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## **INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 21, 1999, 7:00 p.m.  
Indian Springs Village Town Hall**

### **Agenda**

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports**
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions**
- III. Citizens Forum**
- IV. Christmas Refreshments**

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## **A Message from the Mayor**

*By Gene Weingarten, Mayor*

It was announced at the November Town Council meeting that Villagers can now purchase flood insurance from any property insurance agent or broker licensed to do business in the area in which the property to be insured is located. The following is a news release concerning this.

### **FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE, ALABAMA**

Washington, D. C.--The Town of Indian Springs Village has joined over 18,000 communities nationwide who are allowed to purchase Federally backed flood insurance. This availability follows the community's adoption and enforcement of ordinances to reduce flood losses and acceptance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This action was jointly announced by Michael J. Armstrong, Associate Director for Mitigation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Jo Ann Howard, Administrator for the Federal Insurance Administration.

The Town of Indian Springs Village is eligible to participate in the NFIP effective August 10, 1999. Residents of the Town of Indian Springs Village will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Regular Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before the flood insurance coverage goes into effect. For single family homes, this limit is \$250,000 and \$100,000 for the contents. Renters can also protect their belongings through the contents coverage. For commercial properties, this limit is \$500,000.

Lenders must require borrowers whose property is located in a designated flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a Federally backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The NFIP, implemented through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is a self-supporting program, requiring no taxpayer support to pay claims and operating expenses. There are nearly 2.8 million flood insurance policies in the more than 18,000 participating communities.

# The Future of Cahaba Valley Road in Indian Springs

By Lindsey Allison, County Commissioner, District 7

The goal--balance the beauty of our valley with the onslaught of tremendous traffic, particularly on Cahaba Valley Road. The problem is further complicated by the fact that Cahaba Valley Road is managed by the State Department of Transportation. Therefore, any assistance the county could or would provide is conditioned upon approval from a Regional Director from the Department of Transportation. Balance this with the fact that there are numerous roads that the county is responsible for maintaining. So the county carefully takes on new causes.

However, all this being stated, the county engineer and I have negotiated with all of the appropriate state authorities the following assistance for Cahaba Valley Road:

1. Between Highway 14 and I-65, Cahaba Valley Road is **not** proposed as of this date to be widened to five (5) lanes. This is due in large because of an Indian Springs Town Council resolution from several years ago which asked that Cahaba Valley Road not be widened to five (5) lanes by the State.

2. Between Broken Bow South and Highway 280, the State intends to widen Cahaba Valley Road to five (5) lanes.

3. The State has approved the county's managing the improvements of a number of intersections in Indian Springs. The engineering has begun to determine the degree of upgrade that is needed at certain intersections:

a) Arrowhead/Indian Trail--engineering is analyzing turn lanes.

b) Indian Highland/Valley View--engineering is analyzing turn lanes.

c) Our Lady of Sorrows/Bruno Montessori--studies are being conducted for a possible traffic light, but adequate turn lanes are being proposed.

Once the engineering is complete in the fall of 2000, hopefully construction can begin in the spring/summer of 2001. The biggest concern will be the State's approval of the engineering studies.

Hopefully, the proposed outline of improvements to Cahaba Valley Road will not only protect the integrity of our community, but also will provide safety on our main roadway.

## Tags Make Good Presents

Indian Springs Village auto tags are on sale at Neil's Pharmacy on Highway 119 across from Indian Springs School. The tags are \$8.00 each.

## NSFD Distributes Smoke Alarms

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Chief Michael O'Connor and personnel of the North Shelby County Fire & Emergency Medical District are finishing with the distribution and installation of smoke detectors throughout the district in homes of low-income residents. The smoke detectors, which cost about \$10, include a battery, and are being installed at no charge.

Co-manager Bill Sandlin of Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse Store of Hoover, located on Valleydale Road, donated 1,000 smoke detectors. Since they were promised to Chief O'Connor before NSFD boundaries were reduced by the State in May, approximately 500 were given to the Hoover Fire Department. Fifty have been put in storage and the rest are being donated to Shelby County residents through local schools. Nationally Lowe's gave away approximately 19,000 smoke detectors this year. Donation of these devices is becoming an annual event with the company.

Chief O'Connor stressed the effectiveness of having smoke detectors in the home and having them in good working order. By warning residents early of fires in structures, they save lives.

Smoke detectors, whether hard-wired or battery-operated, should be tested once a month to make sure they are operating. Batteries should be replaced at least once a year, or when the detector chirps, a warning that the battery is low. A good time to remember to change batteries is when you "spring forward" or "fall back" on your clocks when Daylight Savings Time begins and ends, the Fire Chief said.

