

The Village Voice



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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 5, 2012 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*

Now that fall is here, we can all enjoy the cooler weather and football. Our trees will begin to change color in the next few weeks, and then we will have those leaves to rake. I can't wait to wake up to the first hard frost. As I write this, Pat and I are up in Chicago visiting our family, which includes playing with our grandson. Here, fall is in living color; I miss our football.

October and November will be busy for our town. Founders' Day will be on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Pavilion. It's Indian Springs Village's 23rd birthday. We hope to have a patriotic theme for the evening along with free barbeque and birthday cake for everyone. Come meet your new mayor and council members.

The Village Voice is the single most comprehensive way we have of communicating with you. For the last several months, we have been asking for your emails so that we could stop the hand-delivery of this newsletter. So far, we have received about 300 responses out of over 800 residences in town. The Council has decided to continue to ask for email addresses and to also continue home delivery of the paper version for the time being. Kathryn Harrington has written an excellent article on communication and I urge you to read it.

Monday, November 5, 2012 will be the day the new mayor and council are sworn into office. This will be the organizational meeting where new rules are adopted for the council. Our usual Tuesday council meeting will be moved to that Monday and be held concurrently. I do hope you will be there, not only for the snacks, but also for the company and the opportunity to talk to your new council. After all, this is your government and they are our representatives.

Founders' Day Celebration Tuesday, October 16!

More information on page 5

Landfill "Free" Day - Saturday, October 6th

Shelby County Landfill

www.shelbycountyalabama.com

4154 Highway 70, Columbiana, AL 35051

205-669-1469

Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sat 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Council Meeting Date Change

The first council meeting in November has been changed to Monday, November 5. This will be the organizational meeting and the mayor and council for the 2012-2016 term will be sworn in. Any city business usually conducted at the first monthly meeting will also be handled at this time.

Town Council Meeting

August 7, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Brian Stauss. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The July 17 minutes were reviewed. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis highlighted the elections calendar which included the appointment of election officials; absentee ballots; a review of key dates in August and November 5 when the new council will start. He noted that the elections calendar is on the city's website. He then introduced all the candidates who were present.

Mayor Zerkis presented the resolutions for the unopposed candidates. For Place 5, Bart Trammell: Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously. For Place 3, Brian Stauss: Mendel made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously. For Place 1, Herb Robins: Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously. For Place 4, Jack Mendel: Robins made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously. For Mayor, Brenda Bell-Guercio: Mendel made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously. The City Clerk distributed Certificates of Election to the unopposed candidates.

Mayor Zerkis presented a resolution to appoint poll workers. Robins made a motion to accept the list of poll workers as presented, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Council discussed payment for the poll workers. Bell-Guercio made a motion to waive the rules, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted by unanimous roll-call vote. Mendel made a motion to pay the poll workers \$30 for attending the poll worker training plus reimburse their mileage at the current IRS rate of .555 from their house to the training site and back. For Election Day, inspectors will be paid \$200 and non-inspectors \$175. Bell-Guercio seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Bell-Guercio made a motion to pay the absentee ballot manager \$50, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis discussed the current vacancy in Council Place 5. Stewart Dudley did not attend council meetings for more than 90 consecutive days between December 6, 2011 and March 20, 2012 and according to state law, he is no longer on the Council by operation of law. Mendel asked if the position had to be filled. Zerkis and Robins discussed this matter with the attorneys at the League of Municipalities and our city attorney. The deadlines for reappointment of Dudley by the council as well as appointment of a replacement by the governor have expired. The Council was unaware of this law and its impact on Dudley until a resident brought it to the City's attention in July when he filed to run for that position. The options are to request the Judge of Probate set a special election for a temporary replacement or leave the position vacant until November 5. After discussion, the Council agreed to leave the position vacant. Further discussion and comments from residents followed. The resident whose comment brought this to the City's attention stated he was aware of Dudley's situation in March but said it was not his responsibility to say anything. The result is that the City has lost the services of a valued long time member of the council. Mayor Zerkis said he is sorry for this loss and thanked Dudley for his many years of service to the City and its residents.

Mayor Zerkis suggested that all council members read Section 36 of the Code of Alabama pertaining to the Ethics Commission, and become more familiar with its provisions, including conflicts of interest.

The recent Shred Day held at Town Hall was not a success. The contractor did not arrive until an hour and a half past the advertised start time. Because of this, relatively few residents were served. There was no charge for the contractor.

