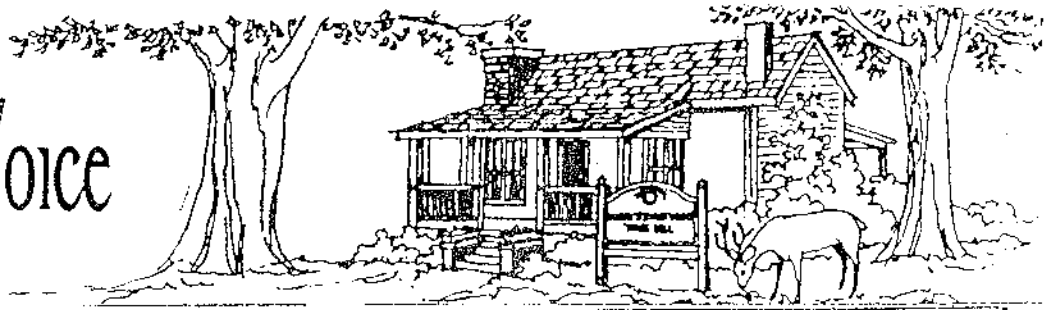


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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 2001 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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Number is 982-1755

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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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Comments from the Council

ISV's Eighth Easter Egg Hunt a Real Crowd Pleaser

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

"On your mark...get set..." and GO they did. Even before Mayor Gene Weingarten could drop the famous hat and shout "GO," the egg snatchers of Indian Springs Village were off and running! The race to find the "big one" was on, while prizes galore awaited the excited children.

Long before the hunt was to begin, weeks in fact, volunteers were busy getting things ready. Bee Little ordered and numbered all the prizes. Approximately 3,000 eggs were lovingly (and maybe a bit tediously) stuffed with candy and trinkets by Eleanor Bennett, Carolyn Cashion, Jennifer Dulcelli, Laura Jones, Denise Kostakis, Mollie and Eddie Echols, Lynn and Warren Andrews, Emily Stoffelene, Becky Stovall, and Darlene Vines.

Early on the morning of the hunt, before even most roosters had awakened, I was out in the field staking off the different age groups' areas. Pretty soon, though, a few of the "Bunny" helpers came by to assist in the effort. Michael Crapet made a quick trip to Home Depot for more flagging for roping off and separating the areas. Councilman Herb Robins, Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, Nora and Jim Boyett, Joseph Crapet, and Aaron Hauser carefully hid the eggs.

A short time later, Harry, Bee, Jack and Davis Little arrived with the prize eggs which they promptly scattered in the field, assisted by Bee's brother, Ham Martin, wife Stephanie, and daughter Caroline. Soon, all the prizes, literally hundreds of them, were lined up and ready for their new owners to collect. Even the pretty snow-white bunny, compliments of Pets America on Valleydale Road, was waiting in anticipation of the event to come. Easter baskets, courtesy of K-Mart in Inverness Corners, were among the prizes that were given out to the children who registered to win them. There was even a large blue bunny, bigger than most of the kids who participated in the hunt, given away this year.

Helping distribute the prizes to the eager children were Harry and Bee Little, Darlene Vines, Jim Wyatt, Dorothy Carlisle, Lindsey Allison, and yours truly, who handed out \$200 in cash to the luckiest winners.

Our thanks to all those who made this year's event a successful one. See you again next year for number 9!

Lt. Gov. Steve Windom to Visit ISV

The Shelby County Republican Party will host a barbeque fundraiser at the Indian Springs Town Hall Pavilion on Tuesday, June 19. Special guest will be Lt. Gov. Steve Windom and our Shelby County elected officials will be in attendance. The event will be held from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. For ticket information, please call Beth Chapman at 985-2999.

Garden Club Activities

Dear Villagers,

The Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee had a great yard sale once again. John and Marge Dunn erected our yard sale signs in two places. Great job! All the Garden Club ladies worked hard and had a lot of fun. A special thanks to Betsy Melton for her help and support of our club and our town.

Del Levesque, Frances Dudley, Ginny Lusk, Eleanor Bennett, and Phelan Webb finished the spring planting around the town hall. For all these people who helped and donated their time and efforts to our town projects, gratitude does not say enough! Thank you so much!

