



# The Village Voice

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

If we have a medical emergency, a fire, or an automobile accident with injuries, our Indian Springs Villagers know that by dialing 911 they will receive immediate response. This response comes from a dedicated group known as the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District. The quality of the firefighters is of the very highest in our state. We tend to take for granted this utmost important service. These trained professionals are ready to come to our aid 365 days a year. Chief Michael O'Connor has prepared the following article so that we would have an insight into their daily activities.

## A Day in the Life of a Firefighter

By Chief Michael O'Connor

Firefighters are a unique group of individuals. Firefighters at North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District spend a third of their lives at the fire station, working a 24-hour on, 48-hour off schedule. The day starts at 0800 hours. Crews are expected to be at the station in appropriate uniform by 0800 hours each shift.

Firefighters must handle emergency incidents. This is their primary job. In the calendar year 1997, the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District responded to 1,196 calls for service, 63% of which were medical calls.

The severity of the calls ranges from structural fires and cardiac arrests to false alarms and cut fingers. The E-911 Center in Columbiana not only receives the calls from citizens, but pages our North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District as well. Firefighters go from a resting position and low heart rate to full exertion and high heart rate within seconds. The job of a firefighter has often been characterized as 23 hours and 59 minutes of mundane activities and one minute of sheer chaos.

Firefighters are assigned daily duties that include ( and this is just a partial list) checking fire engines, physical training, cleaning stations, hydrant maintenance, company walk-throughs of commercial properties, daily training on Fire/EMS/Hazmat/Emergency services, and attending schools outside the station. (We have two lieutenants attending the National Fire Academy for two weeks in March.)

**Remember - fire safety is everyone's business.**

### INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Tuesday, February 17, 1998 7:00 p.m.

#### Agenda

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

#### 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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# For a Perfect Closet

By Debra McLauren

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Debra McLauren is an image/clothing consultant who makes her home in Indian Springs Village.)

Perfect weather we've had lately--perfect, I think for staying inside and taking the time to reflect on the past year while making new plans for the new one. And maybe, perfect weather for staying inside on a wet and gloomy day to work on that closet. Will this be the year you will finally get around to **cleaning out that closet?**

**Let's face it.** When you look into that closet of yours, do you think that anyone could wear all the clothing you probably have stuffed in there? **Be honest.** Are you trying to **simplify** your life like most of us? And, do you still have a closet full of clothes and nothing to wear?

Now I don't know about you, but when I have some leisure time, I don't get excited about spending a rainy afternoon all by myself in my closet. Most of us would agree that that would make a dark day even darker. Let me suggest that you enlist the services of a clothing consultant or a very good friend. I would suggest that you draft a friend (one who can keep a secret). Agree to help with her closet in exchange for her (his?) help with yours.

It really can be a memorable and fun afternoon if you'll follow a few simple suggestions:

1) First, go through and hang all blouses together, all skirts together, all pants together, etc. You'll be surprised just how many black skirts you really have and just how many things you have purchased that are too much alike! Don't we tend to gravitate towards buying the same kinds of things even though we really do want a new look? Or, don't we buy a new navy suit to replace the old worn one, but leave the other old one still hanging there in the closet? Be sure to hang each category in color from lightest to darkest--white blouse(s) first, black blouse(s) last. This will make it easy to see what you need and what you definitely don't.

2) Pull out everything you haven't worn in three years (more conservatively, five years). If you haven't worn it in that time you probably never will. If it is a wonderful classic that still looks new and in style, you've worn it recently. Now, for those "sentimentals" you just can't bear to part with, I have a couple of ideas. If you are a **real keeper** and just can't bear to get rid of that old prom dress you wore in 1975, 1960, 1950--at least **put it in another closet** where you have stashed other memorabilia, away from the closet you use daily. If you are determined to keep some momentos, I'd suggest cutting a big swatch from each garment that carries fond memories. Date it, label it, even write a few sentences about it, and paste it into

the family album. Then throw the outfit away. Think of the new space you'll have!

3) Make three stacks of things you're taking out of your closet: Things that don't fit (and never will); things that need alterations (need buttons, hem repair, etc.--take to a seamstress/tailor); and things you'd like to wear, but still need something to complete the outfit. Hang these back in your closet together and make a "grocery list" of things to shop for to complete each outfit. But, make a resolution not to buy incomplete sale items again! It's too much trouble. And, did you really save if you never wore the items?

Finally, call a charitable organization that will be happy to pick up your discards and leave you a receipt for tax purposes.

