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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 17, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Comprehensive Plan Update
- 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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## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE FOURTH of JULY CELEBRATION

# Friday, July 4, 2003



### *Come Celebrate Freedom!*

*Display the Flag in Front of Your Home  
Decorated Vehicles Parade Through the Village at 10:30 a.m.*

**Picnic Location:** Indian Springs Village Picnic Pavilion  
2635 Cahaba Valley Road

**Independence Day Ceremony:** Guest Speakers, Flag Raising and  
Pledge of Allegiance beginning at 11:30 a.m.

**Barbecue Lunch:** Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

Barbecue plates for adults and for children. Plates will include chopped barbecue pork, barbecued ribs or chicken, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks, and homemade desserts. Combination plates are available with chicken and your choice of ONE of the pork selections. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks available for younger children.

*Donations to the ISV Environmental Fund will apply.*

**Prize for the "BEST HOME-MADE DESSERT"**

**Music:** Provided by disc jockey Ray Halvorson, who will be playing a mixture of patriotic and popular music.

# Preparation for the Celebration

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2*

**Decoration Committee:** This year the co-chairpersons of the decoration committee are once again Buzz and Nelda Kelly. Please call 733-1258 to volunteer your ideas, time, and materials for this very important committee. The decorating will begin the morning of the 4th, starting at 7:00 a.m. There is so much work to be done, including blowing up balloons with helium, dressing tables with festive patriotic decorations and colors, and putting up the red, white, and blue bunting on the pavilion and house. Any and all help is needed and is greatly appreciated!

**Food and Serving Committee:** The duties of serving the hungry masses belong once again to Councilman Herb Robins (980-9217) and wife, Margie. Please call them to donate one hour of your time for one of the serving lines or to help with ticket sales. The two shifts will be from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is THE committee to serve on if you want to be able to see old friends and neighbors and meet new ones!

**Barbecue Committee:** Barbecue chefs are now, and have always been, Town Clerk Paul Stephens (988-4672) and Bart Trammell (988-0094). Please call either one to volunteer for this committee. Their gourmet secret sauces are the best there is! So far, no one has been able to coax the secret recipes out of these members of the Pothole Crew. This year probably will not be any different. But, if you don't volunteer, you'll never know!

**Desserts:** Always the favorite aspect of our event is the dessert competition, chaired by last year's winner and famous ISV cake and cookie baker, Nora Boyett. Be among those who bring their best home-baked recipes to share with friends and neighbors. **For the second year, there will be special recognition for the "Best Home-Made Dessert."** Be the first to win what will most likely become one of ISV's most coveted awards! Cookies, cakes, brownies, cobblers, and many other tasty offerings will be supplied in record amounts. Nothing that requires refrigeration, please, unless you bring your own cooler. The hot weather can make a mess of a cool masterpiece in no time! Please call Nora at 988-0466 to volunteer your culinary skills.

**Drive Through the Village:** Parade Chairperson is Tricia Crapet (985-9205) Participants are asked to assemble their decorated vehicles on the east side of the Winn-Dixie Marketplace parking lot on Valleydale Road at 10:00a.m.

Newly elected Sheriff Chris Curry, along with his family, will lead the parade through the Village. The firefighters of the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District will bring up the rear with sirens blaring! The parade is an ISV tradition. If you have never participated, you are definitely missing a real thrill! If you think watching a parade can be fun, just wait until you **are** the parade!

**Parade Route:** The parade will begin at the Winn-Dixie parking lot and head south down Caldwell Mill Road, passing Willowbrook and the Oak Mountain Intermediate and High schools, turning right onto Highway 119, then right onto Valley View Road, left of Indian Crest Drive. The vehicles will circle Wildwood Lane and Highgate Hill, return to Indian Crest, hitting Arrowhead Lane, to Highway 119, where it turns right. Next left will be Mountain Vista, left on Brookgreen Lane, left on Indian Trail, right onto Highway 119 for the last leg to the town hall grounds. Watch the fun from your own front yard, street corner, or come on down to the town hall and wait for the big arrival.

