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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 22, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizen's 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 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

Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Herb Robins for proofing

Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

ISV's Founder's Day

October 18th was our town's fifteenth birthday and like most birthday parties there were hamburgers, hot dogs and lots of wonderful home-made cakes and pastries. The only thing missing were fifteen candles to blow out. Maybe next year.

The weather was perfect, and even the mosquitoes decided to go somewhere else for the night. Herb Robins led us in Grace and the food was served. Many thanks to so many people for making this annual event successful and fun. The list would go on and on. You know the highlights were the home made pastries lead by Nora Boyett's wonderful baking and the Trammell's great grilling.

The festivities were held in conjunction with our Council meeting and one very important item of business was conducted. The Council approved a contract with the Shelby County Sheriff Department for deputy services specifically for our town. Sheriff Chris Curry has assigned Deputy Heather Bobe to patrol ISV. We will be sharing her with the Town of Westover. Deputy Bobe is an experienced law enforcement professional with job experience in Florida and Alabama. She was introduced to all present. If you see her on patrol, please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

ISV resident State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin joined us and gave us an update on legislative happenings.

You'll notice that this issue has the new town budget. We plan to include the monthly financial reports in *The Village Voice* from time to time. They will also be made available on the town's website' www.indianspringsvillage.org, and printed copies are available from Shirley Church, Town Clerk.

One of the first things we did a year ago was to approve the ISV Comprehensive Plan. We will be working this fiscal year to begin to implement the plan's contents. It is a long-term plan designed to maintain the character of our town as originally conceived. We anticipate some development and change, and will continue to make improvements to our town's infrastructure. You will be hearing more of this during the year.

Town Council Meeting

September 20, 2005

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Indian Springs Village town hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll and noted the presence of Mayor Steve Zerkis, Council members Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, Brenda Guercio and Jack Mendel. Also present were Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell and Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt.

The minutes of September 06, 2005 council meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Guercio; seconded by Stauss.

The August financial reports were presented, discussed and accepted on a motion by Stauss; seconded by Guercio.

Trammell presented the Council with an updated map reflecting current town limits as requested at the previous meeting.

Mendel reported he is working on revisions to the financial report to display separate road fund accounts.

Zerkis asked for and received grant requests from each of the four Oak Mountain schools. Each school described how the grant funds would be used to assist students and teachers. The Council voted unanimously to approve a grant of \$4,000 to each school on a motion by Guercio, seconded by Mendel. The total of the grants will be \$16,000.

Zerkis reminded everyone the burning ban is still in effect until October 1, 2005.

Zerkis announced that Russ Allison had reviewed the proposed contract with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and several of his questions were forwarded to the county attorney for clarification.

Robins will contact Scott Holladay regarding new signs needed on County Roads 365 (Indian Trail) and 367 (Valley View Road).

There was general discussion regarding street signs in need of replacement.

Zerkis presented a draft of the town's budget for fiscal year 2006 for review, discussion and change as needed. The expenses reflect the cost of a sheriff's deputy on a part-time basis. A final version of the budget will be presented at our first October Council meeting.

Zerkis recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 555 who meet at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They were present to earn their Citizenship Badges.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Guercio.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

Town Council Meeting

October 4, 2005

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Indian Springs VillageTown Hall.

Town Clerk Shirley Church called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Herb Robins, Brian Stauss, Brenda Guercio, Stewart Dudley and Jack Mendel. Council Chairman pro tem Herb Robins presided. Also present were Chief Financial Officer Paul Stephens, Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt and Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell.

The minutes of September 20, 2005 were presented and unanimously adopted on a motion by Stauss; seconded by Guercio.

