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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 20, 2004, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3, 2004, 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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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The response to requests for contributions to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund was tremendous! Thanks to the many folks who contributed, both inside and outside the town. Yes, a number of checks came from non-residents. When children need help, we can always count on the solid folks to step up to the plate. Accolades go to Tricia Crapet for her work in soliciting the funds and to Herb and Margie Robins (and their helpers) for the hands-on work needed to procure Christmas for some 28 children. Mark your calendar now, so that when October/November arrives, your check will again go forward to the ISV Children's Fund.

I have received a large number of communications to date regarding matters important to all ISV residents. The most numerous relate to what is generically termed "those dadgummed teenagers." Number one is speeding in the town. The speed limit on Highway 119 within the town limits is now 45 mph. Local streets are 25 mph. On my own street, Indian Crest Drive, I have several times observed excessive speeds. Just last week while talking with a neighbor down at the street, a car passed us at such speed we could not read the license number. We did identify it as a 4-door black/blue BMW. When I travel down Highway 14 and see the white crosses clustered around the power pole, the scene points out how quickly a tragedy can happen, and, how easily it could have been averted.

Also, we have had a rash of "mailbox maulings." This is a federal offense, and the perpetrator could be charged with a felony. More importantly, this has happened to senior citizens who have a very difficult time replacing the mailbox. Additionally, serious injuries and accidents can occur.

Our street sign specialist has spent the last three weeks replacing signs. Signs have been bent double, torn down, and totally annihilated. If an emergency call went to the fire department, there could be a delay in reaching the proper location because of missing signage.

Last, but not least, cars have been run through the grass of many beautifully manicured yards, with efforts to do as much damage as possible. The folks who have talked to me cannot believe ISV teenagers would do such a thing. I agree. But just in case, please review the above paragraphs and have a short talk with your teenage drivers.

One last thought. It is leaf raking time. For your neighbors (most of the town) who have an allergy (or aversion) to leaf smoke, please mulch those leaves.

Best wishes for a happy and healthful
New Year.

Town Council Highlights

December 16, 2003

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided over the meeting with Council Members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported revenues for the month as follows: vehicle license, \$684; beer tax, \$1,105; real estate, \$10; building permits, \$858, resulting in a balance of \$68,237 in the general fund. The road fund received \$1,088; the children's fund received \$6,235. The road fund balance is \$73,835 and the children's fund balance is \$3,400.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported the wonderful success we had in Santa Claus (Michael Crapet) at the ISV Town Hall for area children to visit on Saturday afternoon, December 13. The "visit" was well-attended and enjoyed by all, despite the gloomy, cold weather. It is anticipated that a visit from Santa may become an annual event. Ms. Crapet thanked all who participated in this program and also all who had donated to the ISV Children's Fund.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that seven families represented by 26 children were the recipients of benefits from the children's fund and that \$150 - \$175 was spent per child. The total expenditure was approximately \$4,780, with a lot of requests from these seven families being for warm clothing and other necessities instead of toys. The volunteers who shopped did try to include one "fun" thing in each child's gifts.

The gifts were delivered to the appropriate schools; in turn they were delivered to the seven families with wrapping paper to enable the families to wrap the gifts. It is hoped that enough money is left in the children's fund to establish a benevolent fund of \$1,000 for both elementary and intermediate schools to take care of needs for assistance with lunch passes, eyeglasses, school supplies, etc., during the school year. Once these donations have been made, approximately \$6,780 will have been spent for the children in our area.

—Based on minutes of the meeting by Shirley Church, Town Clerk

School Notes

"In the 40 square mile area of the Oak Mountain High School zone we educate one-fourth of all the students in Shelby County. The Oak Mountain zone is larger than Vestavia and Mountain Brook's whole system, and yet we are compared to them all of the time for test scores and school activities. We have a significantly lower tax base. Shelby County has 1,100 seniors in 2003-04. There are 2,000 first graders who will move into these positions. Think of the math."

—From "From the Principal," The Oak Leaf, January 2004 (OMES, Jane Hampton)

New Zoning & Planning Members

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

New members of the Zoning and Planning Commission are Wayne Jones, Chairman; Alison Stigers, and Steve Zerkis. Members continuing to serve are Harry Little, Nelda Kelly, Foster Mathews, Kevin Miller, Bart Trammell (the Mayor's representative), and Ex-Officio members Councilman Brian Stauss and Fire Chief Michael O'Connor.

The commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p. m., at the ISV Town Hall.

Town Council Highlights

January 6, 2004

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at 7:00 p. m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with Council Members Herb Robins, Stewart Dudley, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss in attendance.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that the 45 mph speed limit on Highway 119 is presently in force going east to Double Oak Lane. He said it was his understanding that the proposal had been made to extend the 45 mph speed limit all the way to Highway 280, but that to date a decision has not been made.

Councilman Robins announced that the mayor had received a letter from Counselor Christy Wade of the Oak Mountain Intermediate School. She expressed appreciation on behalf of the school for the community's support in meeting the needs of students during the holiday season via the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund. Councilman Robins also announced a benevolent fund donation of \$1,000 each will be made to both the elementary and intermediate schools to use for lunch passes, eyeglasses, school supplies, etc., for children who may need assistance during the entire year.

Councilman Brian Stauss requested a copy of all ISV ordinances to enable him to put a complete set on the website. He also suggested a complete set of annexations to the town be put on the website.

Councilman Stewart Dudley suggested that the council re-adopt the ordinances once we have the complete set on the website and that we re-word the ordinance pertaining to residential occupancy restrictions; further, that a more detailed definition be incorporated to the ordinance referring to "family" occupying a dwelling, with these changes being made by the end of summer 2004. Mayor Weingarten had received a recommendation from Villager Bart Trammell (con't., page 4)

Library to Host Presentation on Outstanding Athletes

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"Amazing Grace: The Life and Stirring Times of Satchel Paige, Joe Louis, and Jesse Owens" will be presented at the North Shelby Library on February 3, 2004, by Dr. Richard Bailey, research and writing specialist at Air University Press, Maxwell Air Force Base. Bailey is representing the Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers Bureau.

The presentation is in keeping with the Humanities Foundation's celebration of February as Black History Month, established in 1926. The program will begin at 6:30 p. m. in the meeting room to your right as you enter the library.

All three athletes were born in Alabama. Paige, the greatest pitcher in the history of the Negro Leagues whose baseball career spanned five decades, was born in Mobile. Joe Louis, "The Brown Bomber," who held the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship longer than any other man, was born in Lafayette, and Jesse Owens, the first American in the history of Olympic Track and Field to win four gold medals in a single Olympics, the 1936 Olympics held in Nazi Germany, was born in Oakville. Towns and cities other than the birthplaces of these sports giants have claimed them.

This presentation will offer a biographical profile of Paige, Louis, and Owens; discuss why they sought a career in athletics, and evaluate the contribution and impact of each to our culture. Enriching the presentation will be film footage, photos of these athletes in differing stages of their careers, and a bibliography.

The presenter has a doctorate in Nineteenth Century American History. He worked as a consultant with Auburn University Public Television on its documentary on Gees Bend and its biography of Horace King, the antebellum bridge builder and Reconstruction lawmaker, as well as the University of Montevallo on its award-winning radio documentary, *Remembering Slavery*, the story of the WPA slave narratives. His columns have been published in newspapers across the state, and he is the author of two books on Alabama history.

Children's Programming

Continuing in January for the youngest library visitors are Toddler Tales, limited to 15 toddlers per program and their lap partners, on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. For all ages are P. J. Storytimes on Thursday evenings at 7:00 and Mr. Mac at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday with songs, music, stories, and fun for everyone.

Milk and cookies are provided for P. J. Storytimes when children may wear their P. J.'s and bring their favorite "snuggly." "Snowy Tales," "On the Go!" and "Rocks Really Rock" are the storytime titles for the remainder of this month.

Town of Indian Springs Budget

Projected revenues for fiscal year 2004--GENERAL FUND

Investment portfolio:

CD: 60 months, First National Bank, Shelby County (3.1%)	\$215,500
CD: 36 months, BanCorp South (3%)	215,600

Charter Communications	15,000
Alabama Power Co.	66,000
Alabama Gas Co.	16,000
Pelham Water	8,000
Aluminum Can Recycling	300
Alcohol Taxes	12,000
Building Permits	7,000
Fourth of July Celebration	1,500
Miscellaneous Taxes	3,500
Zoning Fees	1,000
Off-shore Oil Revenue Fund	8,000
Interest Income	12,000
Business Licenses	2,000

