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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizen's 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 council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other Villagers a means of communicating – it is a “voice.”

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Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing. Although Mrs. Wyatt has passed away, this acknowledgement will continue in honor of the contributions of Mrs. Wyatt and her family to The Village Voice and the town of Indian Springs Village.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break, whether it was traveling, or sleeping late, or just enjoying the decrease in rush hour traffic!

Everything is relatively quiet and peaceful in Indian Springs. The council had its second Work Session to refresh and update our Comprehensive Plan that was created in 2004. Some of the wording and information described here comes directly from the Comprehensive Plan. The population of Shelby County more than doubled from 1990 to 2013, and although only a small portion of this was in Indian Springs, we need to plan for future development or redevelopment and be prepared to meet the challenges that might create. Currently we have a population of approximately 2500 residents.

We are still dedicated to the original premises to preserve and strengthen the many unique attributes that make Indian Springs such a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Our original Mission Statement put forth the goals of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the quality of life that our citizens enjoy now and for future generations, and also to keep the peaceful and uncluttered atmosphere of our town and the beauty, serenity, and tranquility which is the essence of Indian Springs Village. The goals included having a minimum amount of government involvement at minimum expense and relying primarily upon volunteer efforts and community support. These original goals were well thought out by council and residents and have carried us well for the last 20 plus years. Their intentions are valid, and I see them as a good guideline into the future.

The date for further Work Sessions has not been set, but will be posted and on our website as well as in minutes of a future council meeting. We try to have them an hour before regular council meetings so as not to tax people to reserve an additional night in their schedules. Please try to join us. Of course, when our reevaluation of the plan is finished, a Public Hearing will be in order to adopt the updated version.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

As of today, we have 488 signatures on our USPS petition for our own zip code. Only twelve more signatures needed. Go to the web-site (indianspringsvillage.org), download petition, and send it in or bring it by.

Deputy Shane Plyler wanted me to mention that this is the time of year that break-ins and thefts usually increase. Keep your car doors locked and set your home security systems. There was a car break-in involving an ISV citizen on Cahaba Valley Road. Part of a purse could be seen from the car window and in just a few seconds the car window was opened (the car was locked) and the purse stolen. This happened in a wide open parking lot during daylight hours along with heavy traffic driving by. Deputy Plyler says “don’t leave items visible in your car; this is an invitation to the burglar to break in.”

Sincerely,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all Council members were present except Councilman Dale Elliott and Councilperson Kathryn Harrington.

The minutes of the February 21, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Town Engineer Frazier Christy updated the Council on the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). He delivered an outline with the requirements necessary to comply with MS4 Permit along with the detail of compliance. He commented on an upcoming training session for the Council which includes a canoe trip on the Cahaba River. Another requirement that must be adhered to is the location of all storm drains in ISV. Twenty five percent is required the first year, and he will be working on this. He noted the CEAC committee is doing a good job and will continue to work on compliance.

Fire Chief Tyler reminded everyone of the March 8th dedication of the Fire House Subs grant at the Promenade

in Alabaster at 10:00 a.m. He noted the Fire Department is currently doing a lot of training right now.

Councilman Robins reported another meeting with the multi-purpose building committee was held on the 27th. The carryover of change order issues was addressed. Robins also presented the bid for quarterly maintenance of flower beds and plantings for the Town Hall. The ISV Garden Club has voluntarily maintained these areas for years and years but are unable to physically perform these duties going forward. Councilman Whatley made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the proposal. Councilman Stauss seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous. Stauss made a motion to accept the proposal from Face-Lifts, Inc. to perform quarterly planting and maintenance not to exceed \$1800 annually. Whatley seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio recommended the Council approve Jack Mendel as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the term of February 26, 2017 to February 26, 2020. Whatley moved to accept this appointment. Robins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio recommended the Council approve Bruce Monical as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the term of February 26, 2017 to February 26, 2020. Stauss moved to accept this appointment. Whatley seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio recommended the Council approve Wayne Jones as a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee for a six year term beginning February 26, 2017 through February 26, 2023. Robins moved to accept this appointment. Stauss seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The ISV Easter Egg Hunt planning is on schedule and should be the best ever.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! Don’t forget to check out the May issue of the Village Voice for a recap of the days events and pictures of you, your family and friends!

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Cardinal Roofing & Restoration
Owner: Rick Burgess
Address: 2400 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: New Roof

Applicant: EZ Roofing
Owner: Harry Rotter
Address: 2701 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: New Roof

Applicant: UNK – Mark Barns AIA
Owner: Richard and Christina Smith
Address: 795 Valley View Road
Proposed Use: New Addition

Applicant: R.R. of Alabama, Inc.
Owner: One Nineteen Realty, Inc.
Address: 5502 Caldwell Mill Road
Proposed Use: Sidewalk – Access and Parking



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“Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention”

CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

by Lt. Eric Ingram

North Shelby Fire District has recently completed having all of its members certified in child safety seat (car seat) installations through Safe Kids of Alabama. This class requires three days of classroom lecture along with hands on interaction with the many makes and models of child safety seats that are currently on the market today. To remain certified, our members are required to maintain six hours of continuing education along with a specific number of installations throughout the certification cycle.

