

# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2002, 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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### Editor's Appreciation to:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support  
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Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
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## A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

It is that time of year again. Remind your family of the following tornado safety tips.

### Tornado Safety Tips

#### Tornado Warnings & Watches

**A tornado WATCH indicates that weather conditions may cause tornadoes to develop in an area.**

A tornado watch does not mean that a tornado has been sighted. The watch may cover time periods of up to eight hours. People within the area should be prepared for possible tornadoes.

Residents of the designated area need not seek shelter or disrupt their normal routine during a tornado watch, but they should tune in to radio or TV and be alert for threatening weather conditions.

**A tornado WARNING is issued by local weather bureau offices when a tornado funnel has actually been sighted or indicated by radar.**

The tornado warning covers a short period of time and specific small areas. The warning will indicate where the tornado was detected and the area through which it will pass. Persons in the expected path of the storm should take shelter immediately.

### During a Tornado

Knowing what to do during a tornado may mean the difference between life and death. If you hear a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately. Stay away from windows.

#### If at work

In office buildings, go to an interior hallway on a lower floor, preferably in the basement, or designated shelter area.

In factories, go to the section of the plant offering the greatest protection. Someone should be responsible for disconnecting fuel lines and electric circuits. Keep a lookout posted.

#### If at home

In homes, go to a storm cellar, underground excavation, or to the southwest corner of the basement. If you have no basement, choose an inside wall away from windows and lie flat against it. Central halls, bathrooms, and closets are good places. Get under heavy furniture, if possible, to protect yourself from flying glass and debris. Then, stay away from windows. Keep tuned to a battered-powered radio for latest weather information.

# Town Council Highlights

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided. Art Johnson and Brian Stauss were the only council members present. Two members do not constitute a quorum; therefore no issues could be voted upon.

Paul Stephens, Town Clerk, gave the financial report:

Receipts were insurance companies, \$280; vehicle license fees, \$445; beer tax, \$862; balance in the general fund, \$78,790. The road fund took in \$965; the road fund balance is \$73,662. For the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund \$325. was received, making the balance \$1,309. The town is also drawing interest on three \$100,000 certificates of deposit.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that 568 pounds of aluminum had been collected in January-February of this year. In March the recycling volunteers went out in misty, raw weather, and the collection was only about one-third of the usual amount picked up.

Brian Stauss reported that a webmaster for our website has not been finalized. Participants will meet at the town hall for an Adopt-a-Mile litterwalk scheduled for Saturday, April 27. The litterwalk along Highway 119 is in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Mayor Weingarten said we could expect a final report of the KPS Group, a long-range planning firm hired by the town, by next month. He introduced two advisors and five student volunteers, three from Hoover and two from Calera, members of an organization to assist youths in crisis situations.

The Mayor recognized two members of the Shelby County Commission who are running for the position of Property Tax Commissioner, a position created by the merger of the offices of Tax Assessor and Tax Collector, Don Armstrong of Wilsonville, who represents ISV in the area south of Highway 119, and Ted Crockett of Greystone. The Republican primary election is June 4.

Introduced was Dr. Ed Burns of Greystone Farms, new president of the North Shelby Friends of the Library organization who told of fund-raising efforts by the Friends, including the selling of chances to win a free vacation to Washington, D.C. for four people, two adults and two children, including hotel and round-trip airfare. The cost of a ticket is a \$2.00 tax-deductible donation.

Danny Bedgood, who has lived almost 13 years on McGuire Road, apologized for not being present at the March town council meeting when he was scheduled to speak on gun control.

He affirmed that the town needed to adopt some kind of gun control ordinance. His seven-year-old dog was shot recently after he had spent \$6,000 to fence in his property. Three pellets, in the spine, chest, and abdomen, killed his dog, and a pellet is still lodged in another dog, also a target. The Shelby County Sheriff was called and investigated, but no arrest was made, based on insufficient proof that a suspect had performed the deed--no witness or admission of guilt. Because the town has no gun control laws, his family plans to move, he said.

