

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum
- IV. Candidates' 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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### Editor's Appreciation to:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support  
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

## A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The monsoon came, with big hailstones and flooding. The volunteer "bunnies" had prepared the eggs and prizes. Councilperson Patricia Crapet had marked off the "hunting" areas. All was ready. Alas, Mother Nature had the last word. Even with a two-day window, the annual Indian Springs Easter Egg Hunt had to be cancelled. We have been very lucky for eight years. Even us "big kids" were disappointed! Surely, 2003 will be kind to us.

In recent months I have received a number of phone messages concerning dogs coming into ISV citizens' yards, creating problems. The folks believe their children, and pets, are at risk. And rightly so. I personally had to deal with two dogs that appeared to be vicious. This is a long-standing situation, even going back to when we had the pack of dogs that had killed a pet.

Our town does not have a leash ordinance. The county does, but will not enforce it within the town limits. We can enact such an ordinance. However, enforcement would require the contracting of an animal control officer. This would incur an expense that could be avoided if dog owners exercised the responsibility that comes with ownership. I know most of our folks would prefer the individual control their dogs, rather than have governmental intervention. Please be a good neighbor and keep your dog at home.

We have candidates for various state and county offices visiting our town council meetings in April and May. Come and visit with them. Now is the time to find out what their plans and policies are. Feel free to ask questions. Shelby County is exploding with growth and needs competent political leadership. And remember to fit your support within our parameters. Political signs can only be displayed on private property, with the expressed permission of the owner. NO signs are to be displayed on utility poles or public property areas.

## Town Council Highlights - March 19, 2002

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 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, Brian Stauss, and Steward Dudley present. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

A petition for annexation by Sylvia Derrett, 191 New Hope Mountain Road, was presented. The council, after waiving the rules, approved the petition unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilman Herb Robins reported that a traffic study is scheduled for Cahaba Valley Road from Indian Springs Village to County Road 14 to determine if the speed limit should be lowered to 45 m.p.h.. The signs for I-65 announcing the exit for ISV are on back order. Councilman Art Johnson stressed the need for volunteers for the ISV aluminum recycling program. Councilman Brian Stauss reported that by the next meeting, a webmaster will have been selected. The KPS maps and charts have been placed on the website for interested parties. Councilman Stauss stated that the Cahaba Oaks neighborhood had ordered 25 m.p.h. speed limit signs which will be erected soon. Complaints about the impromptu "car lot" on the corner of Valleydale and Caldwell Mill has resulted in the owner of the property being contacted to post "No Trespassing" signs. After the signs are posted, all vehicles left unattended will be towed.

## Rain, Rain, Go Away...

### ISV Easter Egg Hunt Experiences First Rain-out

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2*

The eggs were stuffed, the field staked, signs posted, prizes ready and volunteers on go for the Ninth Annual Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. But, the rains came, and all was wet. Sunday, the usual rain date, came in nicely, but by noon the doppler radar was unmistakably showing a heavy band of thunderstorms headed right for our fair Village.

The Easter bunny called to say how disappointed he was that for the first time in ISV's short history, he had to cancel this very important event, but explained that it would be hard to hide eggs in a swamp. As with most things concerning the outdoors, mother nature is unpredictable. So much for advance planning.

We do, however, have several people to thank for their valiant efforts in the preparation and planning of this "non" event. Eggs, and lots of them, were stuffed full of candy, trinkets, and prize tickets by ISV's most valuable asset, its volunteers.

Ordering of the prizes was handled by **Bee Little**, who once again succumbed to the pleadings of one very grateful councilperson. Bee was assisted in dividing up the prizes and egg stuffing by husband **Harry**, and sons **Jack** and **Davis**. The eggs, candy and trinkets were separated and distributed by **Barbara Turpen**, **Tricia** and **Joseph Crapet**, and **Aaron Houser**. Egg stuffers were **Scarlett Faulk**, **Emily Stoffelen**, **Regina Cross**, **Eleanor Bennett**, and **Ruth Snow**. Also stuffing were **Evan Moose** and his Mom, **Valerie**, as well as **Zachary** and **Meredith Rucker**, with the assistance of their Mom, **Jennifer**. Staking out the field on Good Friday was **Michael**, **Tricia** and **Joseph Crapet**, assisted by **Aaron Houser**.

