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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

****Flagpole Dedication Ceremony**
preceding the meeting.**

**I. Mayor/Council Committee
Reports**

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizens' Forum

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Editor's Notes

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th, prior to our town council meeting we will have the raising and dedication of our new ISV United States flag. This marker is being dedicated to Colonel Andrew J. Muengenast's 31 years of military service to our nation. Judge Patty Smith's generous contribution, along with Villagers' participation, made possible the erection of the flagpole and the building of the landscaped area.

Our flag will be lighted from dusk to dawn, thus enabling us to display Old Glory for 24 hours a day. Jim Wyatt, one of our town founders, will have members of his U.S. Marine reserve unit to be in attendance. They will certainly serve as a reminder of how important our members of the military, both present and past, are to the safety of our country. Considering the current world conditions, our daily reliance on men and women in the armed forces can never be underestimated.

The town of Indian Springs Village has been honored with the gift of a John Deere farm tractor, complete with bush-hog, box blade, auger and landscape box. This remarkable offer was made by Pat Potter, in memory of her husband, Cappy. Our Pothole Crew and volunteer landscaping members--Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, Jim Boyett--have done yeomen's work in reconfiguring the ISV storage buildings to accommodate this acquisition. They have already cycled the tractor into the yard work schedule to replace gravel on our walking track. The town wishes to express much appreciation to Pat. There is no way to measure the value of the neighbors in ISV.

April 24th and June 5th have been set aside as free days at the Shelby County Landfill. These days have been set aside for residents to bring residential or household debris to the landfill at no cost and is limited to delivery on one-ton trucks or less. This is a county-wide effort to spruce up for spring, and particularly in anticipation of all the out-of-town visitors expected for the Bruno's Memorial Golf Classic. (See page 2.)

Legislation is now pending in Montgomery regarding the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District. Stay informed. This legislation will affect all the residents in ISV and in our fire district.

As we begin, with Volume 9, No. 1, our ninth year of publication of *The Village Voice*, (circulation 950) it seems only fitting to recognize all couriers, organized by Patricia Crapet, who bring the newsletter to you each month. Bee Little delivers newsletters to the following couriers: **Donna Chiarella, Linda Sitton, Jim and Nora Boyett, Dorothy Carlisle, Rusty and Julie Schenk, Jim Wyatt, Ed Goodwyn, Jennifer Rucker, Bruce and Phyllis Monical, Kay Krinninger, Fred and Kathy Monacelli, Olivia Weingarten, Aleta Lowe, Elizabeth Swain, Kevin Colburn, Herman Yarbrough, Jean Baker, Vickie Bice, James Wood, Cora Brakage, Lynda Bedgood, Bonnie Murphy, and Bart Trammell.** Many of these couriers have been delivering *The Village Voice* to you since the first issue. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts. If you haven't done so, please put up a paper tube. They are free at Neil's Pharmacy.

--Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Villager Profile

Mayor Gene Weingarten

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In summing up his life, Mayor Walter Eugene Weingarten said, "Half of it was spent at the ball park." And time wasn't spent as a mere spectator. As the father of four baseball/basketball players, he and wife Olivia sold barbecue tickets and worked at concession stands, and he himself moved boulders, raked ground, planted grass, and did fix-up, paint-up jobs.

The players, Ronald, Daniel, and Mark, came in that order after Gene and Olivia, former college sweethearts, had married and become breadwinner and housewife in Atlanta. In 1960 when a job transfer brought the Weingarten family to Birmingham, a fourth player, Walter, was born.

It was Assistant Baseball Coach Weingarten for a number of years. As a Little League coach Weingarten took his teams to several tournaments. Much later three sons departed for Auburn University. Gene and Olivia--the whole family--are enthusiastic (rabid?) War Eagle fans. All sons are now married, three living in the Birmingham area, and the youngest, Walter, living in Franklin, NC. The Weingartens have four grandchildren.

Gene speaks admiringly of Olivia's knowledge of sports, her knowledge of how the games are played, and particularly her knowledge of Auburn football. Her enthusiasm is characteristic of one who was involved big-time in sorority affairs, politics, and student government while at Georgia State University when the two were enrolled there and Gene was studying business administration. Gene explained that Georgia State is a lot like the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Both are urban universities, with about 98 percent of students holding down regular jobs during the day and 75 percent of classes held at night.

