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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 20, 2006 , 7:00 PM

Tuesday, July 4, 2006, 3:00 PM

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizen's Forum

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Editor's Notes

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Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

Creeks, Ditches and Water Runoff Easements

Our town's beautiful hills and its valley can have one real problem in heavy rains, and that is its water runoff. With some of our recent storms, the amount of water running downhill can be significant; just ask the residents who live along several of our streets and Bishop's Creek. Yards, driveways and streets are often flooded. Water levels occasionally approach buildings.

We need your help. There are a number of drainage ditches throughout the town. Many of these run through easements in the back of our yards and are open ditches or large culverts. When they are completely open they usually do a fine job of moving water away, but when they get partially blocked we all have problems.

Please do what you must to keep these ditches and culverts clear of debris. Please don't drop your grass and bush clippings, branches and other yard waste in those ditches. During a storm, that material can block the runoff and flood yours and your neighbor's property. When branches and trees fall into these ditches, or our portion of Bishop's Creek, please remove them. Of course, don't disturb the bed of the creek because that may cause additional problems. The Town will be working to improve drainage but we need your help.



Volunteers for July 4th

Did I say we need volunteers? First of all a big thanks to each of you who do volunteer your time and energy to make the Town's 4th of July a great event. And another big thanks to all of you who took the time to fill out those yellow cards offering to help. We do still need a few more people to help on the day of this event. It's all easy and you will be helping your neighbors. Please contact Brenda Bell Guercio at Brenda@indianspringsvillage.org, or 987-2581 and offer your assistance. It will be most appreciated.

Town Council Meeting

April 4, 2006

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll. Present were Mayor Steve Zerkis, Council Members Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, Jack Mendel and Brenda Bell Guercio. Also present were Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones.

Town Council Minutes of March 21, 2006 were accepted as amended on a motion by Guercio, seconded by Mendel.

Robins received and tested the solar light and determined it was acceptable for use at the Town's entry sign on Highway 119. Missing street and traffic signs were discussed. Signs will be ordered from Econo Signs on a motion made by Guercio; seconded by Stauss.

Robins inquired whether donations to the Children's Fund can be tax deductible. This is still being determined.

Robins reported a letter regarding the water drainage situation at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Cahaba Valley Road was faxed to Gary Ray, State Highway Department, who will write a letter to the church requesting a meeting with them to discuss this situation. Robert Kelly of the Shelby County Environmental Department will be contacted.

Representatives from the Shelby County Environmental Department have been invited to our next meeting on April 18, 2006 to discuss the Storm Water Monitoring Program performed in ISV waterways.

Guercio discussed the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 15 and requested as many volunteers as possible to be available to help with this event.

Stauss discussed an interest by residents of Cahaba Oaks Subdivision to install a gate and make the road private.

Stauss suggested our new deputy sheriff, James Norris, be invited to one of our meetings to give us an update of law enforcement activities in ISV.

Discussion continued that some or all of the original water pipes along Highway 119 had been manufactured using asbestos and that the road contractor should be made aware of that possible situation.

There was discussion regarding the dumping of dirt and material in the floodway on Highway 119 properties on or near Caldwell Mill Road that are owned by members of the Maddox family. Attorney Jim Fuhrmeister has been retained by the Town to pursue this matter.

Alabama Gas has been sent an updated list of all residents to insure ISV receives all revenues that are due.

There was a report from ISV resident Scott Howell that Earthworks is still dumping at 3:00 a.m. This problem is

being investigated.

Guercio made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Town Council Meeting

April 18, 2006

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 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, Council Members Herb Robins, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Jack Mendel and Brian Stauss. Also present were Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning & Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones.

The April 4, 2006 minutes were suspended on a motion by Stauss, seconded by Guercio. The February 2006 financial report was accepted on a motion by Stauss, seconded by Guercio. The March 2006 financial report was suspended on a motion by Mendel, seconded by Stauss.

