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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 20, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3, 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  
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Tricia Crapet, RealthSouth, for production

## A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The following article is from Chief Michael O'Connor of the North Shelby Fire and Medical Emergency District. Our Fire and Rescue people are so very important to our community, and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

As it has been a while since I have written a piece for *The Village Voice*, I sat down at the keyboard and thought of all that has happened since the last article. That article concerned the make-up of the fire district, area covered, and approximate number of residents. I explained the services we offer and encouraged everyone to be fire safe.

This year, things are different. The terrorist attack last September 11 has had a profound effect upon all of us. There are no words for the tragic loss of life of first responders and civilians. Professionally, the fire district responded to more "suspicious package" calls in a one-month period than we ever had. More time was spent evaluating threats that at one time seemed too distant to seriously affect us. Like everyone else, we dealt with what was occurring and tried to move forward.

February 1, 2002, was a special day at the fire department because we took delivery of a brand new fire engine. New fire engines used to take the gestational period of an elephant (two years) to deliver and cost as much as the national debt. The new engine is at Station No. 1 and has firefighting equipment on it that no other fire engine in the metro-Birmingham area has. It is called a Compressed Air Foam System, and it enables us to place four to five times the extinguishment agents on the fire with half the effort. (Fifty-two percent of the hose line is filled with air and foam instead of water.)

Personnel have been diligently training on this new method of fire extinguishment, including an acquired structure burn on March 8, 2002. CAFS has been around since 1938, having been developed for shipboard firefighting by the British.

The North Shelby Fire District is here to serve its citizens. We want you to take advantage of our non-emergency services, such as Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation training, free blood pressure checks at the fire stations; free smoke detectors (smoke detectors will get you out of the building before those "slime lime" fire trucks arrive), home inspections done on request; checking of blood pressure machines and glucometers, etc. Remember that 99% of what the fire district responds on is preventable—both fire and medical. An automobile accident caused by an inattentive driver who is speeding is just as preventable as an unattended grease fire. The common element in both equations is the human being. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Finally, I would just like to express my thanks to the community in the aftermath of September 11th. The outpouring of support from the community was incredible, and everyone at the fire district is appreciative.

# Town Council Highlights

## July 16, 2002

### By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Brian Stauss, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported on the following revenues: building permits, \$608; automobile licenses, \$867; beer taxes, \$1,148; July 4th proceeds, \$1,159; and road funds, \$1,119.24. The balance in the general fund was \$84,000. The road fund balance was \$57,200. The town has three certificates of deposits at a total of \$300,000 plus accrued interest.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilwoman Patricia Crapet and Councilman Herb Robins thanked all those who attended as well as those who volunteered for the Fourth of July celebration. Nora Boyett was presented with her award for the "Best Dessert" for 2002. The framed certificate, complete with town logo and seal, was signed by Mrs. Crapet and Mayor Gene Weingarten. Councilman Art Johnson reported that the recycling effort is going great, but volunteers are still needed, especially for trailering the collected cans to the recycling center. Councilman Brian Stauss stated that the KPS report would be posted on the ISV internet site as soon as it could be formatted for this purpose. Also reported was an upcoming article on the Village, which would be in the Shelby County section of the *Birmingham News*. Councilman Herb Robins reported that the Highway 119 turn lane project was still on hold pending a decision by the state Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the scope of work to be performed. Councilman Robins also reported that there was no word from the DOT regarding the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Highway 119 from 50 m.p.h. to 45 m.p.h. Councilman Robins is also checking on the status of the ISV signs which are to be installed on I-65 in the future.

Mayor Gene Weingarten reported that newly-retained town attorney, John Maderas, is presently working on enforcing certain zoning infractions along Cahaba Valley Road.

A proposal for rezoning was brought to the council, but because of a flaw in the notification process, the council found it inappropriate to act. All land owners within 500 feet were not notified, thus making the procedure "void out of initio." Zoning and Planning will re-do the notification process and re-submit the proposal to the council.

ISV residents David and Margaret Bishop were in attendance to request the re-paving of their road, Bishop Lane. According to residents, the narrow road, which has never been dedicated to the town or the county, is in need of major repairs and is dangerous to drive on. Residents state that re-surfacing, side work, and tree trimming are needed. Town engineer Marty Martin stated in a letter to the council that the road must not be accepted as a public road

by ISV until it is brought up to no less than the minimum standards as required by ISV subdivision regulations. Martin cited a recent lawsuit in Walker County where a similar road was accepted. A traffic accident with fatalities occurred, and because the road was found not to be of the minimum standards required, the municipality lost the suit. According to State of Alabama statute 11-52-34, municipalities are prohibited from doing work on non-dedicated roads. The Bishops stated that county officials, during the time of ISV's incorporation and subsequent elections, had stated that all county roads presently being serviced by the county would continue to be taken care of. After lengthy discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting so that county officials could be in attendance.

