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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1, 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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## Villagers Give Opinions About KPS Plan

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

An overflowing crowd in the meeting room of the North Shelby Library on September 10 heard 35 citizens of Indian Springs Village give their opinions about the comprehensive plan formulated by KPS Group for consideration by the town's Zoning and Planning Commission. Almost all opposed the plan, or parts of it. But many in opposition agreed that a plan was needed. Several suggested having Villagers work in small groups and formulate a plan tailored for ISV.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance and a statement of procedure by Chairman Jerry Templeton, who reminded all that this was the start of a process of hearings concerning the plan and that none of the eight members of the Commission had predetermined opinions; all are volunteers who take the responsibility of planning for the town very seriously. A slide presentation by Darrell Meyer of KPS Group was very informative. The two and a half hour meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

The first order of business was consideration of a subdivision request application on property located at 877 Indian Crest Drive. The Commission approved by a 4-2 vote to subdividing 8.6 acres from a 26-acre plot owned by Jenevora Van Pelt.

## Comments From the Commissioner

By Lindsey Allison, Shelby County Commission

As the city of Indian Springs struggles with its future and the planning process, a faded memory was renewed by the approval of a new \$14.5 million county jail to be built in the next two years. Of interest to taxpayers, the county commission will pay cash for the new facility. This is not to infer that the county treasury is rolling in the bucks. In fact, financial planning for this project, as well as many others currently in place or planned for the future, grew out of the county's disastrous situation in 1992. Some may recall the default on a \$42.5 million bond issue for the county water and sewer system; an incomplete courthouse riddled with legal proceedings; the city of Birmingham's bid to purchase the water and sewer system for ten cents on a dollar so that they would control our growth; and the county preparing a bankruptcy petition to seek relief from its woes. In November 1992 the new county commissioners' inaugural resolution was to borrow \$170,000.00 to meet payroll. The county treasury had a zero balance at that time.

Today the county has an annual balanced budget. There is no debt (over \$50 million has been repaid over eight years—with a special designated one-cent sales tax, which has since been removed). The county has not borrowed any money in the past ten years. The commission maintains a reserve of 15 percent of the general fund for emergencies. The county's credit rating has been restored.

This did not occur overnight, and it did not occur because some nice people sat around and willed such. In 1992 commissioners, business leaders, city governments, and citizens demanded better government. It came about with planning, not just financial planning, but growth projections, analysis of needed services, time standards, and cost. The county planning department, along with regional agencies, citizens groups, and the business chambers interjected proposals and possibilities. The county commissioners accepted many of their ideas. The important thing is that all vested entities talked and participated in the process. Collective heads forged a future. After 10 years, the efforts of those in 1992 and 1993 have paid many dividends for the county. (continued on page 3)

## Town Council Highlights August 20, 2002

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 20, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Stewart Dudley, Herb Robins, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present. The minutes of the July 16 and August 6 town council meetings were adopted as corrected.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues for the past month as follows: Charter Communications (quarterly payment) \$3,599; beer taxes \$1,116; building permits \$85; aluminum can recycling \$102; vehicle tags \$90; vehicle licenses \$466. The general fund balance is \$82,881. Road fund receipts totaled \$994, with a balance in the road fund of \$58,228. The KPS Group, which has been paid \$24,000, is owed only about \$200; other than that, "Everything we owe has been paid," the town clerk reported.

Mayor Weingarten said he has received inquiries from three or four who were interested in the town clerk position, Mr. Stephens having resigned from his duties effective October 1, 2002. Anyone interested in serving in this position should call the mayor.

Because Councilman Art Johnson suffered a broken upper arm and dislocated left shoulder in a fall, aluminum can collection for recycling has been canceled for August.

Brian Stauss reported that all KPS Group documents were now on the village's website, [www.indianspringsvillage.org](http://www.indianspringsvillage.org). Several Zoning and Planning Commission documents for updating the website had been received from Jerry Templeton, Chairman.

Councilman Herb Robins reported on results of conversations he had had with Gary Ray, Shelby County Engineer: the promised directional signs for Indian Springs Village to be placed at the Exit 246 ramps have not been received. The Highway 119 turnlane proposal, which turned out to be more detailed than anticipated by the Highway Department, is still "on hold." Traffic signals at designated intersections in Indian Springs Village, promised sometime ago--this project is still "on hold."