Robins stated the new roof and gutters on the pavilion were completed by Cobb Roofing at a cost of \$7,985. Replacing the decking cost more than expected because additional damage was found. The gutters were replaced with ones that are larger. Indian Highlands subdivision requested a No Outlet sign. Robins ordered the sign and scheduled Jimmy Rhodes to install. Robins received a request from the Garden Club for the City to purchase a projector and larger screen. Stauss made equipment suggestions via email. The Council decided to wait until Stauss is available before making a decision. Mendel also suggested purchasing a cart for the projector.

Mendel reported that the cell tower inspection bills for the last 6 years have been sent out. He has received a response from one vendor requesting more information. Mendel stated he prepared and sent out a budget worksheet to the Council for FY 2013. He congratulated Robins for bringing the pavilion roof project in on time and under budget. He will get the project information to our accountant, Hollie Johnson, for QuickBooks. Mendel reported that the auditor has completed the fiscal year 2011 audit. He asked the City Clerk to contact Hollie about her availability to attend the audit meeting in September. Zerkis noted that we need to replace the rotted windows in the small meeting room and that work should be included in the new budget.

Bell-Guercio was contacted by a resident about paving Bishop Lane. It is a county road. Robins contacted Scott Holladay, Sr. County Engineer, and was told that Bishop Lane would have to be widened to County standards if it was to be repaved by the County. The residents could repave the road themselves if they all agreed to request the County vacate the road and it become a private drive.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor for comments from residents. A resident noted that noise from a party at Town Hall reached her home and suggested the reservation rules be revised. Mayor Zerkis was aware of the party back in May and rules were changed to limit noise. The same resident noted that her garage sale signs are repeatedly removed and asked that something be published in *The Village Voice* restating garage sale rules.

Mayor Zerkis congratulated Dr. Weems, daughter of resident Patti Weems, on her recent graduation from pharmacy school.

NSFD Chief Tyler gave a status report for July. Of note, there were several lighting strikes that caused fires or smoldering in houses. Tyler reported he had discussed fire hydrant installation with Pelham officials who referred him to their contractor. The cost is approximately \$5,000 per hydrant. He also explained that the impact fees offset future hydrant repair costs since Pelham does not charge for this service. Tyler asked for the cost of three hydrants to be added to the budget each year until all were installed. A discussion followed. Zerkis asked the Chief to add all needed hydrants to the list. Mendel asked him to prioritize the hydrants.

A resident suggested having the zoning map available during the election. Another resident suggested making sure the poll workers know how to do a challenge ballot.

A resident asked about the cell tower inspection fees. Mendel explained the inspections and fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

August 21, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present except Jack Mendel and Brian Stauss. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

Because there was no quorum, both the August 7 meeting minutes and the July financial report were held for approval until the next meeting.

Wayne Jones reported for the PAZ. Verizon wants to put another cell phone tower in the area.

Mayor Zerkis gave an update on the election. Campaign signs are up for both candidates. Zerkis has ordered voting reminder signs that he will place throughout the City.

Chief Tyler presented a proposal for the installation of eight fire hydrants. He gave an update on the cost and other related

research. Tyler also presented a proposal for the City to take over the maintenance and power bill expenses for three severe weather sirens within the city limits. Currently, NSFD pays the electric bills on the sirens located behind Winn Dixie, at OMIS and behind Learning by Design daycare. The sirens were installed by grants secured by NFSD and they signed a contract stating they would pay for maintenance. Tyler added that other cities in Shelby County pay for maintenance and electricity for the sirens in their city limits.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the American Red Cross is in critical need of donations. Donations can be made at the center located in Caldwell Trace Park.

Zerkis gave an update on flooding. He and County Engineer, Clay Aderholt, observed the effects of flooding in several areas in the city during a recent rain. Aderholt said it is happening all over the County with recent heavy rains. An Indian Trail resident presented a diagram and described the flooding on her property. A dirt access road has been cut in Stagg Run subdivision and chirt from the road has washed onto her property through a previously installed culvert.

Another resident said that the water main on Valley View Lane burst today. It has been repaired, but damaged the road. Robins notified the County and will check tomorrow on the status.

Mayor Zerkis reported we are trying to cancel the Waste Management contract because of the expense.

Paula Johnson, a representative of the American Cancer Society, described the Oak Mountain Relay for Life event. They are looking for adult volunteers to assist with the event to secure sponsors, volunteers and help with other activities. Mayor Zerkis suggested an article in *The Village Voice*.

Robins reported that Jimmy Rhodes had installed a "No Outlet" sign in the Indian Highlands subdivision for \$100.