## August 6, 2002

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Brian Stauss, and Art Johnson present.

Mayor Gene Weingarten began the meeting with discussion of the disposition of Bishop Lane. A letter from town engineer Marty Martin wherein he advised the town not to accept the road until it is brought up to standards as outlined by ISV's subdivision regulations was discussed. The council voted unanimously by roll call vote to abide by Mr. Martin's recommendation and by the subdivision regulations. County officials were on hand and discussed with residents researching the history of the road to see if it was ever on the county's inventory for paving and repairs.

Several residents were in attendance to discuss the recent articles in the *Birmingham News* and *Shelby County Reporter* regarding the KPS comprehensive plan for the town. These residents were highly opposed to the proposal of a town square with shopping and a new town hall. Reasons cited were extra traffic and flooding of Bishop Creek. Town officials assured the residents that the KPS study was only a proposal, and that no decision had been made to implement the plan. Interested parties were urged to attend the next planning and zoning meeting which would be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2002. A public hearing is scheduled for September 10.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens resigned from his duties as Town Clerk effective October 1, 2002. Paul will remain a dedicated Villager and member of the Pothole Crew.

## **WANTED: TOWN CLERK**

### **For Indian Springs Village**

Preferably a citizen of the town, with a background in accounting and record keeping. Must be available to receive phone calls Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Attendance at Town Council meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday is required.

Training provided by Paul Stephens.

Contact Mayor Gene Weingarten: 988-5417



**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**and**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**of the**  
**Indian Springs Village**  
**Zoning and Planning Commission**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**North Shelby Library - First Floor Meeting Room**  
**5521 Cahaba Valley Road**

**TOPIC:**

**Review and potential recommendation**  
**of the adoption of a**  
**Comprehensive Plan for the**  
**Town of Indian Springs Village**

**All interested parties are urged to attend.**

A copy of proposed plan is included as an insert to *The Village Voice*.  
The plan is also available for viewing on the Indian Springs Village website:  
[www.IndianSpringsVillage.org](http://www.IndianSpringsVillage.org)





# Shelby County Schools

## 2002-2003 School Calendar



Columbiana AL 35051  
Telephone: 682-7000

**Board Members:**

Lee Doebler  
Steve Martin

H.C. (Trey) Ireland, III

Donna Morris

Allen E. Rice

**Superintendent**

Evan K. Major, Jr.

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July 4 (Thurs).....4<sup>th</sup> Of July Holiday (Offices Closed)

Aug 8 (Thurs) ..... New Teacher Orientation

Aug 9 (Fri) ..... New Teacher Orientation

Aug 12 (Mon) ..... Institute/Local School Workday (No Students)

Aug 13 (Tues) ..... Teacher Workday (No Students)

Aug 14 (Wed) ..... Schools Open (Full Day For Students)

..... 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Begins

Sept 2 (Mon)..... Labor Day (Schools & Offices Closed)

Sept 20 (Fri)..... Local Professional Development (No Students)

Oct 14 (Mon) ..... Parent Involvement Day (Schools In Session)

Nov 1 (Fri) ..... System Professional Development (No Students)

Nov 11 (Mon) ..... Veterans' Day (Schools & Offices Closed)

Nov 27-29 ..... Thanksgiving Holidays (Schools & Offices Closed)

Dec 20 (Fri) ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Ends, Students Dismissed At Noon

..... ½ Teacher Workday, Schools Close At 3:15 P.M.

Jan 6 (Mon)..... Teacher Workday (No Students)

Jan 7 (Tues) ..... Local Professional Development (No Students)

Jan 8 (Wed) ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins - Schools Reopen

Jan 20 (Mon)..... M.L. King Jr. Birthday (Schools & Offices Closed)

Mar 24-28 ..... Spring Break (Schools & Offices Closed)

Apr 18 (Fri)..... Inclement Weather Day (2<sup>nd</sup> To Be Used)

Apr 21 (Mon)..... Inclement Weather Day (1<sup>st</sup> To Be Used)

May 22 (Thurs) ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Ends, Schools Close At 3:00 P.M.