The goal of this program is to teach parents/caregivers to properly install a child safety seat in a vehicle. This program is not intended as an installation service, but as a hands-on training session for the parents/caregivers on proper installation techniques of child safety seats.

Whenever possible, parents/caregivers are encouraged to call the fire district in advance to schedule an inspection or installation. However, walk-ins are welcome. The designated hours for child safety seat inspections and installations are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



You're Invited!



Baby Bird Shower

May 6, 2017

11am - 2pm

Hosted by the Alabama Wildlife Center

Bring a Gift Enjoy Cake and Refreshments Baby Bird Videos
Fun Children's Activities Tour Nursery and Aviaries Meet Live Raptors
FREE with admission to Oak Mountain State Park

Oak Mountain State Park
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Wish List and More Information at www.awrc.org



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“Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention”

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANTS TO HELP SAVE LIVES

by EMILY REED, Shelby County Reporter

March 8, 2017

Two fire departments in Shelby County received more than \$48,000 in grants for life-saving equipment from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

A donation ceremony was held Wednesday morning at the Firehouse Subs location on South Colonial Drive with members from both Alabaster Fire Department and North Shelby Fire District present.

“We thank everyone for their contributions that help us provide these life-saving tools,” Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters said in a release. “Our first responders are our heroes and we want to be sure they have what they need to protect their communities.”

A total of \$48,163 was awarded to two departments to update equipment needed each day by both departments.

“We received new extrication equipment that will be used to help free people from wreck vehicles,” Alabaster Fire Department Chief Jim Golden said. “This life-saving equipment is so important to our community because the fire engine it is now on previously had to wait for another Alabaster Fire Department engine to arrive. Having this equipment directly impacts the members of our community and those that pass through.”

Golden said the ability to remove a trapped individual from a wrecked vehicle allows the fire department to arrive in an emergency situation faster.

“We are so appreciative to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation,” Golden said. “This means that all Alabaster Fire Department engines now have extrication equipment on board.”

North Shelby Fire District Chief Eugene Tyler said his department was using tools that were 25 years old and were not designed to be used in today’s modern vehicles.

“This grant will enable us to extricate victims of automobile accidents in a much more efficient time frame than the obsolete equipment we were using before,” Tyler said. “We can now quickly extricate and transport these patients to a trauma center so they have the best chance for a positive outcome.”

John and Claudia Porter are the franchisees for the Alabaster store, according to the release.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Firehouse Subs co-founders Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen traveled to Mississippi where they fed first responders and survivors.

As the two traveled back to Florida, they knew they could do more and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was started with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations, according to the release.

Since inception, the non-profit organization has given more than \$24 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$1.4 million in Alabama.



Members of the Alabaster Fire Department and North Shelby Fire District attended a donation ceremony Wednesday morning at the Firehouse Subs location on South Colonial Drive. The two departments received a grant for more than \$48,000 for life-saving equipment from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

SHELBY COUNTY TEACHERS RECOGNIZED AS FINALISTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATH AND SCIENCE

by GRAHAM BROOKS, Shelby County Reporter
March 16, 2017

Shelby County Schools recently had two teachers recognized for their hard work and dedication to the teaching profession.

Oak Mountain Elementary School teacher Jennifer Northrup and Helena Intermediate School math teacher Natalie Landrum were recognized as finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching at the March 9, board meeting in Montgomery.

Northrup and Landrum were among eight nominees in the state as both were nominated as outstanding math instructors.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established by Congress in 1983 and is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States.

Teachers are nominated from each of the 50 states and if chosen as a recipient for the award, the winner will receive a certificate signed by the President of the United States, a paid trip to Washington, D.C., a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation and an opportunity to build partnerships from colleagues from across the nation.



Oak Mountain Elementary Principal Debbie Horton, Oak Mountain Elementary teacher Jennifer Northrup, Helena Intermediate teacher Natalie Landrum and Helena Intermediate Principal Kathy Paiml at the Presidential Awards luncheon in Montgomery on March 9.



NORTH SHELBY
LIBRARY

DESIGN A BOOKMARK CONTEST!

