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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, August 28, 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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is 982-1755**

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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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Notice

Council Meeting Postponed

The Indian Springs Village Town Council, which regularly meets the third Tuesday evening of each month, will meet this month the fourth Tuesday evening, August 28, 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

Thanks to Carl Brunson for the following update on the Oak Mountain High School Sportsplex at Heardmont Park. It is a grand facility and a tribute to the many folks who have worked so hard. I hope that our Indian Springs Villagers, along with the residents of the Oak Mountain/Cahaba Valley area, will respond to Carl's message.

It's hard to believe that it's been two years since Oak Mountain Athletic Boosters took on the overwhelming task of building the Oak Mountain High School Sportsplex at Heardmont Park. As we enter our third season of competition this fall, many people may want to know the progress of the stadium project both from a construction as well as a funding standpoint.

As the single most expensive component of Heardmont Park, and with no funding available from the Board of Education, we knew from the beginning that the completion of the stadium complex would have to be done in phases and would require some intense fundraising. To date, there has been approximately \$1,600,000 spent on the construction of the stadium and track. That includes those facilities (concessions, public bathrooms, and dressing rooms) currently under construction. Of that amount, over \$400,000 has been raised through corporate and individual donations to the Summit Foundation, and \$230,000 through various park and recreation grants. The remaining debt owed to Regions Bank on our stadium complex is over \$825,000.

Sadly, only 25 families in the Oak Mountain community felt the need to donate anything to this wonderful and greatly-needed stadium and track, but those dedicated people donated over \$140,000, or an average of \$5,600 per family. It would be wonderful if all of us who benefit from such a tremendous community asset would share some of the burden of the debt by making a significant contribution to the Summit Foundation designated to the OMHS Sportsplex.

Most of us in this community are blessed with a reasonably high standard of living. If only 1,500 families donated an average of \$100 per year for the next four years, we could retire the debt. Please consider this a challenge to our community to do that very thing.

As you can see when you pass by the park, we are currently constructing restroom, concession, and dressing facilities under the east side stands to be completed by the first of September. These facilities are required by the state high school athletic association for post-season play and are greatly needed for the convenience of our fans. The funds for this phase have been generated through a couple of corporate donations and grants. However, we could not have proceeded with construction without the tremendous generosity of a local developer and builder, John Reamer.

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Mayor's Message, continued

John Reamer is one local businessman who truly gives back to the community where he operates and he is to be commended. The track is now completed and gives a nice polished look to the interior of our stadium complex. On any given afternoon you can see the benefit of this track being derived by many of our citizens, not to mention our student athletes at the high school. We are awaiting the arrival of some grant money which will hopefully give us the needed funds to construct restroom and dressing facilities on the visitor side of the stadium. Those facilities should be finished by next spring and will essentially complete the last major phase of the OMHS Sportsplex.

Heardmont Park is a shining example of what can be accomplished with the cooperation and foresight of a few dedicated people, along with local government and community-minded corporations. However, our park is not complete until all the debt is paid. If you would like to be a part of this beautiful and unusual park project, please contact Deb Taylor at 991-6960 (H), 980-8889 (O), or Carl Brunson at 991-8845 (H), 802-4232 (O).

Allison, Fuhrmeister to be "Roasted"

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Honorees of the Third Annual Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Roast will be Probate Judge Patricia Fuhrmeister and County Commission Chairwoman Lindsey Allison of Indian Springs. The roast is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Pelham Civic Complex. The evening will begin with a silent auction at 6:00 p.m., followed by the dinner and the roast at 6:30. Honorary Chairman for the event this year is Pelham's Mayor Bobby Hayes.

Beth Chapman, CASA Director and Press Secretary to Lt. Gov. Steve Windom, will serve as the Roast Master for the evening. She has supplied the following information concerning the honorees and their careers.

Allison and Fuhrmeister are close friends and both "firsts" in their career positions.

The two once practiced law together. They share many personal and professional stories of their days as fledging attorneys in Shelby County. "The good news is, they both know how to keep secrets," Chapman said. "The bad news is, others who'll be roasting them know of the same happenings in their early careers and feel no obligation to keep secrets at all."

"Furthermore, Allison's law partner is Fuhrmeister's husband, adding new meaning to the phrase, attorney-client privilege. It will all depend on who's cross-examining who during the roast," Chapman added.