..... Graduation

May 23 (Fri) ..... Teacher Workday (No Students)

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**TESTING DATES**

July 22-26, 2002 ..... Graduation Examinations

First 4 Weeks of School ..... Alabama Assessments K-2

September 23-27, 2002 ..... Graduation Examinations

December 2-6, 2002 ..... Graduation Examinations

February 4, 2003 ..... AL Direct Assessment of Writing: Grades 5 & 7

March 10-14, 2003 ..... Graduation Examinations

April 7-11, 2003 ..... Norm Referenced Tests (TBA)

**REPORT CARD PERIODS**

9 weeks end	# days	Cards Sent Home
October 15	43	October 21
December 20	43	January 10
March 12	44	March 21
May 22	45	May 30*

\*Some schools may hand deliver report cards on the last day of school. All others will be mailed on May 30, 2003.

Dates of school holidays are indicated by red numbers. Dates of institute, professional development, and teacher workdays are indicated by (red) circles. Red squares indicate inclement weather make-up days.

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## No August Aluminum Recycling

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place No. 4

There will be no recycling in August. Please save your recycling for next month. Please remember that ISV collects only aluminum for recycling. Please take other recycling (e.g., newspaper, cardboard, recyclable plastic, and steel cans) to Heardmont Park.

The recycling team welcomes two new members, Paula and Clayton Lynch. Thank you very much for volunteering, and many thanks to Trudy and Paul Skokol for recruiting Paula and Clayton.

In July your recycling team volunteers were Paula and Clayton Lynch, Margie and Herb Robins, Pat and Russ Favorite, Bryan Bidy and Art Johnson. For more information recycling, or if you would like to volunteer for the recycling team, please call 988-3217.

## KPS Study Results Online

By Brian Stauss, Town Council Place No. 3

The KPS report summarizing their recommendations for the Indian Springs Village Long Range Plan is now available online at [www.indianspringsvillage.org](http://www.indianspringsvillage.org). The report is 52 pages long. There are two versions available for download. The full report with graphics is a 5.6MB file. A high-speed line such as cable modem, DSL or T-1 is recommended to download the file (approximate download time is 4 minutes). On a 56K dialup, the download will take 100 minutes, and on a 28K dialup, 200 minutes. A text only version of the report requires 10 seconds to download via high speed line, and 4 to 8 minutes via dialup. Check the website home page for more information. This report will be discussed at the public hearing on September 10. Jot down your questions and bring them to the public hearing--all ISV residents are invited.

## Missionary Trip to Be Topic

By Marge Dunn/Del Levesque

A presentation by Garden Club member Laura Jones concerning her recent missionary trip to Peru with a medical mission team from UAB will be the topic of the August meeting. (Our August meeting is Aug. 22, the usual fourth Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., town hall.)

Our July meeting was a very interesting presentation on bluebirds and local trails of nesting boxes. We discussed the need for bluebird nesting boxes at the town hall.

In spite of the terribly hot and dry weather, the flowers around the town hall are flourishing with blossoms. The gardens in back are especially colorful. It is very rewarding for the club members to see such beauty develop as a result of our team effort. We each brought plants from our own gardens and carefully "sewed" them together in the "garden quilt" we dreamed about. We are grateful for the sprinkler system, and for the compliments so many Villagers have sent out way. "Come and grow with us!" Call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029.

## Letters to the Editor:

**Vol-un-teeer:** A person who voluntarily undertakes a service or duty.

We moved to Indian Springs because we loved the atmosphere that it offered as it is now. It's a wonderful feeling to come home and feel like you are a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of the city, yet you have everything you need within a few miles. Politics is what has ruined most small towns across the nation. People are moving here now because they like what they see now. If we get into trying to become a "city," raising taxes, expanding in annexing property strictly for a tax base and growth, then Indian Springs has lost its focus.

I feel that most residents of Indian Springs have that volunteer spirit about them. Some volunteer through the town, some through the schools, and some through other meaningful organizations. As President Bush has said: "Each person should perform at least 4,000 hours of some kind of community service in a life time." If you are not volunteering now, now is the time to step forward. Please don't say that this town can't continue to run with volunteers. This town was built on the work of volunteers. If this town remained the same for the next 100 years I would still love it the same. It all boils down to respect for your neighbors, friends, and mankind. Follow your heart, not your pocket. Sometimes we all need to get back to the basics and really learn to love simplicity of life.

Sincerely,

*Dawn Thornton, Miller Circle*

## From the Garden Club on Recycling

*This letter was presented to town council at their Tuesday, July 16 meeting. Permission was given to reprint it in The Village Voice.*

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

At one of our recent meetings the topic of recycling in the village came up. It was recalled that at one time Villagers were invited and encouraged to bring cans and plastic to a bin behind the football stadium at Heardmont Park. Initially there was a white container with separate doors for plastic and cans, even though on the inside everything fell together.