Guercio made a motion, seconded by Mendel and unanimously accepted by the Council that the Council suspend the rules to review certain language found in the Slaughter property declaration dating back to 1994. Dudley made a motion, seconded by Mendel, and unanimously accepted, that the town Council agree that the conditions as they pertain to the Town of Indian Springs Village stated in Section 6, Permanent Covenants of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Rights executed by Robert L. Slaughter and Betty C. Slaughter on May 27, 1994 and recorded in the office of the Shelby County Judge of Probate June 10, 1994 as Instrument No. 1994-18736 are released by the Town of Indian Springs Village and further moved that the enforcement of restrictive covenants is not a matter to be pursued by the town Council of Indian Springs Village, but by the private parties concerned.

There was discussion regarding a drainage problem at the end of the Slaughter property. Robins will contact the appropriate state personnel to check into this problem.

Stauss made a motion, seconded by Dudley and unanimously accepted that the rules be suspended to allow the annexation of the Slaughter property. Wyatt presented the annexation petition of approximately 28.8 acres of the Slaughter property that is contiguous to the town. Motion was made by Dudley, seconded by Guercio, and unanimously carried to accept this annexation as presented.

Mendel discussed the changes made on the 2006 financial budget. Stauss made a motion, seconded by Mendel and unanimously carried to accept the 2006 budget as presented.

It was announced that the ISV Founder's Day will be held at the pavilion on October 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with the Council meeting starting at 7:00 PM. Donations will be accepted for assistance in the Katrina and other disaster relief efforts.

There being no further business, the Council accepted a motion by Mendel that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Church, Town Clerk

2006 Town Hall Reservations

by Tricia Crapet, Villager

Our Town Hall is so popular! Due to this enormous popularity, there have been an unusual number of calls requesting dates for 2006 reservations for the ISV Town Hall. In past years, we have not taken reservations until around December for the following year, but since I have had several early requests, I have already secured a new 2006 reservation book and am officially “open for business” for next years reservations!

The most efficient means of getting your reservation request to me is to email me at the following address: ISVillage@aol.com. If you do not have a way of emailing, please call my voice mail at 802-2753. In both instances, **please** supply the following information: name, address, phone numbers, email address, and date and time of your reservation request. Please allow time in your request for set-up and clean-up of your event. I frequently pop in and out of town, but will answer your request as soon as possible.

All groups with “standing” reservations need to send a request as well in order for your group’s 2006 dates to be scheduled. They will not be automatically scheduled. Please be sure to include all dates and times for these standing reservation requests, as well as the information listed above. The ISV Town Hall is a wonderful community resource for Villagers. Many functions and events are held at the facility each year, including weddings, showers, birthday parties, family reunions, church functions, scout meetings, bunko, and various social and business meetings.

As in all years past, the Town Hall is available for use by Indian Springs Village residents **ONLY**. There are **NO FEES** or rental charges, but **you must be a citizen of ISV**. There are **no exceptions** to this rule.

ATVs and Dirt Bikes

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

You know this but maybe your children and your neighbors’ children don’t. It is **illegal** to operate an ATV, dirt bike or golf cart on any public roads in the State of Alabama. At the very least it’s a safety issue. ATVs and dirt bikes are called that for an obvious reason. They are supposed to be driven on **dirt**, not public roads. They are not equipped to be driven on public roads, nor are golf carts.

My main concern is **children driving them on streets**. Kids don’t have the judgement and experience to drive these vehicles safely. **Parents**, please set a good example for kids and do not drive your ATVs on the street.

I have spoken to Sheriff Curry about this problem and he will advise his deputies to be on the lookout. He asks that if any residents see this happening, that they should immediately call 911, ask for the Shelby County Sheriff, and report the problem. If you don’t want your name identified, let the deputy know.

ATVs, dirt bikes and even golf carts are fun to drive but please do it on your own property or get permission to use another person’s property. Do not use public streets or public land. Let’s not risk children’s lives needlessly. Thanks for your help.

ISV Children’s Fund Needs Your Support

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

I want to ask for your help to benefit children in our area who are in need. Although we don’t know the numbers of children and their families that will be helped, we do know that there will be more children than normal. Their numbers include visitors displaced by Katrina and Rita who need out support.

