

The Village Voice



Volume 14, Number 11

Indian Springs Village, Alabama

February 8, 2005

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizen's Forum

Indian Springs Village Telephone Directory
Number is 982-1755

For Town Hall Reservations please call Patricia
Crapet Voice Mail 802-2753

or E-Mail: tricia@indianspringsvillage.org

Website: www.indianspringsvillage.org

Message from the Mayor

Steve Zerkis

The town has purchased an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** and it has been installed in the Town Hall for emergency treatment of cardiac arrest, in the building or on the grounds. It is a device the size of a small pie pan that analyzes the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, directs the rescuer to deliver an electric shock to the victim. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart reestablish an effective heart beat on its own.

The AED is easy to operate. It uses voice prompts to instruct the rescuer. Once the machine is turned on, a voice prompter will tell the rescuer to place two electrodes from the device to the victim's chest on bare skin. Once applied it begins to monitor the heart's rhythm. If a "shockable" rhythm is detected, the AED will charge itself and advise the rescuer to stand clear of the victim. The device will then either automatically apply a shock or instruct the rescuer to press a button to apply the shock. We bought the model that does this automatically.

The American Red Cross says that approximately 250,000 Americans died from Sudden Cardiac Arrest in the past year, and that up to 50,000 of those deaths could have been prevented if someone could have started the **CARDIAC CHAIN OF SURVIVAL**. So if someone collapses, doesn't appear to be breathing, you can't detect a pulse, then don't wait, **IMMEDIATELY**:

- 1... Use your cell phone and call "911", and instruct the North Shelby Fire District to respond to the Indian Springs Village Town Hall.
- 2... Begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation immediately.
- 3... Tell someone to get the AED from inside the Town Hall, and apply it to the victim.

Time is of the essence. Don't delay. Start CPR. If you don't have a cell phone handy, tell someone else to make the 911 call. Tell another to get the AED for you.

We are lucky to have a North Shelby fire station just a mile away at Caldwell Mill Road. All of their personnel are highly professional, well trained and certified to provide emergency medical care. We even purchased the same make and model AED device as used by the Fire District, and they have one of these on their emergency rescue vehicles.

The AED has been mounted in the Town Hall in its own white metal case on the kitchen wall near the refrigerator, and in clear view from the front door. Opening the glass door to the case activates an alarm. The AED is in a black canvas bag.

Fire Chief Michael O'Connor also offers weekly CPR and AED training at the Fire Station on Valleydale Road, and has offered to give a demonstration at the Town Hall of how the AED works. We'll schedule that shortly. We hope that this device will never be needed, but just in case the need occurs, it will be available.

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 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.

Address letters to the editor and news items to: Alison Stigers, Editor, 5110 Split Rail Trail, Birmingham, Alabama, 35244 (981-1750), Fax: 980-0408, or e-mail: villagevoice@indianspringsvillage.org.

The Village Voice is published the second Tuesday of each month. Articles for publication in the February edition should be submitted by Tuesday noon, March 1, 2005. All materials submitted for publication may be edited, including **letters to the editor, which must be signed and give writer's address and phone number.** All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors of articles; any opinions expressed should not be attributed to the mayor or the council.

Editor's Appreciation to

Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing

Town Council Meeting

December 21, 2004

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, Brenda Guercio and Jack Mendel.

The minutes of November 19, 2004 were presented. Council Member Brian Stauss made a motion that minutes be accepted as amended. Council Member Brenda Guercio seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted. The financial report was waived.

Council Member Jack Mendel reported Town Clerk Shirley Church and he have worked on the spreadsheet. October and November financial reports will be given at the January 4, 2005 meeting.

Council Member Brian Stauss has reviewed the smoke/heat detector project. One quote is substantially more to allow for compliance with recommended fire codes. In discussing this situation with Fire Chief O'Connor, the Chief suggested the town consider a sprinkler system instead if our intent is to save the building.