Regarding the request by Indian Springs Village for lowering the speed limit through the village from 50 to 45 miles per hour, Mr. Ray said that field work would be completed and a report prepared by Labor Day, September 2.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Department has bought two speed flashers for placement in the county. One will be placed along Highway 119 in Indian Springs Village on a temporary basis. The flashers digitally register the speed of vehicles as they approach. The usual result is a voluntary reduction in speed by vehicle drivers.

Kathryn Harrington recalled a previous request that *The Village Voice* be more specific in reporting the agenda for town council meetings. Describing the agenda as published as "too generic," she said it should offer enough information for citizens to determine whether matters of interest to them would be brought up at the next council meeting. She suggested also that a section be added which listed upcoming petitions to the Zoning and Planning Commission.

Jerry Templeton, Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Commission and commission members have planned the procedure for the September 10, 2002, meeting at the North Shelby Library ground floor meeting room. This is the starting point for a formal "hearing" of citizens' reactions to the document prepared by KPS

Group giving suggestions for long-range planning for Indian Springs Village. The document was distributed as part of the August 13, 2002 *Village Voice* for citizens to read and study prior to the meeting. Questions are encouraged at the meeting, but must be made within a pre-determined time limit.

A petition for re-zoning property owned by Nadine Knighten at 2626 Valleydale Road and filed by Tom Jackson was tabled until the October 1, 2002 town council meeting to allow time for proper notification procedures.

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### NOTICE OF RE-ZONING APPLICATION

The town of Indian Springs Village has been asked to approve a re-zoning application to re-zone the property at 2626 Valleydale Road from E-1 single family to O-I preferred commercial. Applicant is Tom Jackson and the property owner is Nadine Knighten. The property is located adjacent to and on the west side of the LakeView Estates Assisted Living facility on the north side of Valleydale Road.

A previous hearing was held on that property by the Planning and Zoning Commission on August 13, 2002. Their vote was 4 to 3 in favor of the re-zoning request. The chairman reported their recommendation to the town council at the August 20, 2002 council meeting. Under the Code of Alabama, the town council will hold a public hearing to consider the request at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Tuesday, October 1, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

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## Town Council Highlights September 3, 2002

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 3, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. In the absence of Mayor Gene Weingarten, who was out of town, the meeting was presided over by Councilman Herb Robins. Present were councilpersons Patricia Crapet and Brian Stauss. Due to the lack of a quorum, there was no town business conducted.

Councilman Herb Robins re-stated that the turn lane project on Cahaba Valley Road is still being analyzed by the State of Alabama Department of Transportation to determine whether the project needs a status upgrade. The Indian Springs Village signs have been erected on I-65 at both the north and south bound exits onto Cahaba Valley Road at exit # 246. Councilman Brian Stauss reported that the website is being updated and new documents are being added.

There was discussion about the upcoming ISV Planning and Zoning hearing on the proposed comprehensive plan that was published in the August issue of *The Village Voice*. Planning and Zoning Chairman Jerry Templeton distributed a copy of the agenda for the hearing and a copy of the rules under which the hearing will be governed.

## Commissioner's Comments

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However, the planning, discussions, and debate have not stopped. The county has spent the last 18 months with community involvement in drafting a Long Range Plan. The Greater Shelby Chamber is paralleling the county efforts with five specific initiatives to prepare for the future.

Turning to Indian Springs. For the past year our city leaders have engaged KPS Group and the citizens to discuss our future. The city was organized after incorporation on October 16, 1990. The thought was that the citizens should have a greater say and more control over the surrounding land use. As a general statement, Indian Springs has done much over the past dozen years. However, the issue to be resolved—are we in a position to continue to do such for the future? Does our citizenry accept more or different objectives? Is the city currently in a position to meet the citizens' goals and desires?

Many of these questions can only be answered by the citizens of Indian Springs. In 1990 we got what we asked for, a city formed to control our own destiny. What is our destiny today? I encourage you to participate in the planning process. It is important to our city to plan for our future. I have experienced first hand over the past 10 years with county government the benefit of planning. It can work for our city.