**Parking Committee:** Volunteers are needed to assist in the parking at the town hall. Please call Bart Trammell (988-0094) to volunteer. Parking will be on-site in designated areas only. **Do not park on side streets.** This is disturbing to neighbors, and since there is plenty of room at the town hall it is not necessary to park elsewhere.

**Location:** The celebration will be held on the grounds of the Indian Springs Village Town Hall at the picnic pavilion, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. Visitors and guests should conduct themselves appropriately. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on municipal property.

**Post Event Clean-Up:** As with all things ISV, clean-up is a volunteer activity. After all the food is gone and the socializing is over, there is still much work to do. Trash must be bagged and decorations carefully removed, so please hang around to help with these chores. It's no different than clearing the table at your own home after a meal. Somebody has to do it! Besides, it's a great way to burn off those unwanted calories from the dessert table!

**This is ISV's largest event. Without volunteers, this and all other events would not be possible. Please pick a committee that interests you and call to offer your much-needed services. Volunteer and help make our 13th July Fourth event a very special one. Thank you, and see you there!**

# Town Council Highlights

May 20, 2003

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall for their bi-weekly (third Tuesday) meeting on May 20, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Stewart Dudley, Herb Robins, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present. The minutes of the May 6 town council meeting were adopted as corrected.

Town Clerk Shirley Church gave the following financial report of revenues received: vehicle licenses, \$565 (March), \$430 (April); Alabama State Trust Fund (off-shore oil drilling--funds received once a year), \$10,958; real estate, \$6.00; business licenses, \$235; beer tax, \$915; Charter Communications (received quarterly), \$3,815; building permits, \$4,343; achieving a balance in the general fund of \$184,091. Road fund receipts were \$949, with a balance in the road fund of \$65,363.

In reports from councilpersons, Herb Robins reported that on the turn-lane project in Indian Springs the engineering phase by the State Department of Transportation (DOT) was complete. This joint state-county venture is expected to be completed in spring 2005. A public hearing will be held by DOT soon, probably in July. No decision has been rendered on the request for a lower speed rate, from 50 to 45 miles, on all of Highway 119 through Indian Springs Village. All requested information has been sent in.

Mayor Weingarten, Councilmen Brian Stauss and Herb Robins plan to attend a May 29 Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) meeting May 29 at the Chelsea Town Hall. Any citizen interested in volunteering for the COP program being established in Indian Springs and in attending the Chelsea meeting, please call Councilman Robins (home: 980-9217) or e-mail [Herb@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:Herb@indianspringsvillage.org).

Art Johnson said a heavier collection of aluminum throughout the Village was anticipated on May 21, since there was no collection in April.

Brian Stauss reminded everyone that at the June 3 council meeting the town council would determine whether to allow re-zoning for a Texaco Service Station in an area across from the North Shelby fire station on Caldwell Mill Road. The Zoning and Planning Commission has recommended denial of this request; the final action will be decided by the town council.

Councilman Stauss recognized Michael Felix, creator of our website, [www.indianspringsvillage.org](http://www.indianspringsvillage.org), who is home from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Based on the knowledge gained in his freshman year at UAH, Mike plans to revamp the website, making it easier to update. The volunteer project will be completed by the end of the summer.

Paul Stephens, "Pothole Chairman," who seeks a few good men (and/or women) to aid citizens during times of tornadoes, damaging winds, and other natural disasters, was given a boost at the meeting. Councilman Robins volunteered to join this service committee and to help recruit members.

Regarding the three \$100,000 certificates of deposit the Village owns, between \$27-28,000 interest has accumulated, Chief Financial Officer Stephens said. Inquiries were made to secure a higher return, and that having been accomplished, the Village will invest in another \$100,000 CD.

In maintenance matters, the walking track behind the town hall is "in a mess." A water problem needs to be solved before the track

can be compressed and blacktopped; in the septic tank area near the town hall a "big hole" needs to be fixed; shingles on the roof need repairs. These problems were attributed to a wetter-than-normal May with heavy winds.