We hope to be able to assist all needy families whose children attend our Oak Mountain schools. Once again you can help with your donations to the **ISV Children’s Fund**. Some of you have already made your donations this year, but much more is needed, and will be greatly appreciated.

As always, 100 percent of all funds donated are used directly for the benefit of these children in need. Every cent donated will purchase food, clothing, toys and even school supplies for these children who otherwise would receive almost nothing at this special time of the year. There are absolutely no administrative fees or costs, and all of the shopping is done by your neighbors who volunteer their time.

We thank all of our kind Villagers who have opened their hearts and wallets and made donations so we can help some needy families have a little miracle for their children.

Please show your community spirit and join your neighbors in sending a donation. It should be made payable to: **Indian Springs Village Children’s Fund (ISVCF)**; care of Shirley Church, 335 New Hope Mountain Road, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124.

ISV Town Budget Reports

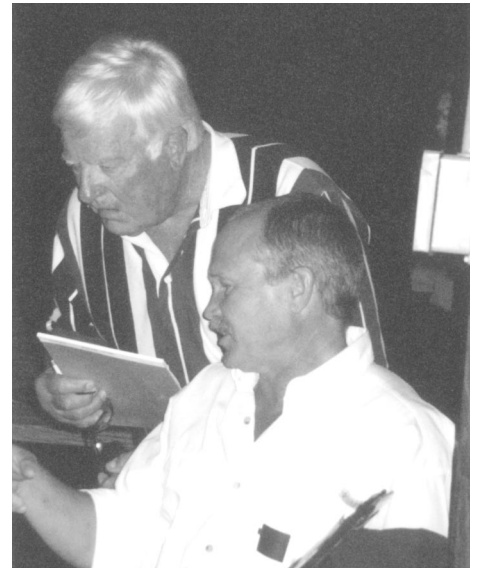
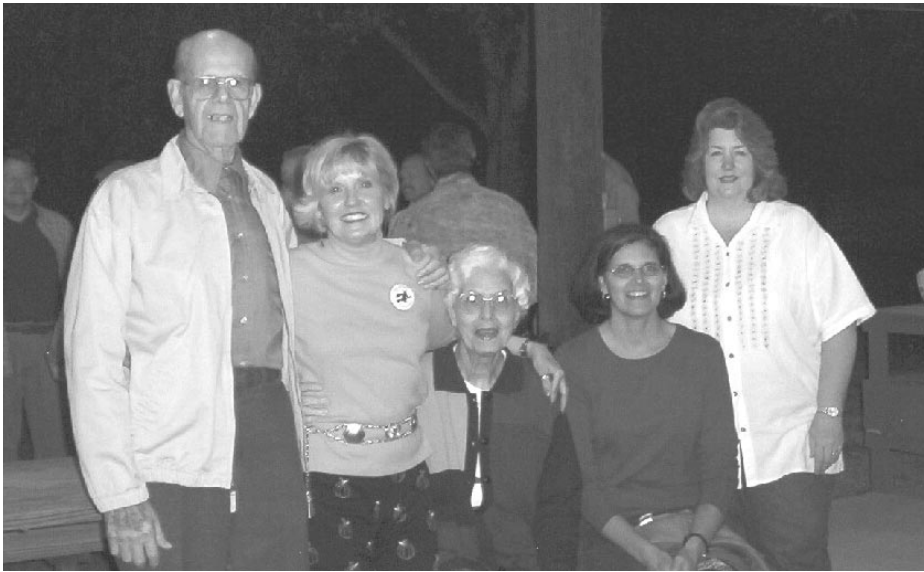
by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Jack Mendel, Shirley Church and others have worked hard to create a series of computerized financial reports of the town's revenues and expenses. The reports will be created monthly. These reports will typically be available by the middle of a month for the preceding month, i.e., October's financial results will normally be available by November 15. Anyone who wishes to have a printed copy of these reports can get one by contacting our town clerk, Shirley Church. The annual budget is being published in this issue of the Village Voice. We also plan to publish results quarterly.

