

The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 15, 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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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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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

Our North Shelby Fire District is of extreme importance to every citizen in Indian Springs Village. Especially critical are the emergency medical services provided by the NSFD. The following article, prepared by our town attorney, Russ Allison, provides an overview of the upcoming vote. Please watch for information concerning the election date. **We need your positive vote.**

FIRE DISTRICT VOTE

In September (date to be announced) the residents of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District, including the town of Indian Springs, will have an opportunity to go to the polls to decide on a rate increase. The Board of Trustees of the Fire District has recommended an increase in the annual dues on residential property from \$130.00 to \$160.00.

In 1999 the Alabama Legislature changed the law as it pertained to fire districts in Shelby County. The new law allowed for owners of residential and commercial property that is within a fire district, and also within a municipality, to "buy out" and receive services only from the municipality. Before passage of this law, 26% of the residential and commercial property in the district had been annexed by the cities of Hoover, Pelham, and Birmingham. Thus, because of the passage of this law, the fire district will lose 26% of its revenues during the next eight (8) year buyout period. This will result in a \$300,000.00 loss of revenue.

The fire district was founded in 1978 and the initial residential dues began at \$100.00. This was increased to \$110.00 in 1983 and then to \$130.00 in 1987 where it currently remains. As a comparison, the residential dues for a home in Pelham are \$294.00 and \$240.00 in the Cahaba Valley Fire District. Our rates are the lowest in the area and will remain so even if the increase is approved. To avoid the same type election fiasco that the Cahaba Valley Fire District most recently suffered, the Board of Trustees has sent to every resident in the district a series of letters detailing the history, financial condition, and information on the proposed rate increase. The Board will send each fire district resident a letter before the end of August specifying the date and place for the election.

The following persons qualified for elected positions within the Town of Indian Springs Village:

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| Mayor | Gene Weingarten |
| Town Council Place 1 | Herb Robins |
| Town Council Place 2 | Patricia Crapet |
| Town Council Place 3 | Brian Stauss |
| Town Council Place 4 | Art Johnson |
| Town Council Place 5 | Stewart Dudley |

Alabama state law mandates that if candidates for a municipal position run unopposed, they are declared elected. Newly elected officials take office October 2. Formal swearing-in will be done at our regular October ISV town council meeting.

Town Council Highlights

July 18, 2000

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with councilmembers Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present. The reading of the June minutes was waived.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that ISV had received the following revenues for the month: July 4th picnic proceeds, \$1,868; beer taxes, \$963; building permits, \$530; motor vehicle licenses, \$457; and road fund, \$813.91. The balance in the road fund was \$97,636. The balance in the general fund was \$104,383 following the acquisition of a certificate of deposit for \$100,000 at Regions Bank at 7% interest.

Gerald Templeton, Chairman of the ISV Planning and Zoning Board, presented the council with an application by Patsy Armstrong, 5525 Timber Hill Road and Jerry Hearn, 2905 Oak Mountain Road, for re-drawing of the lot lines of the two properties. The board's recommendation was to approve the request. After consideration, the council voted unanimously for approval of the measure.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that the town's entrance signs and street signs will be refinished by Adkins Sign Company very soon. Councilman Robins also reported that the county's road paving project is slightly behind schedule, but that the paving should begin sometime in August on the selected roads that were put out for bid. It was also announced that the walking track would be re-furnished with new gravel.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported that ISV has made an inquiry to the Alabama League of Municipalities regarding the installation and implementation of an automated photographic traffic enforcement device for Highway 119. These devices are being successfully utilized in other areas as a deterrent to speeders. Councilman Dennis also reported that ISV is currently checking into a fire alarm system for the town hall. A representative of ADT was present to discuss costs of systems and pre-wiring.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reminded Villagers that the next social function for the Village will be the October 17th Founders' Day Celebration at the ISV pavilion. This will also be the swearing-in ceremony for incoming elected officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells of Alpine Way presented the town with a beautiful new American flag. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were moved to make the kind donation after reading about the theft of the town's flag from the flagpole next to the town hall right before Memorial Day.

During the citizens' forum there was a surprise "confession" made by Bart Trammell, esteemed member of the Pothole Crew. It seems that Bart, in an over-zealous attempt to clean out the refrigerator in the town hall kitchen, was the "culprit" who "took" the ISV Garden Club / Welcoming Committee's frozen bread! (reported last month). Bart apologized for the mistake, but could barely be heard above the laughter of those present. He has attempted to reimburse the club for their expense, but Phelan Webb, president, assured him all was forgiven.

ISV Recycling - August 16

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, August 16. Please place your recycling on your driveway, opposite your normal garbage pickup, before 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and tie the tops with a knot. If you have to use a dark bag, please write ISV on a white piece of paper and tape it to the bag. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead. In June & July, Villagers recycled 760 pounds of aluminum, bringing this year's total up to 2582 pounds, a six percent increase over last year.

Short of volunteers last month, we were rescued by Warren, Wayne, Allie, and Benjamin Jones. We welcome our four newest members, Warren Jones and his son, Benjamin, Wayne Jones and his son Allie to the recycling team. Thank you for volunteering. Our volunteers are indispensable and they make your recycling easier by providing you with curb-side pickup.