The mayor reported on another "dog issue." Usually the Shelby County Animal Control Officer does not come into a municipality, but if called to pick up an animal, the cost to ISV is \$35. Up to now the town has relied on each household to maintain control over their animals, but we may have to look into passing a leash law and hiring an independent contractor to enforce it.

For the time being, the mayor said, if you have a severe dog problem, call the Shelby County Sheriff's office. If the deputy dispatched to investigate determines the dog to be "vicious," he or she will make the decision to call Animal Control.

Rod Dodson of Grimes Road, who reported problems with a neighboring business at an earlier council meeting, said that Bobcats and trucks were still dumping loads and disturbing his household around 3:00 o'clock in the morning. The property has turned into a truck stop, he said, with some drivers sleeping in their trucks overnight. This type problem is now being addressed by the Zoning and Planning Commission, the mayor said.

For more immediate action Councilman Herb Robins moved, seconded by Brian Stauss, and passed unanimously that by the next council meeting (1) the lawyer who serves the neighboring business be contacted; (2) the council consider voiding the license if the business does not comply with ISV regulations; and (3) take legal action if there is no relief.

Two other problems involved neighborhood covenants. Duncan Austin, Auburn Road, reported that a neighbor is apparently conducting horse riding lessons on their property and also the city streets and is keeping four horses on less than two acres in violation of the neighborhood covenant. A license is needed for an "in house" business.

Elaine and John Connell of Star Trek Dr., who have lived here 33 years, brought up another issue, this one involving outbuildings. Restrictions allow only one; the neighbor already has two, and reportedly wants a third.

In both cases the mayor affirmed the town has no jurisdiction over neighborhood covenants. He advised that a letter stating the problem be written and signed by all the neighbors, addressed and mailed to the neighbor who is in violation. Sometimes neighbors, especially if they are newcomers, are just not aware of the restrictions, he said.

## Town Hall Gardens Look Great

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

On Monday, June 2, some members of the Indian Springs Garden Club took advantage of sunny weather to weed, hoe, and mulch the gardens around the town hall--just in time for the second June council meeting and to help get the grounds ready for our annual Fourth of July celebration. The flowers and shrubs selected for plantings certainly suit an over 100-years-old country home renovated to become the focal place for official meetings as well as private social functions held by residents. Particularly appealing are the hanging baskets of ferns and the caladiums in concrete planters on the front porch. Many hours of sweaty drudgery have been spent around the building and in the planter housing the flagpole, but Garden Club members call it a "labor of love."

## *A Message From the Mayor*

*By Gene Weingarten*

Several issues have cropped up in the last several months which need to be addressed. These are historical in nature, but may not be familiar to the many new residents we are receiving in the Village.

1. Burning of leaves, debris, etc. We have a "no burn" moratorium in Shelby County for an extended period which includes some of the spring, all summer, and some of the fall (May 1 - September 30). Air pollution, fire hazard, and most important, respect for your neighbors are the reasons. If for some critical reason burning is required, you must have permission from the North Shelby Fire Department.

2. Dogs. This has become a very serious problem. If a dog invades your property and you feel threatened, call the Shelby County Sheriff. The deputy will determine if the animal is considered vicious. If that determination is made, he will contact Shelby County Animal Control. If your dog is not fenced, or on a leash, it is subject to capture. If this problem continues to grow, the town will have no choice but to enact leash laws and contract for an animal control officer--an unnecessary expense for the town and a costly, inconvenient expense for you, having to go to Columbiana to bail out your pet.

3. Business. Unless your home is zoned commercial, you cannot conduct any type of business. The vast majority of ISV is zoned residential, with a minimum lot size of one acre, and only one family per residence. If you operate a business in a commercial zone, you must have a business license from ISV. Another reminder--any construction/remodeling requires a building permit.

