

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens 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 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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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Gene Weingarten

*The Shelby County Sheriff's Department provides Indian Springs Village with a wide variety of services. We are indebted to the Sheriff and his dedicated deputies for the quality and dependability of their work. Although we tend to take this vital function for granted, the men and women in the department have our permanent thanks and gratitude. The following article was prepared by Sheriff James Jones and Captain Chris Curry.*

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office plays a vital role in the infrastructure of Indian Springs. As each of you know, Shelby County Sheriff's Office is the law enforcement agency that serves the town of Indian Springs. Our officers are most often recognized while on patrol in your community; however, we play many roles that go unnoticed. Your Sheriff's Office is not just the people on patrol. We also have corrections officers who operate the jail, dispatchers, investigators, and office personnel that are a very vital part of our operation.

The main objective of any law enforcement agency is to maintain order and protect the citizens that we serve. Every day we are called upon to make arrests--both on warrants and/or without warrants, if there is sufficient reason to believe that a crime has been committed. At the same time, we must thoroughly investigate all complaints by properly securing crime scenes and interviewing suspects and witnesses. While many times you call on us for civil problems, our only role in the civil courts is merely serving the civil documents originating in our courts and carrying out the directives set forth by our judges.

Many of you call on us for a permit to carry a concealed weapon. The money generated from these permits provides training for all our employees as well as equipment such as weapons, ammunition, pagers and cell phones for on-call employees, vehicles, and continuing education and enrichment materials. You may also see us in the middle of the highway while we are directing traffic before and after school, for various sporting events, for your July 4th parade, or at civic or social events held at your town hall. If you need a speaker for your civic group, church group, neighborhood association, or school classroom, we happily provide them. Officers are available to speak on a variety of issues such as personal safety, internet crime, business and/or home security plans, or D.A.R.E. topics.

Another of the responsibilities of the Sheriff's Office is to see that each of our elections is carried out in a proper manner. We, along with the Probate Judge and Circuit Clerk, are responsible for finding poll workers, training them in correct procedure, and later tallying and certifying the vote.

We are also called upon during the course of natural disasters. As many of you will recall, we provided security and transport during the tornado that hit the village several years ago. We even help to clear the roadways when necessary.

As you can gather, we are a service office which is in constant contact with the public. The impressions that we make depend upon the attitudes of each individual employee and those with whom we come in contact. It is only by working together that we can make a difference and see our communities grow and prosper.

## The Alabama Virtual Library

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

The Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) is here. And librarians at the North Shelby Library can show you what it is. They will issue library card-holders an additional card, a remote computer access card and password, so you can access AVL resources at [www.avl.lib.al.us](http://www.avl.lib.al.us) at home or school on an Internet-connected computer.

The Alabama Virtual Library card will allow you to use thousands of reliable sources online, including full text magazines articles from 1,500 magazines and journals, electronic reference books, encyclopedias, medical information, statistical sources, and library collection catalogs listing nine million volumes held by college and university libraries, members of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries.

The state-funded online library is open 24 hours a day, all week--168 hours a week. It is a boon for people of all ages with Internet-access computers, from students who remember Sunday night that a research paper is due Monday morning to older adults who can no longer drive to the local library. Each person in a family is encouraged to register for an individual card. If mom is working at the home computer and daughter is working in the school library using the same user ID, one of them will get cut off, as only one session at a time per ID user is permitted.

Every student in every public school has access to the same current information on school and library computers, as well as every student in a two-year or four-year college and every library patron. Public libraries across the state began distributing Alabama Virtual Library cards on May 1. The AVL is funded for **public** institutions. Students at private schools or those home-schooled may be issued cards through the public libraries. Indian Springs School, Our Lady of the Valley Parochial School and the Bruno Montessori Academy have already made arrangements for cards for their students through North Shelby Library.

The Alabama Virtual Library is the result of cooperation among librarians, educators, Governor Don Siegelman and legislators, as well as a grassroots campaign by the public. The Alabama Legislature approved \$3 million in funding in June 1999. Within 100 days, through the volunteer efforts of librarians and state agencies, the AVL was up and running in public libraries, public schools, and colleges and universities statewide.