## Aluminum Recycling - Sept. 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place No. 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. To help 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 trash pickup. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

## Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

These building permit requests for August were approved. They are listed by address, applicant, request:  
5212 Caldwell Mill Rd., Ice Cream, Inc., new building  
Lot 12, Mountain View, Dobbs Realty, new house.

## NS Library Hours Increase

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Beginning October 6 the North Shelby Library will again be open on Sunday, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., increasing the hours open from 40 to 44 per week. The announcement was made by Michael Jones, Library Director. The new library hours:

Monday-Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## Letter to the Editor

### New Plan for City Is Great!

I hated to see our community portrayed in the *Birmingham News* as a community divided! Just because some of our leaders are visionary enough to look at community development, propose some progressive ideas, and hold healthy debate, doesn't mean we are a community divided. We are a healthy community struggling with growing pains. We have the option to take control of the development rather than defensively try to stop it. Change and development will come, when you live in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. Healthy debate, which we have, and information to residents, which we have, are all part of a process of democratic government. Thanks to our leaders for helping us look toward choices for our future rather than pretending we can fend it off.

Paula Baran

356 Signal Trail, Indian Springs

## Health Programs Scheduled

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Dr. Cherie Johnson of the Chiropractor/Acupuncture Center on Cahaba Valley Road near Highway 280 has scheduled three programs on health topics at the North Shelby Library. Free to the public, all last about 30 minutes and begin at 5:00 p.m.

On September 17 she will talk about learning disorders and how you can help your child; on September 24 the topic will be ways to relieve stress in your life. The first topic on Sept. 10 concerned attention deficit and hyperactive disorders.

## Eagle Scout Projects for NSL

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Steve Zerkis of Indian Springs, a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Shelby Library, has sent information concerning Boy Scouts who are volunteering at the North Shelby Library as part of their efforts to earn the highest scouting rank of Eagle Scout.

Young men trying to attain this level must complete a civic project in which they create a proposal and work plan that describe the project and how it will be beneficial to the organization. After receiving approval from that organization, they raise funds to buy the materials needed and perform the work.

Phillip Gallet, son of Alain and Sandra Gallet of 1630 Wingfield Drive, 35242, has just completed his Eagle Scout project. He constructed a walkway from the parking lot to the rear patio. To do that he had to clear and prepare the ground, lay a series of round stepping stones, edge the pathway on both sides with cement rounds, and then put down a layer of pebbles to complete the path. The pathway will make the patio much more accessible and will help in correcting a drainage problem.

Dan Friday, son of Ken and Carolyn Fiday of 5323 Mountain Park Circle, Indian Springs, has just made his presentation to the library board for landscaping in two areas in front of the library. His plan was approved. The next step is for him to raise the funds for the shrubs and materials needed so he can start work this fall.

## Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Patricia Crapet, and Jana Hagan

### In Memoriam

Long-time resident **Jack Van Pelt** died peacefully in his sleep on August 12. He was 95. He leaves his wife, Jenevora, and caretakers, Jeff and Catherine Fagan.

A visionary leader, Mr. Van Pelt was instrumental in bringing water to Indian Springs, for the creation of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District, and arranging financing of the three fire stations. He urged incorporation for the area as far back as the early 1980's.

An executive with experience in accounting firms, water and gas utilities, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Mr. Van Pelt came to Birmingham in 1958 as comptroller for Vulcan Materials, retiring from that firm in 1973.

In 1959 he purchased 80 acres on the ridge of Indian Crest Drive. Some of his land he later sold to developers and some was donated to benefit the county and the new town of Indian Springs Village. Prior to his passing he was making arrangements to build a house on his property for the caretakers, who will continue to be with Mrs. Van Pelt.

By pre-arrangement, his body was donated for research to the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

**Margaret Black**, age 73, of Helena, succumbed to a sudden illness in St. Vincent's Hospital on Wednesday, August 7. Her funeral was at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel, Pelham, with burial at Jefferson Memorial Gardens, Hoover.

Mrs. Black was the mother of Jan Gibson of Indian Springs and had lived with Jan and her son-in-law, Richard, at 180 Indian Forest Road.