Katie Guerin, Director of the North Shelby Library, brought a large framed thank you card, signed by children at the library, for the City's contribution to the summer reading program.

Mayor Zerkis opened the floor for public comment and recognized both candidates running for Council Place Two. A resident requested copies of correspondence between Robins and the League of Municipalities regarding Dudley's removal from the Council. Robins responded that the resident's questions had been answered at the previous council meeting which the resident had attended.

Another resident asked the status of dredging Bishop Creek by the Corps of Engineers. Bell-Guercio responded that after speaking with multiple ADEM representatives approximately two years ago, that they did not think it was possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Special Town Council Meeting

September 4, 2012

A Special Town Council meeting was called for September 4, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. for the sole purpose of canvassing the

results of the August 28, 2012 election in accordance with the Code of Alabama Section 11-46-55. Also see 11-46-46.

The Town Council met at 7:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Mayor Zerkis called the meeting to order and took the roll. All council members were present and the Mayor reviewed the agenda for this special meeting.

He opened the "Mayor" envelope and reviewed the election results with the Council. The document was circulated among the Council. The results showed Kathryn Harrington with 196 votes and Logan Cook with 37. Harrington received a majority of the votes for the election for Council Place No. 2.

He opened the provisional ballot box to show that there were no provisional ballots cast.

He presented the canvassing resolution which declares that Kathryn Harrington is duly elected. Brenda Bell-Guercio made a motion to pass the resolution, Herb Robins seconded. A roll call vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

The Certificate of Election was signed and presented to Kathryn Harrington.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen W. Zerkis, Mayor

Town Council Meeting

September 4, 2012

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All council members were present. The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

The August 7 meeting minutes were reviewed. Robins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The August 21 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bell-Guercio made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The September 4 special election canvass meeting minutes were reviewed. Stauss made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the July financial report. The City is \$15,000 over budgeted revenue. Mendel made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss reported for the ZBA. A resident in the Homestead subdivision would like to have a cover built over her patio. Stauss is waiting on a drawing from her contractor. Another resident would like to open a dog grooming business in her garage.

Mayor Zerkis reported for the PAZ. A subdivision request has been submitted to make a minor change to the property line between two commercial lots on Valleydale Road. Jones will send out notices tomorrow.

Mayor Zerkis reported on the special meeting to canvass the election results held this morning at 7:00 a.m. There were no provisional votes and the Council passed a resolution declaring Kathryn Harrington the winner for Council Place Two and presented her with a Certificate of Election. The organizational meeting will be held on November 5. Judge Hub Harrington will swear in the council members.

Chief Tyler requested that ISV take over the cost of electricity and maintenance of three weather sirens located in the City limits. NSFD will continue to make sure the sirens are operating properly. Currently, NSFD budgets \$1,750 annually for the sirens, primarily for battery replacement. The siren at OMIS is currently not working. They are waiting on a part. The Council agreed to assume responsibility for the cost of the electricity and maintenance of the sirens and will add it to the operating budget.

Chief Tyler presented a proposal for the addition of eight fire hydrants in the city limits. He estimated \$5,000 for the installation of each plus \$2,500 for the fire line fee charged by the City of Pelham. The contractor has not called him back with specific prices. A discussion followed. The Council will add \$65,000 to the capital budget for hydrants.

Stauss met with a contractor about installing wireless, high-definition surveillance cameras at the Town Hall. He detailed the proposal including the camera numbers and locations. The cameras can be accessed at any time via an I-phone or the internet. A discussion followed. The Council would like to see a system demonstration. \$5,000 will be added to the capital budget.

The Council discussed the FY2013 budget and discussed capital items. Mayor Zerkis has sent a worksheet to the Council for review.

Robins reported that the control box for the irrigation system had to be replaced at a cost of \$215. He said that electricity to the weather siren and both storage sheds was out. Electrician Duke Farmer determined that the breakers had been tripped due to a problem with the siren. Robins contacted Chief Tyler who scheduled the contractor to come out for a service call. Farmer also secured and covered the wires where the power vents were removed from the pavilion.

Robins received an estimate of \$3,750 to pour a 10 x 30 concrete pad for the dumpster. A discussion about alternative solutions followed. Zerkis asked the City Clerk to contact Waste Management to move the dumpster back by the side entrance.

Robins was asked by the Garden Club if the City could purchase a projector for the Town Hall. Bell-Guercio made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll-call vote. Bell-Guercio made a motion to purchase a projector, screen and cart, not to exceed \$500, for use at the Town Hall. Robins seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins will contact Shane's Rib Shack for a bid for the Founders' Day Celebration.

