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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 1999, 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, Mayor

Our town's flag pole and the rock work around it has been completed. If you have not passed the town hall and seen this latest addition to the beautification of our building and grounds, make plans to go by, preferably during daylight hours, and admire the workmanship.

The pole will fly our United States flag that once flew over the Capitol in Washington, D. C. It will be lighted at night in accordance with the rules of flag exhibition. The Cahaba Valley Garden Club will plant flowers around the flag pole.

A plaque has been placed in dedication to Colonel Andrew J. Mungenast, who served our country through 31 years in the U. S. Air Force. Thanks to Judge Patty Smith for her generous contribution, which initiated the plans for constructing this memorial. Thanks also to Herb Robins and Bart Trammel for their time and efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

Our walking track was completed during the late summer. From the number of folks seen walking (and jogging) on the track, it appears to be a popular spot. One trip around the track measures a quarter of a mile. Make the track a part of your exercise program. Remember, no bicycles, skates, skate boards, or motorized vehicles. This family track is "just-for-feet."

The town council approved a contribution to the new Indian Springs School Town Hall, a performing arts center. The school not only is within the town limits, but considers itself a part of the town. Our roots go back to the days when our city council meetings were held in the music room at the school. If you have not attended a concert, play, or program at this new facility, you are missing a treat.

Our council also approved an appropriation for the emerging Shelby County Park at Heardmont Farms. In an earlier *Village Voice* the many facets of this project and how it will be a boon to the citizens of North Shelby County, and particularly those of us in Indian Springs Village, were discussed. Many of the park's facilities will be completed this spring and early summer. The Sheriff's Department sub-station is already in use, just barely minutes from our homes.

To prepare for the upcoming severe weather period, we will have two new warning systems. One is already in place on the cell tower at Davis Plumbing. Another will be behind Winn-Dixie at Caldwell and Valleydale. These units will bracket our area and be audible to all ISV citizens. Activation will be handled by Shelby County Emergency Management and will be condition-specific to our immediate area.

Parent College '99 at OMES

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Dr. Marcie Burke, Tuscaloosa County Schools administrator, will be the keynote presenter for Parent College '99 at Oak Mountain Elementary School, 5640 Cahaba Valley Road, on Sunday, Feb. 21. Her topic, "How to Handle the Stress of Parenting," will include information on how to communicate effectively with teachers.

Thirty exhibits at Parent College will open at 12 noon and remain open throughout the afternoon. Dr. Burke will speak 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Small group sessions will follow, lasting 45 minutes each. Parents may choose three of 10 sessions to attend in addition to visiting exhibits and sampling food provided by area restaurants. Child care is available for \$1.00 per child.

Topics to be discussed in small group sessions include discipline and understanding kids of the 1990's as opposed to earlier decades, extending the school year beyond the traditional nine months, the over- and under-achieving child, and how to instill morals in your children. Dr. Sam Faxon and other speakers from Birmingham Psychiatry will lead sessions, as well as Andra Sparks of Jefferson County Family Court.

Mary Veal, counselor, has said that information given in the sessions will be applicable to parents of students of all ages.

Childrens' Fund a Big Success

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

Once again, Villagers have come through for the needy children of the Oak Mountain Schools. Donations came rolling in a little late, but were still able to be put to good use. Along with the Villagers who were recognized last month for donating are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells, Robert and Judith Konecny, Robert and Amy Stokes, Paul and Trudy Scokel, Jeffrey and Mona Holmes, Billy and Pam Longshore, Edwin and Ginny Lusk, William and Peggy Gaines, Janet Roper, Marcia Tripp, Stephen and Patricia Zerkis, Roger and Elizabeth Eastman, Lee and Patty Bowman, John and Marie Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bondi, Crawford and Betty Jinks, James and Jewel Cargile, Jerry and Becky Stovall, Southern Copper Supply, Jerry and Sherry McWilliams, and Cappy and Pat Potter. Thank you to everyone who participated in this worthwhile project.

Indian Authority Is Speaker

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Dr. H. L. "Lindy" Martin of Cherokee Road, Mountain Brook, an authority on Cherokee Indians and Indians of the South, will be the speaker on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2:00 p.m. at the Shelby County Historical Society winter meeting, Museum and Archives Building, Columbiana (old 1854 Courthouse building).