Indian Springs Village Budget for Fiscal Year 2006

GENERAL FUND		GENERAL FUND	
<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expense Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Charter Cable	9,500	Web-Site	900
Alabama Power	69,670	Engineering Fees	8,000
Alabama Gas	21,100	ADEM	1,000
Pelham Water	7,500	Civic Events	5,000
Birmingham Water	1,000	Insurance	5,000
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	14,250	Office Supplies	2,000
Business Licenses	11,900	Maintenance	3,000
Building Permits	10,000	Legal Professional Fees	8,000
July 4th Donations	1,500	Recording Fees	500
Off Shore Drilling Share	0	Utilities & Security System	6,000
Interest Income (ChkingAcct)	1,200	Administrative Expenses	2,400
Zoning Application Fees	2,000	Audit Professional Fees	3,000
Cell Tower Inspection Fees	1,200	Miscellaneous	4,000
DOT Grant	0	Village Voice	4,500
Misc Taxes(auto, trailers, etc)	1,000	Dues (AL League of Municip)	1,000
Interest Income (CD's)	17000	Paul & Shirley Allowances	10,440
Total - All Items	168,820	Oak Mtn Schools Grants	16,000
		Garden Club	1,500
Transfer FROM CD		Deputy Sheriff Contract	33,000
		CD Bank Fees	-
ROAD FUNDS		Total - All Items	115,240
<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Budget</u>		
		Transfer TO CD	
7¢ Gasoline & 2¢ Insp	8,400		
5¢ & 4¢ Gasoline	5,600	ROAD FUNDS	
Motor Veh Lic Tag Tax	6,800	7¢ Gasoline & 2¢ Insp	
Total - All Items	20,800	5¢ & 4¢ Gasoline	
		Motor Veh Lic Tag Tax	
CAP IMPRV FUND		Total - All Items	-
<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Budget</u>		
		CAP IMPRV FUND	
Cap Inprv Revenue (Incl. Int.)	14,500	Capital Improvements	17,000

15th Annual Founder's Day Celebration - Tuesday, October 18, 2005

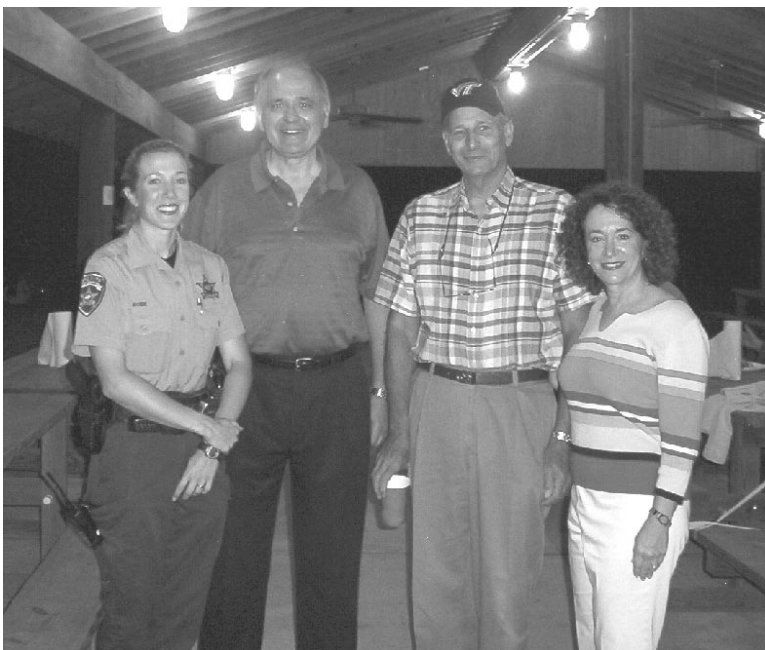


Above from left: Villagers including Shirley Church and Tricia Crapet enjoying the celebration. Above right: Paul Stephens and Herb Robins.



Above from left: Bob Thomas, Bart Trammell and Wayne Jones. Below: Deputy Heather Bobe, Steve Zerkis, Jack Mendel and Brenda Bell-Guercio.

