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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 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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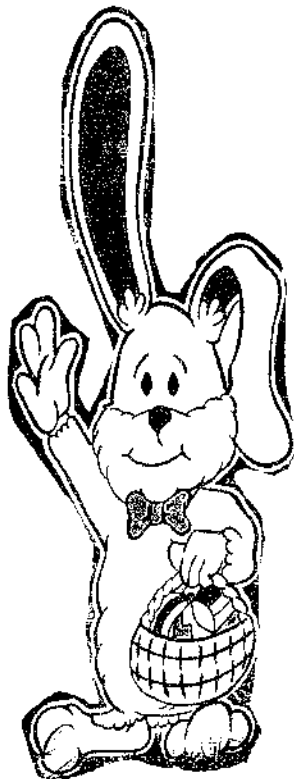
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## Sixth Annual Indian Springs Village EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3, 1999

3:00 p.m..

(Rain date: Easter Sunday, April 4, 1999, at 3:00 p.m.)



**NEW LOCATION!!**  
*Town Hall Grounds*  
*2635 Cahaba Valley Road*

**All children thru age 12  
are invited to participate.**

*(No children over 12, please.)*

**2,000 Easter eggs to be hidden!**

**Bring your own basket.**

**\$200 in Cash prizes**

**plus**

**hundreds of eggs stuffed with candy and surprises!**

**Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the festivities!**

# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

The Shelby County Economic and Industrial Development Authority has prepared a visitor's guide to our county that provides a wealth of information. Entitled "Plot Your Course for Shelby County," it is applicable whether you are searching either for business or pleasure.

Listed in the brochure are the many points of interest in Shelby County. While we are deservedly proud of our Indian Springs Village, we need to take pride in the number of positive and interesting points in the sixth fastest growing county in America.

These are the points of interest listed and described: Oak Mountain State Park, Alabama's largest state park; Bob Saunders Family Covered Bridge, Oak Mountain Amphitheater, Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area, The Cahaba River, Alabama's last free-flowing river; Lay Lake, 12,000 acres of pristine water and a fisherman's paradise; Shelby County Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center at Columbiana; Shelby Iron Works, incorporated in 1858.

Other points of interest listed are the following: University of Montevallo, founded in 1896, a liberal arts "small college;" Jefferson State Community College, Shelby Campus, on Valleydale Road, with day and night students; Shelby Baptist Medical Center, a full-service facility in Alabaster; the Aldrich Coal Mining Museum, just west of Montevallo; the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum, near Calera; Shelby County Museum and Archives, circa 1854, beautifully restored, the county's first courthouse; Smith-Harrison Museum; George Washington memorabilia in Columbiana, and a top-rated airport.

Events such as the annual PGA Senior Tour at Greystone Golf Club and the Eddleman Pro Tennis Classic have acquainted the world with the quality of life in Shelby County. These points of interest are all covered at great length in the brochure. There will be ample supplies available in prime traffic areas. Get extra copies for your personal use and for your business contacts. Be proud of ISV and Shelby County!

## Meals On Wheels Drivers Needed

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Do you have one day a month you could set aside for a good cause? Meals On Wheels needs volunteers for deliveries in our area, and Kathy Monacelli of Skyline Drive can attest that this is a very rewarding way to help others.

Stella Bryant, the coordinator for this area, is the person to call, at 991-5072. As Kathy and Stella explained, drivers for the meal-a-day program pick up containers, two regular-sized

coolers, at Meadow Brook Baptist Church on Meadow Brook Road and proceed to Harpersville to pick up the food provided by Shelby Senior Services. Four meals are delivered on the way back to Brook Highland Parkway, and the driver proceeds to Valleydale Road and then toward Indian Springs. Volunteers contribute transportation and two-and-a-half hours maximum time around the noon hour one day a month. Meals are not delivered on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, the thought being that family members take care of the recipients' needs on those days. Those eligible for the nutritious meals must be at least 60 years of age and unable to prepare food.

Many on your route may become friends, but because of the time frame you are not expected to visit beyond the exchange of greetings. Kathy Monacelli said that the recipients really look forward to seeing you, and you look forward to checking on them. "Sometimes you are the only person a recipient might see that day," she added.