## Historical Society Elects Officers

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Elected at the November 7 meeting of the Shelby County Historical Society for the next two years are the following officers and board of directors:

President, Bobby Joe Scales, Alabaster; 1st Vice-Pres., David Nolen, Columbiana; 2nd Vice-Pres., Everett Taft of Columbiana; 3rd Vice-Pres., Deane Seales, Alabaster; Recording Secretary, Dr. Tom O. Caldwell, Mountain Brook; Corresponding Secretary, Madine Evans, Siluria; Treasurer, Earl Evans, Siluria; Historian, Dr. James Lee, Vestavia.

Board of Directors: Nancy Davis, Columbiana; Barbara Gilliland, Helena; Johnny Lowe, Columbiana, Kim Price, editor of *Shelby County Reporter*; Patricia Fuhrmeister, Judge of Probate; Ronald L. Simmons, Columbiana; John Walker, Lay Lake and Hoover; Ken Penhale, Helena; and Sara Erwin, Birmingham.

Dr. Tom Caldwell reported that the speaker at the 2:30 p. m. meeting was Robert Edwards, formerly of Calera. His topic was Bloody Bill Quantrill, the infamous Confederate guerrilla leader who cut a violent swath through Missouri during the Civil War. The tales, legends, and myths which have grown around this man include the story that he faked his death and spent the post-war years as a Methodist preacher named McCoy, helping to establish the Helena Methodist Church. He is generally thought to have been mortally wounded on a raid into Kentucky after the war.

# Town Council Highlights

## November 16, 1999

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided. Present were councilpersons Art Johnson, Herb Robins, and Stewart Dudley.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens gave the town's financial report as follows: vehicle licenses, \$403; beer taxes, \$879; Charter Communications, \$5,464; car tags, \$96; zoning fees, \$401. The balance in the general fund was \$125,250. Received for the road fund, \$736; balance in the road fund, \$89,336.

The mayor presented the town's budget for the year 2000, which was adopted unanimously after a call for the vote by Councilman Stewart Dudley. The mayor noted a letter received from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), stating that flood insurance could be purchased by Villagers as of August 10, 1999 (See Mayor's Message).

In councilpersons' reports, Art Johnson stated that aluminum can collection for the first 10 months of this year had been 3,832 lbs., and that volunteers are still needed for this monthly endeavor. About roads, Herb Robins said close to one mile was to be resurfaced in the Wildwood-Mallard Circle area; contracts to be put out for bid in April. He also reported that we had lost shrubbery around the town hall during the summer--shrubbery that had been set out by donor Jim Loper. He stated the need for volunteers to keep the plants watered; an alternative is for the town to hire a lawn maintenance firm.

Gerald Templeton, Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Commission, submitted two items, one a request for the subdividing of 2.7 acres from a larger tract for the Jon P. Strength single family residence on Jasmine Hill Road, already under construction. The other item was the wireless telecommunications facilities ordinance, submitted last month for the council's review. Both items were adopted unanimously.

During the Citizens' Forum, Paul Stempel, President of the Valleydale Associates, Ltd. (owner of the shopping center at the corner of Valleydale and Caldwell Mill roads, of which Winn-Dixie is the anchor store), asked for an ordinance to prohibit selling or abandoning vehicles in the center's parking lot. He explained that persons were parking old cars in the Winn-Dixie lot and getting out and leaving them; further, persons were also leaving cars with "For Sale" signs pasted on the vehicles. The councilpersons voiced concern over this practice. After much discussion Councilman Stewart Dudley asked for time for the council to study the problem and come up with a solution.

## Town of Indian Springs Village Budget Year 2000

*Projected expenditures for fiscal 2000 - General*

*Funds:*

Severe weather warning system	\$ 8,000
A.D.E.M.	2,000
4th July/Founders' Day/Easter	5,000
Insurance	2,000
Office	1,500
Maintenance & Improvements	6,000
Professional Fees	2,000
Recording Fees	600
Utilities	4,000
Mileage	600
Accounting Expense (Audit)	2,000
Miscellaneous	800
Village Voice	2,500
Dues	500
Engineering Fees	3,500
Mortgage (last & final payment)	15,000
North Shelby Library Bldg. Fund	2,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>

*Road Fund:*

Repairs	20,000
Maintenance	4,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>

*Projected revenues for fiscal year 2000 - General Fund:*

Charter Communications	\$ 8,000
Alabama Power Co.	50,000
Alabama Gas Co.	13,000
Pelham Water	7,000
Aluminum Cans	1,500
Alcohol Taxes	10,000
Permits	4,500
4th July	1,500
Miscellaneous taxes	1,500

\$97,000

*Projected revenues for fiscal 2000 - Road Fund* 6,000

## No December Can Collection

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Due to the closeness of our normal aluminum can collection date and the Christmas holidays, there will NOT be a recycling pickup in December. Please save your aluminum and recycle in January. Our volunteers in November were Margie and Herb Robins, Nancy Johnson and Pat Potter, Paul Skokel and his son, and Pat and Russ Favorite. Bob Durbin and Art Johnson brought the recycling trailer to the town hall. Last month's recycled aluminum total was a hefty 389 pounds.