Mayor Weingarten took office in September 1996 as the town's second mayor. Olivia was the second editor of *The Village Voice*, resigning due to conflict of interest upon Gene's ascension as mayor. The two have always been supporters of the community since the hot, summer day, Gene recalls, when Ed Goodwyn knocked on the door, bearing a petition to call for a referendum to vote on creating a town. "We signed the petition right then and there," he said. They stayed at the fire station until the vote was tabulated on October 16, 1990, and Indian Springs Village became a reality.

Many may remember the Weingartens' tirelessly serving hot dogs at the new town's first Fourth of July celebration in 1991 beside the lake on the Indian Springs School campus, and how Olivia organized volunteers to bring desserts. It was impossible to figure how much food, supplies, would be needed; a large crowd came. Gene was standing by his portable grill, hands on his hips and a perplexed look on his face when Neil Damron happened by, asked what the trouble was, and returned within 10 minutes with a propane tank. "Accolades to Olivia and Gene Weingarten, who made a great contribution to the success of the ISV First Annual July Fourth Celebration," wrote LaVerne Ramsey, first editor of *The Village Voice*. She later described Olivia and Gene as "tireless workers" who have "taken part in every Village event.... Their dedication to Indian Springs Village is matched by only a faithful few." (Feb. 2, 1993)

A food broker by occupation, Gene was in charge of the Fourth of July picnic food supply for three years, a job Councilman Herb Robins has taken over. Gene spent about three or four years picking up aluminum cans on the recycling route.

A city boy, Gene was born in Miami and lived in Jacksonville, Nashville, Pensacola, and Mobile, as his father, who was with Sears, Roebuck & Company, was transferred. He was among 900 in his graduating class at Murphy High School, Mobile; then enrolled at Georgia State, where he met Olivia.

"I'm a city boy turned farmer," Gene likes to say, adding that Olivia, who is from the country, sometimes looks askance at his garden. But he has an abundant harvest each year of "good things to eat." After retiring January 1 of this year, having spent 39 years as a food broker, he has more time to devote to being a food producer. He is already busy planting.

Cleanup; Free Days at Landfill

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Villagers get a boost with spring cleaning by two free days, April 24 and June 5, at the Shelby County Landfill.

These dates follow Alabama's statewide cleanup week April 19-23, with its slogan, "Don't Drop It on Alabama." Oak Mountain State Park is also calling for volunteers to assist in sprucing up the park. Volunteers may call Rick Roberts at 620-2520.

The free days at the landfill were declared by the Shelby County Commission as an enticement for cities, clubs, neighborhoods, businesses, churches, schools, and homeowners to tidy up common areas and pick up litter in their yards and along roadsides--all of this in preparation for the Bruno's Memorial Classic on the Senior Professional Golf Tour which begins May 1. This event at Greystone Country Club draws many visitors to our area each year.

On April 24 and June 5 truck loads (up to one ton) of residential refuse will be admitted to the landfill without charge. Hours at the landfill are 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. To get there from I-65 South: At the Alabaster-Columbiana exit turn left onto Highway 31. Go seven miles on Highway 26, turn left when you deadend into County Road 70. The landfill is about four miles away and is identified by a large green sign.

Jefferson County Heritage Deadline Is Set

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Brochures have been distributed about *The Heritage of Jefferson County, Alabama*, volume 37 of the 68-volume Heritage of Alabama series, a collection of county books and a compiled index. All residents, former residents, and those with roots in Jefferson County may submit a family household history. Submission deadline for articles and for placing pre-publication orders of the 9" x 12" book is July 31, 1999, to the Jefferson County Heritage Book Committee, P. O. Box 190034, Birmingham, AL 35219.

Town Council Highlights

March 16, 1999

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided over the meeting, with council members Patricia Crapet, Herb Robins, and Art Johnson present. Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced the revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$613; building permits, \$25; motor vehicle licenses, \$248; and road funds, \$734. The balance in the general fund was \$122,456, and the balance in the road fund was \$82,030.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that the planter around the flagpole will be prepared in time for the flag dedication. The Indian Springs Garden Club will be heading up the project. Councilman Robins also noted that the proposed turn lane project is currently held up by the Alabama Department of Transportation until further notice. There is still some discussion regarding five-laning Highway 119, but nothing concrete is on the drawing board at this time. The top priority at the moment is the widening of Highway 119 from I-65 to Highway 31, and Highway 119 from Highway 31 to Montevallo.

Gerry Templeton, Chairman of the Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning Commission re-presented the subdivision regulations for the second consecutive month. The regulations were unanimously given approval, with a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the new American Flag had been delivered and was ready for flying on the ISV flagpole. The flag, made of heavy polyester, is the most weather-resistant flag available and is suitable for flying in all types of weather. The flag will be flown both day and night and will be lighted. A dedication ceremony will be held just prior to the April 20th town council meeting.