Council Member Stauss reported that Our Lady of the Valley Church had contacted him about having an additional turn lane constructed on Double Oak Lane as part of the Highway 119 turn lane project. Right-of-way concerns were discussed.

Council Member Stauss reported Mayor Steve Zerkis, Bart Trammell and he had prepared and mailed invoices for 2005 business licenses on a new form bearing the town's logo. The new logo will be used in the future on any correspondence representing the town.

Council Member Herb Robins had no additional information to report on the turn-lane project. He will talk to the State and County representatives about the request from Our Lady of the Valley Church for a turn lane on Double Oak Lane.

Council Member Robins also reported that Alison Stigers, Christy and Scott Wade, Brenda Guercio, his wife, Margie, and he shopped for 20 children representing 8 families that will be assisted through the Christmas Children's Fund. Names were provided by Oak Mountain Elementary School and Oak Mountain Intermediate School counselors. Approximately \$5,600 was spent for this worthwhile program, including \$1,000 for a benevolent fund, \$500 for the Scrip program. Everyone is encouraged to continue to make donations to this project. Checks should be made payable to ISV Children's Fund and mailed to Shirley Church, Indian Springs Village Town

Clerk, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124. Council Member Robins noted that Oak Mountain Middle School collected the most donations from a single group (approximately \$23,000) nationally for the Toys for Tots Program.

Mayor Steve Zerkis reported that the final budget will be presented in January for the Council's approval. Shelby County Commissioner and Villager Lindsey Allison was present and discussed the purpose of the \$16,000 Oak Mountain School line item. This item partially offsets county funding that the four public schools in our Town lose each year by being within ISV city limits rather than unincorporated Shelby County.

There was discussion regarding a legal challenge to a Zoning Board of Adjustment decision on the Gabrielle Cook property on Foxfire Court. Mayor Steve Zerkis presented an agreement drawn up by the Town's Attorney Russ Allison.

Mayor Steve Zerkis presented the Audit Report to the Council for their review.

Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell suggested that the Town Council create an ordinance that will permit the Mayor to expend an established amount of money without prior council authorization.

The Mayor introduced our new **Town Engineer, Frazier Christy**. Mr. Christy expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to represent the town and announced he is presently working on six new permits.

The Mayor asked if there was any other business. Council Member Brenda Guercio made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned.

The annual Christmas party was held for all in attendance immediately following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Upcoming ZBA Meeting

by Brian Stauss, BZA Chair

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will be meeting on Wednesday, February 16th, 730pm at the Town Hall to review a request from Janna Price. Mrs. Price is requesting a usage variance to operate a day care in her residence at 475 McGuire Road. The property is zoned E-1 residential. The public is invited to attend. Contact ZBA Chair Brian Stauss at 987-9997 or brian@indianspringsvillage.org if you have any questions.

Town of Indian Springs Village Budget

Fiscal Year 2005

GENERAL FUND		GENERAL FUND	
<u>Revenue Source</u>	Budget	<u>Expense Category</u>	Budget
Charter Cable	\$15,500.00	Web-Site	\$4,000.00
Alabama Power	\$67,000.00	Engineering Fees	\$15,000.00
Alabama Gas	\$20,000.00	ADEM	\$2,000.00
Pelham Water	\$9,500.00	Civic Events	\$6,000.00
Birmingham Water	\$1,000.00	Insurance	\$4,000.00
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	\$14,000.00	Office Supplies	\$3,000.00
Business Licenses	\$2,000.00	Maintenance & Improvements	\$30,000.00
Building Permits	\$9,000.00	Professional Fees	\$15,000.00
July 4th Donations	\$1,500.00	Recording Fees	\$300.00
Off Shore Drilling Share	\$12,000.00	Utilities	\$4,500.00
Interest Income	\$17,500.00	Mileage	\$600.00
Zoning Application Fees	\$2,000.00	Audit	\$2,900.00
Cell Tower Inspection Fees	\$1,200.00	Miscellaneous	\$2,200.00
DOT Grant	\$14,000.00	Village Voice	\$6,000.00
Misc Taxes(auto, trailers, etc)	\$7,000.00	Dues (AL League of Municip)	\$1,000.00
		CFO & Clerk Allowances	\$10,400.00
		Schools	\$16,000.00
		Garden Club	\$1,500.00
		AED Unit	\$2,000.00
<u>Total - All Items</u>	\$193,200.00	<u>Total - All Items</u>	\$126,400.00
ROAD FUND		ROAD FUND	
<u>Revenue Source</u>	Budget	<u>Expense Category</u>	Budget
Road Revenue (Incl. Int.)	\$7,000.00	Road Maintenance	\$7,000.00