Byron Woods, Municipal Consultants, Inc., and Robert Kelly, Environmental Manager, Shelby County Environmental Department, presented a program and discussion with ISV residents regarding testing in ISV waterways.

Robins reported Gary Ray, State Highway Department is hand delivering a letter to Church of Latter Day Saints on Cahaba Valley Road requesting a meeting with them to discuss the water drainage situation.

Robins announced Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department, discussed original water pipes along Highway 119 containing asbestos with their Project Engineer and all pipes throughout the turn lane project will be replaced with ductile.

Mendel volunteered to assist Trammell in obtaining information from Shelby County to insure ISV is receiving all revenues due from residents from Alabama Power Company and Alabama Gas Corporation.

Stauss announced a three-day seminar being held at the BJCC in early May about applying for grants and suggested representatives of ISV attend this seminar.

Stauss suggested that investment information be reflected in March 2006 financial report. This will be done and presented at May 16, 2006 meeting.

Guercio reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt, held on Saturday, April 15, was a great success. Special thanks were given regarding donations to the Easter Egg Hunt made by Bruster's Ice Cream and Dr. Lisa Wilson. We are in need of volunteers to assist in these civic events and an article soliciting help will be included in the next *The Village Voice*.

Guercio announced the Shelby County Humane Society will have a “blessing of the animals” at the Town Hall by Rebecca DeBow, Rector at Saint Francis Episcopal Church on Saturday, April 29, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Zerkis announced that a complaint was served upon Larry Maddox on April 12, 2006 regarding floodway and debris violations at the properties located at and near the corner of Caldwell Mill Road and Cahaba Valley Road.

Zerkis announced Sheriff Chris Curry is interested in having new Deputy James Norris come to a future meeting to be introduced and discuss law enforcement in ISV.

There was discussion regarding repair of a damaged red light on corner of Caldwell Mill and Highway 119.

Zerkis recognized the presence of Joseph Gray, Troop 71, who is working on his Citizenship in the Community Badge to obtain his Eagle Scout rank, and Matthew Gray, Troop 71, who is working on his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge to obtain his First Class Rank.

Meeting was adjourned by Zerkis.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Town Council Meeting

May 2, 2006

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll. Present were Mayor Steve Zerkis, Council Members Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, Jack Mendel and Stewart Dudley. Also present were Chief Financial Officer Paul Stephens, Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Planning and Zoning Chairman Wayne Jones.

Town Council Minutes of April 18, 2006 were accepted as amended on a motion by Stauss, seconded by Mendel.

Mendel announced the March financial report is being updated to include investment information that will be furnished by Stephens.

Robins announced that Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department, has reported a potential delay in the turn lane project due to clarification of who is responsible for relocation of involved sewer lines.

Robins stated that according to the town’s auditor, donations to the Indian Springs Village Children’s Fund are tax deductible. It was determined that it would be more appropriate for individual donor’s to obtain tax advice from their respective tax consultants.

Robins will contact Pete Shepherd to give the town a quote on treating the grounds for fire ants.

Zerkis announced he and Trammell met with J. R. Henderson, Chief Mapper-Supervisor, Shelby County Tax

Commissioner’s Office, to obtain an update of all parcel numbers, street addresses and residents’ names living in ISV.

The Shelby County Humane Society “blessing of the animals” event was a great success.

There was discussion regarding Charter Cable charges to ISV residents. There was also discussion regarding the need for volunteers for all of our town functions, such as Founders’ Day, Christmas party at the second monthly meeting in December, Easter Egg Hunt and other civic events. Volunteers are also needed to maintain the grounds and pick up trash along our streets.

There was discussion regarding preparation for the upcoming July 4th event.

Zerkis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Thanks Neighbors

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

Thanks again to our good neighbors, Mr. A. J. Pitts and Mr. Jeffrey White, who keep the grass cut around the Leyland cypress trees at the Town Hall.

