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A Message from the Mayor

I look forward to celebrating our country's 250th anniversary with our annual barbecue at Town Hall on July 4th. This event is for Indian Springs residents and their families. Plates will be \$10.00, with all proceeds benefiting The Indian Springs Village Children's Fund.

I have been very busy settling into my new position as mayor and have enjoyed attending several functions at all of our local schools. In addition to the many grants awarded to schools this year, the council voted at the last meeting to donate \$2,500 to the Oak Mountain High School program that provides hands-on instruction in cooking, budgeting, cleaning, and other real-world skills necessary for independent living. Due to budget cuts within the Shelby County Board of Education, this class was at risk of losing funding. Oak Mountain High School is now launching a pilot program to help continue these important opportunities for students.

The mayor and council also voted to award \$1,000 to the Oak Mountain High School HOSA program. Although HOSA was a new club at OMHS this year, students did an outstanding job representing both their school and community at the State Leadership Conference in February. The Biomedical Debate Team earned 3rd Place at the Alabama HOSA State Leadership Conference, while the Forensic Science Team earned 2nd Place. These students now have the opportunity to represent the State of Alabama at the International Leadership Conference. We wish them the very best!

Please make plans to donate blood on Friday, June 12th at Town Hall. Go to our Facebook page at facebook.com/townofisv for more information. Visit our website often for events, updates, and happenings in our community: indianspringsvillage.org. We would also love your input on items you would like to see added to the website. Please email Vickie Lewis, Town Clerk, at townclerk@indianspringsvillage.org with your suggestions.

Your Mayor, **Richard Harley**

Town Council Meetings

Meetings are every
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the
Month at 7:00pm
at the Town Hall.

Photos from the Showcase of Schools



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Another successful Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt is in the books. The Easter Bunny made an appearance, spreading cheer and posing for photos with delighted families. As always the highlight of the event was the exciting egg hunt, where kids raced to find colorful eggs scattered across the lawn. After hunting for Easter Eggs the kids had an opportunity to play carnival games, jump in a bouncy house, slide down the blow-up slide, visit the face painting station or go on a pony ride. Over 75 kids were the lucky recipients of door prizes given away throughout the event.

The coveted prize eggs were a huge hit, containing fantastic gift cards from local favorites Bruster's Ice Cream, Chick-fil-A, Walmart, Dunkin Doughnuts, Amazon, Crumble and Cookie Fix to just name a few, the gift cards were generously donated by our loyal community supporters, Dr. Lisa Wilson, DMD, and Walmart Market Place. Indian Springs Village wishes to thank all of those who helped make this day special, especially the Oak Mountain High School Key Club for coming out and volunteering for the day to help with the event.

Families also enjoyed Ms. Sylvia's Lemonade Truck, Kona Ice, Brusters Ice Cream and the Kiwanis Club who grilled hamburgers and hot dogs all providing delicious food and treats that perfectly complemented the springtime festivities. Goodie bags filled with sweets and surprises brought smiles to every young hunter.



Newsletter Submissions

If you have an announcement, obituary, or Indian Springs Village related column you would like to appear in The Village Voice, please email your submission to townclerk@indianspringsvillage.org. All materials submitted for publication may be edited.

Oak Mountain Elementary School



As the school year comes to a close, Oak Mountain Elementary School has been celebrating a year full of learning, growth, creativity, and community involvement. Students, staff, families, and community members came together throughout the final weeks of school to honor achievements and make lasting memories.

One highlight of the spring semester was the school wide Art Show, where student artwork was on display and showcased the creativity and talent of Oak Mountain's young artists. Families and staff enjoyed viewing colorful displays representing the hard work students have put into art throughout the year.

Oak Mountain Elementary also recognized its Support Person of the Year, Mr. Gary Brown, for his dedication and commitment to students and staff. Mr. Brown's positive attitude and willingness to help wherever needed make him a valued part of the Bluebird family.

Second grade students wowed audiences during their annual "Talking Zoo" project. Students researched animals, created presentations, and dressed as their chosen animals before sharing their knowledge with parents, classmates, teachers, and other grade levels. The interactive event combined research, public speaking, and creativity in a fun and engaging way.

Field Day brought excitement and energy to campus as students rotated through a variety of games, relays, and outdoor activity stations. Laughter and teamwork filled the day as students celebrated the nearing end of the school year together.

Career Day provided students with opportunities to learn about a wide range of professions. Parents and community members volunteered their time to speak with classes and share about their careers, helping students connect classroom learning to future possibilities.

Oak Mountain Elementary also hosted an Appreciation Tea to honor PTO members, central office staff, and many others who support the school throughout the year. The event celebrated the partnerships and volunteer efforts that help make the school such a special place for students and staff.