North Shelby Library Computer Class Schedule

by Michelyn Reid, Reference Librarian

Registration is required. Please call 439-5510, or email Michelyn at nsref@shelbycounty-al.org. All classes are from 8:30am - 10:00am.

Word I

Tuesday, Feb. 01
Wednesday, Feb. 02

Intro to PowerPoint

Tuesday, Feb. 22
Wednesday, Feb. 23

Word II

Tuesday, Feb. 08
Wednesday, Feb. 09

Excel - Basic

Tuesday, Mar. 1
Wednesday, Mar. 2
Tuesday, Mar. 8
Wednesday, Mar. 9

Word III

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Wednesday, Feb. 16

Advanced Searching

Tuesday, Mar. 15
Wednesday, Mar. 16

Annual ISV Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday,
March 26, 2005
3:00 pm
ISV Town Hall*



*All children through the age of 12
are invited to participate.
Bring your own baskets.
Candy, trinkets and cash prizes.*



French Love Cookies

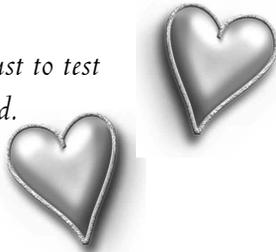
submitted by Pat Zerkis

Here is a recipe from the Continental Bakery in English Village for some of their wonderful French Love Cookies. I made them just a few weeks ago and you must try.

1 cup of softened butter
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla (do not use artificial vanilla)
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
1 cup finely chopped, toasted pecans
Sifted powdered sugar (about 1/2 cup)

In a large mixing bowl beat together butter, sugar, vanilla and salt with electric mixer until fluffy. Stir in flour and pecans until combined. Divide into 24 even pieces. Shape into crescents. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 325 degree oven 20 to 23 minutes until golden. Remove from sheet to cooling rack over a piece of pan liner. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Now try to eat only one cookie, just to test your will power. They are so good.



Congratulations

To Our Lady of the Valley School on their 20th anniversary of providing academic excellence to the children of our community.

Plants That Deer Hate to Eat!

by Steve Zerkis

As you plant your yard and garden this spring, you might want to consider using some species that are considered less desirable to deer.

Trees: Ash, Hemlock, Black or Honey Locust, Spruce, and Sycamore

Shrubs: Barberry, Boxwood, Forsythia, Juniper and Spirea

Groundcovers: Ajuga, Ferns, Juniper, Lady's Mantel, Lily of the Valley, Pachysandra, Potentilla, Sedum, Vinca and Violet

Perennial Vines: Clematis, Grape, Boston Ivy, Trumpet Creeper and Wisteria (purple and white)

Bulbs: Daffodil, Grape Hyacinth, Narcissus and Snowdrop

Perennials: Alyssum, Anemone, Astilbe, Bee Balm, Black-eyed Susan, Columbine, Coreopsis, Daisy, Goldenrod, Hibiscus, Iris, Peony, Phlox, Purple Coneflower and Yucca

Annual/Biennials: Forget Me Not, Foxglove, Heliotrope, Marigold, Moonflower, Nasturtium, Petunia, Salvia, Snapdragon and Sweet William

Herbs: Basil, Chives, Dill, Fennel, Lamb's Ears, Lavender, Lemon Balm, Mint, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage and Thyme.

