling members will be unable to collect in October, so it was decided to cancel the pickup. However, Shelby County currently has a pilot recycling project that I encourage all Villagers to support. A 9 ft. x 27 ft. recycling bin, similar to the one described in last month's *Village Voice*, is located at Heardmont Park. (See article, this column.)

Recycling volunteers in September were Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Mary and Russ Favorite, and Jackie and Art Johnson. Bob Durbin brought the recycling trailer from the recycling center to the town hall.

November Recycling Re-scheduled

Since our normal recycling schedule would be on Thanksgiving eve, the November recycling will be Wednesday, November 14. Please place your recycling on your driveway, opposite your normal trash pickup, before 7:00 p.m. Please use light-colored or clear plastic bags with each top tied with a knot. If untied the volunteer has to take time to tie the bag. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Shelby County Pilot Project

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Shelby County has moved a recycling bin to Heardmont Park. During this pilot project recycle your newspaper, cardboard, plastic, and cans (aluminum and steel). The bin is hidden from view from Highway 119. To locate the bin, enter the Heardmont entrance closest to the North Shelby Library, turn right into the gravel parking area, and drive straight ahead. The bin has separate areas for newspapers, cardboard, plastic, and cans.

Recycling waste and purchasing products made from recycled materials are among the easiest and most effective measures every American can take to conserve our resources and create a cleaner environment. Currently our country recovers more than 28 percent of the billions of pounds of waste generated by Americans annually—an effort that translates into enough savings to supply the energy needs of 9 million U. S. households. But the recycling process succeeds only when recovered materials are returned to retailers as new products that are purchased by consumers; otherwise, the recycled products themselves must be disposed of as waste.

Final Reminder: Address Listing

By Bart Trammell

Deadline for revisions to the BellSouth white pages is fast approaching. If you haven't done so, look in the phone book and see how you are listed. If listed as Pelham or Helena, **please call 557-6500 now and speak with a Customer Representative about changing your listed address to Indian Springs.** Remember, this has no effect on your mailing address. As noted earlier, we have officials, elected and appointed, who list Pelham as their address. If you let your fingers do the walking through the phone book, you will find Villagers residing along Cahaba Valley Rd., Spring Garden St., Mallard Circle, Indian Crest, Skyland Dr., etc., who seem to prefer a Pelham listing.

A Letter to Councilman Dudley

Editor's Note: The following letter was received from Scott Holladay, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, Shelby County, following the August 28 town council meeting, at which Mr. Holladay was present to hear many Villagers express concerns about what was planned for Highway 119 through the Village. Villagers have been assured that three-laning at some intersections, not five-laning through the Village, is being planned by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Per your concerns in the Indian Springs Town Council Meeting of August 28, I have talked with the consultant regarding their instructions to the sub-consultant hired to perform the field survey. I have also examined the actual sub-contract that defines the extent to which the survey is to be performed. Nowhere does it mention the number of lanes that the project will encompass.

The instructions to the surveyor are to take cross sections every 50 feet along Highway 119, 100 feet left and right of centerline at these 50 foot intervals. They are also instructed to survey 200 feet up each paved side road and 100 feet up each dirt side road. At each stream crossing, they are instructed to survey 200 feet upstream and downstream of the project centerline. Any surveying outside of these limits involves reference points to provide information on curve data or any other features that could be relevant in any way to final plan development including utilities, fence lines, obvious property corner markers, etc.

As I expressed to you and several others in the meeting, outside of providing field data to the consultant, the surveyors, especially the field crews, play no part whatsoever in the design process and have little knowledge of the scope of the project. They are specifically instructed to attempt to contact property owners for permission to enter private property and provide a form letter with contact names (Mr. Gary Ray-ALDOT) to which any questions regarding the scope of the project are to be addressed. Any information regarding the project design that the field crew may have provided to you or any other citizens should not be deemed relevant or accurate.

I can assure you that the intent of this project is as presented. I hope that this has answered most of your questions.

Yours truly, Scott Holladay

Garden Club to Sell Decorations

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee, will have available for sale about 18 Christmas lawn decorations made by club members at the Founders' Day celebration on October 16. The wooden decorations are in the shape of a bell and are painted with a Christmas motif. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit the Garden Club.

The club will meet at the home of Frances Dudley for their next meeting, Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. Frances will demonstrate that fresh flower blossoms are not always needed for arrangements. She will display at least one dried arrangement and others made from fruits and vegetables, etc. Last month members were treated to a slide show and talk by Cecile and Henry Snider of The Lilypad, a daylily garden of over 1000 varieties, located off I-459.

A Letter to Citizens

To the Citizens of Indian Springs:

The Village of Indian Springs was formed to protect and preserve the character and special beauty of our area for our and future generations. Our community has tried to manage itself by hard work and volunteer efforts of all its citizens. We have reached the point where the pressure of growth outside the Indian Springs area is making it harder to protect our community. As was discussed at the last town meeting, planning steps need to be taken and expenditures authorized to assist in planning our traffic corridor as well as protecting the valley from traffic, flooding, noise, and incompatible development. In order to do that, we are going to need financial resources.

One method of providing financial resources would be the adoption of a one-cent sales tax. Before adoption of such a tax, we welcome a community discussion of these matters at the next town council meeting. We request everyone interested to participate in the meeting and to let your town council members know your views.

Stewart R. Dudley
Town Council, Place #5

Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Several new programs are underway or scheduled at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center, Heardmont Park. To enroll call Rita Seales, 991-5712.