The recycling volunteers wish every one in Indian Springs a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your valued participation during 1999.

## Building Permit Requests

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Two building permits were issued in November to the following:

Handley, 225 Cahaba Oaks Trail, renovations  
Bruno, 5509 Timber Hill Road, pavilion.

## News Around the Village

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

### Indian Springs School Concert December 16

Villagers are invited to the annual Holiday Concert Thursday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Governors Concert Hall, The Town Hall, at Indian Springs School. For more information you may call 988-3350.

Doug Jennings, Director of the school, reports that the choir has been working hard to present wonderful music Thursday evening. In other news from the school, the Debate and Scholars Bowl teams have earned honors and awards in the first round of regional tournaments, and the fall production of *Romeo and Juliet* was critically acclaimed by all who saw it.

### Oak Mountain High School Receives Check

Senator Bill Armistead, R-Columbiana, recently presented a check in the amount of \$17,360 to Principal Randy Fuller of Oak Mountain High. The funds will be used for the purchase, wiring, and installation of television sets for each of the 58 classrooms. The sets will be used for instructional purposes using PowerPoint-type, computer- and Internet-generated presentations, for closed circuit TV, broadcast media classes, and teachers' professional development. Senator Armistead obtained a grant from the state to provide the funds.

### Oak Mountain Intermediate Has Best Attendance

With 97.8 percent of the student body attending classes, Oak Mountain Intermediate School had the best attendance last month of all Shelby County schools. A total of 19,844 students attend Shelby County schools.

## Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Bonnie Murphy, and Patricia Crapet

### In Sympathy

Villagers extend sympathy to Mrs. Frank J. Cicio, Sr. of 114 Valley View Lane in the death of her brother, J. Vincent Tomburello, age 70, of San Diego, California. He passed away November 30, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Annie Mae Tomburello, formerly of Birmingham, Mrs. Cicio, and another sister who lives at San Destin, Florida.

## Congratulations

Villager **Sipiwe Moyo**, a student at Indian Springs School, has received accolades for an excellent performance in her role as Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*, performed on campus November 11, 12, and 13. She is the daughter of Dr. Edwin and Regina Moyo of Valley View Road.

Congratulations to **Nathan Park** for his recent promotion to station manager of WDJC, 93.7 on your radio dial. Nathan, wife Dee, and three sons live at 248 Valley View Road.

## Granddaughter Is Christened

Helen Caldwell of Valley View Road had a full house for Thanksgiving and the christening at Asbury United Methodist Church of her newest grandchild, the second daughter of Jane and Chuck Stonecipher of Seattle. Dr. Harry Caldwell, Jr., Carol, and their four children live next door; son Edwin and Linda and three children, formerly of Cincinnati, now live at Eagle Point; son Bob and Karen and child, Helen, live at nearby Broken Bow South; also son, Bill, from California--in all 22 family members had Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Caldwell.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Reid and Angela LaPorte of Hollow Log Lane, on the adoption of their daughter, Melanie Elizabeth Ling. Angela and her mother traveled to China in August to adopt the 13 month old girl. Melanie was welcomed home by Dad and big brothers Ross, age 10, Rhett, age 7, and Eric, age 2. Welcome to Indian Springs Village, Melanie!

## Lost and Found

While walking on Valley View Road, Pat Potter found what looks like a kill-switch style key for a boat or jet ski. The key is attached to an orange flotation key ring imprinted with the word "Nautica". If this is your key, contact Councilwoman Patricia Crapet (802-2753), who is now the guardian of the key.

## ISVCF Receives Donations

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

A very appreciative thank you goes to the following Villagers for their donations to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund. **Jack and Rita Mendel, Scott and Jan Arledge, Roger and Elizabeth Eastman, David and Judy Egge, Clyde and Fay Wood, Marcia Tripp, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Inman, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bondi, Bart and Connie Trammell, Ed and Ginny Lusk, Terri Pustilnik, Madeline Johnson, Harold and Joan Youngblood, Ida Taylor, James and Barbara Wood, Dr. Larry Mackall, Robert and Amy Stokes, Hugh and Frances Williamson, Bernie and Carla Beasley, Alabama Pool Services, and Alabama Telco Credit Union.** These generous donors have helped give joy to several Oak Mountain families. Thank you from the bottom of their tiny hearts.