We look forward to our next garden club meeting on May 24, 7:00 p. m., at the town hall pavilion. We will be having a plant swap with the Inverness Garden Club.

Anyone interested in being a part of our garden club, please give me a call. We need various people in our town to contact Mary Hearn about newcomers to the Village. If you know any, please call her at 995-2166.

Enjoy our beautiful weather!
Phelan Webb, President

Burglary Attempt Thwarted

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Now that spring is here and many residents are working out-of-doors, lock the doors of your residence as a precaution against would-be burglars who may perceive you are too engrossed in yard work to notice what's going on around you, and memorize the Shelby County Sheriff's phone number, 669-4181. As a matter of fact, keeping your garage and tool shed locked is not a bad idea, as one Villager can attest.

Drew Barrett, of 1030 Indian Crest Drive, reported that a stranger rang his doorbell, but he wasn't able to get to the door right away. When he did come downstairs, he saw the stranger get into his pick-up truck and pull down the drive by the garage. Assuming he was just turning around, as others often do, Mr. Barrett was trying to identify him. Suddenly he stopped, backed up to the open garage door, and went in.

Incensed that he was stealing his power tools, Mr. Barrett immediately went to the garage and confronted him. He reported that the stranger was quick to apologize and said he would put everything back. Not aggressive in any way, he seemed frightened that he was caught. He was driving an older model Ford pick-up, brown. He appeared to be in his mid to late 30's, about 5'9" tall and weighed approximately 165 lbs.

A rake and some full garbage bags in the back of the truck led Mr. Barrett to believe he was possibly going door-to-door offering to do yard work. He considers himself lucky that the stranger was not armed and he escaped injury. He wanted to alert residents of this incident and warn them to be cautious of strangers in the area, particularly when their intentions appear suspect.

The Sheriff's North Shelby substation is located in nearby Heardmont Park, but all calls should be made to the central office, 669-4181.

A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The ever-changing structure of cable TV continues to affect one of our most important issues. Cable TV access is shrinking, as companies continue to merge. The following letter regarding the latest rate revision brings us up to date. Indian Springs Village has no governing power over cable TV. This power resides with the Shelby County Commission. However, we can and will have input as to reasonable rates and quality service.

Dear Mayor Weingarten:

...I wish to share with you some changes that Charter customers will see in some of their monthly rates. Effective April 1, 2001, the price for basic service (Channels 1 through 13) will increase by \$1.95 each month. This adjustment affects customers that elect to carry our basic service only. The remaining customers that carry our expanded service will see no increase. They will, however, see a shift of \$1.95 from the expanded to the basic service portions of their statements.

Also effective April 1, 2001, the price of our a la carte Premium Services (HBO, Showtime, etc.) will increase by \$1.00, from \$12.95 to \$13.95. The price for our Premium MVP package will increase by \$2.00, from \$20.95 to \$22.95. The price for our wire maintenance service, which covers all internal wiring including telephone, will increase by \$1.00 to \$2.95.

Bringing our customers a wide variety of high-quality television channels, the latest technology and around-the-clock service are hallmarks of the "wired world" of Charter Communications. We try very hard to keep our rates, particularly the basic service tier, as low as possible. That is why we have not adjusted our basic service rates for more than two years. However, with the rising cost of TV programming, higher wages and other operating expenses, we must make these adjustments.

Charter Communications

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn & Bonnie Murphy

Congratulations

The donning of cap & gown will occur twice in May in the **Michael O'Connor household**. Fire Chief O'Connor will receive his bachelor of science degree in management/finance from Birmingham-Southern on May 26. Chief O'Connor completed degree requirements last year, but Birmingham-Southern schedules commencement exercises only once annually. He has already begun a master's program. He and wife, Nelle's, daughter, Laura Brown, will receive her master of landscape architecture degree on May 12 from Auburn University.

Welcome Newcomers

Chad and Christi Wilson and son, Jack, have moved from Vestavia to 2657 Buckboard Road, Homestead. He is project manager for DL Acton Construction Company. Both are Auburn graduates (1992 & 1993). They enjoy golf, marathon running, and auto racing.

