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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 18, 2001, 7:00 p.m.  
Indian Springs Village Town Hall

### Agenda

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

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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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### Editor's Appreciation to:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support  
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

## A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The following is the budget adopted at the November council meeting  
for Indian Springs Village.

### GENERAL FUND

Projected revenues for fiscal year 2002

Charter Communications	14,000
Alabama Power Co.	65,000
Alabama Gas Co.	14,000
Pelham Water	9,000
Aluminum Cans	1,000
Alcohol Taxes	9,000
Permits	6,000
Environmental Fund donations	1,500
Misc. Taxes	2,500
Zoning Fees	1,000
Oil Revenue Fund	6,000
Interest Income (Checking Accounts)	6,500

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TOTAL 135,500

Projected expenditures for fiscal 2002

Web Site	1,200
Engineering Fees	6,000
ADEM	2,500
4thJuly/FoundersDay/Easter	6,000
Insurance	3,500
Office Supplies	1,500
Maintenance & Improvements	9,000
Professional Fees	2,000
Recording Fees	300
Utilities	4,000
Mileage	700
Accounting Expense (Audit)	2,500
Miscellaneous	1,000
Village Voice	3,500
Dues	500
KPS (Master Plan)	24,000
Traffic Signal Fire Truck Coordinator	3,000 (a)

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TOTAL: 71,200

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# Town Council Highlights

## November 20, 2001

By Olivia and Gene Weingarten

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, November 20, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Art Johnson, Brian Stauss, and Stewart Dudley present. The Mayor welcomed Boy Scout Troop #538, Asbury Methodist Church, and troop #357 from Riverchase Methodist Church.

Minutes of September and October town council meetings were distributed and read. Herb Robins motioned and Brian Stauss seconded that minutes be adopted. Adoption carried unanimously.

The financial report was given by the Town Clerk, Paul Stephens: \$500 vehicle licenses; \$3,479 from Charber Cable for the quarter ending in September; \$909 beer receipts. Balance in the general fund: \$93,059. Receipts for road fund: \$901. Balance in road fund: \$68,312.

Councilperson Art Johnson noted that aluminum cans for recycling were picked up a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Pickup for December will be one week early, Dec. 12, instead of the usual third Wednesday of the month. He also reminded citizens that bins are provided at Heardmont Park for plastic, paper, and aluminum cans. The location of bins is at the east end of the property near the football stadium.

Councilperson Herb Robins reported discussing survey work on Highway 119 with Scott Holladay, senior civil engineer, Shelby County. Survey work will continue into next year, and \$60,000 will be provided by the county to remodel traffic lights to have electronic sensors so that the fire trucks can control whether they want all lights to turn green for faster movement, etc. Indian Springs village will participate in the amount of \$3,200 with the county as we own and operate the traffic signal at the intersection of Hwy. 119 and Caldwell Mill Rd. Paving bids submitted for Choctaw Lane and Highgate Hill by the county, funded by ISV, will not be completed until next year because the paving contractors are behind schedule.

Councilperson Stewart Dudley proposed the budget for fiscal 2002. He moved the adoption of the budget, seconded by Herb Robins. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously. (See Message from the Mayor, p. 1.)

Councilperson Brian Stauss announced that we are still looking for a Webmaster to maintain our Website. He acknowledged the attendance of the two boy scout troops and commented that the scouts are working on badges in commu-

nications, city government, and public speaking.

ISV citizen Margaret Bishop of 375 Bishop Lane spoke of the request by residents on her street that it be resurfaced and paved. Her husband contacted Jim Wyatt earlier. She faxed and called various county department heads, county commissioners, Randy Cole (head of Shelby County's Department of Roads). The road was built and maintained by the county. It is not a dedicated road of ISV. A lengthy discussion followed. County Commissioner Lindsey Allison was present and answered questions. Stewart Dudley volunteered to pursue this issue with the county and determine who has responsibility for the road.

ISV citizen Rita Mendel asked that we print more detail on the upcoming agenda for town council meetings which appears in *The Village Voice*.

Another citizen asked that we contact the state to lower the speed limit on Hwy. 119, as cars and trucks are traveling at excessive rates of speed. Several have run through his fence. The mayor said this has been discussed with Gary Ray, State of Alabama Department of Transportation director, for our area. The state is very reluctant to change the speed limit. Stewart Dudley reminded the audience that ISV does not have authority to set speed limits. ISV citizen Ron Luster asked that we contact the sheriff for help. Jim Wyatt suggested that we send a letter to the State Highway Department (signed by the mayor and council) reminding them that this is a residential neighborhood.

ISV citizen Patty Weems inquired about the turn lanes along Highway 119. She said these adjustments have been discussed since 1994. Herb Robins said the bids are to be let in November 2002.