Other survivors include a son, Curtis Black of Helena, and four grandchildren, Eric, Jason, and Robyn Gibson, Tara Davenport and her husband, Brian, of Montevallo; one great-grandchild and various nieces and nephews.

A life-long Shelby County resident, she had many friends in the valley, having grown up with the Bishop and Street and other families who were early settlers.

**Willard Nelson Bonds**, age 87, who lived in Quail Run but is known and endeared to many Villagers, was involved in an accident with an 18-wheeler on August 19 on Highway 5 near Selma, AL, while en route to Mobile. An early riser, Mr. Bonds had left home around 4:00 a.m. The accident occurred a little after 6:00 a.m., after which Mr. Bonds was air lifted to UAB Medical Center. His death occurred around 3:00 a.m. the next morning, according to his daughter, Aletha Bonds Watley, who lived with her husband John on Pawnee Lane in Indian Springs for several years before moving to Inverness.

Mr. Bonds was co-owner and co-founder of Bonds Brothers Supply Co., established in 1948 with his brothers Lowell and Earl Bonds. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the Army Air Corps in the 25th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron with eight Pacific campaigns. He was a member of Christ Church United Methodist, Caldwell Mill Road, and a 65 year member of the Masons.

Funeral services were Thursday, Aug. 22, at Ridout's Southern Heritage with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Other survivors include another daughter, Catherine B. Crapet, also of Quail Run, and her husband, Anthony, who is the brother of Michael Crapet of Indian Springs, four grandchildren, three great-children, a brother and two sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

### Newcomers to the Village

**William O., Sr., and Cynthia Ball** have moved to 648 New Hope Mountain Road in the Mountain Cove area with their four little boys. **William**, 9, **Jordan**, 7, and **Andrew**, 5, all attend Briarwood Christian Elementary School off Acton Road, while **Brandon**, 3, stays home with Mom. Cynthia first described herself as a stay-home mom, but amended that to say she stays in the car a lot with four active boys.

William and Cynthia are both from Mississippi. They lived in close-by Sunny Meadows, then back to Gulfport, then to suburban Atlanta, then here. She loves to garden. William is Vice-President of Transmission Planning at Southern Company.

### Wedding Bells

**Leigh Anne Bishop**, daughter of Anne and Brad Bishop of Indian Springs, was united in marriage recently to John Cecil Patterson, Jr., whose parents are Ruby and Frank Ingram of Hoover and Sue and John Patterson of Calera. The ceremony took place in Niagara Falls, NY.

Both are graduates of Berry High School. She earned degrees at Samford University (bachelor of arts) and New York University (master's), and he received his B.F.A. degree from Montevallo. The bride is self-employed in New York as a video and television producer, and he is self-employed as a photographer. The couple reside in Rhinebeck, NY.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Andrew Rozsa**, son of Dr. Andrew and Regina Rozsa of 170 Willow Ridge Dr., a sophomore at Oak Mountain High School, who represented Birmingham in the U.S. Youth Games in New Jersey in August. Andrew brought home a silver medal in chess and a gold medal from Academic Bowl competition. He was honored by the Birmingham City Council and awarded the Robert Scott Award by the Mayor for outstanding male participant.

## Wildlife Center Needs Volunteers

The next training session for new volunteers is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. To receive your volunteer information packet please call 663-7930.

## Alabama Genealogical Society

Pre-registration deadline is Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, for a seminar on genealogical research to be held Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Alabama State Capitol Auditorium in Montgomery, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For additional information contact Jyl Hardy, President, by phone at 9967-4631 or e-mail: [jilhardy@bellsouth.net](mailto:jilhardy@bellsouth.net).

## Villager Profile: Laura Jones and Her Mission Trip to Peru

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Back in February when Laura Jones attended a Global Impact Conference she felt the need to go on a short mission to use her talents to help those less fortunate and to spread the gospel, as Christians are charged to do. The idea was not unfamiliar as her mother and her brother- and sister-in-law had been on mission trips.

Her first thought was her husband Wayne and their three children, Allie, 5, Sierra, 3, and Winn, who was then barely a year old. Who would take care of them in her absence? No problem, Wayne assured her. As it turned out, he took vacation time from law practice and took the children to visit his parents at their beach condominium while Laura was gone the eight days. Wayne's parents are Villagers Don and Anita Jones.