Mendel reported that there is an audit meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. He is working on the details for the cell tower billing and needs a copy of the zoning ordinance that was in place when the towers were installed. The City Clerk will send it.

The Council voted to pay the Clerk \$1,000 for the election services, considering it is outside of the services she is contracted to provide. They also voted to increase her monthly fee by \$250, and that of CPA Hollie Johnson by \$40 per month effective with the new FY2013 fiscal year.

Mayor Zerkis reported that the County will be spraying for mosquitoes throughout the City over the next few weeks during the early morning hours.

Stauss reported that he found the back door unlocked this past Saturday. Zerkis said that Tricia Crapet is replacing the locks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Your Print and Delivered Village Voice Will Continue!!!!

by Kathryn Harrington

The Mayor and town council have decided to continue to print and deliver *The Village Voice*. *The Village Voice* has been in print since the inception of our town. It has been a unique vehicle for our town officials and citizens to communicate with each other. Despite efforts to build our online address book, we still have not received enough email addresses to make email our only means of delivery. Communication with our citizens is one of the hallmarks of ISV. Until we have the email addresses needed to be sure that we can “get the word out” to all possible via email, a print version of *The Village Voice* will remain and it will continue to be hand-delivered.

Many Villagers have lamented the end of the unique tradition of neighbor’s hand-delivering our town’s news paper. So we can rejoice in this reprieve. However, it is important to remember the hard work it takes by your neighbors to make sure “*The Voice*” arrives at your mailbox each month. The articles must be researched and written. While most articles are written by your mayor and town council members, contributions from villagers are not only welcome but encouraged. After the articles are submitted, a layout is done by the editor, Alison Stigers, and proofed by a second person. *The Village Voice* is then sent to a printer who, upon completion of printing, delivers the copies to Alison Stigers’ house for distribution throughout the Village. There are over 800 homes in the village which *The Village Voice* must reach by hand delivery every month. Alison takes bundles of *The Village Voice* and personally distributes them to courier Captains. The Captains then drop their bundles off to couriers who deliver *The Village Voice* to you personally. This has taken place every month, rain or shine, for the last 20 years!

We often say Indian Springs Village is unique among towns. Well, *The Village Voice* is part of what makes us unique. It allows the town council and mayor to communicate directly to every ISV citizen important business that may affect us as villagers and, at the same time, it gives us a voice for our town and community news.

In order to preserve our unique tradition of communication in our village, we need your help. First, we need your email address. As we continue to deliver the printed newsletter each month, our goal is to continue to build our email address book for the Village so that we may be able to transition delivery to all Villagers possible via email only. Online delivery will allow information provided in *The Village Voice* to be more up-to-the-minute, more detailed, it will allow more pictures of our events and it can be designed to even provide links to additional information about items referenced in *The Village Voice*. Your email address will be kept confidential and will only be used for delivery of *The Village Voice* and other official town business. So please send in your email address to myvillagevoice@yahoo.com.

Second, while we continue our delivery of the printed editions, we also need new people to deliver them. If you would like to get to know your neighborhood better or get to know another area of our town a little better, if you are a regular walker and can kill two birds with one stone, please help us deliver *The Village Voice*. You may volunteer by contacting Alison at alison@indianspringsvillage.org. or you may contact me at ksh@kathrynharringtonlaw.com.

Let’s all work to continue to keep our “*Voice*” and to make it broader and louder through out our village!

Villagers, It’s Time To Celebrate The Birthday Of Our Town!

When: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Indian Springs Town Hall Pavilion

Come one and all to the Town Hall and celebrate the birthday of Indian Springs Village.

Our village turns 23 this year. Unlike some who celebrate turning 21 with a first trip to an ale house or brew pub, there will be no spirits at this birthday party, but there will be lots of outstanding barbeque, soft drinks, pastries and, of course, birthday cake for all of us to enjoy.

Our Founders’ Day is a wonderful small town tradition that we all cherish and the more that come to join in the birthday celebration, the better.

So, load up the kids, along with your favorite cake or pie if you would like to contribute, and help us sing happy birthday to our town. The kids always love this party because it means running the grounds of the Town Hall on a crisp fall evening. To our villager moms and dads, it means seeing old friends and a night away from the kitchen!