Rita Mendel brought up the sales tax. Councilperson Dudley said the one cent tax would revolve around whether the results would be enough to warrant setting up the tax. KPS Group, Inc., is including the sales tax issue in their current analysis for the town's long-term planning. This report should be available in January and will be presented at a general town meeting. One gentleman voiced his opposition to a sales tax.

ISV citizen Ron Luster made a presentation on behalf of United Way of Central Alabama. Ron, one of our original ISV councilpersons, is "executive on loan from BE&K," his company. A packet outlining United Way charities was given to each councilperson and attendees.

Mary Bowman of the Indian Springs Garden Club reminded everyone of the greenery sale set for Saturday, December 8 at the town hall.

Comments were made about the loss of ISV citizen Pat Tombrello, who died Nov. 15.

## A Message From the Mayor (cont.)

(a) In cooperation with North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District.

Special Project, Wheelchair Ramp/Door Enlargements/ Rest Room Upgrade, to meet A. D. A. Federal Law (Americans with Disabilities Act). Funds to come from Capital Trust Account (Revenue received from Offshore Oil Drilling licenses) which specifies that "these funds can only be used for Capital Improvements."

Actual payment may be made in calendar 2001:  
\$6,700.

### Investment Portfolio:

1 - 12 month C.D. Regions Bank (March):  
\$100,000 (6%)  
1 - 12 month C.D. Regions Bank (April)  
\$100,000 (5 3/4%)

### Projected revenue for fiscal year 2002:

ROAD FUND \$9,500

### Projected expenditures for fiscal 2002:

ROAD FUND  
Repairs \$25,000  
Maintenance 2,000  

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TOTAL: \$27,000

Current balance in regular account: \$101,000

Current balance in road account: 67,000

## Aluminum Recycling - December Pickup a Week Early

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Because of the Christmas holidays, aluminum recycling was re-scheduled to December 12. The normal schedule (the third Wednesday of each month) will be resumed in January. Please remember to never, ever, put sharp objects (needles, broken glass, glass, etc.) in your recycling. Watch for recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homewood.

In November recycling volunteers were Trudy and Paul Skokel, Mary and Russ Favorite, Bob Durbin and Art Johnson, and Margie and Herb Robins. Brian Stauss volunteered to bring the recycling trailer from the recycling center to the town hall.

Recycling conserves resources for our children's future, saves energy, and reduces the need for new landfills and incinerators. If you have not started recycling, please join the growing number of ISV residents who recycle.

## Pilot Project Evaluates Recycling

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

The future of funding for a new Shelby County recycling program may depend on the success of a new pilot recycling project. The county recently put recycling bins at three locations: Heardmont Park on Alabama 119, Joe Tucker Park in Helena, and at Chelsea Elementary School.

County Commissioner Lindsey Allison said the commissioners plan to evaluate the pilot project in 2002, then decide to expand the number of bins throughout the county or drop county-supported funding for recycling. Lindsey said she hopes the program will expand in the coming year to include about a dozen locations throughout the county, with the focus on parks, schools, and churches.

However, some commissioners question the \$250,000 start-up cost of a county-wide program and would like to see if the public uses the program before deciding to support or oppose the recycling project.

Please support the Shelby County Pilot Project at Heardmont Park and support recycling. What can you recycle?

The recycling bins hold the following items: **plastic** (plastic milk jugs, water jugs, soft drink bottles, laundry and dishwashing detergent bottles, etc.), **aluminum and steel cans**, all types of **paper** (including newspapers, inserts, magazines, and catalogs), **corrugated cardboard boxes** (except cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.) Glass cannot be recycled in the bins.

**Please remember never, ever, to put sharp objects (needles, broken glass, glass, etc.) in with your recycling.**

## Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Building permit requests approved for November are the following in address, applicant, request format:

89 Indian Forest Rd., Harper, detached garage  
830 Valley View Rd., Leathers, barn addition

## Corrections and Clarifications

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The "Salute to Couriers" article in last month's *Village Voice* mentioned that Mayor Gene Weingarten received extra copies of the newsletter each month. Actually, the mayor is also a courier. In the spirit of volunteerism so encouraged in the Village, the mayor delivers 30 issues to Villagers on Red Stick Rd., New Hope Mountain Rd., Copena Dr., Swann Dr., and Highway 14. In the same spirit our First Lady Olivia delivers 100 copies along Indian Crest Dr., Foxfire, and Old Post Rd. with her co-worker in this endeavor, Aleta Lowe. Their route is second in number of deliveries to that of Bonnie Murphy's 112 in the Homestead Subdivision. Thanks to all the couriers who make possible the delivery of *The Village Voice*.