Later, a green container appeared that read "Newspapers and cardboard only." Villagers who approached this particular container with plastic and cans had to wonder. Sometimes the container was full, so Villagers left bags outside on the ground. Then a sign appeared asking that this not be the practice.

As of Sunday, July 14, there is a green container that is not labeled at all. Inside the contents are a mess of paper, plastic, and cans.

The membership has a special concern for the environment, so we are wondering what the status is on recycling in the Village.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marge Dunn, President; Del Levesque, Vice-President*

*Editor's note: Shelby County Environmental Services was called and asked if a number could not be given for citizens to call if the bins were overflowing. The reply was that an employee checks bins on a regular basis and cannot answer individual calls.*



## OMHS Band Plans Book Sale

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Saturday, August 17, at Heardmont Park on Highway 119 is the date for the big sale of books from *Southern Living*. Books such as *Southern Living Annual Recipes 2002*, *Cooking Light Annual Recipes 2002*, *First Light: Devotional and Journal for Women*, *Southern Living* gardening books and others will be sold at discounts to you--cash or checks only. Hours are from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the big sale will benefit the Oak Mountain High School Band. For additional information please call Glenn Stephenson at 445-5555.



Krista Stephenson (band member) and Glenn Stephenson (president of the Oak Mountain High School Band Boosters) are preparing for the upcoming book sale to be held Saturday, August 17, at Heardmont Park.

## NS Library Book Sale Successful

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Friends of the North Shelby Library, in conjunction with Atlanta-based Scholastic Book Fairs, held a summer book sale July 29-Aug. 3 at tremendous savings to buyers. Lewis Wilson, Vice-President of the Friends organization, reported that \$500. was realized by the Friends to benefit the library.

## Art and Bart--Get Well Soon!

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"Pothole Crew" member Bart Trammell and Councilman Art Johnson both need our sympathy and get-well wishes. Bart is now at home after being hospitalized with blood clots in his lungs and additional complications. Art suffered a dislocated shoulder and broken arm near the shoulder when he slipped outside the Red Lobster on an evening after a heavy rain. He can manage the computer keyboard at work with one hand, but with difficulty. Wife Connie says Bart is anxious to get well; the Alabama football season begins Aug. 31.

## Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn and Jana Hagan

### In Memoriam

**Bertie T. Gilbert**, the mother of **Lewis Marshall Gilbert** of Indian Springs, passed away at a nursing home in Tennessee on Saturday, July 27. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Lloyd Gilbert of Palmerdale.

Delores Gilbert, her daughter-in-law, said that two other sons survive: Charles E. and his wife, Betty, of Birmingham and Rodney C. and his wife, Karen, of Nashville; also five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The deceased was a resident of Mount Royal Towers, Homewood, until about a year ago when she broke her hip. She was 93 years old.

Our sympathy is also extended to **John William Brown** of 5101 Cahaba Valley Rd., Indian Springs, on the tragic death of a grandson, **John Larkin Stephens**, age 17. John was killed in a car accident Monday night, August 5. A senior at Homewood High School, he was a varsity pitcher for the Patriots and an honor student. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Stephens of Homewood. Funeral services were August 8, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, with burial in Southern Heritage Cemetery.

### Newcomers to Indian Springs

The Homestead Subdivision welcomes new neighbor **Anthony Marino**, who has resided at 5108 Hollow Log Lane for about a month.

**David and Rhonda Freeman** and daughter **Brittany**, who will be 16 in September, moved to Indian Crest Drive from Heatherwood. Brittany, a cheerleader, is involved in many school affairs at Oak Mountain High School.

David, a graduate of Auburn, is Vice-President of Hoar Construction. A graduate of Samford University, Rhonda is Children's Minister at Green Valley Baptist Church, Hoover, and also teaches piano at home. David and Rhonda are both from Birmingham and attended Fairfield High. Rhonda said they had always loved this area and wanted to move closer to the high school.

A family of four are the residents at 2476 Indian Crest Drive in the Mountain Cove area. They are **Dr. Joel Kent Cure and Nancy Ann Cure**, plus Tyler, a 9th grader at Altamont, and Nicole, enrolled in Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah, GA.

Dr. Cure is an interventional neuroradiologist at the University of Alabama Medical Center. His medical degree is from the University of Massachusetts. Nancy Ann abandoned her career in banking when "the children came along." The family is from Charleston, SC.

We hope the new residents will be happy in the Village.