Above from left, standing in front of the new items donated by the ISV Garden Club: Lynn Hendricks, Mary Bowman Jr., Mary Bowman Sr., Ruth Goodwyn, Marge Dunn, Nelda Kelly and Laura Jones. Below: John Dunn, Nora Boyett, Lynne Hendricks and Mary Bowman Jr.



November Happenings

submitted by Tess Bouvier, North Shelby Library
Children's/Teen Department Librarian

*The Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday
November 23rd-25th.*

Visit our website www.northshelbylibrary.org for more details or call 439-5504 or email nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org!

Special Programming

Thursday, Nov 10 at 6:30—*Family Night presents, “A Little Known Episode of Alabama’s History: The Imprisonment of Geronimo and the Apaches, Mount Vernon, Alabama-1887-1894”.* See adjoining article. Refreshments served.

Thursday, Nov 17 at 4:30—**Monkey Program.** Come ready to *monkey around* with our guest reader, Mr. Eric Dennison, in honor of *Children’s Book Week!* Mr. Dennison is a staff member at North Shelby Library who works in the circulation department. Don’t forget to bring/wear your favorite monkey items! **Grades K-5th. Registration Required.**

For all ages:

*Help us celebrate **Children’s Book Week**, November 14th-20th! Participate in the “A Penny for Your Thoughts” voting competition. Contribute a penny to your favorite classic children’s book. The book that receives the most pennies by the 20th wins and the penny proceeds will go towards buying a copy of that book for our library!

*For **Children’s Book Week**, write and tell us what your all time favorite children’s book is and why and win a prize!

*In honor of **Thanksgiving**, draw a picture of something you are thankful for (November 14th-30th). Participant’s drawings will be displayed on our bulletin board and will receive a cool prize!

*Tuesday, Nov 15th at 4:30—**Mark Twain’s Birthday.** We’ll be showing a Disney rendition of Mark Twain’s novel: *The Prince and the Pauper* in honor of his birthday! Popcorn and drinks will be served. (25 minutes-G)

*Thursday, Nov 22nd at 4:30—**Turkey Craft.** Celebrate the joy of Thanksgiving by making a goofy turkey out of your own hand and foot-prints! **Registration Required.**

For Grades 2 and up:

*Saturday, Nov 12th at 1:00—**Cinematic Saturday.** *Attention all Harry Potter fans!!* Come to the library and watch the third Harry Potter movie (Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban) to refresh your memories and to get ready for the 4th movie (Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire) that comes out in theaters November 18th!! Popcorn and drinks provided. **Grades 2 and up. Registration Required.** (142 Minutes-PG)

Teen Zone

***Sign up for the Teen Advisory Group!** Have a say in what your library does! Call or email Tess—439-5504 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.org.

~Regular Programming~

Mondays, November 7, 14 and 21

Toddler Tales @ 10:30 & 11:30 am

For ages 18-36 months. **Registration required.** You can call

the library at 439-5504 to sign-up or put your name down for the coming weeks after the program.

Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) @ 10:45 am. For all ages.

Thursdays, November 3, 10 and 17

P. J. Storytime @ 7 pm. For all Ages.

Roll Tide or War Eagle!

submitted by Carol Farr, Director

As a benefit for the Children of the North Shelby Library, a raffle will be held on Friday, December 2. Tickets cost \$10 each, are tax deductible, and the winner can choose from two numbered and framed prints by artist Daniel Moore: either “The Game Breaker” from 2001 featuring Alabama Quarterback Andrew Zow, or “Goal Line Drive” from 1982 featuring Auburn Running Back Bo Jackson. Tickets are available at the Library or call 439-5555 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Presentation at North Shelby Library

by Tess Bouvier, Children's/Teen Department Librarian

Jackie Matte, independent scholar and member of the Alabama Humanities Foundation speakers bureau, presents “A Little Known Episode of Alabama’s History: The imprisonment of Geronimo and the Apaches, Mount Vernon, Alabama - 1887-1894” on November 10, 2005 at 6:30 pm at the Library Meeting Room, North Shelby Library.