4. Trees. If a tree falls across one of our roads, blocking traffic, call the North Shelby Fire District. They will remove enough of the tree so that the road is opened. They will NOT cut up or remove the tree. Removal of the tree is the responsibility of the resident on whose property the tree was growing. The town will not participate in removal of trees.

## **Building Permit Requests**

*By Marty Martin, Town Engineer*

The following building permit requests were approved for April and May:

**Address, applicant, request:**

2633 Valleydale Road, Reliable Signs, sign

405 Indian Trail, Jordan, house remodel

181 Indian Forest Trail, Ponder, accessory building

## **Wildlife Center Needs Volunteers**

The next training session for new volunteers is Sunday, June 22, 2003, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wildlife Center in Oak Mountain State Park. To receive your Volunteer Information Packet, call 663-7930

## **Weather Cancels May Recycling; Next Recycling Is June 18**

*By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4*

Aluminum recycling is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. To help identify your recycling, please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags. Please tie each bag with a knot and 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 the entrances to Homestead.

For the first time in almost 10 years, the recycling pickup was cancelled due to inclement weather. The collection in May was cancelled at the very last minute in a pouring rain. The forecast was for continuing thunderstorms throughout the evening, the water-covered roads looked hazardous, and the risks due to hydroplaning appeared excessive. As is the case in every outing, the safety of the recycling volunteers is paramount. I apologize for the inconvenience, but I hope you understand the reasons for the decision. For more information on recycling or to volunteer, please call 988-3217.

## **West Nile Virus Case Reported**

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

The Shelby County Health Department reported that a dead crow found at a private residence in the Meadow Brook community has tested positive for West Nile Virus, the only such case known to the county so far this year, although mosquitoes, the carrier of the disease, are in abundance.

According to a Johns Hopkins medical publication, the virus is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes that have fed on other infected animals, typically birds or sometimes horses. It does not appear to be passed from person to person by casual contact. There is no specific treatment for the infection other than supportive care.

Taking simple precautions to minimize exposure to the infected mosquitoes is advised, such as using insect spray, wearing loose-fitting, long-sleeved clothing, and reducing outdoor activities between dusk and dawn.

Since mosquitoes breed in still or stagnant water, residents should take steps in eliminating standing water around the house and yard. You may also apply larvicides to stagnant waters to kill mosquitoes during their larval, or immature, stage. Small amounts of pesticides may be applied by spraying to control the adult mosquitoes.

The County Health Department is distributing, free, pellets which kill larvae in an area of about 100 square feet. The pellets are not harmful to birds, cats, or other small animals, and may be obtained from the Shelby County Health Department located off county road No. 52, in Pelham. The office is closed 12:00 - 1:00 for lunch. Pellets to kill larvae in smaller areas can be bought at hardware stores.

Residents are requested to call the Shelby County Health Department about any dead birds that you see. Blue jays, crows, and birds of prey are the most likely carriers. Wear disposable gloves to protect your hands and place the dead bird in a double plastic bag to take it to be tested for the virus at the Health Department.

# Town Council Highlights

## June 3, 2003

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2*

A packed and overflowing house was on hand when the Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, and Art Johnson present. Absent were council members Brian Stauss and Stewart Dudley, who were both out of town.

The very orderly but vocal crowd was in attendance to see and hear the town council's final decision on the proposed rezoning of property located at the intersection of Caldwell Mill Road and Highway 119 to allow for the erection of a gasoline station and convenience store. The applicant/developer, Danny Bowers, as well as the property owner, Larry Maddox, were both in attendance as well.

Jerry Templeton, chairman of the Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning Commission, presented the request to the council and reported that the commission had made a recommendation that the council deny the rezoning.

Several concerned citizens, mostly from the Old Mill Trace neighborhood, spoke in opposition to the rezoning. Julie McAlister, Ronnie Brock, Logan Cook, and John Irwin addressed the council with concerns over traffic, alcoholic beverages being sold to minors, and environmental safety. Rhonda Lusco, who lives on the corner of Caldwell Mill Road and Caldwell Mill Lane, related problems she has had in selling her house since the proposed zoning came to light.