This year, five Oak Mountain High School students chose the ISV Annual Easter Egg Hunt as their **Give Me Five!** community service project. The students, **Joseph Crapet**, **Aaron Houser**, **Evan Moose**, and **Zachary** and **Meredith Rucker**, will be given up to 100 points for their five hours plus of service, which they will show through the use of posters and research papers. Our thanks to these young citizens, and perhaps future leaders of ISV, for giving time and effort to their community.

## Recycling Is Wednesday, April 17

*By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4*

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. Please put your recycling in white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the top of each tied in a knot. Recycling bags should be placed on the other side of your driveway from the normal trash pickup. Please remember never to put sharp objects such as needles, glass, or trash in with your recycling. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homewood.

In March your recycling volunteers were Pat and Russ Favorite, Trudy and Paul Scokel, Margie and Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, and Art Johnson. The primary reason for our town's recycling success is your support and the dedication of volunteers. The ISV recycling program is a volunteer community project, and recycling saves energy and reduces landfill space.

New volunteers are needed. If you have a pickup truck or a vehicle with a trailer hitch, please volunteer. For more information on recycling, or to volunteer, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

## Adopt-a-Mile Planned for April

*By Brian Stauss, Town Council Place #3*

Cahaba Valley Road is the main thoroughfare through Indian Springs and is the first impression residents and visitors have of our community. Unfortunately, some of those visitors also use it for a trash can. Cahaba Valley Road is in dire need of a cleanup.

A joint cleanup project is planned for Saturday, April 27, with the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of the Valley Church. We will meet at the town hall at 8:00 a.m. and clean the three-mile stretch between mile markers 20 and 23 (roughly Spring Garden Street to Heardmont Park). Refreshments will be served. A large turnout is needed for this to be a success. Wear long pants and bring a pair of gloves. An RSVP to me at 987-9997 (home) or 298-3094 (work) will be appreciated.

## Building Permits Approved

*By Marty Martin, Town Engineer*

*Address, Applicant, Request:*

454 New Hope Mountain Road, Wildwood Const., detached garage

700 Caldwell Trace, Maxus Construction, addition  
Alabama 119, McCrory Building, elem. school addition  
2649 Valleydale Road, Bailey & Owens, office building  
1670 Indian Crest Dr., Advanced Electric, electrical  
291 Valley View Road, Harrington, remodel; additions  
5514 Double Oak Lane, Gary C. Wyatt, Inc., Building addition

## Library Research Just Got Easier

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Harrison Regional Library System has announced that its new countywide library automation system, Polaris, is up and running as of April 10. Funding for this new system came partially from the Shelby County Commission. North Shelby Library invites residents to come in for a personal account password so they can take advantage of convenient new features the system offers.

The new system allows patrons to access the countywide library catalog of all 11 libraries in the system from any Internet connection 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by connecting to [www.northshelbylibrary.bham.net](http://www.northshelbylibrary.bham.net) or the Harrison Regional Library's website at [www.shelbycounty-al.org](http://www.shelbycounty-al.org), which has links to connect to the 11 public libraries in Shelby County. This service is especially convenient for patrons who have Internet access at home or at work. Catalog information available includes library materials such as books, CDs, videos, books on tape, puppets, magazines, large print books, and DVDs.

With a password, patrons can access personal accounts and view a list of books they currently have checked out, fines owed, if any, and materials on hold. In addition, patrons can renew books and place hold requests from their home computers. A patron must go to the library to register for a password.

