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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 6, 2015 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.”

The Village Voice is published the second week of each month. Articles for the October edition should be submitted by September 24, 2015. All materials submitted for publication may be edited, including letters to the editor, which must be signed and give writer's address and phone number: All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors of articles.

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Editor's Appreciation:

Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing. Although Mrs. Wyatt has passed away, this acknowledgement will continue in honor of the contributions of Mrs. Wyatt and her family to The Village Voice and the town of Indian Springs Village.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Great news! We still have a Village Voice thanks to Leigh Whatley, an Indian Springs resident, who volunteered to be the editor. And if that was not good news enough, B.J. Scharath, another ISV resident, has agreed to help by being our reporter and working together with Leigh. We may need some new software. We may have a few bugs to work out, but we are definitely back in business! Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to these two women!

Our 25th Anniversary of the founding of our town is coming up in October. To celebrate this milestone, we are having a dinner/dance on Friday, October 16th for the adult residents of Indian Springs Village. Rita Mendel, chairman of the committee for this event, along with Amy Easton and Joan Downs, have got a spectacular evening planned. Since this is a catered event and we need to know numbers for food and seating, you will need to make a reservation in advance. In addition to using the pavilion, a tent with more tables and a dance floor will be provided. It will be an exciting night. Make your plans to attend.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bell-Guercio

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present except Councilmembers Harrington and Stauss.

The minutes of July 21, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Fire Chief Tyler reported July total incidents of 148; 53 fire related and 95 medical related. Additionally, he reported that with the \$1000 grant money received from Wal-Mart and partnering with Lowes on a reduced cost of smoke detectors, the fire department was able to install 70 smoke detectors in two trailer park communities.

Deputy Lee Stockman was in attendance but did not have anything to report at this time except for the wreck that occurred in front of Town Hall the previous week.

Councilman Robins introduced Jim Loper, of J. Loper and Company, who presented his conceptual designs for the proposed entryway and storage facility. The designs were discussed by the Council and attending residents, however, more in depth discussion is required. Bell-Guercio proposed a special meeting in order to focus just on this proposed project.

Councilman Mendel has distributed the FY2016 budget worksheet for the Council's review. The Mayor's proposed budget will be on the agenda for discussion at the August 18th meeting. Council approval of the budget will be on the agenda for the first meeting in September (September 1st). The proposed budget will be posted on the ISV website.

Bell-Guercio pointed out to the Council that Amy Easton, Town Hall Curator, was unable to get the six dining room chairs that were approved at the last council meeting; however, she was able to procure 7 chairs and a table for \$175. Bell-Guercio also informed the Council that the framed flag memorial document should be ready for Founder's Day. The calligrapher and the parchment will cost \$950 plus the framing.

Rita Mendel, Founders' Day Chairperson, reported that the tent that has been offered for donation will not work for our Founders' Day event; therefore, she will have to rent one. Planning is on-going and on schedule as of now.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present except Councilperson Harrington.

The minutes of August 4, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written. Also, minutes of Special Meeting held August 11, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Deputy Lee Stockman noted calls were down significantly over this time last year. He did report one vehicle breaking and entering.

Councilman Robins reported on the PAZ meeting held August 11, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to review changes to the Sub-Division Regulations as presented by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer. Christy advocated a more streamlined approach to the process. Christy also recommended updating the detention ordinance to include the current MS4 permitting requirements.

Robins also gave an overview of the Special Meeting held August 11th with regard to the proposed entry way and storage building. The preliminary plans were reviewed and changes discussed at the meeting. The next step is to find a licensed architect that will furnish drawings that will then be submitted to contractors for bids.

Councilman Mendel presented the July financials for review. He noted actual year to date numbers were well in-line with the budget. Mendel moved that the July financials be accepted as presented. Councilman Stauss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Town Clerk thanked Councilman Trammell for his extra work on the Flag Memorial list. In our attempt to have it correct to the best of all abilities, he proofed it again for the calligrapher.

Mendel presented the proposed draft budget FY2016 to the Council. The Council went through line item by line item and made needed changes. The Mayor made a motion that an executive session be held from 8:12 pm to 8:45 pm. Robins seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Council returned at 8:28 pm. The FY2016 proposed budget will be officially presented for vote at the September 1st meeting.

Trammell discussed some trends developing from his analysis and Stauss suggested that in the future we include a percentage column to the budget in order to note upward or downward trends more readily.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL ANNOUNCES CONCLUSION OF TENURE FOR HEAD OF SCHOOL

*“Every new beginning comes from some other
beginning’s end.”
Roman philosopher*

To the Indian Springs School Community,

Today I must share with you the news that Gareth Vaughan has decided to conclude his term as Head of Indian Springs School effective at the completion of the 2015-16 school year. During his tenure at Springs, Gareth has guided and led the school to many new heights and accomplishments. His and his beloved Dorrie’s legacy will be one of which we will always be deeply proud. We wish him Godspeed in the next "beginning" of his journey.