The school proudly celebrated its youngest learners during the Pre-K Graduation Ceremony. Families gathered to recognize the accomplishments of the pre-kindergarten students as they prepared to begin kindergarten in the fall.

Another meaningful tradition took place as third grade students participated in their final walk-through parade around the school before moving on to Oak Mountain Intermediate School next year. Teachers, staff, and younger students lined the halls to cheer them on and celebrate this important milestone. In addition, the Oak Mountain Elementary Bluebird Choir shared their talents with the community by performing for residents at Monark Grove Senior Living. The performance brought joy to residents and allowed students to give back through music and service.

It has been a wonderful school year of learning and growing. We are so thankful for our students, staff, families, and community partners who make Oak Mountain Elementary such a special place. We are excited to see what next year will bring for our Bluebird family!



Oak Mountain Intermediate Celebrates a Year of Achievement and Growth

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to a close, Oak Mountain Intermediate School (OMIS) is celebrating a year filled with academic success, student growth, and outstanding achievements. OMIS continues to be recognized as a high-performing school, thanks to the dedication of its students, teachers, staff, and families.

One of the year's most notable accomplishments was receiving the International Literacy Association's Exemplary Reading Program Award, a prestigious honor awarded to only two schools nationwide. Students also demonstrated their creativity and knowledge through the Semiquincentennial Writing Competition, where they explored themes of American history, citizenship, and heritage through essays, narratives, and poetry.

OMIS is also proud to recognize several exceptional staff members. Nurse Kaitlyn Clayton was named a district finalist for Support Staff of the Year in Nursing for her commitment to student health and well-being. Karen McDonald received both the Shelby County Owens-Young Technology Award and the state-level Marbury Technology Innovation Award for her outstanding leadership in technology integration. In the arts, music teacher Brooke Gray led students in a successful production of *Junie B. Jones Jr. The Musical*, providing dozens of students with the opportunity to develop confidence and showcase their talents on stage.

Throughout the spring, OMIS welcomed future students from Oak Mountain Elementary and Inverness Elementary, helping them become familiar with campus life and prepare for their transition. Current fifth-grade students also visited Oak Mountain Middle School to learn more about the next step in their educational journey.

As the school year concludes, OMIS celebrates not only its many accomplishments but also the meaningful relationships, experiences, and growth that have defined the year. The school remains committed to fostering academic excellence, strong character, and a supportive learning environment where every student can succeed. OMIS extends its sincere appreciation to the Town of Indian Springs and the entire community for their continued partnership and support.

Go Eagles!



Oak Mountain Middle School

Oak Mountain Middle School has had an exciting and busy spring semester filled with student accomplishments, community involvement, and celebrations as we wrapped up another great school year.

In March and April, OMMS saw several academic achievements from our students. Our 7th and 8th grade Math teams won 1st place, and 6th grade won 2nd place at the Shelby County Math tournament. OMMS was also proud to have 14 students compete at the state Invention Convention. Several students placed, and Beck Powers won 1st place and was invited to the national competition in Michigan. OMMS students also placed in the district Science Fair and at the state Science Olympiad competition. In addition, OMMS sent three teams to the state JUNA competition, where they shared innovative ideas for addressing world issues and represented us well!

April also brought our annual Earth Day activities. Sixth grade students participated in lessons and activities focused on human impact on the environment, sustainability, and upcycling. Meanwhile, students across all grade levels worked together to help clean up our campus and take pride in caring for our school community. We were very excited to welcome a special guest, Indian Springs Village Mayor Richard Harley, who visited with students during the day's events.

We also had a special spring sports pep rally at the end of the month to celebrate the athletic achievements of several of our teams. Both boys and girls basketball teams made it to the Metro Championship this year and had great seasons. Our indoor track team took home 1st place at the state competition, and several students were placers in their events. We also had a great showing at the Shelby County Special Olympics competition. Finally, OMMS was excited to send both our cheer and dance teams to national competition.

In addition to academic and athletic achievements, our fine arts department also had some great accomplishments this Spring. Both choir and band had several students chosen for the UAB Honor Choir and UAB Honor Band. In addition, both groups earned superior ratings at their competitions this season.

As the school year came to a close in May, we enjoyed welcoming our future Eagles to campus. Rising 6th grade students from Mt. Laurel Elementary School and Oak Mountain Intermediate School visited OMMS to tour the school and learn about the many opportunities and activities that await them next year. It was a fun opportunity for students to get a preview of middle school life and begin building excitement for the upcoming year.

We also celebrated student success during our annual awards ceremonies for each grade level. Many students were recognized for earning all A's throughout the school year, while others received honors for outstanding achievement and growth in individual classes. It was wonderful to celebrate the hard work and dedication our students have shown all year long.