Geronimo was the leader of the last American Indian fighting force formally to capitulate to the United States. Upon surrender, Geronimo and over three hundred of his fellow Chiricahuas were shipped to Fort Marion and Fort Pickens, Florida. One year later, many of them were relocated to the Mount Vernon barracks in Alabama, where they were held until 1894 when they were taken to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. This presentation will focus on their lives while in Alabama. Slides made from photographs of Apaches taken while at Mount Vernon barracks will enhance the presentation, which is part of the Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) 2005-2006 Speaker in the House program.

Jackie Matte is an independent scholar, with Masters degrees in History and in Secondary Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She has taught at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and in the Mountain Brook School System, and was the National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar in Residence for Baldwin County High School during 2001-2002. Matte is the author of *The History of Washington County: The First County in Alabama*, and *They Say the Wind is Red: the Alabama Choctaw Lost in their Own Land*. She also coauthored, with Virginia Van der Veer Hamilton, *Seeing Historic Alabama: Fifteen Guided Tours*.

For more information on Speaker in the House or other AHF programs, please call 205-558-3980. For more information about this program, please call Tess Bouvier at 205-439-5504.

Check Your Tax Notice

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

Bad news. It's that time of year again to pay your property tax. Depending on your last name, motor vehicle license tax may be due also. This is an appropriate time to call your attention to both tax notices so you can take a moment and check to make sure the tax officials have you listed in **INDIAN SPRINGS**.

On the bottom left of your property tax notice is a place for the listing of the municipality in which you live. If you reside in Indian Springs, it should so state. As you are aware, our town does not assess any property taxes.

On your motor vehicle license notice, there is a block at the top center. If you reside in Indian Springs, the **City Code 15** should be listed. Please take the time to make sure the proper city code (**15**) is listed. We receive motor vehicle license taxes based partially on the number of vehicles registered in the town limits.

If the City Code **15** is not indicated on your motor vehicle license notice OR if **INDIAN SPRINGS** is not noted on your property tax notice, please contact Jim Wyatt (988 0327) and he will provide you with an annexation petition if you so desire.

While I have your undivided attention, would those of you who have an Indian Springs or 35124 ZIP Code mailing address please check your phone book and look at your telephone **listing**. If it isn't listed as Indian Springs, please call BellSouth (1-888-757-6500) and tell them to change your **listing** address to Indian Springs. This will not change your mailing address and it is a free service.

Honoring Our Veterans

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

On November 11th, Americans pay tribute to the veterans of our Armed Services, both men and women, who have served our country with honor. We are the beneficiaries of their sacrifice. We get to enjoy this land of liberty because of what they have done.

I read recently that over 41 million Americans have served over the course of our country's history and over one million gave their lives. Due to their extraordinary service, more people live under democracy than ever before in history.

We can thank each and every veteran that we know for the freedoms we have. We are blessed to have a number of men and women living in Indian Springs Village who have served their country. When you meet one, thank them. They stood a post. They protected our nation. We are honored to know them.

Zoning Board of Adjustments Minutes of October 21, 2005 Meeting

submitted by Brian Stauss, Chair

Called to order at 6:57pm. Roll call: Members Benton Baker, Ralph Bodie, Bruce Monical, Brian Stauss, Steve Zerkis

Attending: Marc Phillips, requestor; Herb Robins, ISV resident, Town Councilman and Homestead Homeowners Association Board Member; Chuck and Michelle Williams, ISV residents and adjacent property owners; Bart Trammell, ISV resident and Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

Brian Stauss provided an overview of the variance request from Mr. Phillips to operate a recording studio in his basement. Mr. Phillips would like to move his existing studio located in Homewood to his home and further described his proposed studio as follows: soundproofed to prevent sound from entering or leaving; no signs or advertising; traffic to consist of an occasional 2-3 cars for a few minutes to a few hours. Additional questions from the Board addressed times of operation (typically 9am – 5pm, some occasional evenings, no weekends); on street parking (very rare); square footage of house used for business (15%); type of clientele (one to several musicians and instruments totally contained within soundproofed studio). Mr. Robins stated that the Homeowners Board met and has no objection to this request; they also researched the Protective Covenants and found language addressing "nuisances" should the Homeowners Board need to take action. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who live across the street, were concerned about on street parking and otherwise did not object to the variance request. There were no other adjacent property owners present. Mr. Phillips presented a letter of approval from Mr. Allen Trucks, an adjacent property owner.