Judge Fuhrmeister was a roommate in law school and in the wedding of an Alabama Supreme Court Justice (who

shall remain nameless for the time being). "She may get a good dose of official, honest, ethical ribbing given just the right amount of judicial temperament and demeanor."

Lindsey Allison, Shelby County's first County Commission Chairwoman, "has been in the hot seat for the past several months and will by no means be taken out of the fire too soon," Chapman promised.

Among the items at the silent auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. are weekend get-aways to Destin, Florida, an exquisite oil painting donated by Griffith Art Gallery, golf packages, dinner packages, and more.

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains volunteers to go through the court process with abused and neglected children. They are a child's "voice" in court.

The CASA Roast was started in 1999 and has boasted a sell-out crowd each year with an income of more than \$80,000 over the past two years. Honorees in previous years were House of Representatives member Mike Hill and Pelham Mayor Bobby Hayes.

Host sponsors for the event are Alabama Power Company and Protective Life Corporation. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$1,000 for corporate sponsors. For more information on the roast or the CASA program, please call 985-8753.

Villagers to Run Marathon

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Ericka Lyman and Jane Martin, both of Miller Circle, are training from scratch to run a marathon in Ireland this year for the Alabama chapter of the American Arthritis Foundation.

Late this year the Arthritis Foundation volunteers will be running 26.2 miles in Ireland to raise funds, awareness, and global cooperation for a global crippling disease which strikes young and old alike. Volunteers qualify for this run by collecting an amount greater than \$4,000 before the end of August, participating in daily and weekly training runs, and having a good spirit and drive to finish.

Donations for this endeavor will go to the Alabama Arthritis Foundation chapter.

Wildlife Center Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are urgently needed at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to provide care for this year's wildlife orphans so they can return to the wild. The center needs help with animal care, educational tours, emergency telephone response, carpentry, or office work. The next training session for new volunteers is Thursday, August 23, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Oak Mountain State Park. To receive your volunteer packet call 663-7930.

Town Council Highlights

July 17, 2001

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present. The minutes of the June meeting were adopted as corrected.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues as follows: beer taxes, \$957; building permits, \$4,380.96; July 4th receipts, \$1,816; engineering fees, \$340; and road funds, \$840. The balance in the general fund was \$92,985, and the balance in the road fund account was \$64,270.

Council members gave committee reports. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet asked for volunteers to help with circulation of *The Village Voice*. Annexations have brought the town's newsletter from an original circulation of around 450, to over 1,000. Help is desperately needed once a month for distributing the newsletter to the neighborhood couriers. The job is currently being handled by volunteer Phelan Webb, who has requested additional help. Also in need of volunteers is the town's aluminum can recycling program. Councilman Art Johnson requested help once a month on a Wednesday evening for can pick up or for taking the cans to the recycling center the following day.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that turn lanes have been approved for Highway 119, with survey work beginning soon. Property owners along Highway 119 should be notified by letter. Construction is approximately one year away. The cost will be paid as follows: federal funds, 80%; state funds, 10%; and county/other funds, 10%. The construction will comprise some 10 to 11 different turn lanes, with several sites in ISV. Also reported was that touch-up work by APAC on the most recently-paved ISV streets is continuing and should be completed soon. Dunn Construction has won the bid for the next fiscal year's road work, which will include Choctaw Lane and Highgate Hill Road. These re-pavings will be completed by October 15, 2002.

Councilman Brian Stauss reported that the ISV website is up and running and already in need of more web space. The site had 171 hits and over 300 page views last month. The web name has been renewed for an additional nine years. Webmaster Michael Felix leaves for college soon, and Councilman Brian Stauss will be interim webmaster until a replacement is found.

Compiling a Horse Directory

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Eleanor Bennett of Cahaba Valley Road has received late night and early morning calls from the Shelby County Sheriff's Department concerning horses running loose along the Highway 119 corridor, being a threat to themselves and travelers. (Hers was tucked in, asleep.) In an attempt to help the Sheriff's Department (and the horses), (and perhaps to get a good night's sleep), Eleanor would like to compile a list of horses in this area. She needs a description of your horse(s), your name, address, and phone number. She will compile this list and send it to Sheriff James Jones. Please, everyone, respond, she requested, adding, "The life you save may be your horse's." Eleanor's telephone number is 985-7746.

Aluminum Recycling - Aug. 22

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place No. 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. To help the recycling team identify and collect your recycling, please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the top of each securely tied with a knot. Place your bags on the other side of your driveway from your normal trash pickup. ISV recycles only aluminum at this time, so please do not mix glass or steel cans with your aluminum. Watch for recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

Last month the recycling volunteers were Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Scokel, Mary and Russ Favorite, and Jackie and Art Johnson.