The Harrison Regional Library received \$150,000 from a Federal Library Services and Technology Act grant matched with \$37,500 provided by the Shelby County Commission to help fund the purchase of the new countywide automation system. In addition to these two funding sources North Shelby Library and the other 10 member libraries provided additional hardware and support. The combination of these cooperative efforts resulted in a system that is flexible, with the ability to handle expansion possibilities as Shelby County's population grows and new services are needed.

Polaris has many other features that will help patrons. Students doing research or homework can have the system automatically format a bibliography of selected items in a format defined by the Modern Language Association, *Chicago Manual of Style*, or American Psychological Association. Polaris also allows patrons to access periodical and reference databases that the library makes possible through the Alabama Virtual Library.

Polaris is a Windows-based system. Patrons will feel comfortable using the new library system, since it functions just like their computer at home or office.

The Friends of the North Shelby Library held an organizational meeting Tuesday, April 2, at the library. All committee chairmanships were filled except for chairman of the telephone committee. Anyone wishing to serve in this or in any other capacity should call the Friends President, Dr. Ed Burns, 991-3797. The next meeting will be May 14, 5:30 p.m., at the library.

## Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Several new programs are underway or scheduled at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center, Heardmont Park. To enroll call Rita Seales, 991-5742.

The AARP safe driving course for senior citizens is being taught Friday, April 12, and again on Monday, April 15, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The cost for both sessions is \$10.

Portrait classes are again being taught at 12:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Mondays the classes are in pastels.

"Scams Against Senior Citizens" will be the topic of a program presented by the Better Business Bureau on Wednesday, April 17, at 12:30 p.m., and "Alabama Cares" will be presented on Tuesday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. by the Aging Program for Seniors, State of Alabama.

Joan Youngblood, retired nurse, volunteers every Tuesday to give free blood pressure checks between 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The first meeting of a new book club was held April 10 and will continue to meet every second Wednesday at 12:30. Becky Brasher, librarian from Columbiana Library, meets with this group. Discussed Wednesday was *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas, which deals with the Great Depression era, creating humor out of hard times.

## Announcements

### Wildlife Center Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are urgently needed at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to provide care for injured and orphaned native wildlife. The center needs help with animal care, educational tours, emergency telephone response, carpentry, or office work. The next training session for new volunteers is Sunday, April 14, from 1:30-5:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Oak Mountain State Park. To receive your volunteer packet call 663-7930.

### Landfill "Free Day" Is April 20

The Shelby County Commission has designated April 20 as a "free day" at the Shelby County Landfill in an effort to help residents in disposing of yard and household debris. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More than 700 vehicles typically travel to the landfill on a "free day," so patience is requested if you have to wait 20-30 minutes to unload. Also, please secure your loads so the trash does not spill out and litter the roadways.

### Genealogy Seminar Is May 4

The Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc. spring seminar will be Saturday, May 4, at Samford University. The topic is "Unlocking Secrets Found in North Carolina Land Records." Please contact Jyl Hardy, [jylhardy@bellsouth.net](mailto:jylhardy@bellsouth.net) or Brenda Thomas, [stripestus@aol.com](mailto:stripestus@aol.com) for information or write the Society's P. O. Box 2296, Samford University Library, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229-0001.

## Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

### In Memoriam

Villagers sympathize with Fay and Clyde Wood, 655 Indian Crest Dr., in the passing of their oldest daughter, Ann Wood Barber, age 56, of Houston, TX. Her death was March 8 after a four-year battle with cancer.

Ann met her husband, Ken Barber, years ago when they both attended Shades Mountain Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Fairfield High School and Samford University and earned a master's degree at the University of Georgia. Ann and Ken's children are a married daughter, Kenna Hall, and a son, Todd, who has just finished college. Other survivors are Ann's two sisters, Beth Puckett and Donna Netherland. Funeral services were at Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston.

### Welcome Newcomers

**Dr. Tony and Carole McBride** are not newcomers to the area but have just moved to the Village, where they now reside at 2528 Indian Crest Drive. He is Associate Dean, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University, and Carol is a retired kindergarten director.