Town Hall is Available

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

If you are a new resident to Indian Springs Village, you might not be aware that the Town Hall, the pavilion and grounds are available for use for your family and social events at no charge. Our Town Hall has the council chamber and a smaller room that can be used for small meetings and gatherings, a kitchen and a front parlor for adults. It is a classic shotgun style Alabama farmhouse that is over one hundred years old and, as with anything of that age, it needs to be treated gently. It has been freshly painted inside and out and the landscaping is beautifully maintained by our Indian Springs Garden Club. All we ask is that you follow basic common-sense rules and take care of the buildings and property as if they were your own. We don’t have a clean-up crew so all of the facilities must be picked up, cleaned and left as you found them or better.

There is a wonderful pavilion for open air socializing and meals, and lots of space to picnic and park cars. Its shade trees and meandering brook provide a country setting in the middle of our town. For further information and reservations, please contact the Town Hall’s curator, Tricia Crapet, at 802-2753 or e-mail her at ISVillage@aol.com.

Sixteenth Annual
INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
Fourth of July Celebration

Tuesday, July 4, 2006
Indian Springs Village Town Hall



Celebrate America ISV Style!

PARADE, INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY, BARBEQUE LUNCH AND MORE!

PARADE REGISTRATION: 10 a.m. Winn Dixie Marketplace parking lot on Valleydale Road. Decorated vehicles will begin their route through the Village at 10:30 a.m. Parade will head south down Caldwell Mill Road, passing Willowbrook and the Oak Mountain Intermediate and High Schools, turning right onto Highway 119, then onto Valley View Road. From there, the parade will circle Wildwood Lane and Highgate Hill to Indian Crest, Arrowhead Lane, Mountain Vista, Brook Green Lane, Indian Trail, and onto Highway 119 to the Town Hall. *(It is suggested that especially slow vehicles join the parade at the intersection of Fox Fire and Indian Crest rather than at the Winn Dixie parking lot.)*

INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY: Flag raising ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m.

BARBECUE LUNCH: Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Barbecue plates for adults and children: Plates will include chopped barbecue pork, 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.

Special Recognition Award for the "BEST HOME-MADE DESSERT"

Donations for the Indian Springs Village Environmental Fund will be accepted
Music provided by disc jockey Ray Halvorsen, who will be playing a mixture of patriotic music and hits from the past.

Without volunteers this event and all others would not be possible. Please call Brenda Bell-Guercio at 987-2581 to offer your services. As with any good party, there is always the CLEAN -UP!

Please stick around and offer a little time to help bag trash and take down decorations.

Decisions...Decisions...Decisions

by Bart Trammel, Administrative Assistant

Our Fourth of July celebration will be here soon and we are calling upon you to help us move the serving line a little faster. Be ready to place your meat order when you reach the beginning of the serving line. In order for you to make a decision on the type of meat you want, we are placing a list of the available selections below, and they will be posted throughout the pavilion area. Review the many choices and be ready to place your order when you get to the head of the line. In fact, why don't you clip the list of choices below and have it with you? If you know your selection beforehand, that will speed up movement of the serving line. Don't for-

get to save some room for those homemade desserts!!!! For you time honored, true traditionalists, hot dogs with kraut and other condiments will also be available.

PLATE CHOICES:

- CHICKEN – 1 split breast, 1 thigh and 1 drumstick (thigh and drumstick are attached)
- CHICKEN (white meat) - 2 split breasts
- CHICKEN (dark meat) - 2 thighs and 2 drumsticks
- RIBS – 5 or 6 ribs (one half slab)
- CHOPPED PORK–Heaping serving spoonful
- CHICKEN/RIB COMBO – 1 split breast OR 1 thigh and drumstick AND 3 ribs
- CHICKEN/PORK COMBO – 1 split breast OR 1 thigh and drumstick AND spoonful of chopped pork.