## Outdoor Burning Ban in Effect

Ozone season has begun, and a countywide ban on outdoor burning, except for grilling, is in effect. Daily ozone forecasts are available at [www.alabamacleanair.com](http://www.alabamacleanair.com) or [www.adem.state.al.us](http://www.adem.state.al.us)

# Aluminum Recycling - May 22

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place No. 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use white, blue, or clear plastic bags with the top of each tied with a knot. Place your recycling on the other side of your driveway from your Waste Management pickup. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

The recycling team welcomes Bryan Biddy. A grateful "thank you" for volunteering. In April the recycling volunteers were Pat and Russ Favorite, Trudy and Paul Scokel, Margie and Herb Robins, and Bryan Biddy and Art Johnson. Special thanks go to Brian Stauss for helping transport the recycling trailer. For more information on recycling or to volunteer, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

Recyclers help the environment, even if each contribution is small. The combined contribution makes a BIG difference! When you collect aluminum drink cans, foil or aluminum pie tins for recycling, you help the environment. While aluminum cans comprise only 1.4 percent of the entire waste stream by weight sent to a landfill, they contribute up to 14 percent of the air pollution emissions embodied in a ton of divertible waste sent to the landfill (pollution is generated when new cans are generated from virgin ore).

## Aluminum Can Recycling Rate Is 55.4 % for 2001

Americans recycled 55.6 billion aluminum cans in 2001 for a beverage can recycling rate of 55.4 percent, and the aluminum industry paid out \$850 million for recycled aluminum beverage cans. For 20 out of 21 years the rate has exceeded 50 percent.

Year	Million Pounds of Aluminum Cans Collected	Percent of Aluminum Cans Collected
1999	1,930	62.5
2000	1,891	62.1
2001	1,665	55.4
% Change	-12.0%	-6.7%

## Building Permit Requests, April

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Address, Applicant, Request, Comments:

127 Skyline Drive, Frank Jones, new deck, approved.

## ISV Tags for Sale

Indian Springs Village tags, with the colorful logo created by Julie Wyatt Schenk, will be on sale at our annual Fourth of July Barbeque at a reduced price of \$6.00 each. The tags are also available at Neil's Pharmacy, Cahaba Valley Road, and from Town Clerk Paul Stephens, whose telephone number is 988-4672.

## Heardmont Happenings

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

A senior services picnic and health fair will be held on Friday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center, Heardmont Park.

Seniors may be tested for cholesterol count, blood sugar, blood pressure, and obtain information on about a dozen different subjects. There will be a straw hat decorating contest--seniors must pick up their straw hats in advance, decorate them, and wear them to the picnic and health fair.

Lunch will be a box lunch served at 11:30 with ice cream cones for dessert before pitching horseshoes and other games begin.

The Center will be closed Memorial Day, May 27.

## New NSFD Vehicle in Service

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

A new vehicle is in service at Heardmont Park, bought with funds from a \$14,000 grant awarded by the State of Alabama to the North Shelby County Fire & Emergency Medical District. Described by Fire Chief Michael O'Connor as "basically a golf cart with a stretcher on back," the \$9,000 vehicle will be stationed at the Senior Community Center at Heardmont and utilized for transportation of patients to an emergency vehicle. It will be available for all large-scale events at the park, Chief O'Connor said.

The new vehicle was dubbed the "Boo Boo Buggy," the winning entry in a naming contest held by the NSFD. The winning class at Oak Mountain Elementary was treated to a Pizza & Coke party by the district personnel May 8.

## ISS Names New Director

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

G. Gray Plosser, Jr., chairman of the school's Board of Governors, has announced the appointment of a new director to assume duties at Indian Springs School in July to replace Douglas Jennings, who was recently named headmaster at Park Tudor School in Indianapolis.

The new director is Melville MacKay, III, a Boston native who is a graduate of Harvard University and earned a master of arts degree in teaching at the University of North Carolina. His academic honors include a Fulbright Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, and a Fellowship in Religion and Literature from the Council of Independent Education. He currently is Associate Headmaster and Dean of the Faculty at Fountain Valley School, Colorado Springs, CO, a school very similar to Indian Springs.