Create a bookmark based on the summer reading theme "Build a Better World." All kids, preschool through 12th grade, are encouraged to submit a design by April 28. One winner from each age group will be chosen. Full details and entry forms are available at the library or by visiting <http://www.northshelbylibrary.org/.../te.../bookmark-contest.pdf>

Please call 439-5500 for more information.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From Caldwell Mill Animal Clinic

There have been 2 CDC CONFIRMED cases of Rabies at Caldwell Mill Animal Clinic within the past two weeks (one family cat that was showing signs of illness and one raccoon that was brought in after getting in a fight with one of their vaccinated patients). Both were in Shelby County, in the Indian Springs area and Oak Mountain School District.

The state veterinarian said there are three basic rules every person should follow to control rabies in their community:

- Vaccinate pets
- Avoid wild animals especially if they exhibit strange or sick behavior
- If you believe you are exposed, immediately contact your doctor or public health department

INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL ACHIEVES SILVER LEED CERTIFICATION

Indian Springs School's three new classroom buildings and new administration building have been awarded Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that promotes sustainability in building design, construction, and operation.

Considered a standard for sustainable building in the United States and more than 150 countries and territories worldwide, LEED certification recognizes green building features that conserve energy, save water, lower carbon emissions, and create healthier environments.

For its Silver LEED designation, Indian Springs earned significant points across six environmental categories: innovative design, sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. Specific areas in which Springs received recognition include:

- **Innovation in design:** Use of daylight, unobstructed views, open space, and low-mercury lighting; and development of a classroom curriculum highlighting the buildings' sustainable design features
- **Sustainable sites:** Preferred parking for low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles; storm water management to limit pollution of natural water flows to Springs' lake; use of roofing materials that reduce "heat islands" and their impact on microclimates and wildlife and human habitats; and reduction of light pollution to increase night sky visibility
- **Water efficiency:** Reduction of total water use for irrigation by 93%; and reduction of potable water use by 30%
- **Energy and atmosphere:** Energy costs reduced by 34%; use of alternatives to ozone-depleting refrigerants to cool the buildings; and green power (purchase of renewable energy to provide at least 35% of the buildings' electricity)
- **Materials and resources:** Construction waste management (67% of construction waste was diverted from landfills); and use of recycled content and regional materials
- **Indoor environmental quality:** Air quality management plan during construction; use of low-emitting materials (paint, sealants); lighting and thermal controls; and connection to the outdoors through natural lighting and unobstructed views

"The choices that we made for our new buildings signal Indian Springs' deep commitment to using our resources wisely, to protecting our unique natural setting, and to ensuring that our students have the healthiest possible environment in which to learn," says Head of School Dr. Sharon Howell. "That commitment guided decisions throughout the design and construction of the buildings and allows us to teach our students firsthand how innovative, sustainable design impacts conservation efforts, operating costs, and classroom learning."

Indian Springs faculty, staff, alumni, Board members, parents, and students identified sustainability as a primary goal of the building project at a daylong "charrette," or planning session, led by design architect Lake|Flato in 2012. "During that visioning session, green design, the desire to integrate the new buildings with Springs' distinctive landscape, and the chance to celebrate the natural biodiversity of the campus emerged as top priorities," says Jimmy Lewis '75, who oversaw construction while serving as Chair of the Board of Governors' Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee.

Young alum Alex Jamroz '11, an architect intern with Adams Gerndt Design Group, says he and other charrette participants rallied from the beginning around the idea of sustainable building because green spaces, trees, and the school's 12-acre lake are crucial parts of the campus. "They are integral to the experience of Indian Springs," says Jamroz. "You have to go outside to go between classrooms; we have a lake day; and faculty encourage students to experience nature. All of these things lend themselves to sustainable architecture that makes use of eco-friendly, local materials to enhance a connection to nature. That idea influenced the entire process, step by step."

"The ideas and input that we got from Alex and the 70 other members of our community who participated in the charrette were invaluable," says Chairman of the Board Libby Pantazis. "Alumni—particularly young alumni—students, and parents really led the charge for green building, which speaks volumes not only about their desire to make the world a better place but also about their passion for doing all that they can to protect Indian Springs for current and future generations."

Springs' commitment to sustainability is evident at every level of the school community, says Howell. In November 2014, the Board of Governors

approved a Sustainability Policy that champions sustainable practices in all aspects of school life. Classes such as Sustainable Development and AP Environmental Science enable faculty to use the new buildings and the unique ecological identity of the campus as springboards for students to learn about green design and natural resources. Outside the classroom, Springs' student-run Student Government manages the school's on-site recycling program, and the Fertile Minds Learning Garden gives students a firsthand look at the benefits of finding chemical-free solutions to agricultural issues like soil health and pest control.

"It's so important to keep sustainability at the forefront of our efforts," says Howell. "By conserving energy and protecting our resources—which have clear environmental and financial impacts—and incorporating sustainability education in our curriculum, we create a learning environment that emphasizes the many dimensions of sustainability and the importance of thinking creatively for a bright future."

