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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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.”

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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.

Happy New Year!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Jake and I want to wish each of you a Safe, Healthy, and Joyous Holiday and Blessings for Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

Recently I came across a Franciscan Benediction that I would like to share with you:

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial
relationships, so that you may live deep within your
heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so
that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who
suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that
you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn
their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to
believe that “you can make a difference” in this world, so
that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bell-Guercio

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, October 20, 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 Councilmen Jack Mendel and Herb Robins.

The minutes of October 6, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Deputy Lee Stockman reported two wrecks in our area in September.

Councilman Harrington stated that the County Manager is suspending efforts to build a hotel in the Oak Mountain State Park. She reported that Keep Oak Mountain Wild will meet again soon with the objective of being a positive force for doing good work for the park.

Councilman Trammell commented on the 25th Anniversary Party being a huge success. The excellent food, entertainment, and setting were greatly appreciated by all. He feels the coming together of old and new residents made a positive impression and will be of tremendous benefit to the Town in the future.

Wayne Jones, Chairman of PAZ, presented the Council with the official contract with Con-site for the clean-up of the Pawnee property. Representatives for the property owner asked to make the contract between the property owner and Con-site. This request would have resulted in a time delay along with an increase in expenses therefore request was denied.

Jones also reported that the new proposed storage facility committee met with Mark Burns, Architect, and additional concepts were reviewed. Burns will be back to the committee with more defined plans soon.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 3, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, November 3, 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 Councilmen Trammell and Mendel.

The minutes of October 20, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

PAZ Chairman, Wayne Jones reported the clean-up of the Pawnee property has been completed. He also reported the hearing on the sub-division regulations will be held November 17th and public notice has been posted.

Deputy Stockman reported no incidences except wrecks.

Fire Chief Tyler reported 133 total calls for October; 41 fire related and 92 medical related. He also reported that the department recently blitzed the schools and talked to thousands of kids concerning fire prevention.

Mayor Bell-Guercio reminded everyone the Christmas Party will be held December 15th. The Council will hold a short meeting and afterwards the festivities will begin.

Bell-Guercio reported that she has been in touch with Tom Townsend of Reliance Technologies in regard to adding two additional security cameras in the Town Hall. The price would be \$400 each. Councilperson Harrington made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on this expenditure, Councilman Stauss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Bell-Guercio -	Yea
Robins -	Yea
Harrington -	Yea
Stauss -	Yea

Harrington made a motion to spend \$800 for two additional cameras for use in the security system. Stauss seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio reported that she had received a price of \$700 from Solar Reflections to treat all windows facing the west in order to protect artifacts, furniture, flooring etc. from harmful sun rays. Harrington made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on this expenditure. Stauss seconded and the vote was as follows:

Bell-Guercio -	Yea
Robins -	Yea
Harrington -	Yea
Stauss -	Yea

Harrington made a motion to accept the \$ 700 proposal from Solar Reflections for treatment of windows. Stauss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Council agreed to put the FY2016 approved budget on the web-site.

The Council discussed some new rules that will be included in the Town Hall rental agreement. The changes will be made and posted on the website immediately.

The annexation request for 835 Miller Circle was presented and discussed. Robins made a motion to

suspend the rules and vote on the ordinance. Stauss seconded and the vote was as follows:

Bell-Guercio - Yea
Robins - Yea
Mendel - Yea
Stauss - Yea

Harrington made a motion to accept ordinance 2015-005 for annexation of Mr. & Mrs. Thornton’s property at 835 Miller Circle. Robins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, November 17, 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 November 3, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

PAZ Chairman, Wayne Jones reviewed with the Council the proposed sub-division regulations. The ordinance was reviewed intensely and minor changes were made throughout the document. Councilman Robins made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilman Mendel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mendel presented the financials FYE 9/30/2015. He noted that 2015 was a very good year with a net income (unaudited, cash basis) of \$157,402.11. Mendel moved that the financials be accepted as presented. Robins seconded and the vote was unanimous. Additionally, the October financials were presented. Mendel explained that the FY2016 budget that was passed did not include the revenue and expense amounts for the SRO officers required by the auditors. Since the budget is used by the Council as a managerial tool more so than an accounting tool, it was decided not to include these transactions into the budget until the end of the year. Mendel moved that the October financials be endorsed as presented. Councilman Stauss seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Robins reported that Larry Rogers serviced the irrigation system. He also reported that Mr. Gilliland

brought the flags to the storage shed. Additionally, he showed a computer generated rendering of the new proposed multi-purpose building as designed by Mark Burns.