And now that you're finished, just think how much easier it will be to get dressed in the morning. I know you have "found" some things that you'd "forgotten" you had. You'll be encouraged to coordinate some new outfits and not wear things always the same way. Your good friend who thought she really knew you now knows you even better, and you have an "almost empty" new closet that's ready to be filled up again!

## Parent College '98

An Invitation by Oak Mountain Elementary School

Oak Mountain Elementary School and The King's Ranch are offering Parent College '98 to help parents better understand and work with children on Sunday, February 22nd from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. All parents are invited regardless of school system or age.

Mrs. Naomi Griffith, nationally recognized parenting expert, is the keynote presenter. Author of *Good Kids*, Dr. Nick Stinnett, will also be presenting on how to prepare your elementary child for the teen year challenges. Other small group sessions facilitated by specialists include *The Strong Willed Child*, *Sibling Rivalry*, *Motivation*, *Equal Parenting*, *Helping Children Learn Self-discipline & Responsibility*, *Computer Programs for Children*, *Encouraging the Gifted & Naturally Talented Child*, *Attention Deficit Disorder*, and *Helping Children Deal with Grief and Loss*.

This spectacular event is free of charge, in addition to offering free child care for children ages kindergarten through fifth grade (reservations required). There will be many interesting exhibits to visit, along with over 25 door prizes and refreshments from area restaurants.

# Town Council Highlights

## January 20, 1998

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gene Weingarten. Councilpersons in attendance were Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Herb Robins, Gary Dennis, and Stewart Dudley.

The minutes of the previous meeting was adopted as written. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$579.88; from the interstate trust fund, \$5,182.94; zoning application fees, \$1,560.48; alcoholic beverages, \$261.42; and road fund, \$739.12. The balance in the general account was given as \$47,235.98, and road fund, \$68,811.21 after an expenditure of \$1,800.00 for pot-hole repairs.

Councilman Herb Robins announced having received two more bids for work to be done on the walking track and landscaping behind the town hall. None of the three bids received thus far are within the budget set forth by the council for the project. Councilman Robins has investigated purchasing the trees from a wholesale operation out of town and contracting out the labor to plant them. The council authorized the purchase of the trees from the out of town nurseries if labor costs can be within the current budgeted amount. The initial funding for the program was received from a grant to the town from the state and secured by Senator Bill Armistead.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt re-presented two petitions for annexation of properties owned by George and Gale Johnson, 140 Star Trek Road, and Ernest and Sue Garrick, 180 Star Trek Road. The council voted unanimously in favor of the annexation.

Gerald Templeton, newly appointed Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, was in attendance to announce that a hearing date had been set for February 10, 1998 for the purpose of hearing applications which have been submitted by land owners wishing to either rezone or subdivide their property. The hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall. As with all ISV meetings, the public is welcome. Notice of the meetings will be published in *The Shelby County Reporter* and *The Birmingham News*.

Councilman Gary Dennis announced that a web site for the town of Indian Springs Village is being set up. Items to be available on the web site will be copies of previous minutes, past issues of *The Village Voice*, ordinances, photos, and other information about the town.

Mayor Gene Weingarten and Councilman Stewart Dudley re-presented the proposed budget for ISV for the fiscal year 1997-1998. After three adjustments to items previously proposed, the budget was passed by the council 4 to 1, with Councilwoman Patricia Crapet being the dissenting voter.

After investigation of a proposed re-subdivision of property on Miller Circle owned by Euel Colburn, it was determined that the parcel was not a full two acres and thus could not be subdivided. The matter was brought to the council at the December meeting by Jerry and Brenda Pate, who alleged that the sub-division of the property was against ISV Zoning regulations.

### Town of Indian Springs Village Adopted Budget 1997-98

#### General Fund Revenues

Marcus Cable	\$4,000
Shelby Cable	3,500
Alabama Power Company	45,000
Alabama Gas	13,000
Pelham Water	5,000
Building Permits	2,000
Pro-rata Shares of State, County Taxes	8,000

Total Projected Revenues: \$80,500

Property Tax - Town Hall	\$ 300
July 4th, Easter, Founders Day	3,500
Insurance	4,500
Office Equipment and Supplies	1,600
Repairs/Maintenance	3,000
Professional Fees/Dues	1,000
Recording Fees	500
Utilities	3,000
Mileage	800
Accounting Expenses	2,000
The Village Voice	3,000
Improvements to Grounds	10,000
Mortgage	15,000
Lawn Tractor	6,000
Miscellaneous	1,700

Total General Fund Expenditures \$55,900

Estimated Revenues	\$80,500
Minus Estimated Expenditures	<u>55,900</u>
Estimated General Fund Surplus	\$24,600

#### Road Fund Revenues

Pro-rata Shares of State Taxes \$9,000

#### Road Fund Expenditures

Estimated Road repairs and maintenance	\$30,000
Shortage of Fiscal Year Revenues	-21,000

\*Does not include present balance in road fund of \$68,811 and general fund of \$47,235. At the end of the fiscal year, the \$24,000 general fund surplus will be transferred to the road fund for future repairs and maintenance.