Indian Springs' new buildings, which opened in 2015, have also received an Educational Facility Design Award of Merit from the American Institute of Architects Committee on Architecture for Education and have been named by Business Insider as one of the "15 most beautiful new schools in the world."

Indian Springs School is a national leader in coed boarding and day education in grades 8-12. Inspired by the motto "Learning through Living," the school seeks to develop in students a love of learning, a sense of integrity and moral courage, and an ethic of participatory citizenship. For more information, please visit IndianSprings.org.



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ST. FRANCIS MUSIC ACADEMY OFFERING MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

by 280 Living
March 30, 2017

St. Francis Music Academy is offering partial scholarships for students enrolling in the 2017 spring and summer semesters.

SFMA has members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and other professional musicians from around the globe, and the academy is open to students of all ages. It also offers music instruction in piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, flute, guitar and harp, as well as chamber music, choral instruction, music theory and musicianship. There are also family classes, called Music Together, designed for parents, grandparents and caregivers with children up to 5 years old.

SFMA operates as an extension of the music ministry of The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi, under the direction of Alina Voicu, director of music. The academy also has monthly music corner activities that are free and open to the community.

For more information, go to saintfrancismusic.org or The Episcopal Church of St. Francis of Assisi at 3545 Cahaba Valley Road in Indian Springs.



Shelby County Schools

The Shelby County School District is implementing a new online registration process for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year using an enrollment program called SchoolMint. Parents should plan to do this during scheduled enrollment/registration events.

For more information, see our website at www.shelbyed.org. (Registration event dates will be published as they become available.)



Spring planting tips from John Floyd

by: JOHN FLOYD, Birmingham Botanical Gardens trustee, www.bbgardens.org

March 10, 2017

Sitting at the desk looking out the window on this bright sunny day, I wonder when our spring garden will occur. Daffodils and Saucer Magnolias were blooming in January, and temperatures were fluctuating from the low teens into the seventies. Quince in full bloom can last for weeks, even with the high/low temperature effect. On the other hand, planted tulips are not so happy with these temperatures, because cold helps buds set on these spring beauties. The landmark of spring is azaleas, and because of our temperatures, I suspect they will bloom early and be subject to being frozen except for the late flowering varieties. Camellias could be into their best season of bloom ever because some selections that started blooming in early January will be followed by the later selections. So we could literally have camellias in bloom for up to five months. Is there anything gardeners can do to ensure their plants stay healthy and growing in these unusual times? Here are a few tips:

- Fertilize annuals that are flowering with a water-soluble liquid fertilizer to promote more growth and flowering. Do this every other week at half the recommended strength.
- Replace damaged annuals with new ones. Pansies, ornamental kales and cabbages are often hurt so much by a quick hard freeze that those planted last fall will not recover. Add new ones where needed or pull the whole planting and replace it.
- For trees and shrubs that look stressed, check for insects and diseases. Because of a mild winter, many of our insect type friends overwintered. If you are unsure of how to control the problem, visit the Hanna Center on the second floor of the Garden Center building and they can help you.
- Cut out all dead and unhealthy stems on trees and shrubs that were a result of last fall's drought, many of which are just now showing up. If the pruning of the dead material ruins the look of the tree or shrub, cut it down and remove it from the garden, and plant a new one.

what's cooking

Make dinner a little easier and spend more time outside with your family with this Honey Ham cooked in the slow cooker. Recipe featured on www.thekitchn.com.

HONEY HAM IN THE SLOW COOKER

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 10 whole cloves
- 1 (8- to 10-pound) spiral cut ham



Instructions

- **Make the glaze:** Combine the brown sugar, honey, water, mustard, and cloves in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Cook until the glaze is homogeneous and fragrant from the cloves, about 5 minutes. Remove the cloves with a spoon.
- **Prepare the ham:** Place the ham in a 6-quart or larger slow cooker, making sure you can put the lid on. You may have to turn the ham on its side, or trim a bit off the top if your ham is too large. Gently pull apart the ham's slices and separate them.
- **Add the glaze:** Pour the glaze over the ham, trying to cover as much of the ham as possible, but not worrying too much, as the glaze will fall back into the slow cooker.
- **Cook the ham:** Cover and cook on LOW for 4 to 5 hours. Every hour (or as you remember), baste the ham with the glaze. You can also flip the ham halfway through cooking, if desired.
- **Serve:** The ham is ready when it reaches an internal temperature of 140°F. Serve with the thickened glaze.

Recipe Notes

- **Make ahead:** The glaze can be made up to 3 days ahead and stored in the refrigerator.
- **Storage:** Store leftover ham in its juices in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 5 days