TOTAL **\$152,300**

Projected Revenue for fiscal year 2004 -- ROAD FUND **\$13,000**

Current balance in regular account:	\$75,800
Current balance in road account:	70,676
Current balance in Children's Fund:	750

Projected expenditures for fiscal 2004 -- GENERAL FUNDS

Web Site	1,000
Engineering Fees	6,000
ADEM	2,000
4th July/Founders' Day/Easter	6,000
Insurance	4,000
Office supplies	2,000
Maintenance & Improvements	10,000
Professional Fees	3,000
Recording Fees	300
Utilities	5,000
Mileage	600
Accounting Expense (Audit)	2,500
Miscellaneous	2,000
Village Voice Printing	7,000
Dues	1,000
Car Allowance (City Clerk)	5,200
Car Allowance (Chief Financial Officer)	5,200
Oak Mountain Schools (4)	16,000

\$78,800

Projected expenditures for fiscal 2004 -- ROAD FUND

Maintenance \$4,000; Repaving \$27,000

Town Council Highlights (cont.)

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regarding the definition of "family" occupying a dwelling. This definition will be considered when this ordinance is changed.

Town Clerk Emeritus/CFO Paul Stephens reported that the mayor and he had traveled every street in our town to check on the condition of all roads in the Village, and a determination was made that the only one in need of repaving was Indian Trail (approximately .8 mile). Councilman Herb Robins will find out if Shelby County will be responsible for County Road 359 that has a washed-out road shoulder in need of repair.

Councilman Stewart Dudley reported the possibility of an automatic advalorem tax being passed in Shelby County. A lawsuit is pending regarding an automatic advalorem tax passed in another Alabama town. The "automatic" tax is not voted on, and this situation should be closely monitored.

Mayor Weingarten addressed the grant needs for the Oak Mountain schools, and it was suggested that any grants made would be used for educational purposes. Requests, when received, will be presented to and voted upon by the council.

The council will continue its review of the proposed ISV Comprehensive Plan after the January 20 town council meeting. --Based on minutes of the meeting by Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Village Recycling - January 21

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is Wednesday evening, January 21. Please place your recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. To help your recycling volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your Waste Management garbage pickup. Please securely tie your recycling bags with knots to prevent spillage and to keep our volunteers from having to take time to tie them. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

Your December recycling team members were Trudy and Paul Skokol, Bo Holmes and Bob Durbin, Margie and Herb Robins, and Russ and Pat Favorite. Proceeds from recycling help support the printing of this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

If you are not recycling, please join other ISV residents who recycle. Recycling is very easy to do. Basically, instead of tossing that aluminum can in the garbage, toss it instead into a recycling bin or plastic bag. Products made from recycled materials require much less energy to manufacture. For example, die casting a part from recycled aluminum requires 95 percent less energy than using primary metal. Saving energy also means that less carbon dioxide is emitted into the atmosphere. Your participation is the primary reason for ISV's recycling success. Thank you for recycling in 2003.

Brave in Blue Competition to Benefit Kids One Transport

By Michael O'Connor, Fire Chief, NSFD

Once again the firefighters of North Shelby Fire Department are running for the children in the upcoming Brave in Blue Competition within the Mercedes Marathon. This is a 26.2 mile relay competition between fire and police departments who are running to benefit Kids One Transport, a nonprofit organization that provides transportation for children to a medical doctor, clinic, or hospital.

Currently in the State of Alabama there are 176,000 children that are not getting timely transportation to a medical facility for care before they become acutely ill. Kids One Transport is currently serving three percent of that need.

The fire department believes in the mission of Kids One Transport because if a child that needs medical care doesn't receive it, the child's health continues to deteriorate until something must be done and 911 is called, and here comes the fire engine. Kids One Transport has the potential of not only keeping children well, but also of decreasing fire department call volume.

This year's relay team captain is Randy Sipe. Running with him are Bill Terpo, Buddy Tyler, Dana Hardy, and Jason Hughes. Two more firefighters are running the half marathon: Bart Wilkerson and Monty Bryant. Three firefighters are running the full distance: Michael O'Connor, Rusty Johnson, and Glen Jacobson.

All the firefighters are running for Kids One Transport Charity. Donations are still needed. Questions about the charity and the race can be directed to the fire department or Kids One Transport. Donations in the firefighters' names to Kids One can be made by contacting Kids One Transport at 978-1000. (Ask for Holly or Sarah.)