The Council also discussed the Educational Building Authority. Since this entity is not used it was decided to let it expire.

Mayor Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 1, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Miles White, Cub Scout led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present.

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

Robins reported that Covenant Lawn Service accepted the Council’s offer of \$625 per month which includes weekly service at the Town Hall and 119 entry signs between April 1st and September 30th.

The Cub Scouts in attendance were Miles White, Pack 538, Miles is working on his Building a Better World Adventure pin. Dan White, Pack 538 Leader, was also in attendance. Additionally, Garrett Jones and Gunter Schultz of Troop 533 were present and are both working on their Citizenship and Communication badges.

Mayor Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

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GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

Originally scheduled for the Town Hall, the Indian Springs Garden Club Christmas Party was held instead at the Wayne and Laura Jones home after Laura graciously offered to host the affair. Members met there Sunday, December 6, and at 1:00 p.m. gathered around the spacious dining room table for a bountiful feast, mostly prepared in the members' kitchens. The home was seasonally decorated, and it was a beautiful, crispy day.

An update on the condition of member Jennie Pittman was given: she was taken to a rehabilitation facility following her recent auto accident, and is doing fine. Also missed, among others, was Lynn Hendricks, who recently moved to Georgia. Nola Stans entertained us all with her spontaneous account of a recent European cruise she had taken.

Afterwards the group moved to the living room to play "Dirty Santa," which has become more or less an annual event at our Christmas parties.

The Garden Club meets the fourth Thursday evening of the month, and will meet Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, to make plans for the new year, 2016.

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Richardson Construction
Owner: Andrea and Jason Richardson
Address: 86 Arrowhead Lane
Proposed Use: New Home

Applicant: Smelcer Design and Construction
Owner: Zack Lalor
Address: 136 Indian Gate Circle
Proposed Use: New Home

Applicant: Case Design/Remodel
Owner: John R and Janet L Robers
Address: 5307 Mountain Park Drive
Proposed Use: Remodel Kitchen

SHELBY COUNTY CITY CLERKS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

by ERICA TECHO, 280 Living, December 28, 2015

The Shelby County City Clerks Association recently celebrated its 10th anniversary at its quarterly meeting. The meeting was at the Coal Yard Restaurant in Helena on Dec. 17.

The association was founded by Chelsea City Clerk Becky Landers in December 2005 and has met quarterly since then. Landers served as association president for three years.

During its quarterly meetings, the association shares information and experience pertinent to the city clerk position.

The officers for 2015 were President Margie Handley of Hoover, Vice President Landers, Secretary Amanda Traywick of Helena and Treasurer Marsha Yates of Pelham. In 2016, Landers will serve as president, Traywick will serve as vice president, Stacy Walkup of Harpersville will be secretary and Yates will be treasurer. During 2016, the association will continue to meet quarterly, and Landers plans to have guest speakers to cover topics and training for the upcoming municipal elections, which will take place for all cities and towns in Shelby County on Aug. 23.

The next Shelby County City Clerk's luncheon is scheduled for March 16 at the Chelsea Community Center on Shelby County 47.



Members of the Shelby County City Clerks Association at their last meeting of 2015. Pictured: (First row) Joan Downs of Indian Springs, Kay Ray of Wilsonville; (Second row) Marsha Yates of Pelham, Joy Marler of Vincent and Stacy Walkup of Harpersville; (Third row) Teresa Amos of Helena, Amanda Traywick of Helena and Becky Landers of Chelsea; (Back row) April Price of Wilton and Margie Handley of Hoover.