The McBrides' oldest son is Marshall, an engineer at Redstone Arsenal and Director of the Computer Center. He is also the father of Meredith Rebecca, age 1. Their son Adam is a graduate student in environmental economics at the University of Wyoming.

**Gavin and Beth Stockli**, 2632 Buckboard Rd., Homestead Subdivision, are both former residents of this area who moved back in January with their three-year-old son, Dalton. His father is Walter Stockli of Alpine Way and her parents are Mickey and Martha Park of Auburn Rd. Her brother, Nathan, and Dee Park live on Valley View.

Gavin does nuclear design work for BE&K and Southern Company and Beth works part-time for a title insurance company. Both are graduates of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where they met. The Stocklis have lived at Homewood and Alabaster, but Beth said there was no doubt where they both wanted to live.

Now at 315 Star Trek are **Dr. Sarah and Dr. Varghese George** and their daughter, **Alisha**, age 15. The Doctors George are both originally from India and lived in New Orleans and Wisconsin before making the move back to the South. He is a Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Alabama in Birmingham; she is a radiologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Alisha attends the International Baccalaureate School at Irondale, a Jefferson County magnet school. Alisha loves the South's warm climate and the view of Oak Mountain from their new home.

**Cordy and Ginger Ramer** and their three sons are now at home at 95 Cherokee Trail. **Chase**, age 6, attends Oak Mountain Elementary School and plays baseball; twin sons **Jake and Ty** are two years old. The Ramers moved here from Inverness. Cordy is a musician and Ginger is an analyst for Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Alabama. The Oak Mountain schools figured prominently in their decision to make their home in Indian Springs, plus the fact that they really like the area and the Villagers they have met.

## Spring Expo at Middle School

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 26-28, are the dates the Oak Mountain Middle School will turn its football field into a spring carnival setting with rides of all descriptions. The gymnasium will become a fair for vendors, with plenty of food to buy--hot dogs, cotton candy, etc.--all the type food that goes with carnivals.

A \$12.00 admission fee admits you to events for the day in this one and only major fundraiser at the school which benefits academics, arts, and athletics equally. Hours are Friday, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. A spokesperson at the school said that the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and the school's own "parent patrols" will provide security throughout the event.

## Historical Society to Meet May 3

By Ruth Goodwyn

David L. Nolen, First Vice-President of the Shelby County Historical Society, will be the guest speaker at the spring quarterly meeting Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting location is the Shelby County Museum & Archives (upstairs), Columbiana.

Bobby Scales, President, has extended a special invitation to anyone in politics or entering a political race to attend. The topic is "Political History of Shelby County for the First 100 Years."

Refreshments will be served at 2:00; meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

## Garden Club News

By Marge Dunn & Del Levesque

The Indian Springs Garden Club enjoyed their March meeting with a floral arrangement demonstration by master gardener Carolyn Wynn. She was assisted by our own Ginny Lusk, who received accolades from the members because of the many awards she received at the District III spring flower show. During the spring break we went to Jemison, AL, to the greenhouses of Petals From the Past and enjoyed an informative tour by Jason Powell, proprietor. Some of our members have participated in wildflower rescue digs as sponsored by the Alabama Wildflower Society.

Four welcome baskets were distributed to the newcomers (column 1) to our Village. We are grateful to all who have contributed items for our baskets. We are equally grateful to Villagers who contributed items and supported our yard sale Saturday, April 6, which netted \$467.35.

Our next meeting will be April 25 at Marge Dunn's home, 195 Cherokee Trail, at 7:00 p.m. We are excited about spring gardening projects! Please call Marge (987-4765) or Del (987-5029) if you have questions. And come join us as TOGETHER WE GROW!

## Destitute Family Needs Shelter

The destitute family from Alabaster which Terry Johnson, daughter of Villagers Paul and Lola Stephens, has befriended is still in need of a home. If you know of anyone with a used trailer to donate, please call Lola Stephens, 988-4672, who would like to thank those who have contributed household items and money.