## Hippity-Hoppity...Bunny Helpers Desperately Needed

By Bee Little

It is once again time to volunteer for our **Sixth Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, which will be held on Saturday, April 3, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. All of the prizes have arrived and are ready to be stuffed into the plastic eggs.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help stuff the eggs with trinkets, candy, and prize numbers. Every year the number of children attending this wonderful event grows, yet our volunteer list has steadily declined. Each year it has taken a lot of effort to pull off this event, and this year will be no exception. We have over 2,000 eggs to stuff this year, and we need as many volunteers as possible for this endeavor.

Official egg stuffing dates are: **Wednesday, March 17; Thursday, March 18; Wednesday, March 24; and Thursday, March 25.** If these dates are inconvenient and you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Bee Little at 985-9988. In the past, some Villagers have stuffed eggs at their homes.

We also are in need of volunteers to help hand out the hundreds of numbered prizes. This is a very important part of the event. Our "customers" may be small children, but their standards run very high, and they can be just a tad impatient!

We hope that those of you who can, will make an effort to volunteer at least one hour to help make this year's event the most successful ever. Please contact Bee at 985-9988 to sign up!

*Easter Dates: Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the full moon on or next after the vernal equinox, March 21. If the full moon falls on Sunday, Easter is observed one week later. --Webster's New International Dictionary ...*

# Town Council Highlights

## February 16, 1999

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, February 16, 1999, 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, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present. The minutes of the January meeting were adopted as presented.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced the revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$780; building permits, \$2,280; zoning application fees, \$687; motor vehicle licenses, \$22.68; State of Alabama, \$29.43; insurance license fees, \$1,359.39; and road funds, \$831.15. Yearly utility license taxes received were: Alabama Power, \$53,474.18; Alabama Gas, \$12,453.32; Pelham Water, \$7,576.82; and Marcus Cable, \$3,377. After the yearly payment of the mortgage on the Town Hall of \$15,000, the balance in the general fund was \$124,056. The road fund balance was \$81,137. There was discussion regarding moving some of the town's assets to a capital account which would earn interest and bring the balance of the account below the current \$100,000 insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that a new American flag would be purchased immediately for the ISV flagpole. The quality of the 4 foot by 6 foot flag will be such that it can be flown 24 hours per day. The cost is approximately \$50. A dedication ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Jerry Templeton, Chairman of Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning, reported that the federal application for flood insurance has been received and requires public notice and advertisement before it can be formally initiated. The ISV Zoning and Planning Committee is preparing the paperwork.

In other zoning matters, the council voted unanimously to adopt the subdivision regulations that had been recommended by the ISV Zoning and Planning Commission. These regulations had been published in full and in abbreviated form in the prior two months of *The Village Voice*. The council unanimously agreed that the town adopt the Southern Building Code, as was recommended by the ISV Zoning and Planning Commission. Shelby County currently operates under this code. The council also voted unanimously to allow the resurvey of a parcel on Valleydale Road.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that Captain Chris Curry had stepped up patrols in the area in response to the complaints about deer hunters' improper hunting methods. Some arrests have been made.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported that some mailboxes have been vandalized, and even stolen, in the Village. This is a crime punishable at the federal level. Tampering with mail or vandalizing of mailboxes should be reported to the postal inspector at 326-2900.

Mayor Gene Weingarten announced that the town had purchased a brick paver from the "Buy a Brick Program" for Oak Mountain High School. The paver, which cost \$500, will feature the ISV logo and town name.

# ISV Recycling - March 17

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers, please use a white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bag with the top tied with a knot and place it on the other side of your driveway from your trash. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Last month the recycling volunteers were Amy and Cheryl Rast, Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, Tom Adkison, Jackie and Art Johnson. In January and February "the haul" weighted in at 540 pounds. Our sincerest thanks for your generous support.

## Thunderstorm and Tornado Safety

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

An average of 13 people are killed every year in Alabama because of tornadoes. In Alabama, March and April are the worst months for tornadoes. We remember the 34 people who died in the Alabama tornado outbreak on April 8, 1998, and also cannot forget the 1994 tornadoes our town experienced four years earlier. Many survivors credit their survival to an adequate warning.

### Hearing Severe Weather Warnings

You may think you will always hear severe weather watches and warnings. That might be true if you watch TV 24 hours a day, but we know that isn't the case! Outdoor warning sirens serve a great purpose, but you should never rely solely on them to warn you about a storm that can take your life, or a member of your family's life! Indian Springs Village has (or is) installing two warning sirens. These sirens provide adequate warning if you are outdoors or traveling in a car. However, the best way to hear severe weather warnings *in your home* is a NOAA Weather Radio. These receivers pick up 24-hour-a-day broadcasts from the National Weather Service and feature a loud alarm that will sound if a watch or warning is issued for your area.