Safety of Dams in Oak Mountain State Park

Did you know these dams are categorized as high hazard dams and have their flow area right through the middle of ISV?

by Kathryn Harrington

Many in ISV may not be aware that there are four dams in Oak Mountain State Park, or be aware that the drainage areas for these dams run right through Indian Springs Village. The flow area for two of the dams is the Bishop Creek drainage area, which comes out of Oak Mountain State Park just adjacent to the Oak Mountain Middle and Oak Mountain Elementary schools. The Dry Creek drainage area flows out of the park just east of the Indian Trail subdivision and Indian Springs School. According to the Alabama Dam Inventory and Classification program (ADICP), all four of these dams are listed as high hazard dams, which is defined by ADICP as: a dam that in the event of failure could result in significant loss of life, damage to property and environmental damage. Two of these dams were built during the administration of Franklin Roosevelt as part of the Great Depression work relief program. Workers hired by the CCC and WPA (Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration) built them back in the mid 1930's. That means they were built over 75 years ago!

The Alabama Dam Inventory and Classification Program is part of the state water conservation program. It is not responsible for dam inspection or a safe dam program. In fact, unlike all other states, Alabama has no safe dam program. However, because the dams are located in a State Park, the Alabama Department of Conservation is responsible for their oversight.

Because of the daily downpours of rain in July, and the rapid deluge we experienced in August, which resulted in significant flooding in the Bishop Creek flow area, Council person Bell-Guercio contacted the Superintendent of Oak Mountain State Park to inquire about when the dams were last inspected for safety. She was advised that there was an inspection conducted in November of 2011. Ms. Bell-Guercio requested a copy of the inspection report be provided to the ISV town council. The report was received on September 12, 2012. The report raised some concerns about maintenance issues on one of the dams. Recommendations were made for work to be done to ensure continued safety and function. The report goes on to state, however, that the overall structures of the dams appear to be functionally sound and safe.

The integrity of these dams is a critical issue to the safety of our citizens. ISV town council is continuing communication with the Park Superintendent to make sure that there is follow up on the maintenance recommendations referenced in the report and to make sure that Indian Springs Village is kept informed of the status of the safety and maintenance of the dams in the future.

NFSD Cancer Awareness Tee Shirts

The North Shelby Fire District has breast cancer awareness tee shirts for sale. This year, the tee shirts are black with pink and white emblems. The cost is \$10.00 with \$4.00 going to Breast Cancer Research. The shirts can be purchased at Station 1 (Valleydale Road) during regular business hours. Chief Tyler will have tee shirts available for sale at the council meetings in October.



2012 OMHS Choral Department Fall Festival *submitted by Kathryn Acree*

The Oak Mountain High School Choral Department proudly announces their 2012 Fall Festival which will be held Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. We already have some great vendors lined up including crafts, jewelry, food, art and more. We will take applications/fees until October 5, 2012. Please feel free to forward this information to any vendors that may also be interested in participating. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Only one representative per Catalog Company will be allowed. For applications or more information, call Kathy Parker at (205) 995-0680 or (205) 613-3743, or by email (preferable) to hparker1@bellsouth.net.



The Alabama Credit Union celebrated its newest location in Indian Springs Village on September 7, 2012. The ribbon-cutting was attended by the Alabama Credit Union members, the ACU board members and Indian Springs Village's own Steve Swofford. Steve is the president of the credit union and is thankful to have a new location in his home town of Indian Springs Village. Stop by and welcome our newest business in the Village, located in the Winn Dixie plaza on the corner of Valleydale Road and Caldwell Mill Road.

Indian Springs Village To Salute Our Veterans on November 11th – Veterans Day

by Kathryn Harrington



Villagers, did you know that Veterans Day, now a national holiday, was started in Birmingham, Alabama? Did you know that largest Veterans Day parade in the country continues to be held each year in Birmingham, Alabama?

Veterans Day, now a national American holiday honoring military veterans, was envisioned by Birmingham native, Raymond Weeks as an extension of "Armistice Day". It was first celebrated in 1947 in Birmingham. Veterans Day is now recognized as a federal holiday and a state holiday in all states, Birmingham's celebration remains the nation's largest.

Veterans Day is intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to United States national security are appreciated and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty. Like its predecessors, "Armistice Day" or "Remembrance Day" in other parts of the world, Veterans Day falls on November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I (major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.)

Indian Springs Village will recognize our Veterans on Sunday, November 11th and Monday, November 12th (the day it is celebrated this year since it falls on Sunday). The town will place banners at the three main entrances to Indian Springs Village thanking our vets for their service, the Town Hall will be decorated in red, white and blue and our fire chief has agreed to hang the American flag from a ladder truck on Caldwell Mill road as ISV and the North Shelby Fire District salute our veterans.