## Garden Club Christmas Party; Successful "Sale of Greens"

By Del Levesque and Marge Dunn

The Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee members met at Copeland's on Sunday, December 2, for their annual Christmas party. After lunch they exchanged gifts and then proceeded into Leeds to visit the Rowan Oaks historical home, decorated for the holidays by members of three garden clubs from Leeds. Tour guides dressed in period costumes greeted them. There was entertainment on an antique air-powered organ, followed by refreshments.

Because the house was decorated with a Victorian theme using fresh greens, the members were able to get many ideas to use to promote the club's own greens sale on Saturday, December 8, at the town hall. Nine Village families responded to the club's request to obtain greens from private property for the sale.

Garden Club members Mary Bowman and Mary Bowman, mother and daughter, gathered the greens. Donors were Cathy Green, Old Mill Cir.; Jan Garrett, Mourtain Park Dr.; Sandra McElmurray, Indian Crest Dr.; Kelly Phillips, Hollow Log Ln.; Nancy Pinkerton, New Hope Mountain Rd.; Jennifer Rucker, Mallard Cir.; Ann Shoemaker, Valley View Ln.; Jo Thomas, Hwy. 119; and Shirley Ward, Indian Forest Tr. On Saturday morning Jim and Nora Boyett delivered boxes and boxes of magnolia branches trimmed from their property.

Buyers were still at the sale after 1:00 p. m., and the "sharing of the greenery" turned out to be a good community affair. Members had hoped the success of the sale would warrant this becoming an annual event.

## Christmas Ornaments for Sale; Children's Party at Library

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Through December 15, Christmas ornaments made from natural materials such as pine cones, dried flowers, nuts, acorns, pine needles, and seed pods will be on sale at the North Shelby Library. Members of the Shelby County Master Gardeners Association made the ornaments and the garden-themed gift baskets also on sale.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy gardening books for Shelby County libraries.

On December 19 following the regular Mr. Mac's story time at 10:30 a.m., children will be treated to a Christmas party. The event will be held in the large downstairs meeting room. Closing dates for holidays: Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, reopening Wednesday, Jan. 2.

## Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

A class in jewelry making on Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center. This is a one-time class with no need for advance registration.

Christmas dinner, pot luck style, will be served on Wednesday, December 19 at 12:00 noon. Ham, turkey, beverage, and bread will be provided, with participants bringing side dishes or desserts. "The Notables" will be playing Christmas music. Make reservations as soon as possible but no later than Dec. 15 by calling 991-5742. The Center will close Dec. 24, 25, and 31 for the holidays.

## Historical Society Growth Noted

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Shelby County Historical Society has grown from about 250 members in November 1999 to more than 600 members. Growth is at a rate of two-to-five members per week.

Bobby Joe Seales was re-elected to another two-year term as president at the recent quarterly meeting held at the Old 1894 Courthouse in Columbiana.

At the meeting Dr. Tom O. Caldwell, a past-president and current board member, credited Seales with much of the society's growth and success. In citing his accomplishments in revamping the Shelby County Archives & Museum, "He has transformed the Harrison room into a first-class research room," Dr. Caldwell said. "He has worked hard and diligently to update and bring our archives and museum activity into the year 2001 era."

Caldwell said an average of 128 people a month use the archives for research and 450 people a month just visit the museum.

## Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2 & Ruth Goodwyn, Ed.

### In Sympathy

The Village extends deepest sympathy to **Frieda Hanson Tombrello** in the loss of her husband, **Pat "Chip" Tombrello**, age 60. Pat passed away very unexpectedly on November 15th from an apparent heart attack while putting up fencing at the couple's farm in Chelsea.

Pat was a United States Air Force veteran and a participant in the Arabian Horse Association of Alabama. A staunch supporter and friend of the Village, Pat was an asset to our community, assisting as a volunteer when time allowed at numerous events.

Other survivors include a brother, Samuel Tombrello, Alabaster; a sister, Linda Musso, Birmingham; and a niece, Ashley Thomas, also of Birmingham. Memorials in his honor can be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Sympathy is extended also to **Aleta Lowe**, Indian Crest Dr., in the sudden death of her husband, **Harold**, on Dec. 9, at home. He was 92.

Visitation hours were from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel Monday with graveside services at Elmwood Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

The Lowes, who moved to ISV about 30 years ago, have two daughters, Nancy (Mrs. Ted Wilson) of Vestavia and Ann (Mrs. James Moore) of Mountain Brook; also four grandchildren. Originally from Mississippi, Mr. Lowe was retired from Southern Railway.

### Welcome New Villagers

The Village sends a warm welcome to new citizens **Danny and Vicki Williams** of 1200 Indian Crest Drive, formerly the home of Ron and Peggy Hoff. Danny and Vicki come to ISV from Alpharetta, Georgia, but are originally natives of Sylacauga. Danny works with American Color Graphics, while Vicki runs a tight homefront operation. The couple has two grown children, Scott and Sherri, but their dog, Noel, keeps them company at home. Welcome to the Village!