Shelby Springs Memorial Service

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The 14th annual memorial service, held by the Shelby County Historical Society in conjunction with the William Houston Shelby Sons of the Confederacy Veterans Camp 1537, will be Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. The service will be held at the old Confederate Cemetery at Shelby Springs. The cemetery has been restored and cared for by both organizations and is constantly being improved.

"A Diary of an Alabama Confederate Soldier" will be the title of the talk by Ellen Williams, a lifelong resident of Leroy, Washington County, AL. Ms. Williams holds a bachelor of arts and a master's degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi and a certificate in library/media from the University of Alabama. She is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Order of Confederate Rose. She was the 1998 recipient of the Emma Sansom Award from Sons of Confederate Veterans, Alabama Division. Her guest editorials have appeared in *The Birmingham News*, *The Montgomery Advertiser*, and other Alabama newspapers.

There will be a reenactment group with men and women in Confederate dress, and period music. After the program lemonade and "muster" cookies will be served, as well as Robert E. Lee ginger snaps, made from a recipe given by Mrs. Robert E. Lee. The public is invited.

ISV Recycling - April 21

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, April 21. Please place your bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:00 p.m. Also to help our volunteers easily identify your recycling, please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the top tied with a knot. Recycled plastic grocery bags are also excellent for the smaller contributions. Please recycle aluminum cans only; last month we had some non-recyclables (for our current program) including steel cans, bottles, and trash. Please watch for the ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

In March, the recycling volunteers were Amy and Cheryl Rast, Margie and Herb Robins, Jackie and Art Johnson. In March, they collected and recycled for the town 381 pounds of aluminum. Thank You for your generous support and continued participation. Your participation makes a difference. Recycling saves energy. Tossing away just two 12-ounce aluminum cans wastes as much energy as pouring out a 12-ounce can of gasoline.

Recycling Volunteers Needed

The recycling program continues to grow, and we still need volunteers and standby volunteers to collect aluminum cans for approximately one-half hour per month on the Wednesday following the Indian Springs Town Council meeting. If you can help, even if only once a year, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217. The ISV recycling program is an all-volunteer community project. Recycling teams work in pairs, a driver and a person to pick up the cans. We also need a volunteer with an appropriate vehicle to tow the recycling trailer to the town hall on Wednesday afternoon, and back to the recycling center on Thursday. The recycling center is near the Meadow Brook Post Office on Highway 119.

Genealogical Seminar on May 1

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Those searching for their "roots" will have an opportunity to learn about the genealogical resources of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Southeast Region, at Samford University on Saturday, May 1. Sponsored by the Alabama Genealogical Society, the seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and feature three speakers.

James J. McSweeney, Regional Administrator, will have important news to impart about NARA. The second speaker is Dr. Charles Reeves, Director of NARA's Archival Operations, which include the records of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Energy at Oak Ridge, TN, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Marshall Space Flight facility at Huntsville, and the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, FL. Suzanne Dewberry, Archivist, NARA, whose primary responsibility is with records involving maritime activities, will be the third speaker.

The cost to attend the seminar is \$15.00. Registration will be available at the meeting; however, the registration deadline is Friday, April 23, in order for an attendee's name to appear in the surname exchange booklet. Write to Alabama Genealogical Society, Samford University Library, AGS Depository and Headquarters, 800 Lakeshore Dr., P.O. Box 2296, Birmingham 35229.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Bonnie Murphy, and Patricia Crapet

In Memorium

Graveside services were held March 11 at Elmwood Cemetery for **Earl B. Harper**, 89 Indian Forest Road, who passed away March 9. The family received friends at Southern Heritage Funeral Home the evening of March 10.

Immediate survivors include his wife, Evelyn, a daughter, Pat Thompson, and two children of Bluff Park, and daughter Scarlett Faulk. She and her husband, Barry, and their child live at Montevallo. The Harpers moved to Indian Springs in 1973, when Scarlett was about 15, from West End, Birmingham.

Earl was the son of Earl R. and Ruby Bailey Harper, who settled in the area between Calera and Montevallo over 100 years ago and have many descendants living in that area. In 1986-87 Earl retired as a manufacturer's representative for North Alabama of J. A. Sexauer, a White Plains, NY, commercial plumbing, heating, and air conditioning firm.