The banners are our town's collective thank you. I hope each of us will give a personal thank you to any vet we may see on November 11th -12th, whether family, neighbor, friend or stranger, for their service which is so essential to keep our country strong and free.

On November 11, 2012, when you see the banner of "Thanks" at the entrance to Indian Springs Village, let it be a reminder to thank any vet you may see for their contribution to the strength of our country.

Diane Brannon of Sweet Peas Garden Shop Gives Information On Herbs

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

For gardeners always searching for plants deer don't like, rosemary and other herbs are one solution, said Dianne Brannon to members of the Indian Springs Garden Club at their meeting Thursday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mrs. Brannon, who works part-time at Sweet Peas Garden Shop in Homewood, brought with her an ample supply of various herbs, which were identified and passed around one by one as she told the properties of each, what dishes they enhanced in cooking and other household uses.

Generally, herbs grow much better if they have good drainage and do not suffer leaf rot from standing in water. For the best flavor for cooking, pick the leaves of rosemary at the tips, as they are very strong at the base next to the stem. Rosemary is good to pat into pizza and biscuit dough and into the cavity of a chicken before it is roasted or baked. It is also good to flavor soups. When allowed to grow and spread, rosemary makes a good hedge in your garden.

Another evergreen good for seasoning is lemon thyme. You should grow your own sage, as it is so much better fresh than the store-bought dried. She also had a sample of pineapple sage. Chives is a herb which should not be cut all the way to the ground – leave about one inch to avoid a strong taste. She mentioned garlic chives, which have edible white flowers which are good when young.

Calming and soothing herbs are spearmint, peppermint and other types of mint which should be planted in containers to control spreading. Also displayed and discussed were lemon verbena, lemon grass, rose geraniums, Mexican (or Texan) tarragon, sweet oregano, basil and parsley, basically a cold weather plant.

Another "calming" herb is lemon balm. The speaker suggested setting aside about an hour in the afternoon to brew yourself a cup of herbal tea, find an easy chair and read—she finds this truly refreshing. She had on display various types of utensils available for the brewing.

Vice-President Kelly Rasco presided over the very brief business meeting in the absence of President Liz Alosi. Eleanor Bennett gave the devotional, very appropriately based on various passages from the Bible about God's creation of earthly plants.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all, provided by Lynn Hendricks, Kelly Rasco, Nola Stans and Mary S. Bowman.

In October, Stuart Oates will present information about Oak Hill Cemetery and Birmingham history. Located at 1120 N. 19th St., Birmingham, Oak Hill Cemetery is the final resting place of such notables as William S. Mudd (1816-1884), builder of Arlington Antebellum Home & Gardens, James Sloss, railroad magnate and founder of Sloss Furnaces, to Fred Shuttlesworth, civil rights leader.

The Village and Its Children

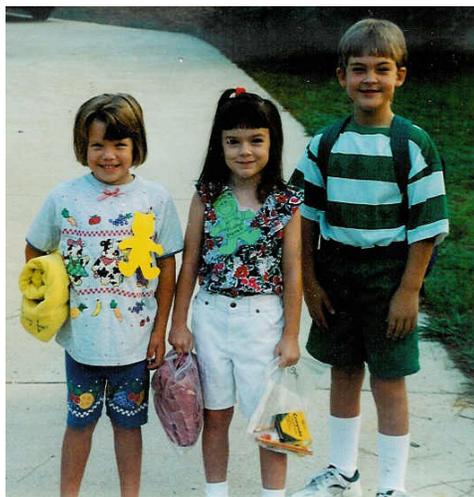
Grow Up

by Tricia Crapet, Villager

Twenty-two years...it doesn't seem that long ago. The year was 1990, and Indian Springs Village had just become an incorporated municipality. The new town's children were only babies and toddlers who were watching bits of local history take place through innocent children's eyes.

As our town grew, so did its children, who happily took part in ISV functions and events. They attended the first ever swearing-in ceremony for ISV's first mayor and council. They hunted eggs at the very first Easter Egg Hunt, they rode in the first July 4th parade, ate cookies at the town's first Christmas social and they enjoyed hamburgers at the first Founders' Day. In early years, they ran sack races, rolled watermelons and bobbed for apples, and even dunked Mayor Hub Harrington and some of the councilmen in a dunk tank at the July 4th picnics! They participated in the town's monthly Adopt-A-Mile program, even if their best work was eating donuts and drinking hot chocolate on cool ISV mornings!