Dr. Martin is retired Dean and Professor at Samford University. He is CEO of the Association of Cherokee Descendants and at present is chairman of American Indian Ministries. A past pastor of Vincent First Baptist Church, he is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chalkville. A noted historian, Dr. Martin is also known as a speaker locally, nationally, and internationally.

Born and raised in a Cherokee community in Virginia, Dr. Martin attended Pembroke, now the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He earned a master's degree at Auburn, and his Ph.D. is from California Western University. His doctorate in theology is from Union Theological Seminary.

An Indian Springs connection is that one of the six children of "Lindy" and Sue Martin, the former Leigh Fran Martin, is the daughter-in-law of Villagers Don and Anita Jones of Choctaw Lane. Leigh Fran is married to Warren, the Joneses' youngest son.

Dr. Tom Caldwell, Secretary, noted that visitors are welcome to attend the Historical Society meeting and hear Dr. Martin. He added that Indians inhabited this area a lot longer than the 200 years that have passed since Alabama was a frontier.

Heritage Book Due Jan.-Feb.

The corrected proofs of *The Heritage of Shelby County, Alabama*, were returned to the printer last month, and it is hoped that the volume (No. 58 in the *Heritage* series) will be mailed in January or early February to those who ordered copies.

A brochure will be released this month concerning *The Heritage of Jefferson County, Alabama*. A book committee has been formed and is holding regular meetings concerning development of this volume.

Town Council Highlights

December 15, 1998

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

Though there was no heat in the building, warm hearts gathered at the Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided over the meeting, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Art Johnson present. The minutes of the November meeting were adopted as modified.

In the absence of Town Clerk Paul Stephens, the revenues for the month were not given. The balance in the general fund was \$81,865, and the road fund balance was \$79,204.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the Indian Springs Childrens' Fund had provided Christmas for 11 children from five different families in the Oak Mountain Schools. Councilman Art Johnson reported that the shopping trip was a great success and that all gifts had been wrapped and delivered to the school for pickup by the parents of the families.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that there is a need for volunteers for the aluminum can recycling program. Past volunteers have either moved away or have new commitments which do not allow for their participation to continue at the present time. Anyone with a pickup truck who can give a couple of hours per month on the allocated Wednesday night of the month for picking up the cans should call Councilman Johnson at 987-3217 to volunteer. The recycling effort pays for printing expenses of the community's newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

Councilman Herb Robins presented drawings for a proposed planter to be placed around the flag pole on the Town Hall grounds. After viewing the drawings, all in attendance voted and a design was chosen (see article, page 1). Three bids were presented for the project, and due to availability of materials and labor, the council voted to contract with Garner Stone to do the work. The council voted to allocated \$5,000 toward the project.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported problems with the Waste Management garbage pickups in our area. Many residents in attendance also complained that the service is presenting problems for them and that due to the new one-man operated trucks, garbage has been strewn all over the streets in many areas. A recommendation was made to contact the Shelby County Commission with complaints. Councilman Dennis also reported that the town's website will be up and running soon.

Mayor Weingarten presented the council with a proposed budget for the present fiscal year. The budget will be discussed again at the January meeting.

Gerry Templeton, Chairman of Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning, reported that new subdivision regulations were almost ready to be submitted. Several additional zoning changes will also be attached to the regulations so that all changes and additions to ISV's zoning can be done at one hearing. One such addition is a swimming pool ordinance requiring protective fencing around pools. There have been several re-

quests for such an ordinance, following recent drownings of some small children in surrounding states. Councilman Gary Dennis presented one such ordinance. Public notice will be given prior to any changes, as is required by state statute.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented 11 petitions for annexation by contiguous property owners. The properties are all located on Parkview Circle, behind Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. After a unanimous vote to waive the rules to allow for a vote, the petitions were all adopted unanimously.

The council was presented with a request from fundraisers for the Heardmont Farms Park and Recreation area. After discussion, the council decided to add the request to the proposed budget in January.

Following the meeting, Villagers retreated to the kitchen for delicious homebaked Christmas goodies, hot spiced cider, and the warmth of an electric stove.