Of course we all know that deer can't read and so they are not really aware of this list. This is no guarantee that some deer just might try to snack on, or develop a taste for, some of these plants. I know of at least one doe that delights in eating our Pachysandra!

Garden Club News

by Marge Dunn, President Indian Springs Garden Club

Mark your Calendar!

Volunteers are wanted to help with improvements and maintenance at the ISV Town Hall. As you know, our town has a long tradition of volunteerism. If it were not for the persistent voluntary efforts of many, we would not have our established village of Indian Springs, our town hall, pavilion, barbecue pit, gardens, walking trail and the list goes on, but these require maintenance and care!

The **LAST SATURDAY of EACH MONTH**, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. there will be a **Volunteer Work Day** at our town hall, starting February 26th. Men and woman needed. Bring a rake, broom, pruning shears, weeding tools, etc. If the weather is too wet or cold, we'll postpone until the following month. Questions, call Marge Dunn at 987-4765.

Town Council Meeting

January 04, 2005

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, January 04, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll and noted the presence of Mayor Steve Zerkis and Council Members Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, Brenda Guercio and Stewart Dudley.

Town Clerk Shirley Church presented the minutes of the December 16, 2004 town meeting. Council Member Brian Stauss made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes. Council Member Stewart Dudley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted. No financial report was given.

Mayor Steve Zerkis presented a copy of the 2005 budget to the Town Council. Council Member Brian Stauss made a motion that the 2005 budget be approved as presented. Council Member Stewart Dudley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Council Member Herb Robins reported that Margie Robins sent a thank you letter to Wal-Mart for their assistance to the ISV volunteers who shopped for the sponsored children in the ISV Children's Program in December.

Council Member Brian Stauss presented Council with the signature page of the ISV Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will be filed with probate court in Columbiana.

Council Member Stauss reported that Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Town Clerk Shirley Church have mailed out invoices for 2005 business licenses. When remittance for the business license fee has been received, a business license with the Town logo and Town seal will be sent to the business. Licenses are to be displayed for public view.

Council Member Stauss recommended that a color laserjet printer be purchased for Town officials use. Council Member Brenda Guercio made a motion to purchase a printer. Council Member Stewart Dudley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Council Member Stauss is in the process of obtaining bids for a Town Hall fire suppression system.

Mayor Steve Zerkis talked to Fire Department Chief O'Conner regarding installation of an AED in the Town Hall. Chief O'Conner will hold training classes at the Fire Hall for anyone interested in learning how to use the defibrillator.

Mayor Steve Zerkis presented a copy of the Cook property court order.

Mayor Steve Zerkis reported that Charter Communications has agreed to revert back to a 5% franchise tax.

Council Member Brenda Guercio reported the

Shelby Humane Society is actively encouraging and helping develop legislation to prosecute animal cruelty cases and recommend licensing for breeders, groomers, etc. that would ultimately ensure better quality control. Anyone interested in more information may go to their website www.shelbyhumane.org. Council Member Guercio suggested we approach the veterinarian of the clinic in our area to see if they would consider being our town's official facility and develop a protocol for taking stray or lost animals so people with lost animals would know where to call or locate their pet.

Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell presented the Council with copies of 1991 and 1996 ordinances regarding rules and regulations governing Town Council proceedings. He then presented a recommended draft to update these ordinances.

The Mayor announced that the Town Council would have a work session Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor asked if there was any other business. Council Member Brian Stauss made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Business License Update

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

This is just a reminder to those of you who operate businesses within the boundaries of Indian Springs Village. If you have not paid your business license fees, they are now overdue. All 2005 Business Licenses were due on January 1, 2005 and past due on February 1, 2005. Our town Clerk reminds us that she is required by law to assess late fees and interest charges on all delinquent accounts. If your fees are not paid on time, you do not have a valid business license and cannot operate your business. We certainly don't want that situation to occur. We are here to help you. Your business is valuable to you, your customers and our community. I urge you to get your fees paid as soon as possible. Please make out your check to Indian Springs Village and submit to: Ms. Shirley Church, Town Clerk; 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124. Your current business license will be mailed to you shortly.