Bruce Monical made a motion to grant the special use variance on the condition that there is no on street parking and that all Homestead Protective Covenants are followed. Benton Baker seconded. Motion carried – unanimous. There were no objections from attendees.

Brian Stauss reminded Mr. Phillips that he will need to apply for an Indian Springs Village Business License when he is ready to open his business. The form is available on the city website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

The **ISV Zoning Board of Adjustments** met on Wednesday, November 5, 2005, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall to consider a request from Citation Homes for a setback variance for a home under construction at 470 Highgate Hill Road. The meeting results will be published in next month's *Village Voice*. Contact Brian Stauss, Chair, for more information at 987-9997 or brian@indianspringsvillage.org.

In Memoriam

John David McClurkin age 64, of Pell City, died October 12, 2005. He served in the United States Air Force for 4 years, PCHS Band Booster member, Volunteer Fireman and EMT, volunteer for the MS Society, worked for Multigraphics for 29 years, and Jacksonville State University for 11 years. Amateur Radio Operator and communications for severe weather at the St. Clair County EMA. Various other civic and local duties to the community. Funeral Services were held Saturday, October 15, at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church with burial in St. Clair Memorial Gardens. Rev. John Thweatt officiated. Survivors: wife, Rachel Hardwick McClurkin; daughter, Crystal McClurkin Russell (Alan); brother, Van Edgar McClurkin (Mary Sue) of Indian Springs Village; nephews, Burt, Daniel, and Ben (Andi) McClurkin; two great nephews, Benjamin and Luke McClurkin. Pallbearers: Burt McClurkin, Ben McClurkin, Daniel McClurkin, Richard Burton, Joseph Burton, Barry Burton, Taylor Burton, and Alan Russell. *(reprinted from Birmingham News)*

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, City Engineer

- Lot 3 Indian Gate – Carter Homes – New Construction
- The Hills are replacing the exterior siding on their home at 7003 Indian Ridge Drive.
- Roseland Griffin is closing in a porch on her home at 190 New Hope Mountain Road.
- Citation Homes is beginning construction of a new home at High Gate Manor on Highgate Hill

Stitchers Hold Oktoberfest

by B.J. Scharath, Villager

Ladies of Cahaba Lily Chapter, one of two Birmingham chapters of the American Needlepoint Guild, met on October 22nd at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall for Oktoberfest. Making the holiday their own, the ladies happily expanded the autumn celebration of harvest to celebrate a harvest of stitching as well as food. On display were many beautiful holiday ornaments that had been stitched and finished, several ornaments and various other projects that were ‘in progress’, and a Wedding Ring quilt in the making. It was a great day for all who attended.

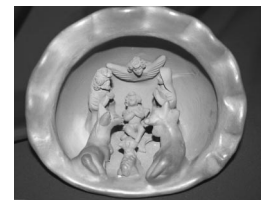
Over 300 Nativity Exhibits from Around the World on Display – Local Choirs to Perform

by Liz Burkhardt, Villager

Come enjoy a display with over 300 Nativity scenes from around the world, and rejoice in the Christmas music of community choir groups each day. The exhibit will run December 2nd through the 4th, on Friday from 4 to 9:00 PM, Saturday Noon to 9:00, and Sunday 1 to 8:00 PM. Festivities are located at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located on 2720 Cahaba Valley Road (Highway 119) in Indian Springs Village across from the Indian Springs Town Hall. Call 915-1687 for full details.