OAK MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES GRANDPARENTS DAY

by LeighFran Jones, CNP Area Manager, Shelby County Schools

“How many grandparents can say they have visited their grandchild’s school? For hundreds of grandparents of Oak Mountain Elementary School students, this dream became a reality on November 5th and 6th when OMES hosted their 2nd annual Grandparents Day. It was hard to tell who was more excited: the grandparents or their students!

On one of these two days, the grandparents visited their students’ classrooms, viewed their recent class work, shared cards they made for their grandparents, saw the technology used in their classroom, had their picture taken together, and visited the book fair. The highlight of the day was getting to enjoy a delicious meal, with a special prepared menu for the occasion, in the school’s cafeteria. While they were eating, a picture slideshow of the grandparents and their grandchildren ran continually on a screen up on the stage. This event has been deemed a huge success as over 350 grandparents came each day to see all the great things that their student is learning at their school.

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Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio and her husband, Jake with their granddaughters, Belle, Brenna, and Alexandria



Taylor and Ty Hunter with their grandparents, Tim and Phyllis Hunter

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH LAUNCHES MUSIC ACADEMY

St. Francis is pleased to announce the opening of their Music Academy which is for students of all ages and features a world-class faculty, including members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and other professional musicians. The Academy will offer instruction in piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, flute, guitar, and harp, as well as chamber music, choral instruction, music theory and musicianship. For more information, you can visit their website at www.saintfrancismusic.org.

INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

Springs School is pleased to announce that Sharon Louise Howell, Ph.D., will serve as Indian Springs' sixth Director, effective July 1, 2016. The ISS Board of Directors voted unanimously in late December to appoint Howell to the position following an extensive, five-month national search that included input from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, Board members, and friends of the school. Howell, who is currently the Associate Head of School at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Gill, Mass., will succeed Gareth Vaughan, who announced in August that he had decided to conclude his tenure in June 2016 at the close of his eighth year as Director. Howell will be the first woman to lead Indian Springs.

Before joining NMH in 2014, Howell spent 15 years at Harvard University studying, teaching history and literature, and being resident dean of a Harvard College house. In her final three years she served as senior resident dean, was an elected member of the faculty council, served on the academic integrity committee, and helped to develop a Harvard edX online course called Poetry in America X. She has a B.A. from Connecticut College, an M.A. from Villanova University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Passionate about empowering young people to find the courage to know themselves honestly, listen to one another respectfully, and collaborate generously, Howell made the transition from Harvard to independent high schools with the goal of helping students expand their understanding of educational excellence during their transformative teenage years.

During her time at NMH she has been responsible for developing the school's 2015-20 strategic plan, directing the process for designing and building a \$33 million new Integrative Science and Math center and academic hub, leading interdisciplinary curricular innovation in science and math, and launching initiatives in social entrepreneurship and learning through action. She is currently leading a broad-based implementation of the strategic plan—with focus on academic innovation, advising, health and wellness, and equity and access—involving more than 150 members of the NMH community, from students to trustees.

In addition, Howell has produced a poetry podcast called ramblebarrow (2011-12), published a book of poetry called Girl in Everytime (Pressed Wafer Press, 2011), and partnered with her husband, Tom, on international service projects to help primary schools in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Namibia (2011-14). She served on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges

(NEASC) accreditation committee for the Hotchkiss School (Lakeville, Conn.) in April 2015 and on the Economic Development Board for NMH's region, Franklin County, Mass. She and Tom, a sculptor, have two children: Ethan, 13, and Maggie, 10.

"Indian Springs is clearly a special place," says Howell. "I am honored beyond measure to be entrusted with leading this extraordinary school into its next era and helping ensure that it grows and thrives in accord with its inspiring mission. The students, faculty, staff, parents, and Board members I met during my visits show a profound devotion to the school, but also to the boundless potential inherent in empowering students truly to know themselves, each other, and the world. I could not be more impressed, more ready to start our work together, or more eager to join this warm community with my family."

Indian Springs' national search was assisted by Wickenden Associates of Princeton, N.J., and led by a 16-member Search Committee that included alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and Board members. Hundreds of other ISS community members, including current students, also provided important input by participating in a community-wide survey, semifinalist tours, finalist week meetings, and a finalist survey.