The weekend of February 7 and 8 will be a special weekend for this area. The USA Marathon trials are on Saturday, and the Mercedes Marathon is on Sunday. Come out on Saturday and watch some of the finest runners in America compete for an Olympic team spot. Then come out on Sunday and root for your firefighters as they run for the kids.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Permits are listed by address, applicant, and request for November and December, 2003:

477 Arrowhead Lane, Emmett Construction, new residence

Lot 19, Indian Gate, Carter Homebuilders, new residence

Lot 18, Indian Gate, Carter Homebuilders, new residence

390 New Hope Mountain Road, Best for Less Construction, exterior rehab.

Garden Club Plans Activities

By Marge Dunn, President, Indian Springs Garden Club

It is time to do our garden planning during these short dark days of winter. For our monthly meeting in January we will meet on **Thursday, Jan. 29 (not our usual 4th Thurs.)**, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Luster. There we will share a Soup and Salad supper followed by a business meeting.

After a busy 2003 club year we look forward to many fun-filled and stimulating activities in 2004. Our club was formed just four years ago this month by Phelan Webb's initiative. As well as making our gardens grow we've grown our membership to a fun group of seventeen.

We are busy planning the year ahead. We'll repeat some of our favorite activities such as berry picking and plant swapping.

For our February meeting we invite all neighbors and friends to join us at the town hall for an armchair trip to Tibet. Susan Kelley, daughter of Ginny and Ed Lusk, will narrate a slide presentation of her trip to Tibet in 2002. There she collected plant specimens for her work at Harvard University Herbarium. The program is scheduled for February 18-- a **Wednesday evening--at 7:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars and join us for an exciting plant and travel experience.

The Morning Glory Garden Club of Hoover has invited us to join them on Wednesday, February 4, to hear Verna Gates speak. She is a free-lance writer and is often referred to as "one of Alabama's treasurers." She is a noted storyteller with a great deal of plant knowledge. We'll carpool together that day. **COME GROW WITH US!** Any questions? Call Marge Dunn, 987-4765.

Greenery Sale Is Crowd-Pleaser

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Mary H. Bowman, chairman for the Third Annual Holiday Greenery Sale on Dec. 6, reported a huge success. Fresh greenery sprays were donated by ISV Garden Club members, sponsors of the event, as well as Villagers like Jim and Nora Boyett, who contributed cuttings for some beautiful magnolia sprays. The sale received a generous donation of a Christmas tree from the children of member Gladys Price. Handmade wreaths, mailbox swags, and table decorations were made to order by members, "many of whom discovered hidden creative talents on that bustling morning," Mary said.

This year the Garden Club also included a Holiday Bake Sale, with wonderful desserts made by members. The club made its pledged donation of \$250 to the ISV Children's Fund with the proceeds, but members agreed that the fun, fellowship, and community spirit generated were the main benefits. The Garden Club would like to thank fellow Villagers (and passersby) for the community support to make this event a success, one we hope to repeat next year.

Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Carol B. Reddoch of Alabaster is serving as interim director of the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community, Heardmont Park. Rita Seales, the former director, left when her husband was transferred to a new position.

With Shelby Senior Services, Ms. Reddock has had many years experience working with senior citizens, formerly as executive director with the South Central Alabama Development Commission. Currently she is also working with citizens of Alabaster interested in taking advantage of the grant funds offered by the Shelby County Commission to local governments interested in raising matching funds to develop senior centers.

Ms. Reddoch is excited about the Heardmont facility and invites senior citizens to participate in the many activities offered. Exercise and health classes are offered for physical fitness enthusiasts, as well as yoga, yoga enrichment, and table tennis. Line and square dancing are taught; a dance and social will be held Friday, Jan. 16, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Mexican dominoes, mah-jongg, bridge, and movie time may be enjoyed.

Lunch is served at 12:00 noon for those who make reservations in advance. For meal reservations or information regarding programs and services, call the center at 991-5742. The center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Reminders

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Indian Springs Quilt Circle

The Indian Springs Quilt Circle will meet the third Wednesday, January 21, at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Members bring a sack lunch and beverage, as there is no set time to adjourn. The members are anxious to get started on the new year, sharing information and getting new projects underway. If interested in joining, Villagers should call Elizabeth Eastman, 985-0842, for information.