June Calendar of Events at North Shelby Library

by Tess Bouvier, North Shelby Library Children's & Young Adult Librarian

May 30th - June 2nd

Pre-registration for Summer Reading Program. (No phone registration)

Saturday, June 3rd

Kick Off Party! *Once Upon a Time*. . . there was a castle filled with books!

Magic Show with Chris Frings. 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

All Ages. Then, head to the Children's Department from 11:45-1:00pm for registration and lots of fun! There will be food and drinks, a castle to jump in, a craft and much more!

Monday, June 5th

Toddler Tales. *Registration Required. Ages 24 - 36 months. 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Movie Monday– The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

All Ages. 2:00-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6th

Dragon Tales Story-Time.

Ages 0-4. 10:30 - 11:15am.

McWane: Chronicles of Narnia.

All Ages. 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7th

Mr. Mac Story-Time.

All Ages. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Come enjoy stories and music.

Thursday, June 8th

Craft– Princess Hats and Knight Shields.

*Registration Required. All Ages. 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Don't just pretend to be a princess or a knight, dress like one too!

PJ Story-Time. All Ages. 7:00 p.m. Come in your jammies, bring a blanket and snuggle up for some bedtime stories, a craft, milk and cookies!

Monday, June 12th

Toddler Tales. *Registration Required. Ages 24 - 36 months. 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Movie Monday– Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

All Ages. 2:00-4:40 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13th

McWane: Once Upon a Time . . . Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth! Grades K - 1st. 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Learn about the mighty creatures of the Mesozoic: Tyrannosaurus Rex, Triceratops and more!

McWane: Harry Potter.

Grades 3rd-6th. 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14th

Mr. Mac Story-Time .

All Ages. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Come enjoy stories and music!

Thursday, June 15th

Craft– Jumbo Ties!

*Registration Required. All Ages. 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Come and design your own tie to wear or as a gift for dad on Father's Day!

PJ Story-Time. All Ages. 7:00 p.m. Come in your jammies, bring a blanket and snuggle up for some bedtime stories, a craft, milk and cookies!

Monday, June 19th

Toddler Tales. *Registration Required. Ages 24 - 36 months. 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Movie Monday– The Never-Ending Story.

All Ages. 2:00– 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20th

McWane: The Science Behind Magic.

Grades 3rd - 6th. 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Abracadabra hocus pocus and poof– Wave your wand as you learn some magic tricks to impress and surprise your friends!

Wednesday, June 21st

Mr. Mac Story-Time

10:45-11:45 a.m. All Ages. Come enjoy stories and music!

Thursday, June 22

Craft– Dragon Puppet

*Registration Required. All Ages. 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Will your dragon be red or green? Will he breathe fire or not? You decide when you come and create your very own!

PJ Story-Time.

All ages. 7:00 p.m. Come in your jammies, bring a blanket and snuggle up for some bedtime stories, a craft, milk and cookies!

Monday, June 26th

Toddler Tales.

*Registration Required. Ages 24 - 36 months. 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Movie Monday– An American Tale 2:00-3:20 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27th

McWane: Once Upon a Starry Night (I)

Grades K – 3rd. 3:00-3:45 p.m.

McWane: Once Upon a Starry Night (II)

Grades 4th-6th. 4:00-4:45 p.m. Where is the North Star? What are some of the legends of the Constellations? Come and crawl into the inflatable indoor planetarium to learn about the solar system and the constellations!

Wednesday, June 28th

Mr. Mac Story-Time.

All Ages. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Enjoy stories and music!