MacKay and his wife, Laura, from Richmond, VA, have three children, Gordon, Virginia, and Tim.

## Wildlife Center Training Session

The next training session for new volunteers at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Oak Mountain State Park, is Sunday, May 19, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are especially needed during the baby season to provide care for injured and orphaned native wildlife. Call 663-7930 to enroll.

## Summer of Mystery Begins June 1

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

A kick-off party at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. will launch the summer reading program at the North Shelby Library on June 1. "A Summer of Mystery" will end with a wrap-up party at Skates 280 on June 28.

Participants will select a reading goal--at least four chapter books or eight easy books to be read between June 1 and June 28. For every four (or eight) books read the child's name is entered for a prize drawing to be held at the end of the program for one of the limited number of prizes. Reading logs may be stamped and entries picked up at the circulation desk or in the Children's Department.

Each Tuesday is "Craft Day", with such programs as "Glitter Fish," "Fingerprint Critters," "Mystery Glasses," and "Space Rockets" scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Story Time with Mr. Mac will occur at 10:30 a.m. June 5 and 12 and children are invited to meet the "Zoo Lady" (Story and Craft) June 19 at 2:00 p.m. On June 26 the McWane Center program on "Dinos" will be featured, also at 2:00 p.m.

Programs on Thursday, all at 2:00 p.m., will be "Creepy Critters," Anniston Museum of Natural History; "Alabama Animals," Ruffner Mountain Museum; and a visit with Ronald McDonald/Stories and Magic!

Pre-registration at the library begins May 20 for the summer reading program.

Barnes & Noble will again provide a form for *their* summer reading program. These forms will need to be returned to Barnes & Noble to be redeemed for a free book.

## Now THAT'S Volunteering!

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

On a Monday morning I went to the North Shelby Library to return video tapes checked out for the weekend. When I parked in front of the building, there was a gloved and blue-jeaned Ellen Schmidt (of Meadow Brook), a regular Friends volunteer, sitting among the plantings, basket of garden tools and weed container beside her. It was obvious what ground she had covered.

"These weeds just got on my nerves," she explained. She is at work on Monday morning from 10:00 a.m.-noon, at a job she has taken upon herself to do. Lewis Wilson, Vice-President of the Friends, has helped, and Ellen invites anyone who would like to join her to come and bring garden tools. "These weeds have to be dug up, not pulled up," she said, adding that she may be forced to adjust her hours as the summer begins in earnest.

## Library "Friends" Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Friends of the North Shelby Library will be June 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. District residents are encouraged to attend and give input to the number of items that will be discussed. To raise money for the library the organization is currently selling chances (\$2.00 donation) on a free, three-day trip to Washington D.C., or \$1,500 in cash



## Village Personals

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

### In Memoriam

**Samuel A. Saiia**, age 83, passed away quietly on Sunday, April 7, at his residence, 245 Cahaba Oaks Trail. Mr. Saiia had been confined to bed about six months after he had broken his back.

Mr. Saiia and his wife, Frances Louise, lived on Indian Trail for many years and worked diligently in getting Beat 12 zoned (it took five elections) finally around 1980. They were involved with the Indian Springs Civic Association, which disbanded in the late 1980's. They left Indian Springs in 1987 for Mountain Brook's Old Leeds Road, then moved to Florida, but returned to Indian Springs Village in 1996. A native of Buffalo, NY, he had resided in the Birmingham area since 1945. He founded Birmingham Excavating Company, predecessor to Saiia Construction. He served in World War II and was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Joseph Saiia and his wife Betty of Mountain Brook and Dennis Horne of Dallas, TX; daughters Barbara Saiia of Birmingham and Judy Cress and her husband Steve of Merrit Island, FL; five grandchildren and two brothers and sisters-in-law of Buffalo, NY.