The AVL was made possible by cooperation among five state agencies: Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, Alabama Public Library Service, State Department of Education, and Alabama Supercomputer Authority. It will be funded by the State of Alabama within the Special Education Trust Fund and is administered by the Alabama Public Library Service.

Through cooperative licensing of online information products and reducing unnecessary duplication of resources, the AVL is also saving money.

## The Master Gardener Program

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Participation in the Alabama Master Gardener Volunteer Program will be available at the North Shelby Library August 3 to October 19. Meetings will be each Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with an hour off for lunch. The first meeting will be at the Shelby County Extension Service, Columbiana, with the remaining meetings in the library.

To attain master gardener status 40 hours of classwork and 40 hours of volunteer service are required. Working with the Extension Service, trainees may select to do landscape beautification projects at local schools or parks (Heardmont comes to mind), or at institutions such as King's Ranch. Other types of volunteer work may be conducting garden club programs, lecturing, or working with the horticulture newsletter.

Classes in the training program include landscape design, lawn care, houseplants, water gardens, annuals and perennials, plant propagation, weed control, and fruit and vegetable gardening.

Master Gardener Volunteer training was begun more than 25 years ago by a Seattle, WA, Extension agent, overwhelmed by requests for gardening information. He recruited home gardeners. In exchange for specialized training in horticulture these gardeners committed to doing voluntary outreach work.

Shelby County has participated in the Master Gardener Volunteer Program offered through the county office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System since 1995.

The course will be taught by professors from Auburn University, four Shelby County Extension agents, and selected representatives from two or three nurseries in the area. The fee for the course is \$60 to cover the cost of the training manual and supplies.

Though August 3 seems a long time away, registration is limited to 25 on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register contact Nelson D. Wynn, Extension agent, at 669-6763.

## Indian Springs School Activities

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

The Henry C. Goodrich Lecture this year for students and guests will be at 9:30 a.m. May 19 in the Theater. The program will focus on the challenges and rewards of performing community service. Many ISS students perform service each year, such as participating in running a camp for Washington Elementary School during the summer.

Doug Jennings, Director of the School, invites Villagers to hear the musical performances in May. The Alabama Youth Symphony will perform Sunday, May 14, in Governors Concert Hall at 3:00 p.m. The Indian Springs Concert Choir will perform with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, which is also Alumni Day. Another program on campus to which Villagers are invited is "Music and Style: a Journey in Time," a program of Music Ensemble and Piano Students in the Concert Hall on May 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

"Once Upon a Mattress," the spring musical, will be May 25, 26, and 27, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6. adults; \$4. students.

## Book Sale on May 20

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The North Shelby Library's book sale was a success on April 29. Villagers can further enlarge their libraries by purchasing nearly new books Saturday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p. m. at the Indian Springs School sale in the library. Old books, new bestsellers, cookbooks, books on art, travel, and religion will be available, as well as history and biography--and tons of paperbacks.

If you have books to donate (no textbooks and magazines), please call Nancy Fennell at 991-2059. She will arrange for a pick-up for your donations if you are unable to deliver them to the school's library, located in the center of the campus. Books will be accepted until May 20, the day of the sale.

## A Letter to Villagers

Dear Villagers,

We had a very successful yard sale for the Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcoming Committee (ISGC). What a fabulous start thanks to Mary Hearn, Marge Dunn, Jean Jenkins, Terry S. Harrison and Ruth Goodwyn, who were all instrumental in making our yard sale the best ever. I want to also thank Jean J. and Frances D. for their monetary support as well. The yard sale was well advertised by signs at the entrances to the Village. Thanks also to Ed Goodwyn, who distributed flyers to all residents on his *Village Voice* route.

We have plans in the works for the Welcoming Committee and have already made an excellent start on beautifying the town hall. Marge Dunn and I have laid the foundation for the flower beds, put down the mulch, and we began planting May 1. Ginny Lusk, Frances Dudley, and Sandy Luster have been a tremendous help. Terry Styles-Harrison and her friend, David Clark, have also helped in our endeavors. Anyone interested in helping us out is welcome!

Gonzalez Webb Strength, Engineering and Surveying, Inc., made a monetary contribution for bushes to go in our beds; a "blurb" for Marty Martin of Martin Engineering who matched GWS's contribution bush for bush. Thanks guys--you made our day!