There just doesn't seem to be any downside to recycling. Recycling protects the environment; it also helps to pay the printing costs for *The Village Voice*. Call 988-3217 for information on recycling or to volunteer.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Address, applicant, request:

215 Valley View Dr., A&D Building Systems, barn
Oak Mountain Elem., Shelby County, additions
870 Miller Circle, Citation Homes, Inc., remodeling; deck
Lot 29 Cahaba Oaks, Jordan, new house

Garden Club Visits Fern Glade

Dear Villagers:

Summer has arrived! Whew!

The Indian Springs Garden Club had a nice time at the Fern Glade at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Ginny Lusk gave us a grand tour and talked about some of the different varieties of ferns. July 26 was a beautifully cool morning, thank goodness! We all took something home from the Botanical Gardens which serves as a reminder of how important volunteers are to the beauty of our world. We met many volunteers at the Fern Glade and saw how much work they put into keeping up the gardens.

If you didn't notice, Steve and Pat Zerkis painstakingly took down the two dead shrubs flanking the town sign on Highway 119 which had died since the planting of other shrubs this spring. We need more people who will volunteer their time and energies into doing good deeds for our town. Anyone interested in delivering *The Village Voice* please call Patricia Crapet--we need some help.

The next Garden Club meeting will be Aug. 23, town hall, at 7:00 p.m. Interested in joining? Call Del Levesque, 987-5029. Stay cool!

Phelan Webb, President

THE VILLAGE VOICE NEEDS YOU!

**Circulation of our community newsletter is at risk!
Your help is needed once a month for about an
hour to deliver copies of *The Village Voice* to our
neighborhood couriers. Please call Patricia Crapet
at 802-2753 to volunteer.**

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

2001-2002 School Calendar

Columbiana, AL 35051
Telephone: 682-7000

Superintendent
Evan K. Major, Jr.

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

July 4 (Wed)	.....	Independence Day - Offices Closed
Aug 7 (Tues)	.....	New Teacher Orientation
Aug 8 (Wed)	.....	New Teacher Orientation
Aug 9 (Thurs)	.....	Institute
Aug 10 (Fri)	.....	Teacher Workday (no Students)
Aug 13 (Mon)	.....	Schools Open (Full Dday for Students)
	.....	First Semester Begins
Aug. 29 (Wed)	.....	Early Dismissal - 12:00 noon (Prof. Dev.)
Sept 3 (Mon)	.....	Labor Day-Schools & Offices Closed
Oct. 5 (Fri)	.....	System Professional Development (No Students)
Oct 8 (Mon)	.....	Parent Involvement Day (Schools in Session)
Oct 19 (Fri)	.....	Local Professional Development (No Students).
Nov 12 (Mon)	.....	Veteran's Day Observed (Schools and Offices Closed)
Nov 21-23	.....	Thanksgiving Holidays (Schools and Offices Closed)
Dec 19 (Wed)	.....	First Semester ends (Schools and Offices Close at 3:00)
Jan 3 (Thurs)	.....	Teachers Work Day (No students)
Jan 4 (Fri)	.....	Local Prof. Dev. Day (No students)
Jan 7 (Mon)	.....	2nd Semester Begins
Jan 21 (Mon)	.....	M.L.King Birthday (Schools & Offices Closed)
Feb 18 (Mon)	.....	Presidents' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
Feb. 27 (Wed)	.....	Early Dismissal 12:00 noon. (Prof. Dev.)
Mar 25-29	.....	Spring Break (Schools and Offices Closed)
Apr 1 (Mon)	.....	Inclement Weather Day (3rd to be used)
Apr 19 (Mon)	.....	Inclement Weather Day (2nd to be used)
May 10 (Fri)	.....	Inclement Weather Day (1st to be used)
May 23 (Thurs)	.....	2nd Semester Ends Schools Close at 3:00 p.m.
	.....	Graduation
May 24 (Fri)	.....	Teacher Work Day (No Students)

TESTING DATES

July 17-20, 2001	Graduation Exams
First 4 weeks of school	Alabama Assessment (K-2)
Sept 24-28, 2001	Graduation Exams
Dec 3-7, 2001	Graduation Exams
Mar 11-15, 2002	Graduation Exams
April 8-12, 2002	Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition
April 30, 2002	Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing: Gr. 5&7

Oak Mountain's Kick-off Dinner

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Oak Mountain High School's Athletic Boosters invite Village families to an end o' summer community party--a fish fry--on Saturday, August 18, from 4:00 - 900 p.m. at Heardmont Park on Cahaba Valley Road. It is their first Kick-off dinner.