In Memoriam

Tula Love “Toots” Prince, age 79, of Bradford, AL, born August 10, 1926 died April 24, 2006. She was actively involved in Enon Baptist Church in Morris, AL. She was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Ora Love; her brothers and sisters, Rusty Love, Oletta Shirley, Glenn Love, Milton Love, Manane Chism and her beloved daughter, Brenda Annelo. Survived by her husband, Dennis Prince; sons, Reed (Peggy) Prince of Indian Springs Village, and Tom Prince; grandchildren, Todd Prince, Heather Standifer, Sarah Hardy, Carmen Annelo and Phillip Prince; great grandchildren, Ashli Prince, Madison Prince, Magdelyn Hardy and Laine Prince. Funeral Services were held Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at Ridout’s Trussville Chapel, with burial in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, Trussville. Ridout’s Trussville Chapel directed. *(Reprinted from The Birmingham News)*

Alabama Wildlife Center Appeal

by Anne Miller, Director

Alabama’s native wildlife needs your help. Volunteers are urgently needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for this year’s wildlife orphans so they can return to the wild. Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org for more information about the next training session at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Garden Club News

by Lynn Hendricks, President, Indian Springs Garden Club

If you missed our plant exchange last month, you really missed a lot of fun and a great time! We had a room full of people and plants.

In lieu of the Flower Stall at the ISV Fourth of July BBQ, the Garden Club has been asked to provide the floral decorations for the tables. If you would like to help with cut flowers/small greenery, etc., and are willing to share, please bring to the Town Hall Monday morning, July 3, 2006, by 9 a.m.. Should you need to drop them off earlier that morning, please leave them at the back of the Town Hall in a container of water.

Our June meeting will be a trip to Petals from the Past for blueberry picking on June 14, 2006. Be at the Town Hall at 7:00 a.m. and bring a lunch to enjoy on that great porch. Also, don’t forget the Annual Fern Sale at the Botanical Gardens on June 21, 2006. The show is from 8-10 a.m. and the sale is open to the public from 1-6 p.m.

For some time now, Mary S. Bowman and Mary H. Bowman have taken care of the sign in front of the Town Hall and flag-pole area. Mary H. selects and buys all the plants and they plant them on their own time. We want you ladies to know how much you are appreciated. A BIG HEARTY THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL JOB!!!

Tip: Add a drop of hydrogen peroxide to a vase of cut flowers to keep them fresh as you change the water each day.

Mary Alice Andrews, of Indian Springs, AL, passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at the age of 85. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chesley S. Andrews; and a son Chesley “Buz” S. Andrews, Jr. (Jo Allen). She is survived by two sons, Ted Andrews and Frank Andrews (Shirley); a daughter, Cathy Jones (Larry); twelve grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 12, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel, with Pastor Ron Cox officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, South. *(Reprinted from The Birmingham News)*

Louis Karl Hase, 72, of the Village of Indian Springs, passed away Friday, May 5, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Norma J. Hase, and a son, Michael K. Hase (Rachel). The family received friends Monday, May 8, 2006 from 1:00-2:30 at Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home on Hwy 150 in Hoover. A graveside service followed at 2:30 in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, South, Rev. Rebecca Debow officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart or American Lung Associations. Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home directed. *(Reprinted from The Birmingham News)*

Bidding Fairwell

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Seven years ago this May we moved here from Lockport, a small town outside of Buffalo in western New York. We had planned on staying here after Bob’s retirement because we truly grew to love the South and all of the wonderful folks here in Indian Springs Village. Needless to say, we ourselves were surprised how quickly our emotions changed when we became grandparents last June, and our hearts were melted at the smile of our precious grandson. We are now anticipating the birth of a granddaughter in September!

The decision to return to the Buffalo area didn’t take very long and neither did the sale of our lovely home up here on Willow Ridge Lane. Who wouldn’t want to have the *privilege* of living in this awesome area? As of August 15, we will be enjoying a new house in New York that we have built in a subdivision slated for “empty nesters”.

We want you to know that we will always treasure the many, many precious memories of these seven years and of the wonderful and caring folks of this outstanding neighborhood. We anticipate that when we become weary of the long and snowy days of winter that we will find ourselves landing in happy anticipation at the Birmingham Metro airport to visit with old friends!

Thanks to all from the bottom of our hearts for gifting us with your gracious Southern hospitality! It’s a memory that will endure for the rest of our days.

God bless you,
Bob and Del Levesque
115 Willow Ridge Lane