Drivers may be able to cut their auto insurance rates by completing the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) driving course to be taught Oct. 26 and 29, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. The two-day course is \$10.00. Some insurance companies give a discount of about 5% per year for three years after policy-holders complete this course.

Jenny Waller, North Shelby artist, is teaching a portrait drawing class which meets every Friday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Those who want to participate should bring a picture of the person to be sketched. The fee is \$10.00 per lesson.

Martha Geyer, Indian Springs, will continue her genealogy class Oct. 17. The class may continue into November if there is enough participation. There is no fee for this class.

On Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. square dancing is being taught by Mr. Hal Clark, with line dancing following from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

A February trip to St. Augustine, FL, sponsored by the center, is already booked, but names are being taken for a "backup list." A recent very popular trip was to Branson, Missouri.

Wins in Many Categories

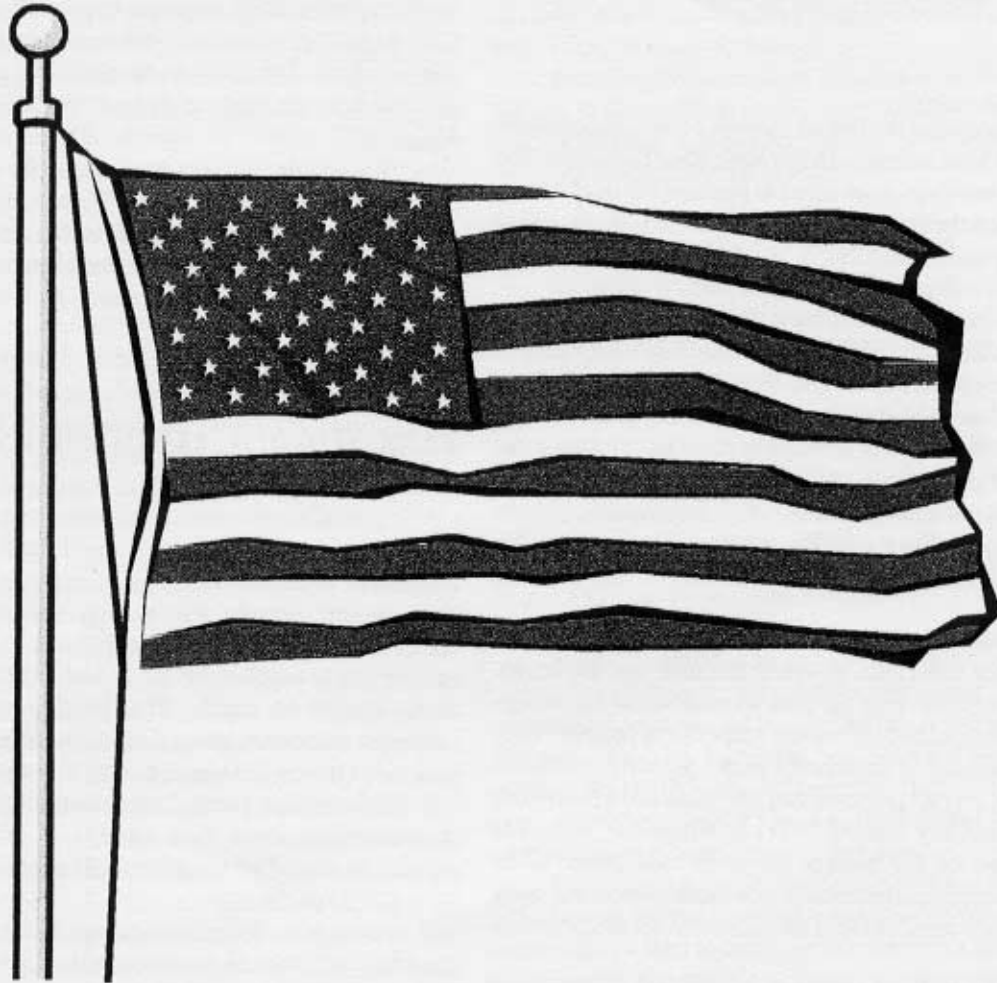
By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Jennifer Ward of ISV won at so many levels in the Miss Alabama American Coed Pageant at the Birmingham Marriott Hotel that she was invited to compete at the national level, Orlando, FL, in November.

Competing in the junior teen division, Jennifer was voted Miss Congeniality, was a finalist in the Miss Photogenic contest, second runner-up in talent, and one of 15 semi-finalists. For the talent competition she did a dramatic monologue.

Jennifer is a freshman at Oak Mountain High School and the daughter of John and Shirley Ward, 214 Indian Forest Trail.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Show Pride Through Old Glory

Since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D. C., there has been a resurgence of patriotic pride. The U. S. flag can be seen flying everywhere to honor those who died and as a symbol of unity. Many individuals may be asking questions about proper flag etiquette and care of the flag. Jim Wyatt and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) have supplied the following brief guidelines:

1. A flag displayed on a car should be fastened to the right side bumper, antenna, or to the window.
2. If displaying a flag on a wall, the blue field should be in the upper left corner and it should never touch the ground.
3. When displaying an all-weather flag outdoors, 24 hours a day, there should be a light near it at night so it is not in complete darkness. The U. S. flag should not be displayed in inclement weather, except for an all-weather flag.
4. When bunting is used for decoration, the blue should be on top, then white, then red.
5. Above all, when the flag becomes worn, please replace it. The worn-out flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.