Of course, we women without a tractor couldn't have done it if we had not had Bart Trammell's help and his tractor! Thank you, Bart, for helping us move dirt, etc. We owe you! (By the way, he gets free membership into the Garden Club!) We had six more sprinkler heads installed, thanks to the town council. Jim Loper, Landscape Architect, gave us some professional advice and ideas. Harry Little was also generous in offering us some mulch at probably the busiest time of the year. Though we didn't take his offer, we will most likely in the fall. Without all these people and their help, things wouldn't have gotten done in such a timely manner or been as much fun!

Our next two meetings will be May 25 and June 22. We will be discussing our next projects and near-future happenings. Our meetings always fall on the 4th Thursday of each month at the town hall, 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! We have had much interest from others who want to be a part of our garden club. We are excited about the growth of our community and want to help make Indian Springs the very best place to live in Alabama! If you are interested in helping or being a part of a fun group (ISGC), call me at 987-8665 or show up for the meetings.

Sincerely,

Phelan Webb, President of ISGC

## Information; Baskets Needed

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Welcoming Committee of the Indian Springs Garden Club is making a concerted effort to visit all Village newcomers and supply them with the history of the Village, other helpful information, and a directory of town officials and appointees. Also included are brochures supplied by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society about things to do and visit in our area, some "favors," plush home-made "goodies." The committee cannot visit unless we know who you are. If you have recently moved here, or you know of a family that has, please call Sandy Luster at 987-7918 by the 4th Thursday of each month, the Garden Club/Welcoming Committee's monthly meeting date. (May 25 this month).

In connection with these visits baskets are needed to hold all of the items to be delivered to each new family. Some have been purchased, but they are expensive. The ISGC operates on the proverbial shoestring; the money made at the yard sale is being spent for shrubs and plants at the town hall. If established Villagers have suitable baskets they could donate, Sandy would be glad to receive them.

## ISV Recycling - May 17

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, May 17. Please put your recycling out before 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers see your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags with the top of each tied with a knot. Recycling reminders are placed along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Last month we welcomed new recycling volunteer Scott Howell, who moved to Indian Springs in March and is the owner of a construction company. In April the recycling volunteers were Mary and Russ Favorite, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Margie and Herb Robins, and Scott Howell and Art Johnson.

If your recycling is not picked up, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217. Not every area is covered by our volunteers. If your area has not had any recycling for approximately six months, the volunteers may not drive by your house unless you call. If you are new to Indian Springs Village and have recycling, please call before May 17, and we will schedule your pickup. In April our volunteers reported many new first-time recyclers. On behalf of the town, "thank you" for your increasing participation.

Because of the increase in recycling, volunteers are needed. This involves approximately one-half hour on the third Wednesday of each month. Villagers in the past have demonstrated their public responsibility and have generously donated their time.

## Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

The following applicants' building permit requests in March/April were approved:

605 Miller Circle, Crowder Custom Building, interior modifications

5316 Indian Crest Drive, Howell, barn, deck, driveway

234 Cahaba Oaks Trail, Absolute Air, Inc., HVAC upgrade

Oak Mountain High School, J & L Electric, ball field lights.

# Town Council Highlights

## April 18, 2000

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, and Art Johnson present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$672; business licenses, \$225; State of Alabama ABC revenue, \$84; and road funds, \$684. Utility taxes from Pelham Water received totaled \$9,341. The Village also received its pro-rata share of the State of Alabama Trust Fund, which comes from offshore oil receipts. This year's disbursement was \$5,950 and is earmarked for capital improvements by state law. The balance in the general fund was \$200,605., with a road fund balance of \$94,348.

Councilman Robins reported that when Shelby County put road work out for bid, ISV was inadvertently left out of the process. Councilman Robins does not anticipate a problem with having ISV's roads added to the contractor's list. ISV needs a little over one mile of road resurfacing. The usual price per mile is approximately \$26,500.

Gerald Templeton, chairman of the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission, once again presented the council with a request by GBS Development for approval of a new plat for that commercial area. The council had tabled the matter until April pending discussions with the town engineer, Marty Martin, on the matter. After discussions with Mr. Martin, and with Russ Allison, town attorney, it was determined that the developers had completed all that was required. The council voted to approve the new plat conditional upon a signed and approved set of covenants and restrictions for the detention pond for the development. Those voting for the approval were Mayor Gene Weingarten and Councilpersons Patricia Crapet and Art Johnson. Councilman Herb Robins abstained from voting.