Doug Adair, also a homeowner on Caldwell Mill Lane, addressed the flooding concerns which affect the subject property as well as the entire intersection. Mr. Adair presented the council with photos of several recent flooding incidents due to heavy rains where Bishop Creek flows through this area at the intersection of Cahaba Valley Road and Caldwell Mill Road. The location is in a flood zone and lies next to a federally recognized floodway. Also noted was the fact that this type of business is not allowed within 300 feet of a church or school. Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church and School is directly across the street from the proposed location.

Jim Wyatt, of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency District Board of Trustees, noted that increased traffic problems could present problems for emergency vehicles responding to emergency calls.

Also among concerns by residents was the possibility that drivers, mostly teenagers on the way to school, might be

inclined to "cut through" the parking lot of the business in order to keep from being late to school and to avoid the traffic light at Cahaba Valley and Caldwell Mill intersection. This could present a potential danger to patrons of any business located there.

Both applicants, Larry Maddox and Danny Bowers, attempted to refute citizens' concerns, stating that the arrangement could possibly improve the intersection by giving drivers an alternative to the existing Shell station because it would be on the opposite side of the street. Traffic studies by Gonzales-Strength Engineering stated that no excess traffic would be brought into the area by the business.

After much discussion, the council voted unanimously to deny the rezoning of the property. Councilman Herb Robins voiced his vote by stating that there were too many variances needed by the property owners in addition to the environmental concerns. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet voiced her vote as well, by stating that the plan was "an accident waiting to happen" with an already dangerous intersection of Caldwell Mill Road and Caldwell Mill Lane, where residents must often exit their community in the mornings blindly, while other vehicles, just a few feet away, are trying to enter Caldwell Mill Road from Cahaba Valley Road.

In the absence of Town Clerk Shirley Church, no financial report or minutes were given.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet announced that some prizes for the 2004 Easter Egg hunt had been purchased. Councilwoman Crapet displayed two stuffed Easter bunnies from a group of 90 toys that the town purchased on "sale" with the help of Norman Kennessey, manager of the Indian Springs Village Winn-Dixie store located at Caldwell Mill and Valleydale Road. The town purchased approximately \$600 worth of the plush toys and games at 90 percent off of the retail price.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet also observed that the next town event is the 13th Annual July Fourth barbecue, and that volunteers are always needed. Councilman Herb Robins, who chairs the food and serving committee, asked for volunteers for two shifts of servers.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that the May aluminum can recycling was cancelled due to thunderstorms on the scheduled evening of the pickup. Help is needed for the June can pickup on June 18th.

Councilman Herb Robins stated that there was no change in the status of the turn lane project on Cahaba Valley Road. Also no changes in the time frames of projects currently under construction on Valleydale road.

## Library Programs Increasing

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Birmingham's Sloss Furnace, its history, and the iron and steel industry will be the subject of a "brown bag lunch" program at the North Shelby Library Monday, June 30, at 12:00 noon. Drinks and other refreshments will be provided to supplement sandwiches, or whatever attendees bring in their sack lunches, Darryl Heritage, library director, said. The program will be in the meeting room on your right as you enter the library and conducted by Karen Utz, Sloss curator.

### Programs for Toddlers, Children

"Toddler Tales Storytime" is a new program for those two years old and their lap partners (parents) at 10:30 a. m. on Monday, June 16, and June 30. The limit is 15 toddlers; there is no registration and you may sign in at the door.

"Lapsit Storytime" for children through 23 months old and their lap partners was held June 9 at 10:30 a.m. and will be held June 23 at the same time; also limited to 15 babies, with no registration but a sign-in at the door.

"P.J. Storytime" from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Thursdays June 12, 19, and 26, at which time children may come dressed in pajamas, is open to all ages.