The funeral mass was held Wednesday, April 10, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church with burial in Southern Heritage Cemetery.

**Pete "Petey" Worth Allen**, age 56, the father of **Pete Allen** of 5105 Old Mill Court and a former resident of Indian Springs Village, passed away on April 19. He died of pancreatic cancer, four months after the diagnosis. His son, Pete, and wife, Darnell, purchased the Allen home on Old Mill Court about three years ago when Mr. Allen moved to Vestavia. He was a life-long resident of the Birmingham area.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Church of Brook Hills. He was the owner of Birmingham Limb and Brace Company and Durable Medical Equipment. He was an avid hunter and motorcycle enthusiast.

Other survivors are his wife, Beverly Allen; another son, Kevin L. Allen, Birmingham; a daughter, Zillah M. Allen of Atlanta; the mothers of his children, Karyn Bowen and Shelly Miree, two grandchildren; a brother, Tom Allen and his wife, Sydnie, Birmingham.

The funeral service was Tuesday, April 23, at Ridout's Valley Chapel with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery. Villagers extend sympathy to the bereaved families.

### Get Well Soon Wishes

**Representative Mary Sue McClurkin** (District 40) is now at home being cared for by husband, Van, after surgery on Monday, May 6, at Shelby Baptist Medical Center for breast cancer. She underwent a single modified radical mastectomy and removal of some cancerous lymph nodes. Representative McClurkin urges other women to use self-examination--as she did-- and have regular mammograms to detect cancer early.

### Congratulations

**Andrew Rozsa**, age 15 and a 9th grader at Oak Mountain High School, placed second for the state in the Alabama Scholastic Individual Chess Championship Tournament held recently. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Rozsa (Regina), 170 Willow Ridge.

## Villager Is Honored at UAB

Michael E. Stephens of ISV received the honorary doctor of humanities degree at University of Alabama at Birmingham graduation ceremonies at Bartow Arena.

Stephens is president of S Enterprises, Inc., of Indian Springs and is known for his leadership in the rehabilitation industry. He founded the Lakeshore Foundation and ReLife, a company that merged with HealthSouth in 1994.

## Garden Club Propagates Plants

*By Del Levesque, Vice-President*

The Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee met at Marge Dunn's house where we toured her spacious yard and lovely gardens. We tried our hand at propagating roses and other cuttings brought for this purpose by members. This activity was followed by our regular business meeting during which time refreshments were served that included Marge's famous mint herb iced tea.

Members met at the town hall for a work session on May 2 to tidy up the gardens to prepare for summer plantings.

For our next meeting we've invited two neighboring garden clubs to join us for a plant exchange. This will be held at the Indian Springs town hall pavilion at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23. We'll each bring two potted established plants to talk about and trade. If you are interested, please join us as TOGETHER WE GROW!

## Visit the Railroad Garden

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Rudy and Jean Allarde have extended an invitation to the Garden Club and to all ISV residents who would like to attend to visit their Railroad Garden at 2115 Cahaba Valley Road Saturday, May 18, at 11:00.

The Chelsea and Connor Line, named for two of the Allardes' grandchildren, is 1450 feet of track laid out in front of the couple's residence. Three or four trains run on the track. This miniature railroad project was begun by Rudy Allarde in 1993, and has been the subject of numerous railroad garden shows, with its trees, plants, buildings, etc., alongside the track. Although many Villagers have viewed the garden privately, this is the first function to which the public is invited. Children are included in the invitation.

## Baker Garden on Display

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

The lush garden cultivated by Jean and Benton Baker of 4910 Winwood Circle was one of seven exceptional Birmingham area gardens on display May 4-5 as part of the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program. The program partially benefits the Birmingham Botanical Society.

The landscape architect initially engaged by the Bakers envisioned an Italian villa-inspired garden, and it is walled, located on a hillside, with a cascading waterfall. The water tumbles over stones and ends in a floating-ball fountain among the 59 species of plants and seasonal flowers. The Bakers' garden was the subject of a long article with pictures in *The Birmingham News* on April 27.