Jay Barker, Alabama's record-setting quarterback, will be the special guest.

A silent auction will let families bid on a 2002 Malibu Sportster LX ski boat with trailer, an adult and youth motorcycle, a home fitness system, a European ski vacation, and many other fine items.

Oak Mountain's high school, middle school, and Youth Football teams will be scrimmaging. Bands from the high school and middle school will perform; cheerleaders from the two schools, Youth Football, and the Middle School Dance Team will be there.

The high school and middle school coaches may be dunked at the dunking booth--all of this fun for only \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. The ticket price includes the price of admission and the fish fry.

You may purchase tickets at the Oak Mountain High School office or when you register your students for fall at Oak Mountain Elementary, Inverness Elementary, Oak Mountain Intermediate, or Oak Mountain Middle schools.

The Shelby County Board of Education and Shelby County purchased the land for the stadium, Heardmont Park, and the Oak Mountain High School Athletic Boosters raised the funds to build it. Proceeds from this event will be used on the stadium debt. You may also go to the booster website www.oakmountainboosters.org/ for the latest details.

New Board Member Named

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

A former firefighter, Dodd Adair of Inverness, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the North Shelby Fire & Medical Emergency District to fill the position vacated by Pete Clemens, Cahaba Valley Road, who resigned two months ago to move to Tennessee.

Jim Wyatt, Board President, said Adair's fire-fighting experience made him an ideal candidate for the job. He also sits on the board of directors of the Head Injury Foundation and has held a seat on the Crisis Center board. Adair, age 54, retired from a position in international and domestic sales and management with a division of Ingersoll-Rand.

Art Show Set for September 29

The Shelby County Art Association's fall arts and crafts show will be Sept. 29, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p. m. at the Inverness Corners shopping center. The public is invited and there is no charge for admission.

Guard Your Yard Tools

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Eleanor Bennett of Cahaba Valley Road recently reported the attempted theft of a riding lawn mower. She was out of town; a faithful employee, James, came to work on her property and discovered her riding mower abandoned in the front pasture. The mower had been taken from the barn and driven through the gate in the yard to the pasture. Apparently the thief then discovered there was no exit, other than going back the way he came in. It would, well, look suspicious to passersby if he started tearing down the fence to escape, so he abandoned the attempt.

Employee James hoisted the mower into his van and drove it around for two-three days until Eleanor's return to prevent its being stolen for sure.

Captain Chris Curry, Shelby County Sheriff's Department, said that thefts of tools such as weed-eaters and leaf blowers are regularly reported from this area by landscaping and lawn servicing companies. The tools are usually removed from their utility vehicles when the workers are having lunch or are otherwise inattentive to their equipment.

When the Sheriff's Department recovers stolen items, ownership can be traced by the serial number on large pieces of equipment such as lawn mowers. It's wise to keep documents of purchase in an appointed place. A second way of identification is by etching your Alabama driver's license number on the equipment. It used to be that social security numbers were advised, but no more. The important thing is to preface the number with AL for Alabama. Even if your equipment is recovered outside the state your ownership can still be determined through the driver's license number, provided it is prefaced by AL.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn & Bonnie Murphy

Congratulations

Stephen Austin Bennett, son of Eleanor Bennett, 2620 Cahaba Valley Road, graduated May 5 from Georgia Tech with highest honors. His major is in computer science.

Newcomers

New neighbors at 5129 Hollow Log Lane are **Gina Trent** and her children, **Ric**, age 10, and **Kathryn**, age 7. The Trents moved to Homestead from Adamsville. Gina has been a realtor for 12 years with Pritchett Realty.

Pam and Phil Bradford, who moved here from Jasper, are new residents at 233 Cahaba Oaks Trail, along with their 14-year-old daughter and their 10- and 4-year-old sons. Pam is a speech therapist and Phil owns an industrial mining supply business in Hueytown.

Accolades

Steve & Pat Zerkis worked off frustration after the library dues increase vote failed in a constructive way--by carefully cutting down the dead shrubs beside the town sign on 119.