Since we were still short a team in July, all our volunteers pitched in, put in a little extra time, expanded their routes, and collected from all of our Village neighborhoods. Your volunteers in addition to the four Joneses were Paul and Trudy Skokel, Margie and Herb Robins, and Art Johnson. Special thanks go to Herb for doing his route with Margie and then joining me to complete another route.

If you are one of our recycling participants, we appreciate your efforts. If you have not started recycling, please recycle and help protect the environment. Call 988-3217 to volunteer for the recycling team.

If you miss the recycling pickup, please hold your cans until the next month unless the recycling trailer is behind the town hall. Do not drop cans at the town hall unless you deposit them in the trailer. Villagers reserve the facility for special functions and should not have to clean up our lovely grounds before use.

July Building Permits Approved

Only one building permit request was received and approved in July, reports Marty Martin, town engineer: 105 Mallard Circle, Rucker, house addition.

Site reviews were Oak Mountain High School, cell tower, pending; Oak Mountain Trail and Timber Hill Road, subdivision, approved; and Bruno Montessori School, athletic field, approved.

Village Voice Courier Is Needed

Since Mike and Edwina Carlisle moved from the Village to The Narrows, *The Village Voice* is in need of a new volunteer to deliver the area behind Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church each month. If you can participate, please call Phelan Webb, 987-8665. Volunteers make our community what it is.

"No Burn" Policy in Effect

During the months of May through September a prohibition is in effect regarding open burning, and all must comply with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) regulations. **This prohibition has not been lifted despite the recent rainfall relief.** Direct specific questions to the ADEM office at 942-6168.

A Letter to Villagers

Dear Villagers,

The Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcoming Committee had a good July meeting and a good turnout, with many things on the agenda. We are busy "welcoming" our new neighbors as well as planning for a fall fundraiser. The spring yard sale we had has been paying for the welcome baskets, and as you know, the plantings and mulch around the town hall. We are in the process of sprucing up the areas around the town signs leading into the Village. Most likely we will need some monetary contributions to buy whatever is needed for our beautification efforts.

In the month of June, close to 20 baskets were made up for newcomers, and in July we made up six more. Not only do we buy items for the baskets, but we also bake items, then deliver them. As you can see, we are working very hard and using our funds quickly. Thank you members, for a job well done!

We are in the process of writing the bylaws for the Garden Club and will be working on that in the next few meetings as well. The next meeting is Thursday, August 24, 6:30 p.m. at the town hall. If you or your company would like to make a contribution to the welcome baskets, we accept things such as coffee, teas, bread, cookies, and any other items that you feel someone would like. You may attach business cards to the items donated; this is a great way for newcomers to learn about your business. Monetary contributions will be accepted for our "signs" project.

Thank you, Indian Springs Villagers, for your support. It is the wonderful people we have in our town that make this the BEST place to live. If you have any questions or interest in the Garden Club or the Welcome Committee, please call me at 987-8665.

Yours truly,

Phelan Webb, President

New Director Now at Work

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Michael Jones began work August 1 as director of the North Shelby Library, a position vacated by Nancy Donahoo the first of June. George Stewart, retired director of the Birmingham Public Library, has served as interim director. The library's board of trustees hired Jones in July, after weeks of reviewing applications.

Jones has served as director of the Sunflower County Library System in Indianola, Mississippi, since 1998 and has worked in that system for about 23 years.

A Georgia native, Jones obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from West Georgia College. He was a bibliographic instructor at the University of Alabama's Graduate School of Library & Information Science and worked for the University's special collections library.

NS Library District Voting

Please mark Aug. 14, 6:00 p.m. and Aug. 22, 10:30 a.m. on your calendar. The Board of Trustees of North Shelby Library will hold information sessions, library meeting room, concerning a proposed increase in annual dues, to be voted on by residents of the Library District Thursday, Sept. 7, Church at Brook Hills, 3145 Brook Highland Parkway. *The Shelby County Reporter* and *The Community Messenger* this month will contain additional information about the sessions and the voting.

Around the Village

By Ruth Goodwyn and Patricia Crapet

Leaving Indian Springs

Villagers will really miss **Pat Potter**, who is leaving Indian Springs this month to return to her hometown, Pennington, New Jersey. Pat has been a staunch supporter of the Village, volunteering many times, particularly on the aluminum can recycling team.

Get-Well Wishes

Jim Wyatt, Assistant Town Clerk, is at home being cared for by Mildred and daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Rusty Schenk. Two heart by-passes were performed in mid-July at University Hospital by Villager Dr. Albert Pacifico, Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery. The patient is reportedly "doing fine."

Parker Wain of Brookstone Estates is recuperating at St. Vincent's Hospital from a mild stroke which he suffered at his home on Wednesday, August 2nd. Wife Betty reports that the North Shelby Fire Paramedics responded to their 911 call and did a great job. Betty reports that Parker is feeling much better and may possibly come home in a few days.