The goal of the mission trip was to plant churches in the village of Almalta, Peru. They worked with one family, a pastor and his wife, Houvanal and Kattie, and their two children. The object was to get people in the community to start churches in their homes, just as early Christians did, and to train leaders.

The whole team of 42 was originally scheduled to go to Venezuela, but a political coup that took place about one month before the planned departure reduced the number to ten. The ten fulfilled the church's five-year mission commitment with Venezuela, where the churches established there on previous trips are thriving and doing well.

In the meanwhile Houvanal and Kattie had been praying for help for their village of Almalta.

The Shades Mountain Baptist Church teamed with Global Missions Fellowship, and the other 32 slated for the mission trip to Venezuela wound up going to Almalta.

The 32 ran a clinic and planted two churches with their medical and evangelism teams. On the medical team were three doctors, three nurses, one dentist, two pharmacists, and eye specialists. There was also a children's team, that played with the children of the village, and an evangelism team.

One of the doctors on the team of dermatologists, pediatricians and OB-GYN specialists was Laura's sister-in-law, Lauree, a pediatrician, on the mission trip along with her husband Don and one of their four children, Luke, age 9. The Don Jones, Jr. family lives at Altadena. Their three other children stayed home with Lauree's mother, but the parents felt the experience of learning that others in the world are not as fortunate as children in the USA would be good for Luke, who was a member of the children's team.

Don Jones, Jr., a self-employed landscape architect, was the supervisor and leader of the group. He and Lauree had made a similar trip together last year. Also on the evangelism team were Lillian and Bobby Culpepper of Pelham.

The city of Lima, Peru, is very beautiful and very modern, Laura said. But as you travel further out, "there is poverty you wouldn't believe," such as dirt or cement floors, no plumbing, or running water. The team stayed in a five-star hotel, but certainly not five-star by American standards.

Laura, a graduate of the School of Nursing at the University of Alabama in Birmingham (where she met Wayne) is a nurse at the University of Alabama Hospital and also works in gyn-oncology

(cancer) research. She is enrolled again in the School of Nursing to further her training.

In Almalta Laura worked with the two other nurses. Their job was to see patients, take their blood pressure and other vital signs, weigh the children, hear their complaints, and refer them to the doctor who would be able to treat their ailments, the dentists or the eye team. Translators were needed: those seeking help spoke only Spanish and sometimes in a dialect of Inca heritage difficult to understand. Laura said that after awhile she had learned the Spanish equivalent of many familiar ailments.

Their working area was inside a community center which was built of brick. Bathroom facilities were non-existent, the toilet being a toilet seat placed on top of a large bucket. The clinic was open from 10:00 a.m. until the last patient was seen, usually around 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and was closed at night.

The coming of the mission group had been announced Monday over a loud-speaker mounted on a truck, and an overwhelming number were waiting the second day for the clinic to open. Villagers often stood in line for hours to be helped. The medical team saw over 300 patients per day, and were limited in the amount of care they could give. For example, tooth extractions were about all the dentists had time to do, as rotten teeth were common. Most of the ailments were based on poor nutrition and hygiene. Anemia, lice, intestinal parasites, joint aches and pains were common, and a lot of vitamins, cold medicines, non-narcotic pain-relievers, and antibiotics were distributed. Women carried their babies on their backs in blankets. Despite the abject poverty, the villagers have a smiling countenance and are very friendly and appreciative.

About 50 to 75 of the patients who had been treated each day came back that night for small group Bible study. Through interpreters Bible lessons were taught and the evangelism team witnessed their faith and explained why they were there. The people were very receptive and very hungry for the Word of God.



Laura Jones and her interpreter, Elizabeth, question a mother and her children about their ailments at a clinic set up in Almalta, Peru.

In retrospect, Laura said she was cold most of the time she was there. In June it was winter in Peru, and cloudy and gloomy with the temperature hovering in the 60's all the time and mists coming off the ocean at night bringing high humidity. She had worked very hard, seeing approximately 1,500 patients. It was good to be back at home at 230 New Hope Mountain Road. But it was a wonderful experience and she would like to go back.