One of the highlights of May was a special day for our 8th grade students. The entire class participated in a team-building experience at Indian Springs Town Hall, where students spent the day working together through games, activities, and collaborative challenges. Students also had the opportunity to hear from a panel of Oak Mountain High School students who shared advice about high school life and tips for success. We are so thankful to Indian Springs Village for allowing us to use such a beautiful facility. It was truly an amazing experience and a great way for our 8th graders to finish their year at OMMS.



Stay Connected with Indian Springs Village

Indian Springs Village is committed to keeping residents informed about important town news, upcoming events, and community updates. To make sure you receive the latest information, we encourage all residents to sign up or update their contact information with the Town. By providing your current email address, phone number, and mailing information, you will be able to receive timely notifications about:

- **Town meetings and public hearings**
- **Community events and celebrations**
- **Emergency alerts and important announcements**
- **Special projects and updates affecting the Village**

In addition, we plan to offer the Village Voice by email in the future. This will allow residents to receive the Village newsletter quickly and conveniently without even walking to your mailbox. If you have recently moved, changed your email address, or would simply like to ensure your information is up to date, please take a moment to submit your current contact details.

Staying connected is the best way to remain informed and involved in the community we all call home. Sign up or update your information today so you don't miss out on important news from Indian Springs Village!

Send your information to townclerk@indianspringsvillage.org. Include your name, address and phone number.

Indian Springs Village Blood Drive

Indian Springs Village and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Site: Indian Springs Town Hall

Address: 2635 Cahaba Valley Rd, Indian Springs Village, AL, 35124

Room Name: Meeting Room

Date: Fri Jun 12, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Blood Program Leader Name: Richard Harley

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program! Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Make summer shine for patients in need. Come to give blood June 1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Give Blood.

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Summer Reading at North Shelby Library

The North Shelby Library is gearing up for another exciting Summer Reading Program, inviting readers of all ages to spend the summer discovering books, programs, and community fun. This year's theme, "Unearth a Story," runs from June 1 through July 17 and encourages children, teens, and adults alike to keep reading all summer long.

Summer reading is one of the library's most popular annual programs, offering free events designed to spark imagination, support literacy, and bring families together. Participants can enjoy a full schedule of activities, including storytelling, crafts, performances, and special events throughout the summer.

For younger children, we have an exciting lineup that includes a Fossil Hunter, The Puppet Guy, Mr. Larry's Magic Show, Animal Tales, a visit from James Spann, crafts, story times, and more. Be sure to join us and our community partner, Shelby County Humane, for Puppies & Popsicles on Saturday, June 6, where you just might leave with a new friend!

For older kids in grades 6–12, we're offering programs like a Super Smash Bros. Tournament, Jurassic Nerf Battle, a writing workshop, Family Chess Night, and more. We'll wrap up the summer with a sweet celebration at our Ice Cream Party on July 16. To learn more about how to log reading time and to view the full schedule of events, visit our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org.

The library extends its gratitude to its sponsors, especially the Town of Indian Springs Village, whose generous support helps make Summer Reading possible. With a full schedule of engaging programs and opportunities for all ages, the North Shelby Library looks forward to welcoming the community for another memorable summer.

Michelyn Reid

Director of Library Services



Town Hall has a New Phone Number

205.438.6219

National Puzzle Month

Friends of the North Shelby Library celebrate National Puzzle Month every January by offering gently-used jigsaw puzzles and games for sale. All of them are sourced from donations and all of the proceeds are used to support the library.

If you have puzzles or games that you would like to donate, please consider North Shelby Library. Beyond that, there are things that have to happen with those donations before they can be offered for sale. The Friends wish it would be as simple as wiping down the box and putting it out for sale. That isn't the case.

For the donation of games, a volunteer must inspect and verify the contents of the game box to see that all of the contents match what is described on the box or in the instructions. Puzzles require much more labor. Despite popular belief, a 1,000-piece puzzle does not necessarily contain 1,000 pieces. Because manufacturers, styles and layout vary, piece counts shown on puzzle boxes are frequently approximations. The only way to make sure all the pieces of a puzzle are in the box is to build the puzzle.

If you enjoy building puzzles and would like to help with the verification, please email friends of northshelbylibrary@gmail.com. A member of the Friends will get back to you with details. Any Friends member can participate. If you would like to participate, but are not a Friends member, a family membership is only \$25 per year.

On another topic, the Friends stock gently-used books and DVDs in a first-floor alcove just before you get to the public restrooms. In the past few months, the stock of titles in the "nook" has increased in both number of books and types of books.

There are soft- and hard-cover popular adult titles, as always. Recently added to that are Adult Large-Print fiction, Young Adult hardbacks and Children's books. All are priced at \$1 each.

With best regards,

Tom Bailey

President, Friends of the North Shelby Library