Business license applications are now available on-line from the Indian Springs Village website at indianspringsvillage.org. You can easily download and print out the form, and mail it to the Town Clerk. For fee information please contact Bart Trammell, ISV Administrative Assistant.

In Memoriam

Phillip N. Cicio, age 91, of Indian Springs, passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2004. Mr. Cicio was born in Birmingham in 1913 to Joseph and Rosa Tombrello Cicio. He grew up in Birmingham and attended Phillips High School. He served his country during World War II in the Special Section of the Army Medical Corps, stationed in Hawaii and Christmas Island and the Asian Pacific Theatre. He was a member of the Roma Country Club, Alabama Hunting Association, Alabama Department of Conservation Advisory Board, Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing and was active in conservation efforts and promoting wildlife and fisheries. He was one of the founding owners and partners in Shop-A-Snack Food Mart. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He had a passion for life and loved his family, church and friends and has a great appreciation for the outdoors and the efforts in preserving our forests and streams. He was an active member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Mr. Cicio is survived by his wife, Marie Marino Cicio; daughter, Rose Marilyn Vetrano (Ignatious); son, Richard Grant (Becky), all of Birmingham, Alabama; grandchildren, Zachary Grant, Ricky Grant, Phillip Vetrano, Vick Vetrano and Kathy Vetrano; sisters, Rose Cicio DiChiara, Lena Cicio Giardina and Ann Cicio; brother, Joseph D. Cicio (Lena), Anthony L. Cicio (Bonnie) and Frank J. Cicio (Cruce). In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters, Josephine Cicio Levine and Marie Ann Cicio. A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Wednesday, December 29, 2004, at 10:30 p.m., followed by a graveside service in Southern Heritage Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the mass from 9 until 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Cahaba Valley Road. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home is directing. (reprinted from *Birmingham News*)

North Shelby Library Children's/Teen Department

by Rachel Hodges, Children's/Teen Librarian

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Visit our website www.northshelbylibrary.org for more details or call 439-5504!

Mondays, Feb. 7th, 14th, and 21st

Toddler Tales @ 10:30 & 11:30 am

Starting with February the ages for Toddler Tales are expanded. The program is now open to ages 18-36 months. Also beginning in February early registration will be required for Toddler Tales. You can call the library at 439-5504 to sign-up or put your name down for the coming week after the program.

Wednesdays, Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) @ 10:30 am

Thursdays, Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

P. J. Storytime @ 7 pm

~Special Programming for February~ For all ages:

*Tuesday, Feb 8 at 4:30—Ring in the Year of the Rooster with Chinese Folk Tales. Featured storyteller Lisa Hicks.

For grades 3-6:

*Thursday, Feb 24 at 4:30—Come celebrate George Washington's birthday (belatedly)! We'll talk with the birthday boy, learn the truth about his wooden teeth and whether or not he chopped down that cherry tree. And it wouldn't be a party without cake! Brought to you by the American Village.

Teen Zone:

*Thursday, Feb 24 at 6:30—Come to the inaugural Teen Advisory Group meeting and Pizza Dinner! Joining TAG will give you a say in what books the library orders, what programs we offer, and whether or not we get a graphic novel collection. It's your library, so tell us what's cool and what you want...we have no idea!

Must be in grades 7-12 to attend. Call the youth department at 439-5504 or visit the *Teen* page on the North Shelby Library website to email Rachel if you're interested.

Homeschoolers (grades 4-8):

*Beginning Jan 31-Feb 13—Homeschoolers Theater Workshop

For more information visit the *News & Events* section of the North Shelby Library website or call 439-5504 and we'll mail you a flyer.