"Dr. Howell rose to the top of our extremely competitive candidate pool because of her singular skill set: infectious optimism, deep concern about social justice, passion for collaborating, formidable intellect, ability to engage and inspire, and commitment to transparency and forward thinking," says Libby Pantazis, Chairman of the Board and Head of School Search Committee. "Her approach to learning and teaching aligns in every way with Springs' distinctive mission. As she builds on the strong legacy that Gareth Vaughan and previous directors have nurtured and safeguarded, I believe that she will hold us to the highest possible standards, guiding us as we explore new partnerships and continuing our commitment to education that transforms."

Recently named by Business Insider one of the smartest boarding schools in the nation, Indian Springs education for grades 8-12. Inspired by the motto "Learning through Living," the school seeks to develop in students a love of learning, a sense of integrity and moral courage, and an ethic of participatory citizenship. For more information, please visit www.IndianSprings.org.



OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COVER VETERANS WITH LOVE

by SYDNEY CROMWELL, 280 Living, December 15, 2015

In Melinda Gargiulo's family and consumer science classes, the students of Oak Mountain Middle have been working hard. The results are five patriotic quilts for the veterans' charity Three Hots and a Cot.

With the help of a grant from the Shelby County Schools Foundation, Gargiulo has taught her students each step of making a quilt. The school's chapter of Family, Community and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) presented their quilts to four military veterans at a school assembly this morning.

"These are beautiful, and we appreciate it so much," one of the veterans told the students after the assembly. Three Hots and a Cot provides basic necessities and services for veterans who have had difficulty in adjusting to civilian life, such as homelessness or addiction.

Eighth-graders in Gargiulo's FCCLA chapter helped piece the final quilts together. Each quilt included the embroidered initials of the students who made it. "The quilts turned out great," Gargiulo said. "They worked so hard."

The quilts may not be professional quality, but each was made with respect, love and hope, Gargiulo said. The project is called Covered With Love.

Covered With Love received help from the Birmingham Quilters Guild. After 280 Living ran a story on the project in November, Gargiulo said community members donated more supplies, a quilting frame and some volunteer hours to help the students create their quilts.

The Oak Mountain Middle School students will make five more quilts next semester, Gargiulo said. They are going to attempt a different style, called rag quilting, that is easier to assemble.



OMMS students present Covered With Love quilts to local veterans.

NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY JANUARY 2016

Library will be closed - Monday, January 18

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

***Picture Book Club – Bear Celebrates Janubear!**

Tuesday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m.

***Newberry pie Book Club**

Wednesday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.

NSL Book Club

Thursday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

***Homeschool Hangout: Salamanders**

Wednesday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m.

***Introduction to Google Docs**

Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

***Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

Friday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m.

***Great Apps for Kids**

Monday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

STORY TIME PROGRAMMING

***Toddler Tales**

Mondays, January 4, 11, 25 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

***Baby Tales Story time**

Tuesdays, January 5 and 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Family Story time with Mr. Mac

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:45 a.m.

PJ Story time

Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6:30 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Open Gaming

Fridays, January 8, 15, 22 at 3:30 pm

Anime Night

Monday, January 11 at 6 pm

International Games Day – Open Gaming

Thursday, November 20 at 3:30 pm

Teen Tech: What's Inside

Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 pm

ADULT CLASSES

***Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013**

Wednesday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m.

***Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013**

Monday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m.

***Computer Comfort**

Thursday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m.

***Internet for Beginners**

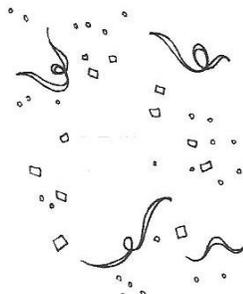
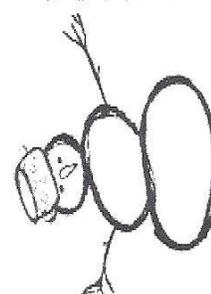
Tuesday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m.

***Email for Beginners**

Thursday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m.

***Registration Required**

JANUARY, 2016
Heardmont Park Senior Center
5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

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