Gateway Concert at Indian Springs School

Saturday, January 24, is the date of the next concert in the Gateway series by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. The informal concert is of favorite music created for dancing. Richard Westerfield is conductor. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs School Concert Hall. For information and tickets, please call 251-7727.

Around the Village

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Ms. Crapet's Father Passes Away

Villagers extend sympathy to Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2, whose father passed away on January 7. Herman E. "Flip" Sellers was a lifelong resident of the Birmingham area and had resided in Minor Heights since 1958. He would have been 84 years old on January 27. We extend condolences also to his son-in-law, Michael Crapet, and grandson, Joseph.

Mr. Sellers was employed by Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II and served in the South and Central Pacific theaters, both in the Fleet Marine Force and Marine Air Corps.

He founded Lawnco Mowers in Five Points West in June 1946 and served as its president until his retirement in March, 2003.

Mr. Sellers had been a member of Hunter Street Baptist Church since 1925. He was a member of VFW Post, Kelly-Ingram #668, American Legion Post #1984, and a life member of Farrar #8 Masonic Lodge since 1948. He was a former member and car owner in the Sportsman division of NASCAR.

Visitation was held Saturday, January 10, 2:30 p. m., Elmwood Chapel, preceding the memorial service at 3:30 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested making a donation to the charity of your choice. Ms. Crapet has promoted and publicized the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund.

Welcome Newcomers

Joe and Sherry Hand have moved from Hueytown to 7004 Indian Ridge Drive. He is a teacher with the Jefferson County school system and at Jefferson State Community College, holding business and education and trade & industry degrees. Having set up the manufacturing center at Jeff State, he now divides his time between teaching Minor High and college students. Sherry is a banker at downtown SouthTrust. They have one daughter and a grandchild. The son-in-law is currently serving with the U. S. Army in Baghdad.

Bill and Patti Lawson moved in the last of September at 8001 Woodfern Drive. Judge Lawson is an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration; Patti is a nurse at Brookwood Hospital. The couple's children are daughter Jasmine, 24, who graduated from UAB in graphic design, and a son, Adam, age 20, employed by Publix. The Lawsons moved here from Bluff Park in Hoover and enjoy the rural setting.

Wishbone and His Adventures

His people were gone on a skiing trip. It isn't known if Wishbone was out looking for them or decided to have an adventure of his own. After wandering around the woods by his home on Valley View Road during frigid weather, Wishbone made his way across Cahaba Valley Road to go to church.

At Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Sunday morning he was found by Dr. Brenda Guercio of Cahaba Valley Road. Kind person that she is, Dr. Guercio took him to Riverview clinic, had the veterinarian administer all the regular shots and board him while she put out signs and an advertisement in the paper for a "found" dog. The ad was read by Ashley Dennis while at work at an animal clinic on Caldwell Mill Road, who immediately recognized a description of the family's lost dog, by then returned to his regular clinic, Oak View. He had been gone for five days.

"Wishbone," an eight-year-old Jack Russell terrier, was picked up by Ashley and returned to the Gary Dennis household where he was welcomed by Gary, Sharon, and the other Dennis children, John, Jessie, and Jonah, and their other dog, "Bo," a black part-Irish setter. About Dr. Guercio's care and concern, "That just goes to show you what kind of people we have living in Indian Springs," said Gary, one of the original council members after ISV incorporated in 1990 and a strong supporter of the incorporation.

At last report, Wishbone was in by the fire.

Rep. McClurkin Nominated for Awards

State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin of Indian Springs (R-District 43) has been nominated by Gov. Bob Riley for both the *Good Housekeeping* Award for Women in Government and the *Good Housekeeping/Wyeth* Award for Women's Health.

Every year *Good Housekeeping* magazine and the Center for Women in Politics honor women serving in government whose work exemplifies how government can improve people's lives. The top winner receives \$25,000; six other winners receive \$2,500 each. The *Good Housekeeping/Wyeth* Award for Women's Health carries an award of \$25,000 for a woman in government whose work centers on advancing the status of women's health.

Rep. McClurkin deserves the recognition not only for serving in the Legislature but also for her efforts to raise public awareness about breast cancer, the governor said. He highlighted her work on establishing a joint venture between the YMCA and Shelby Baptist Center to improve healthcare for citizens of Shelby County and her help in recruiting young physicians to practice in Shelby County.

Winners of both awards will be announced in the July 2004 issue of *Good Housekeeping*, which will be at newstands in June.