Everyone is invited to feel the Christmas Spirit by attending this free crèche presentation and celebration of Christ.

Several members of Indian Springs Village and the neighboring communities have been bitten by the collecting bug. For the past four years they have searched out new scenes to display at their Nativity or “Crèche” Exhibit. Although crèche is a Germanic word meaning “crib”, through time its meaning has become identified with the manger wherein Christ was laid; and today with the entire Nativity scene. From the sublime to the surprising, each crèche is unique. One room features international crèches from such locations as Africa, China, and the Philippines. Each day local choirs will perform, including John Carroll High School Choir, Riverchase Middle School Choir, the Cato Family and ending Sunday evening with the Christmas Satellite Broadcast of The Mormon Tabernacle Choir. This is the crèche exhibit’s fifth year and the congregations are once again sharing this very special Christmas event with the community. There will be over 300 crèche displays, including many new nativities.





Ho Ho Ho!

Santa Claus is Coming to the Village!

on

Saturday, December 10, 2005

from 1:00 p.m. til 3:00 p.m.

at the ISV Town Hall

2635 Cahaba Valley Road

**Santa will welcome ALL good
little girls and boys of all ages to
share their holiday requests with him !**

**Bring the Wish List and a camera
and enjoy an afternoon with Santa !**

Refreshments will be served.



*Santa is brought to you by the Crapet family.
Happy Holidays from Michael, Tricia, and Joseph.*

Garden Club News

by Delphine Levesque, member Indian Springs Village Garden Club

At our October meeting, members of the Indian Springs Garden Club voted to pay for some new items for the town hall parlor. These include a mirror, a lamp and two framed pictures. We are happy to present these as gifts to the Village and are honored to be a part of every effort to beautify whatever makes Indian Springs Village such a wonderful place to work to live. We know that everyone who enters the town hall will be pleased with the new look of the parlor. (See page 5 for a picture of the new additions to the town hall.)

Waste Management

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

After several conversations, Waste Management agreed to change their home pickup schedule on Tuesdays so that their trucks will avoid blocking Indian Crest Drive in the mornings. They have rearranged routes so they will not pick up trash on Indian Crest between 6:45AM and 8:00AM. Their trucks had been blocking traffic and, as you know, Indian Crest was not constructed to allow for safe passing of other vehicles or crossing the double yellow line.

Wakeboard Champion

12 year old Davis Little, son of Harry and Bee Little of Indian Springs, participated in tournaments across the state in the International Amateur Water-ski, Wakeboard, Wakeskate and Kneeboard Tour (INT League) this summer and won the State Championship in the Junior division for wakeboarding. He, along with other State Champions, represented Alabama in Bakersfield, CA for the U.S. Championships. Davis received 2nd place in the nation in the Junior wakeboard division and also received the highest two day total score in his division. Davis is a 6th-grader at Oak Mountain Middle School.



Did You Know?

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

The wooden walls and ceilings in the town hall's meeting room are original to the house? After being purchased by the town, the house was beautifully renovated and a wall between two rooms on the right of the entrance was taken down to create the meeting room. As our residents took down the old paneling, they uncovered the original tongue-and-groove wooden walls and ceiling which have been preserved.

As one person who inspected the house once said, "They used real wood when they built this one". What he was referring to was that the original studs and beams used in the house's construction are rough cut and much stronger than what we can buy today. When the new roof was installed last summer, the workers exposed the original wooden planks. Although there was some deterioration, most of the planks looked a bright yellow, as new as the day they were installed a century ago. We hope to get a few more centuries of use from our town hall.

Scouts Assisting with Katrina Relief Efforts

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Boy Scout Troop 71 from Our Lady of the Valley Church in Indian Springs Village recently assisted with Katrina relief efforts in Hattiesburg, MS. The troop had planned to go hiking in North Alabama but changed their plans when this opportunity to help became available. They visited St. Thomas Church in Hattiesburg and spent the weekend distributing food and cleaning up debris.