The coming 2015-16 school year at Springs promises to be a thrilling one, as students and faculty will soon be moving into the state-of-the-art classrooms created as part of Phase One of our Campus Master Plan. Equally exciting are the near completions of the Administration Building, Leo Kayser Jr. Academic Center, Gym renovations, and landscaping. No one is more excited about the new structures than Gareth himself. He has overseen their emergence while setting goals for the school through strategic planning, protecting the school's accreditation status, and growing the school's endowment through the Springs Eternal campaign. “My seven years at Indian Springs,” says Gareth, “have been the most professionally rewarding of my career, and I look forward to my eighth year with a sense of optimism and excitement.”

Rest assured that the Board will work diligently to secure a new Head of School and will do so in such a way that preserves the iconic leadership from which Springs has profited over the years, from Doc Armstrong to Gareth. I will be updating you on the progress of our search during the coming months.

Warm regards,

Libby Pantazis
Chairman of the Board
Indian Springs School

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Historical Home Crafters
Owner: Historical Home Crafters
Address: 142 Forest Rd
Proposed Use: Construct new residence

Applicant: Phillip Carter
Owner: Phillip Carter
Address: 1181 Stagg Run Tr.
Proposed Use: Construct new residence

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET FINDS A HOME

Indian Springs First Baptist Church has agreed to be the site for the Indian Springs Village Farmer’s Market. The church, located at 3375 Cahaba Valley Road, will be a great location because of its high visibility from Cahaba Valley Road and is located in the heart of Indian Springs Village. The church’s location and visibility in addition to its large parking lot and field made the church the perfect location to host the market.

The next step for the market is to determine a board of directors and establish a market manager. From there the board will finalize the dates and time the market will operate. Look for more information about the Farmer’s Market in next month’s Village Voice!

FAMILY DAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The Alabama Family Rights Association and the Shelby County Drug Free Coalition is asking parents, families, leaders, and the community to join our efforts to protect and safeguard our children’s future.

Join us on September 28, 2015, in standing up for our families by sitting down to dinner. Remember, parental engagement matters!

ISV EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF CHRISTIANNE BROWNING

Christianne Browning, 58, of Bowling Green passed away on August 3, 2015 at Morningside Assisted Living. She was born on April 7, 1957 to William R. Stauss of Russellville, KY and the late Nathalie L. Stauss. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Steve L. Browning and mother-in-law, Bea Browning. Mrs. Browning graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1980, and worked at Tristar Greenview Regional Hospital of Bowling Green for 34 years. She is survived by two step-daughters, April Jessup (Jeremy) of Browder, KY and Andrea Libe (Tshepo) of Bowling Green; two brothers, Brian Stauss (Cathy) of Indian Springs, AL and Kevin Stauss (Crystie) of Franklin, TN; father-in-law, Duard Browning of Greenville, KY; four step-grandchildren, Ethan, Jordan, and Bailee Jessup of Browder, KY, and River Libe of Bowling Green; and three nieces, Erin Stauss of Mobile, AL, Emily Stauss of Birmingham, AL, and Alexandria Stauss of Franklin, TN.

SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS' 2015 CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Special Equestrians' 2015 Celebrity Golf Tournament will be held on October 1, at Timberline Golf Club in Calera, AL. This is a fun tournament where players have the opportunity to get to know a sports legend out on the green, including our celebrity host, Bobby Humphrey!

Special Equestrians is a non-profit organization that provides high quality therapeutic horseback riding and equine assisted activities to persons with physical, mental, developmental, and emotional disabilities.

Special Equestrians operates on the campus of Indian Springs School. The facilities include a 15-stall barn, a covered arena, an open arena, and 8 acres of pastures and paddocks. A sensory trail winds through the trees and provides an alternative teaching environment to the arenas.

For more information, email Madison Pozzo at mpozzo@specialequest.org to reserve a spot for your team or to find out more about Special Equestrians, Inc.

ISV EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF LEANORA MAENZA

Leanora Milazzo Maenza, age 83 of Homewood, Alabama went into the loving arms of her Savior on August 10, 2015. Leanora was born on March 3, 1932 in Buffalo, New York. She is survived by: children Cecelia Weatherford, Carl Maenza (Gail), Nancy Foreman (Robert), John Maenza (Lorie), Chris Maenza (Kim), and Leigh Jordan (Stephen). She loved and was beloved by her 22 grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings; Margie Lombardo, Delores Hicks, Christine Miranda (Joseph), & Chris Milazzo (Judy), Leanora was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher and Amelia Milazzo and her husband Carlo Maenza. She attended Ramsey High School and the University of Alabama Birmingham business school. She was first employed in the Property and Casualty Insurance business and continued in that profession until her retirement in 1994 from McGriff, Siebel's & Williams. Leanora was very active in Our Lady of Sorrows Church altar sodality. She served as president of Our Lady of Peace guild and was a founding member of the Tree of Honor. She was recognized in 2014 on the tree of honor for more than 20 years of service to the guild. Her dedication to family was to serve as its resonant tower of strength providing wisdom, guidance and leadership during times of trouble or hardship, or through celebrations and the milestones life brings. Leanora celebrated life vibrantly, always expressing her deep love for family, friends, and Christ each step of the way.

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