Through the years, the children of Indian Springs Village watched the town grow, with a "new" Town Hall, new schools and new neighbors annexing or moving in. And the town watched the children as they grew, heading off to school with their friends on their first bus ride, graduating from grade school, attending galas at the middle school, getting their drivers licenses and graduating from high school. More recently, some even voted in their first ever Indian Springs Village election!



(Kelsey Allison, Kristen Stovall, Joseph Crapet catching the bus the first day of school, 1995.)

Where have the years gone? Now, Indian Springs Village, and the children who were here from the town's beginning, have grown up. ISV reached a milestone when

it went from being a town of 1,122 citizens at incorporation, to being a city, with 2,363 citizens, as counted by the census in 2010. The town has gone from having an indebtedness of negative \$18,000 at incorporation to close to \$2M in assets today, and indebted to no one!

The children, who have lived in the Village all their lives, are now all young adults, and they are reaching milestones of their own. Within the past year, some of them have graduated from college:



Kelsey Allison, daughter of Russ and Lindsey Allison, graduated in May from the University of Montevallo with a Bachelors degree in Social Work.

Joseph Crapet, son of Michael and Tricia

Crapet, graduated in May from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.



Jack Little, son of Harry and Bee Little, graduated Cum Laude in May from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, and a minor in Political Science.



Kristen Stovall,

daughter of Jerry and Becky Stovall, graduated with honors from the University of Alabama with a degree in Chemical Engineering, and is currently pursuing an MBA.



These children of Indian Springs Village have grown up on the outskirts of big cities, but prospered in ISV's small town environment - something that is cherished by each one. They played together when they were little, hung out together as they grew older, and though they went their separate ways to pursue their college educations, they will always have their memories and their friendships! Our town is proud to call these children its own and even more proud of their latest accomplishments. We look forward to watching them prosper as they pursue professions and careers, or as they take their educations to an even higher level. As we celebrate Founders Day in Indian Springs Village, let us also celebrate our children. They are the future of ISV and our country! Congratulations, graduates!

Birmingham Community Concert Band Performs

The Birmingham Community Concert Band will perform at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Highway 119 on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. The musical program has something for everyone. From all-time favorite patriotic tunes to famous musicals, dances and festival celebrations, the band will perform a spectrum of international music by some of the most renowned composers of those nations.

North Shelby Library October Happenings

by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library Youth Services Department

****You can now register for our programs online. Visit our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org/children.html to view our calendar and make reservations.**

Special Programming

Thursdays, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 9:30 a.m.:

Ready to Read. This is a program designed to teach parents/caregivers how to get their 2.5-5 year olds ready to be readers. The first meeting on October 4th will be a workshop for parents/caregivers only. The following three meetings will be held with parents/caregivers and their children. You must commit to be present at each of the four meetings. During the workshops, you will learn techniques to use with your child to give them the skills they will need to become readers. Activities you will be participating in will be singing, playing with puppets, listening to stories and learning about early literacy. At the end of the program, each child will be awarded a certificate. Program registration will be limited to 5 families. Please sign up with someone in the children's department to reserve your spot in this new and exciting program.

Saturday, October 6th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.: Lego Club.

The library provides the Legos, the kids provide the imagination and creativity. Families are welcome to drop in anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 to build spectacular creations. Creations will then go on display in the Children's Department. All ages welcome. No registration is required.

Thursday, October 11th: Ivy + Bean Celebration. Come help us celebrate the 1st annual International Ivy + Bean Day. We will have games, crafts, snacks and lots of fun. Ages 7-12. Registration required.

Wednesday, October 17th at 1:00 p.m.: All Things Japan. Join us to hear Tamara Moriya, from Japan In A Suitcase, discuss the culture and traditions of the Japanese people. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Saturday, October 20th at 1:30 p.m.: Family Movie Day – The Pirates! Band of Misfits. Come watch a fun filled movie on the big screen. Snacks served. No registration required.

Monday, October 22nd from 6:00-7:30 p.m.: NSL Knitters. Bring your current knitting or crochet project, hang out, chat and share tips with other crafters your age. This group is open to all skill levels. There is NO fee. All ages are welcome. No registration is required.

Friday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m.: Paper Plate Jack-O'-Lantern. Get in the Halloween spirit by making this snaggle-toothed Jack-O'-Lantern. All ages. Registration required.

Tuesday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.: Tween Halloween Party. Join us for spooky stories, fun games and good food. Ages 8-13. Registration required.

Wednesday, October 31st: All Day Trick Or Treat. Stop by the library in your costume today and pick up some sweet treats in each department.