Town of Indian Springs Village Proposed Budget

Projected Revenues for Fiscal Year 1998-1999

Alabama Power	\$45,000
Alabama Gas	13,000
Marcus Cable	8,000
Pelham Water	5,000
Aluminum Can Recycling	1,500
Alcohol Taxes	9,000
Building Permits	4,500
July 4th	1,500
Miscellaneous	<u>1,500</u>

TOTAL REVENUE: \$89,000

Projected Expenditures - Fiscal Year 1998-99

Mortgage	\$15,000
Severe Weather Warning System	8,000
Computerized ID/Zoning Map	4,000
Clean Air/Water Act (A.D.E.M.)	3,500
July 4/Easter/Founders' Day	4,500
Insurance	2,000
Office Expenses	1,500
Maintenance	6,000
Professional Fees	2,000
Recording Fees	500
Utilities	4,000
Mileage	600
Accounting Expenses (Audit)	2,000
Miscellaneous	800
Village Voice	2,500
Flag Pole Landscaping	5,000
Dues	500
Engineering Fees	2,500
Heardmont Farms	<u>5,000</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$69,900

Estimated surplus revenue for the year: \$19,100

Road fund revenues are estimated to be:	\$9,000
Road fund expenditures are estimated to be:	\$14,000
Proposed transfer of funds from general to road fund:	\$5,000

Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet and Ruth Goodwyn

Accolades

Congratulations to **Ed and Ginny Lusk** of Auburn Place for being featured in the January issue of *Southern Living*. On page 58 is an excellent picture of the Lusks in their garden, shown with baskets of the lush raspberries they have been growing for 17 years. The Lusks give planting and growing tips, complete with illustrations, to help other gardeners get started growing this sweet red berry they harvest for about four months of the year, beginning the last week of June.

Douglas Jennings, the director of Indian Springs School, has been awarded a Joseph Klingenstein Fellowship to study at Columbia University in mid-winter. The Klingenstein program gathers 10 heads of independent schools from across the country for a month of extensive study and discussion. The visiting fellows examine educational issues and policies and meet with a variety of prominent educators and government officials.

Headmaster of Indian Springs School since 1987, Jennings is an officer of the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

Welcome New Villagers

A warm welcome to the newest citizens of the Village! The December Town Council meeting was a very special occasion for 11 families who had petitioned Indian Springs Village for annexation. All of the homeowners' petitions for annexation into Indian Spring Village were unanimously accepted.

The following families are welcomed: **James and Kathleen Riley**, 5521 Parkview Circle; **David and Sharon Kleeschulte**, 5525 Parkview Circle; **Melvin and Patricia Beavers**, 5529 Parkview Circle; **Meredith Douglas and Debbie Street**, 5530 Parkview Circle; **Mitchell and Karen Quinn**, 5533 Parkview Circle; **Malcolm and Barbara Meadows**, 5537 Parkview Circle; **William and Mickey Farmer**, 5541 Parkview Circle; **Earl and Maureen Alexander**, 5549 Parkview Circle; **Jan Brooks**, 5554 Parkview Circle; **James Allen and Wanda Lauderdale**, 5555 Parkview Circle; **Nathaniel and Patti Ellis**, 5558 Parkview Circle.

Congratulations to these families and thanks for your interest and support if ISV.

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Residents of Indian Springs,

Your sponsorship of five of our OMES families is greatly appreciated. I would like to say a special thanks to Jackie and Art Johnson and Herb and Margie Robins for shopping for the children. Also, a special thanks to Allison Stigers for wrapping the gifts. We were amazed at the quantity you distributed.

The families have been extremely appreciative. It is such a good feeling to help those who are less fortunate. We couldn't do it without you.

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday!

Merry Christmas,
Mary Veal, Counselor
Oak Mountain Elementary

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing us to use your pavilion and beautiful park for a picnic lunch for our Special Olympics volleyball teams. The setting was perfect, and we appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,
Gay Litton, Director
Special Olympics

To the Town of Indian Springs Village

On behalf of the Board of Governors of Indian Springs School, I thank the town of Indian Springs Village for its generous gift of \$5,000 for the Town Hall Campaign. Your support of the work we do at Indian Springs School is gratifying and I am pleased to have the Village among our contributors.

Last year at this time, we were watching the Town Hall take shape before us. Now that construction is over and the Town Hall is open, we are watching it come to life as the students make it their own with plays, concerts, meetings, and other activities. I hope the citizens of Indian Springs Village will be able to join us for many of these activities.

Your gift, and those of others, has made this wonderful building and the educational programs it will support possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Doug Jennings, Director
Indian Springs School