The toddler and children's programs will be conducted by Kristy Hearn, co-ordinator of children's programs, especially at the toddler level. Well experienced, Ms. Hearn was a storyteller at another local library prior to taking time off for the birth of a son. A \$5,000 Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham grant allowed the library to hire Ms. Hearn. A further enhancement came from Target, which awarded the library a \$2,500 grant for children's programming.

### Summer Reading Program

At the 2:00 crafts program on June 3, 125 children attended "Fish Windstock," as part of the Books Ahoy! reading program which began May 31. Other crafts programs scheduled for Tuesdays from June 17 are "Aloha Lais," "Pirate Hats," July 4 Crafts," and "Pet Rocks." Storytime with Mr. Mac occurs at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday.

Children's programs scheduled for Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. are well attended by the over 200 children enrolled to read. Remaining programs are June 19, Ruffner Mountain presentation on "Alabama Animals" (limit: 50 children); June 26, Mad Science, "Fire and Ice"; July 3, Ronald McDonald, "Stories and Magic."

A wrap-up party from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon will take place at Skates 280 on Friday, July 11.

### Fire Ants Program

The Fire Ants program presented at the library by an Auburn University professor on how to rid your property of these pests was attended by about 40 persons May 29, County Agent Nelson D. Wynn has said.

## June Activities for Garden Club

*By Marge Dunn, President*

Spring has been especially comfortable and busy for our Indian Springs Garden Club. We hosted seven members from the Heatherwood Garden Club and Morning Glory Garden Club, Russett Woods, who brought and exchanged plants with us on May 22 at the town hall. We were pleased to have Villager Nelda Kelly join us for the evening and express a desire to join our club.

It was a beautiful spring morning when we toured Aldridge Gardens in Hoover, a beautiful spot and so close to home. As they advertise, it will be a garden for all seasons, but with over 20 varieties of hydrangea clustered in the landscape, it was a spectacular sight that day. I'm sure we will return frequently.

On June 13 we plan to return to Morgan Creek Vinyards at Harpersville for blueberry picking. Wednesday, June 18, is set aside for the Birmingham Fern Society's fern show and sale at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The fern sale offers a variety of ferns which you can enjoy in your own garden and takes place from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. Dr. John T. Mickel will be keynote speaker, discussing "Hot New Ferns for American Gardens." This day's activities are free and open to the public.

We have been working in the gardens at the ISV Town Hall and feel our colorful garden, or "Living Quilt," as we think of it, is shaping up. The plants have thrived and seedlings have multiplied. We plan to have a plant sale at the annual July 4th barbecue.

On the fourth Thursday of June, the 26th at 6:30 p.m., our garden club will meet at the town hall for a salad supper and meeting. Any resident of the Village is welcome.

We are having fun as we grow--come GROW WITH US! Please call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029.

## Quilting Circle Is Organized

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Nine Villagers formed the Indian Springs Quilting Circle at their first meeting on a rainy night in May, Elizabeth Eastman has reported.

The circle will meet the third Wednesday of June, June 18, at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall, 9:30 a.m. Members should bring a sack lunch and beverage and handiwork to "show and tell" and/or to work on. At this meeting the interests of the members will be determined.

## Heardmont Happenings

Rita Seales at the Mary Ellen Estes Community Center, Heardmont Park, is emphasizing that the Center is sponsoring a dance on the third Friday night of the month. The July 18 dance will begin at 7:00 and last until 10:00 p.m. at \$3.00 per person. Country line dancing, ballroom, and square dancing will occur, lead by a teacher. For information call 991-5742.

# Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

## In Memoriam

**Ellis Eldridge White** passed away Thursday, May 15, at his home on Valley View Road. He was 90 years old and suffered from cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Tingle White and a daughter, Pat W. Whaley, of the home; also a daughter-in-law, Nancy M. White, Vestavia Hills; a granddaughter, Angela White Cole, and her husband Robert of Cullman; three grandsons, Monte H. Whaley of Cullman, Tim L. Whaley of Warrior, and Martin E. White of Prattville, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. White was born in Corner, AL and had been a resident of Jefferson County most of his life. When he and his wife moved to Indian Springs in 1970 there were only two houses on their street, Mrs. White said. He retired from Westinghouse Electric Company. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hoover.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 17, in the chapel at Jefferson Memorial in Hoover with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

**Glenna Morton Gilmer**, the mother of Rebecca Olvey of Indian Springs, passed away June 1. Mrs. Gilmer was a long-time resident of Birmingham and was preceded in death by her husband, Willis T. Gilmer.