## Alabama Symphony Orchestra: 9-11 Remembered

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In remembrance of September 11, 2001, the Alabama Symphony Orchestra was scheduled to lead a variety of acts in an event at the Oak Mountain Amphitheatre on Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Special recognition was planned to honor public safety personnel, veteran, reserve, and active duty members of the military services and emergency management services.

Also to perform on the main stage with the ASO were the popular Birmingham folk group Three on a String, the Elvin Hill Singers and a large community chorus for a patriotic program.

## Gateway Concert Series to Be Held at Indian Springs School

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Alabama Symphony Orchestra's newest concert series--the Gateway Series--will be held on five Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. October through May in the acoustically-acclaimed Concert Hall at Indian Springs School.

The Gateway Series features the classical music you know and love, combined with insightful commentary by Music Director Richard Westerfield and Associate Conductor Christopher Confessore. The concerts are designed specifically for audiences who want to learn more about classical music in an informal, relaxed setting.

The concerts will feature solos by the ASO's own principal musicians, including David Pandolfi, french horn; Daniel Szasz and Cahlin Lupanu, violin, and James Sullivan, oboe. Programming for this brand-new series includes Brahms *Haydn Variations*, Bach *Concerto for two violins*, Gershwin *Rhapsody in Blue*, Vaughan Williams *Oboe Concerto*, Beethoven *Symphony No. 5* and many more.

Single ticket prices are \$18 and \$28. You can save over 20 percent by purchasing season tickets--five concerts for only \$70 or \$110. Call the ASO Box Office at 251-7727 for information and to purchase tickets.

Marcy Williams of ASO has announced the lineup:

### October 4 & 5, 2002

Richard Westerfield, conductor  
David Pandolfi, french horn

#### Music & Form

BRAHMS *Haydn Variations*  
MOZART *Horn Concerto no. 4*  
SCHUMANN *Symphony No. 1 "Spring"*

### January 31 & February 1, 2003

Richard Westerfield, conductor  
Daniel Szasz, violin  
Cahlin Lupanu, violin

## Garden Club Has Poolside Meet

By Marge Dunn, President

In August we enjoyed our monthly meeting at Stewart Dudley's pool facility. After a refreshing swim we were treated to a tour of his beautiful yard and gardens. It is very evident that our councilman acquired from his mother Frances a green thumb and a love for gardening.

We enjoyed a salad potluck supper at the comfortable poolside cabana. It was a pleasure to have three guests join us for the evening: Susan Kelley, Ginny Lusk's daughter visiting here from the Boston, MA, area, and two Villagers, Jennifer Bondi and Linda McCullough.

A presentation by club member Laura Jones on her missionary trip to Peru\* was enjoyed by all. In June she went with a group from her Shades Mountain Baptist Church to a rural area near Lima to evangelize and give medical aid to the Peruvians. Her scrap books illustrated details of their efforts and working conditions.

During our brief business meeting it was reported that a bluebird house had been donated by Patsy Scott, a bluebird trail caretaker who recently made a slide presentation to our group. The bluebird house will be posted in the town hall yard this fall in preparation for next year's nesting season.

Our next gathering will be Thursday, September 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy and Ron Luster for a covered dish dinner for members and their spouses/guests. No business meeting will be held that evening. \* (Editor's note: See p. 5, Villager Profile)

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#### Music & Fairies

PURCELL "The Fairy Queen"  
BACH Concerto for two violins  
WEBER "Oberon" Overture  
HAYDN Symphony No. 60

### February 21 & 22, 2003

Christopher Confessore, conductor  
Anthony Pattin, piano

#### Music & Jazz

MILHAUD *La Creation du Monde*  
GERSHWIN *Rhapsody in Blue*  
BERNSTEIN *Fancy Free*

### April 18 & 19, 2003

Christopher Confessore, conductor  
James Sullivan, oboe

#### Music & Royals

ELGAR "Froissart" Concert Overture  
VAUGHN WILLIAMS *Oboe Concerto*  
FINZI *A Severn Rhapsody*  
BRITTEN *Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Purcell*

### May 8 & 9, 2003

Richard Westerfield, conductor  
The Chagall Trio

#### Music & Blockbusters

BEETHOVEN *Triple Concerto*  
BEETHOVEN *Symphony No. 5*