Town Council Highlights

April 17, 2001

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 17, at the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Weingarten presiding. Present were Councilpersons Patricia Crapet, Stewart Dudley, Brian Stauss, Art Johnson, and Herb Robins.

In the absence of Town Clerk Paul Stephens, the financial report was not given.

Indian Springs Village Webmaster Michael Felix discussed the town's new website. If all goes as planned, the website should be up and running by summer. Most of the issues of *The Village Voice* have been scanned in for the site. There will be a demonstration at the next council meeting in May. The web address is www.indianspringsvillage.org.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet discussed the Easter egg hunt, thanking all those who helped in the effort. The next function for the town will be the Eleventh Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that volunteers are needed for the ISV aluminum can recycling program. Pickup truck owners are especially needed. The town recycles aluminum cans once a month, on the Wednesday night following the Tuesday night council meeting. This effort pays for publishing the town's newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that road paving in the Village had been completed for this fiscal year. Ralph Bodie and Lou Workman, who live on Wildwood Lane and Mallard Circle, which were among the roads that were refurbished, addressed some concerns regarding the quality of the paving in a few areas.

ISV Zoning and Planning Chairman, Jerry Templeton, submitted a plat plan for approval of a subdivision to be located on Caldwell Mill Road behind the Winn -Dixie shopping center. The property formerly belonged to the Warth family. The Zoning and Planning Commission recommended that the council approve the plot plan of the proposed subdivision. This project has been on the drawing board for almost three years. The developer, John Powell, was in attendance for the presentation. The council voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Commission for approval of the plat.

Attorney and ISV resident Kathryn Harrington addressed concerns by townspeople and the council regarding impending commercial development along Highway 119 in Indian Springs Village. The need for a long-range growth plan was cited, with Mrs. Harrington volunteering her services to assist in the matter. Mrs. Harrington also discussed the proposed street lights, announced at last month's meeting, which have been put on hold pending further investigation and discussion.

Memorial Day Closings

The Mary Ellen Estes Senior Center at Heardmont Park will be closed Memorial Day, May 28. The North Shelby Library will be closed Sunday, May 27, and May 28.

Call for Fourth of July Volunteers

With the Easter Egg hunt over, attention is now turned to our next town function, the annual Fourth of July celebration. Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the function, from decorating for the event and parking cars to clean-up. Councilman Herb Robins, in charge of food and serving, has especially appealed for servers to assist with the lines of hungry celebrants. If you can volunteer to serve, or perform any other needed service, call Herb at 980-9217.

Let Your Fingers Do the Walking

By Bart Trammell

Based on the feedback that we have been getting, several Villagers have contacted the BellSouth customer representative and had their **address listings** changed from Pelham to Indian Springs. This is great news! We just want everyone to be proud of where we reside. Many years ago when our mailing address was Helena, it took awhile to explain that ~~we didn't really live in Helena~~, but in North Shelby County. Then, when we became a town and could list our address as Indian Springs, we jumped at the opportunity. Please let this be a reminder to those of you who still haven't taken the few minutes required to change your **listed address** to do so now. Please call 557-6500 and speak with a customer representative about changing your **listed address**. Let me repeat: this has no effect on your **mailing address**. If you have any questions or problems, call me at 988-0094.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

These requests for April were approved:

5514 Double Oak Lane, McWhorter Construction, Rectory addition

Woodfern Drive, D & D Construction, new house

AL Highway 119, Mormon Church, parking lot addition

89 Pawnee Drive, Wester Construction, detached garage

2201 Cahaba Valley Road, Superior, pool house

5530 Timber Hill Rd., Stanscil, house addition

4921 Cahaba Valley Tracc, Brantlet Electric Co., upgrade electrical

2526 Valleydale Road, Reliable Sign Services, free standing sign.

Still pending is the site plan and additions for Oak Mountain Middle School, filed by the Shelby County Board of Education.

ISV Recycling - May 16

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum can recycling is Wednesday evening, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags and place them on the other side of your driveway from your trash.

Recycling volunteers in April were Russ and Mary Favorite, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Wayne, Laura, and Allie Jones, Margie and Herb Robins, and Art Johnson. Accolades to Bob Durbin for hauling the recycling trailer from the recycling center to the town hall. In March and April ISV residents recycled 700 pounds of aluminum. For more information on recycling, please call 988-3217.