New Arrival

Little **Grace Elaine Griffin** was almost a Fourth of July baby, but delayed her entry at St. Vincent's Hospital until 1:26 a.m. July 5. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs. Parents are **Rosalind and Dwight Griffin** of 190 New Hope Mountain Road. Grace Elaine has a big brother, Will, age 4 1/2.

Weddings

Dr. Samuel Otterson Jones, IV, son of Leta Jones of Indian Springs, and Leslie Ann Bryson were united in marriage Saturday evening, July 29, at the First Baptist Church of Oneonta. A reception followed at the Limestone Springs Country Club.

Sam is a 1992 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he was one of 12 in his class to be awarded Air Force scholarships in medicine. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Medicine at Birmingham.

After a honeymoon in Jamaica the couple will be at home in San Antonio, TX, where Sam, a Captain in the Air Force, is at Lackland Air Force Base and is completing his residency in internal medicine. Leslie Ann is a University of Alabama graduate and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Andrew Bryson of Oneonta.

Megan Marie Weavil, daughter of Clay and Janet Nottrodt of Mountain Park Drive, married Gabe Hanback of Cypress Inn, TN, on July 22 at the Hoover Wedding Chapel in Hoover. The bride is a 1999 graduate of Shades Mountain Christian School and is attending Jefferson State Community College; Scrushy campus. The groom works for Nelson Brantley Glass Contractors. The newly-weds live in Helena.

Early Arrival.... Timing Really IS Everything!

An emergency cancellation of a baby shower at the ISV Town Hall came as **Christian Nicholas Armstrong**, born on July 28, arrived before his party! Great Aunt **Vivian Hearn** of Oak Mountain Road had reserved the town hall for niece Melissa's baby shower. The shower had to be rescheduled for Christian and proud parents, **Melissa and Derrick Armstrong**, Congratulations!

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

2000-2001 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Columbiana, AL 35051
Telephone: 682-7000

Superintendent
Evan K. Major, Jr.

Board Members:
Lee Doeblar
Steve Martin
Trey Ireland
Donna Morris
Hub Harrington

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- Jul 4 (Tues).....Independence Day (Offices Closed)
 - Aug 8 (Tues).....New Teacher Orientation
 - Aug 9 (Wed).....New Teacher Orientation
 - Aug 10 (Thurs).....Institute
 - Aug 11 (Fri).....Teacher Workday (No Students)
 - Aug 14 (Mon).....School Opens (Full Day for Students)
 - 1st Semester Begins
 - Sept 1 (Fri).....Early Dismissal - 12:00 noon (Prof. Dev.)
 - Sept 4 (Mon).....Labor Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 - Oct 9 (Mon).....Parent Involvement Day (Schools in Session)
 - Oct 16 (Mon).....Local Prof. Dev. (No students)
 - Nov 9 (Thurs).....System Prof. Dev. (No Students)
 - Nov 10 (Fri).....Veterans' Day Observed (Schools & Offices Closed)
 - Nov 22 - 24.....Thanksgiving Holidays (Schools & Offices Closed)
 - Dec 20 (Wed).....1st Semester Ends - Schools Close at 3:00 p.m.
 - Dec 21 - Jan 3.....Christmas Holidays (Offices Open Selected Days)
 - Jan 4 (Thurs).....Teacher Work Day (No Students)
 - Jan 5 (Fri).....Local Prof. Dev. Day (No Students)
 - Jan 8 (Mon).....2nd Semester Begins
 - Jan 15 (Mon).....M.L. King Birthday (Schools & Offices Closed)
 - Feb 19 (Mon).....Presidents' Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 - Mar 2 (Fri).....Early Dismissal - 12:00 noon (Prof. Dev.)
 - Mar 26 - 30.....Spring Break (Schools & Offices Closed)
 - Apr 13 (Fri).....Inclement Weather Day (3rd to be used)
 - Apr 16 (Mon).....Inclement Weather Day (2nd to be used)
 - May 4 (Fri).....Inclement Weather Day (1st to be used)
 - May 24 (Thurs).....2nd Semester Ends - Schools Close at 3:00 p.m.
(High School Graduation)
 - May 25 (Fri).....Teacher Work Day (No Students)

PROPOSED TESTING DATES

- First 4 Weeks of School.....AL Assessment (K - 2)
- August 1 - 4.....Graduation Exams
- Sept 25 - 29.....Graduation Exams
- Dec 5 - 8.....Graduation Exams
- Mar 12-16.....Graduation Exams
- Apr 9 - 12.....Stanford Achievement
- May 1.....AL Direct Assessment of Writing (Grades 5 & 7)

GRADING PERIODS

6 weeks ending	# Days	Report Cards Sent Home	9 weeks ending	# Days	Report Cards Sent Home
Sept 22	29	Sept 29	Oct 13	44	Oct 20
Nov 3	29	Nov 14	Dec 20	42	Jan 10
Dec 20	28	Jan 10	Mar 9	43	Mar 16
Feb 16	29	Feb 26	May 24	46	May 31
Apr 6	29	Apr 17			
May 24	31	May 31			

1st semester - 86 student days
2nd semester - 89 student days

Dates of school holidays are indicated by squares. Dates of Institute, Professional Development and Teacher Work Days are indicated by circles. Brackets indicate inclement weather make-up days.