### Have a Plan of Action

**Don't be near a window and don't open windows.**

**Pick a small room, such as a closet, hallway, or bathroom to wait out the tornado.**

**Go to the lowest floor, preferably a basement.**

**Stay near the center of the house or building, putting as many walls between you and the tornado as possible.**

Determine the safest place in your home and be sure everyone in the family knows, especially the children. Your family should go there immediately in case of a tornado warning in your county (Southern Jefferson or Northern Shelby County).

## Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet and Ruth Goodwyn

### In Memorium

Eunice Gurley, 90, mother of Anita Jones of Choctaw Lane, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10. She resided at Cook Springs, and was preceded in death by her husband, R. E. Gurley, Sr. She is survived by a daughter, son, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The Gurleys had moved to Indian Springs in 1979 with the Don Jones family, and were present at the Village's Fourth of July celebrations with their patriotically dressed poodles.

Don Jones recalls that when they cleared pine trees from their land, his father-in-law, at age 79, cut the logs into 10-ft. lengths, split them with his wedge and hammer, and constructed more than 300 feet of split rail fence. The Gurleys were rightly proud of their flowers and vegetable garden, which produced so abundantly every year until Mr. Gurley's death at 92.

The family received friends on Friday evening at the Southern Heritage Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Saturday, Feb. 13, at Jefferson Memorial Gardens in Trussville. Serving as pall bearers were her grandsons, including Don Jones, Jr., Warren, and Wayne Jones.

### Welcome New Neighbors

Debbie and Lee Harkins are new residents at 1170 Spring Garden Street, having moved here about three weeks ago from Orlando, FL. Lee is with Applied Transportation Concepts, Inc. Debbie works out of their home with her own business, Debbie Mack & Associates, which deals with automotive industry consultations. We are glad to have them as Villagers.

The Village welcomes Mark and Dana Whitlock, along with children Shelley and Mark. The Whitlocks now reside at 234 Cahaba Oaks Trail. Mark is the owner of Mark's Outdoor Sports, located in Vestavia.

Also new to the Village are Jeffrey and Irma White, 205 Cahaba Oaks Trail. The Whites have one son, Jeffrey, Jr. The Whites come to the Village from the the Highway 119 area.

### Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

The Village wishes Shelby County Commissioner for our district, Lindsey Allison, a speedy recovery from a very serious bout of pneumonia. Lindsey, who was hospitalized for 10 days, also developed pleurisy and was only a few hours from being wheeled into surgery when her fever subsided and surgery was cancelled. Her family, friends, and neighbors are now happy to have her recuperating at home. Doctors report that recovery will be slow, but with proper diet and rest, Lindsey should be up and at 'em in about a month.

## Letters of Appreciation

Dear Mayor Weingarten:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Summit Foundation of Shelby County, I thank you and appreciate the gift from Indian Springs Village to the campaign and acknowledge your check for \$5,000. *Thank you* and your citizens for supporting our vision.

We are pleased with the success of our campaign so far. Campaign cash gifts and pledges now total more than \$606,000. for The Park. The campaign also has received significant in-kind contributions and in-house services. As you can see, we are working diligently to be ready for spring "little league" play. We are also receiving bids from architectural firms to design the Senior Community Center. Indian Springs Village and its leaders have become partners in helping us create a wonderful resource for all the citizens of Shelby County.

Thank you for helping us make The Park at Heardmont Farm a reality. We look forward to celebrating the grand opening with you and your citizens!  
Sincerely,

**Bill Sparks, President**

The Summit Foundation of Shelby County

Dear Mayor Weingarten,

I was thrilled to see the Indian Springs Town Hall marker and the flag erected prominently on Highway 119. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize my father's { Colonel Andrew J. Mungenast } thirty-one years of military service with a symbol that signifies our nation's greatness. Herb Robins and Bart Trammell are to be commended for their untiring efforts in completing the project. The rock work is simply beautiful. As an Indian Springs Villager, it warms my heart to see the town so prominently and beautifully marked.

May I take this opportunity, also, to thank you and the Indian Springs Town Council for allowing "Friends of the Court, Inc.," Shelby County C.A.S.A. Program to use the Town Hall for our Board meetings. Patricia Crapet always ensures that we have access to the building. She is such a good neighbor and an ambassador of good will for the town of Indian Springs.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to honor my father in such a special way.

Sincerely,

**Patricia M. Smith**

District Court Judge