Town Hall Reservation Procedure

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

With summer beating on our door, there is a tremendous rush for town hall reservations. Please call well in advance of your intended date. There is no charge to ISV residents for use of the town hall facilities. We do not "rent" the facility to anyone who does not live in the Village, but certain procedures for reserving the town hall need to be followed.

Reservations are on a first-come basis. The town hall is being used frequently, and several groups have standing reservations for certain days of the month every month. Please try to reserve well in advance so an alternate date can be picked should your first choice already be taken. **And just as importantly, if you do make a reservation and need to cancel it, call to cancel immediately.** Others may need that date and time.

All reservations should be made by calling 802-2753, which is my voice mail number. Please do not call my home number, as I do not always get these messages. Please call on weekdays, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.. No phone call inquiries for reservations will be returned on weekends. Please leave your name, phone number, and date that you are planning to make a reservation for, as well as what type of function you are planning to have at the town hall. Your call will be returned in plenty of time for your reservation plans to be finalized.

Upon confirmation of your requested date and time of use, a copy of the rules for use of our town facilities will be faxed or e-mailed to you. Thanks so much for making this process an easy one for everyone.

Spring Art Show

By Betty Grady

The Spring Show of the Shelby County Art Association will be May 12 at Inverness Corners and Highway 280. Bring your mom, come out and choose the art piece of her dreams for a wonderful Mother's Day gift. This is a juried show with the finest artists in Shelby County presenting their work. Show hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free. For more information contact show chairman, Betty Grady at 988-9731.

Free Day at Landfill

May 19 is the second day this spring set aside for Shelby Countians to take refuse to the landfill on Highway 70, Columbiana, and dispose of it free of charge. Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Trucks must pull up to the scales to be weighed for record-keeping. On free day April 21, 924 vehicles disposed of over more than 400 tons of trash & debris, at an estimated saving of \$7,828 to citizens.

Trustee Applications Being Taken

Applications will be taken through May 18 for a place on the NSL Board of Trustees, made possible by the resignation of Rachel Polhill of the Inverness section of Hoover, due to personal reasons. Interested persons in the North Shelby Library District may apply. Call Michael Jones, 439-5555.

Heardmont/Library Project; Summer Reading Program

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Director of the North Shelby Library, Michael Jones, has announced that the Library has initiated an outreach program with the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Center at Heardmont Park, a program made possible through a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. He has also announced the Summer Reading Program theme.

The library has purchased new audio books, large print books and non-fiction books on issues related to senior citizens and placed them on loan at Heardmont Park for Center patrons to check out. The collection will be rotated approximately every six weeks. Senior Center patrons are encouraged to suggest other items for Heardmont collection and may call the library's business office at 439-5500 for more information on this program.

Summer Reading Program to Kick off June 3

A kick-off party at 1:00 p. m. Sunday, June 3, will launch the North Shelby Library's 2001 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is *Go Wild! Read!* and will feature a variety of activities over six weeks, ending with a Wrap Up Party at Skates 280 on Friday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. there will be craft activities; Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. will be story hour, and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. special programs will be held in the library. The Anniston Museum of Natural History will be at the library on June 7, and programs on square dancing, juggling, and animals will follow. Parents may register their children for the program anytime after May 23.

Workshop/Seminar on Personality

"Identifying Your Jungian Psychological Traits (i.e. Your Personality)", a free two-hour workshop seminar will be conducted by Dr. Dayton Roberts, Sat., May 19 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the library auditorium. It is designed to be a research and fun-based exploration of behavior. Dr. Roberts is a recognized researcher whose research on the link between psychology type and heart disease is often cited by authorities. He has studied at Harvard, Tulane, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Florida State University.

Other Library Programs

An American Red Cross Babysitting Workshop will be held Tuesday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for ages 11 and up. The workshop cost is \$25.00.

Summer art classes will be provided by Mrs. Traci Brown of J.C. Art on Mondays beginning June 4 and lasting through June 25. May 25 is the registration deadline. Dates, times, and schedules are available at the library for the classes, for ages 7 - senior citizens.