Earl was a long-time member of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. He and Evelyn were very devoted to their church and shared daily Bible reading. After his retirement he was a volunteer at Briarwood's library. He also enjoyed taking care of wildlife surrounding their home, particularly the birds. In 1974 he began a daily diary, which he kept for about eight years. Entries include recognition of what dates certain birds left for a warmer climate and when they returned. (He recognized individual birds.) The detailed diary has provided comfort to Evelyn in her loss, and our sympathy is extended to her and the family.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of **Janis Massey Lyman**, 567 Miller Circle, who passed away March 23 after a five-month stay at Baptist Medical Center, Montclair. Suffering various ailments during this period, she had been in the intensive care unit on six different occasions. Her husband, William R. (Dick) Lyman, had stayed with her 24 hours a day. He was taught by the nurses how to care for her and was awarded an "honorary nursing degree" by the staff at Baptist-Montclair. Friends and neighbors were "wonderful" in their concern and support, and for that the family is grateful.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 27, at Southern Heritage Cemetery; visitation had been Friday evening at the Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lyman was a graduate of West End High School and attended Howard College. Survivors other than her husband include sons Clay Massey, Damon Massey, and John Lyman, all of Indian Springs; three other children in Florida and several grandchildren.

New Arrival

A bouncing baby boy has been born to Rick and Sherri Burgess of Miller Circle. **Lawson Brooks Burgess** made his debut on February 7th at 7:22 a.m. Weighing in at a not-too-shabby eight pounds and nine ounces, Brooks tipped the "height" chart at 21 1/2 inches long. If this is any indication of future stature, then we may be seeing some football recruiting in the Village in about 18 years or so. Congratulations to the very blessed Burgess family on the birth of such a healthy, happy son.

Welcome New Neighbors

Even though living in the Caribbean Sea on a wooden sailboat was exciting, **Billy Sims** missed using his Rototiller and other garden tools.

After about three years at sea he berthed his boat at Charleston, SC, where he lived before moving to Alabama, and is now getting his over two acres cleared on Pawnee Drive. A wedding is in the future, perhaps mid-summer, and Billy will then be joined by his fiancée, Kim Buckner, and her two children, ages 5 and 7, who live in Chattanooga.

The wooden sailboat he owned for 10 years had been built in Scotland in 1951. At the time he acquired the boat and rebuilt it he lived in Maine and was editor of *Wooden Magazine*. He estimated that he sailed the boat about 6,000 miles. As a wood worker he has constructed furniture and other items besides boats.

Billy is managing editor of *Cooking Light*, published by Southern Progress Corporation, also the publisher of *Southern Living*, *Southern Accents*, and the grandfather of them all, *The Progressive Farmer*. He moved to Indian Springs Village where he can "get his hands in the soil, garden, and enjoy a sense of community." Our new neighbor also expressed an interest in recycling and preserving our environment.

John and Debbie Markey now call 5160 Hollow Log Lane home. The Markeys have four children: John, Jr., age 12; Chris, age 11; Patrick, age 7; and Shannon, age 3; all of whom attend Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School. John works for Pagenet, while Debbie teaches 2nd grade at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School. The Markeys come to ISV from the Highway 119 area.

Newlyweds **Dugan and Candace Prater**, 2680 Buckboard Road, come to the Village from the Cahaba Heights area. Dugan is a pharmaceutical sales representative for McNeil (Johnson and Johnson) and Candace is a recovery nurse at Shelby Medical Center. Dugan formally proposed to Candace by putting a "SOLD" sign and a "congratulations" banner across the front porch of the Buckboard Road house just prior to closing the sale. Congratulations to the happy couple and welcome to the Village!

The Village welcomes **Jeff and Andrea Popovnak**, who are new residents of 2628 Buckboard Road. The Popovnaks come to the Village from Youngstown, Ohio, and have a son, Joshua David. Jeff is an accounting supervisor who enjoys golf, fishing, and automobile restoration. Andrea's interests lean more toward home, with cooking, baking, gardening, decorating, and home improvements among her hobbies. Maybe Jeff has a restored vehicle that he will share with the Village during our upcoming annual Fourth of July parade! We hope to see them there!

Homestead continues to welcome new Villagers to town. **Randal and Brenda Snook** now call 5156 Hollow Log Lane home. The Snooks come to the Village from the Helena area. There are three children in the family: Martin, age 7; Patrick, age 6; and Baxley, age 4. Randal is a graphic designer, while Brenda keeps everyone in line on the home front. The Snook family are active members of Faith Presbyterian Church and are very involved in youth baseball and soccer. Welcome to Indian Springs Village.