## Easter Egg Hunt a Big Success

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

No one could have asked for a more beautiful day! Once again, the Easter Bunny came hippety-hopping down the bunny trail at the ISV Town Hall grounds. This year's horde of egg-hunters were not disappointed. When the hunt was over, over 700 prizes and \$200 in cash had been collected by eager faces holding baskets full of candy and prizes.

This would not have been possible without the help of volunteers. Stuffing eggs this year were Villagers Frances Williamson, Nora Boyett, Margie Robins, and Mary Martha Calhoun. Also stuffing were Alabama Forest Products employees, "Bo" and "Tony," whose boss, Villager Harry Little, had "requested" volunteers. Helping hide the eggs were Phelan and Christina Webb, Harry and Bee Little, Gary and Sharon Dennis, with Jessie and Jonah, Herb and Margie Robins. Distributing prizes were Bee Little, Sharon Dennis, Margie Robins, Terry Little, Christina Webb, Joseph Crapet, and Tricia Crapet, handing out the cash.

A huge "thanks" goes to Pets America for donating the adorable bunny this year, and to Norman Kennessey, manager of Winn-Dixie, for donating Easter baskets. These two stores have always supported ISV's Easter festivities and should be commended for doing so. Thanks, again.

## Around the Village

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

A possible mishap was averted by the intervention of a neighbor in front of the Luster home on Indian Trail. Two mares belonging to Ron and Sandy Luster had foaled. One of the newborns somehow rolled under the fence and onto the street. Along came Chris Underwood of Deer Mountain Circle who stopped her car, got out, picked up the foal, and proceeded to try to wedge it back under the fence. Its anxious mama, waiting on the other side, stretched out her neck to pull the little foal back into the pasture. And all was well.

## Village Newcomers

**Wayne and Laura Jones** and their little girls, **Allie and Sierra**, have just moved in at 230 New Hope Mountain Road. He is an attorney and Laura works part-time at University of Alabama Hospital in gynecology & obstetrics. Wayne is the son of Don and Anita Jones, Choctaw Lane, and the brother of Warren Jones, who with Leigh Fran and their family live on Star Trek.

**Scott and Gina Howell** moved here in March with son **Michael**, who will be four next month. Their home is at 1414 Indian Crest. Scott is a self-employed building contractor; Gina works for an accounting firm. Scott's interests include antique cars, street rods, and Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

## In Sympathy

Mack and Jean Jenkins, 220 Highgate Hill, suffered the loss of a daughter May 5 when **Laura Jean Vines** was killed in an auto accident at 5:30 a.m. May 5. Laura was a sophomore at Auburn University. Visitation hours were Saturday night at Southern Heritage Funeral Home with the service taking place Sunday afternoon, also at Southern Heritage.

**Ruth Potter**, mother of Carroll A. (Cappy) Potter, who lived with Cappy and Pat Potter at 151 Foxfire Circle for 12 years, passed away recently, about 15 months after Cappy's death. In her youth Mrs. Potter was a champion golfer; she continued playing at Chace Lake Country Club until four years ago. She was returned to her native New Jersey and interred in George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery.

Villagers extend sympathy also to **Chief Michael O'Connor**, North Shelby Fire & Emergency Medical District, in the recent death of his mother in Long Island, New York.

## Congratulations

**Sarah Kloewer**, age 13, was last nine weeks declared winner in the character education program at Oak Mountain Middle School. She was selected for representing self-discipline, responsibility, and other traits representative of good character. Sarah is the daughter of Duane and Linda Kloewer, 1484 Indian Crest Drive.

## Wedding Bells Ring

**Catherine Lee Veitch** of Pinson and **Rodolfo Christopher Allarde** of Indian Springs were married May 6, 2:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Rodolfo Allarde, 2115 Cahaba Valley Road. An Emergency Room nurse, he is employed by Shelby Baptist Medical Center, Alabaster. The bride is a critical care nurse at the University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham. The couple will live in their newly-purchased home in Helena.