Story-Time Programming

Mondays, October 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.:

Toddler Tales. Stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts make up a lively 30-minute program designed especially for short

attention spans. Registration will begin one week prior to each storytime. Ages 19-36 months. Registration required.

Tuesdays, October 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd from 9:30-10:00 a.m.: **Baby Tales Story Time.** A story-time designed especially for babies and their caregivers. Stories and music provide interaction for the babies and time for caregivers to talk and share with each other. Ages: Birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration will begin one week prior to program date.

Wednesdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 10:45 a.m.: **Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)** Stories, puppets and lots of music for every member of the family. All ages. No registration.

Thursdays, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 7:00 p.m.: **P. J. Story Time.** Come in your PJs, have milk and cookies and hear some wonderful bedtime tales. All ages. No registration required.

*For more information, or to register for any of our programs or story-times, call or email the Children's Department at 205-439-5504 or northshelbyyouth@gmail.com or visit our website at www.northshelbylibrary.org/.

Teen Happenings

Gaming: Fridays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26 – 3:30-5:45 p.m.

Come to the Teen Department each Friday afternoon for open gaming on the Wii and board and card games. Call or email Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Teen Advisory Council: Monday, October 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

Interested in helping the Teen Department be even better than it is now? The Teen Advisory Council is the place for you! Bring your ideas and your appetite! Snacks served and community service hours earned. Contact Kate at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information or to sign up.

Anime Night - Now with Origami!: Thursday, October 11 @ 6:00 p.m. Join us in the Teen Department for an evening of anime. The audience will pick what we watch. Treats will be served and costumes are welcome! We will also fold origami – show us what you can do or learn a new technique. Contact Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Teen Book Club: Monday, October 15 @ 6:00 p.m. Celebrate Teen Read Week™ with the Teen Book Club. In October, the club will follow the "It Came from the Library®" theme by talking about Zombie books. To participate, grab a book and start reading! Snacks served. Contact Kate or Daniel at 439-5512 or nsyouth@shelbycounty-al.com for more information.

Irene Latham Book Release: Sunday, October 21 @ 2:00 p.m. The North Shelby Library is proud to host Birmingham author Irene Latham in celebration of her new book, *Don't Feed the Boy*. The setting of the book, about a boy who lives at the zoo and wants to escape, is based on our own Birmingham Zoo. Ms Latham will read from the book and talk about her author adventures and inspiration. Light refreshments will be served.

Paranormal Birmingham: Monday, October 22 @ 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening with a local paranormal investigator who will highlight some of her haunting discoveries in and around Birmingham. Snacks will be served.

Craft: Thursday, October 25 @ 6:00 p.m. Get ready for Halloween, or Dia de Los Muertos (Nov 1 & 2), by creating a skull mosaic. Register online at www.northshelbylibrary.org.

Trick or Treat!: Wednesday, October 31 – all day. Stop by each department of the library for Halloween treats! Costumes are welcome.

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 Heardmont Park Senior Center
 5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

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Alabama Wildlife Center Upcoming Programs & Events

*submitted by Janet Byars, Administrative Assistant,
 Alabama Wildlife Center*

COST: Free admission after paid entrance to Oak Mountain State Park: \$1 per child 6-11 & Seniors 62+; \$3 Adults. 205-663-7930, Ext. 8; *wildlife@awrc.org, www.awrc.org.*

10/6/12, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Alabama's Owls—They're a Hoot! at Wild Birds Unlimited, 1580 Montgomery Hwy, Ste. 2, Hoover 35216

10/7/12 & 11/4/12, Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Volunteer Orientation – Introduction to AWC.

10/21/12, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Audubon Teaches Nature: Your Introduction to Alabama Birding Trails, Paul Franklin, Guest Speaker.

10-27-12 Owl-O-Ween 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Come meet AWC's education ambassador, Coosa the barred owl and his guest Max, a Eurasian eagle owl. Additional details will be posted on our website.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Anita Jones
 Owner: Anita Jones
 Address: 59 Choctaw Lane
 Proposed Use: Carport

Applicant: Douglass Cooling and Heat
 Owner: William A. Ponder
 Address: 181 Indian Forest Trail
 Proposed Use: Generator

Applicant: H. Ken McElroy
 Owner: H. Ken McElroy
 Address: 5221 Old Mill Cove
 Proposed Use: Interior Renovations

Applicant: Valley Distributors, Inc.
 Owner: Edwin L. Boyd
 Address: 5316 Mountain Park Circle
 Proposed Use: Replace HVAC