Survivors include daughter Rebecca and her husband, L. W. of Valley View Road, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Gardendale Chapel on June 3 with burial in Oakwood Cemetery

The mother of Villager Mary Sue McClurkin, **Jeanette McKnight Barnette** of Abbeville, AL, passed away June 1 of cardiac arrest. She was in the recovery room following emergency surgery for a broken bone when she died. Representative McClurkin (R-District 43) was in Montgomery in legislative session when she was called home by her husband, Vann. The funeral was held in Abbeville June 3.

## T-Gang Back in Town

Jerry, Phyllis, Allie and Maddie Templeton, who signed off on their web page as the T-Gang, are back in town after another trip to Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul, MN, part of the Mayo Clinic. Plates and screws were removed from Allie's hip, inserted during surgery last October. Maddie had hip surgery this time which will warrant a return trip this fall. But with three of four surgeries behind them, the Templeton gang feel jubilant, even though the girls face a lot of physical therapy. Their webpage, [www.caringbridge.org/al/templeton](http://www.caringbridge.org/al/templeton) has had over 1,000 visitors, who read about baseball games and trips to the Mall of America when it was clear all was going well.

## Congratulations

**Collyn Loper**, Oak Mountain High School sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Loper of Cahaba Oaks Trail, recently won the shooting selection match in Fort Benning, Georgia. This victory means that she will be the one female shooter to represent the USA at the Pan American games in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, in September. She will also be part of the USA shooting team at the World Cup in Necosis, Cypress, in August. Congratulations and good luck representing the USA.

## Newcomers to the Village

**Rusty and Barbara Favorite** and children now make their home at 465 Highgate Hill. His parents, Pat and Russ Favorite, live on Indian Crest; the couple liked the area so well they moved here from Brook Highland.

Their children are **Caroline**, 12, who attends Oak Mountain Middle School; **Allie**, 9, Intermediate School; and **Hunter**, 3, who stays home with a permanent babysitter.

Rusty and Barbara own a chemical business, ChemStations of Alabama, of which Rusty is president. The main plant is in Bessemer with other locations in Mobile and Houston. Barbara owns Pump It Up! a birthday party facility located in Pelham.

While Rusty is originally from Ohio and Barbara from Southern California, the two met when both sets of parents had moved to Atlanta and they attended college in South Carolina at the same time.

**Alan and Martie Parker** are currently renovating their new home at 600 Indian Trail and hope to have that accomplished before the arrival of their third child. **Madison**, 12, and **Ashley Marie**, 11, both attend Briarwood Christian School. The Parkers have lived in Hoover, but wanted acreage such as is found in the Village.

Alan is CEO of New Beacon Hospice Care, a joint venture between Baptist Health System and St. Vincent's Hospital. He was born in South Alabama; Martie is a native of Birmingham.

Now residing at 2475 Indian Crest Drive are **Suzanne and Kenneth G. Walz, Jr.**, and their two children, **Christoper**, 8, and **Rachel**, 5 1/2. Christopher attends Briarwood Christian School, and Rachel will start kindergarten this fall at Oak Mountain Elementary.

Kenneth is with Whiteplume Technology, a software developer located near Brookwood; Suzanne is busy being a homemaker. The couple moved here from Greystone Farms. He is originally from Georgia and she from Mississippi.

**Mary S. Bowman**, chairman of the Welcome Committee, asks that Villagers call her when newcomers move in, so that she may send them a packet of information about Indian Springs Village. Her number is 988-0086.

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