# Recycling Is February 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The next date for aluminum can collection is Wednesday, February 18. Recycling is always on the night following the town council meeting. ISV recycling volunteers need to be able to identify if the recycling from garbage. Please use white, blue recycling or clear plastic bags, and secure the top of each bag with a knot. Then place the recycling on the opposite side of your driveway from your trash pickup before 7:30 P.M..

In January volunteers Bill and Patti Weems along with their daughter Ashley collected all the area south of Highway 119 plus four streets north of Highway 119. Margie and Herb Robins, with lots of assistance from their red dachshund Lucy, collected in the Homestead neighborhood. Sharon Durbin and Jackie Johnson collected along the streets adjacent to Indian Crest Drive from Arrowhead Lane to Valley View. Tom Adkison and Art Johnson collected from the remaining neighborhoods east of Valley View. A total of 540 pounds of aluminum was collected in November and December.

Accolades are earned by all the recycling participants and ISV thanks you for your generous donations. The proceeds from ISV aluminum recycling help pay the printing expenses for *The Village Voice*. Once again, your continued support of Indian Springs Village is always appreciated.

Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

## Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet and Ruth Goodwyn

### Sadie is Still Missing

The "lost grey cat" signs posted at various places in the village refer to Sadie, a fluffy gray longhair belonging to Michele Tanner of Highgate Hill. Her looks belie her age. Sadie is about six years old, but appears to be a young cat and is very petite. At the time of her disappearance she had on a white & pink flea collar. She was reported last seen in the vicinity of Indian Crest Drive and Arrowhead Lane. Should you know Sadie's whereabouts, please call 985-4755. Sadie's sad owner would be very grateful.

### New Arrivals

Congratulations to Andy and Keri McGehee of 215 Brookgreen Lane on the birth of their son, Jonathan James. Jonathan, who was born at St. Vincent's Hospital, weighed in at six pounds, three ounces, and was 21 inches in length. Brother Andrew is 21 months old.

The McGehee family are new residents to ISV, here since December 26th and coming to our community from

Homewood. Andy is a metallurgical engineer with AMC Vulcan. Keri is the granddaughter of Jack and Opal Barry, also of Brookgreen Lane. How nice it must be to have those built-in babysitters right across the street! Welcome to the Village.

## Nuclear Energy Pioneer Retires

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"He is a pioneer in nuclear energy who leaves a legacy of dedication," declared Lewis Long, Vice-President of Technical Services, Nuclear Fuel Department and master of ceremonies at a retirement party for Warren Andrews of Indian Springs Village on January 23. The event was held at Southern Nuclear, Building 40, Inverness Parkway. Dr. Andrews is a veteran of 40 years in the nuclear energy field.

Personnel from the corporate headquarters of Westinghouse's nuclear division had flown from Pittsburgh for the occasion and were among the many honoring the retiree. Dr. Andrews had worked closely with Westinghouse in his 25 years at Southern Nuclear, a branch of Southern Services. He was Manager of PWR (pressurized water reactor) Core Analysis.

His degrees include a bachelor of science in engineering physics, Auburn University, master's in physics, Vanderbilt, and a doctorate in nuclear energy, University of California at Berkeley. Following service in the U. S. Army, Dr. Andrews returned to Auburn to design, construct, equip, and staff the Nuclear Service Center and remained there 11 years. He was director of the Center and taught, holding the rank of Associate Professor.

Present for the occasion were his wife, Lynn, recovering from a bout with the flu; daughter Lynn, who works for an advertising agency in New York city; and newly-married daughter Elizabeth-Lee of Winston-Salem, N. C., who has been Mrs. Carlton R. Lawley since the day after Christmas. The Andrews moved to Pawnee Drive in 1972 shortly after he began work at Southern Nuclear and when Lynn was only three months old.

## ISS Scholars

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In a ranking of boarding and private day schools in the south and southeast, Indian Springs School places fourth in the number of students who have achieved Advanced Placement status. With an upper school enrollment of 253 students, 39, or 15.42 percent of the enrollment are AP scholars and as such will be exempt from college or university lower level courses. The number of students who achieve advanced placement is a good indicator of the overall quality of a school's program. Private schools in Tennessee, California, and Massachusetts were the top three; the highest having AP scholars as 18.88 percent of enrollment.