In Memorium

F. M. (Shorty) Watley, 70, passed away July 20, 2001. A life-long resident of Cahaba Valley, he is survived by his son, Roger Watley of Pelham, and several sisters and brothers. The funeral service was July 24 at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel with burial in Indian Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

New Leaders Seek Means for Library's Survival

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

At the 12th annual meeting of the North Shelby Library District on October 26, 2000, the five members of the Board of Trustees were introduced along with Michael Jones, new director as of Aug. 1.

Of those five board members only Alain Gallet, and possibly Pat Jehle, remain.

Ann Tharpe, who had served the library faithfully from its very beginnings 14 years ago, resigned after the July 31 election which handed the library a second defeat of a dues increase. Two others had already resigned.

Wanda Carruthers and Steve Zerkis now serve on the board and there is one vacancy, possibly two. Anyone who lives in the library district may apply to serve as a trustee.

The results of the election from the eight polling sites are as follows:

Chelsea Fire Station: 19 for, 110 against

New Hope Presbyterian Church (**Indian Springs**):

224 for, 201 against

Valleydale Baptist Church (includes some Hoover residents): 159 for, 251 against

Meadowbrook Baptist Church: 450 for, 314 against

First Christian Church: 134 for, 141 against

The Church at Brook Hills: 154 for, 124 against

Shoal Creek Town Hall (includes area around

Highway 41, Dunavant, etc): 27 for, 67 against

Greystone (Hoover) 136 for, 482 against

Absentee: 30 for, 37 against

The majority of the "for" votes came from Meadowbrook and Brook Hills. The overall tally was 1,333 for; 1,727 against. The district serves at least 130,000 people.

Residents of Hoover frequently use the North Shelby Library because of habit and convenience; nonetheless, Greystone provided the margin of defeat, helped by Chelsea and the Shoal Creek area. **The measure barely passed in Indian Springs, which is difficult to understand, considering its convenience and the fact that the library building has enhanced property values in the area. This point has been made by realtors at pre-election hearings.**

The remaining trustees, the library director and associate director (Carol Farr) were all hopeful at the August 10 trustees meeting that means could be found to keep the library open and reduce its 2.9 million debt.

"We're not going away," remarked Steve Zerkis. Though optimistic, all acknowledged that the library is at a critical juncture. Director Jones presented a revised budget for next year, copies of which are available at the library.

Next year's predicted income, based on the present annual assessment, is \$606,000, which is \$127,000 less than this year's budget of \$733,000. The reduction is mainly because pledges made during the building fund campaign of five years ago have now been completed. Expenses denote

reduction in staff salaries and by necessity, ZERO for books and other materials. Debt service budgeted amounts to \$336,000 for payments on interest and principal to banks and other creditors. The largest loan (5.15% interest) will pay off in 20 years. Cuts have to be made, and the new library hours to take effect August 27 are

Mondays and Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.

This schedule will be run on a trial basis; hopefully the library can find volunteers to keep it open on Sundays.

Since the library staff is taking a reduction in pay, employees' wishes were heavily considered when choosing to close Friday - Sunday. The Board of Trustees serves without pay.

Means of income were considered: Requesting a zoning change from the city of Pelham from agricultural to commercial so that the unfinished space in the library can be rented out to business, soliciting donations, and possibly a new capital funds drive were discussed.

The situation is grim. The library trustees are meeting weekly to find means to get out of the morass of debt and serve its patrons. The burden lies on their shoulders. The Board of Trustees is the governing board. Being in a library district created by voters, the library is not funded by a city, county, or any other governmental entity. Its budget is based heavily on district fees, its primary means of support.

Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Rita Seales of the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center, Heardmont Park, needs volunteers to do the work of tending about a two-foot wide strip extending the length of the front of the center. The strip contains boxwoods, but needs weeding and perhaps flowers planted for the season. Or, it could be mulched. The main thing is the weeding. This is work seniors who utilize the facility are not really able to do. If your club or organization can help or you could volunteer, call Rita at 991-5742.

At the center square dance lessons will begin in September. Ladies who do not have escorts need not worry, because the important feature of these classes is that a dancer does not have to have a partner. In October a genealogy class will be taught by Martha Geyer of Indian Springs.

The library of large-print books circulated from the North Shelby Library has turned out to be a wonderful asset to the center from the very start. "We have had more response than I ever would have dreamed," Ms. Seales said. Also a great favorite is Phyllis Rowe, a member of the library staff who comes to the center to meet with the Book Club at noon each Friday.