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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizen's Forum

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

How beautiful our Village looks with all the flags flying and the lush green pastures and backdrop of Oak Mountain! Several people who are not residents commented to me how lovely the drive down Highway 119 is with the flags lining the roadway and how patriotic our town looked over the Fourth. That continues to be my commitment as mayor – to stay true to our mission statement to preserve and protect the serenity, beauty and uncluttered atmosphere that is the essence of our wonderful community.

I hope you had the opportunity to celebrate the Fourth of July with us at our annual BBQ. It was a big success! We honored Van and Mary Sue McClurkin with a proclamation making July 4, 2015, “Van and Mary Sue McClurkin Day” in Indian Springs Village to thank Mary Sue for her many years of service to our State. I realize the summer is half over! It certainly goes by fast! I hope all of you continue to enjoy it.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

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.”

The Village Voice is published the second week of each month. Articles for the August edition should be submitted by August 3, 2015. All materials submitted for publication may be edited, including letters to the editor, which must be signed and give writer's address and phone number. All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors of articles.

Address letters to the editor and news items to: Michael Harrington, Editor, 291 Valley View Lane, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124; Tel: 205.447.0273 or e-mail: mbh0001@yahoo.com.

Editor's Appreciation:

Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing. Although Mrs. Wyatt has passed away, this acknowledgement will continue in honor of the contributions of Mrs. Wyatt and her family to The Village Voice and the town of Indian Springs Village.



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present.

The minutes of May 19, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Councilman Stauss reported for Wayne Jones, Chairman of PAZ that a public meeting is set for June 4th at 7 p.m. in the council meeting room concerning proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Chief Tyler reported that there were 138 incidents in the fire district, 48 fire related and 90 medical related for the month of May. He also showed pictures of the new four door, four wheel drive Polaris purchased with the grant from the Health Foundation. Due to the creek going through Heardmont Park, the fire department's equipment cannot get across the creek. With the new Polaris, this will not be an issue. Additionally, if we have another ice storm, it can be used in rescue efforts. Again, he thanked the Council for their help in procuring the grant. Chief Tyler also advised that there is on-going fire hydrant maintenance and you may temporarily see some dingy water. Unfortunately, this is part of the process.

Deputy Lee Stockman reported that it has been noticeably quieter probably due to school being out, but there has been an increase in wrecks.

Councilman Robins reported that he had received three bids for catering the 4th of July event. These were discussed and Councilman Trammell made a motion that the bid from Dreamland be accepted. Councilman Mendel seconded and the vote was unanimous.

All the plans for the 4th of July event were discussed and it appears everything is on schedule. Robins reported that the flags on the telephone poles will go up prior to Flag Day which is June 14th.

Councilperson Harrington reported that in order to be ready for a "special" 25th Anniversary Founders Day event to occur, the Founders Day Committee, Kathryn Harrington, Amy Easton, Joan Downs and Rita Mendel, needs to meet soon and start planning.

Stauss reported that he has been working on the Caldwell Mill & Highway 119 property issue and would

like to have the property appraised. Therefore, he made a motion that the Council approve an appraisal at a cost not to exceed \$500. Harrington seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Trammell introduced a resolution to notify the public of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 7th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to have the first reading of the proposed 2015 Building Code Ordinance. Trammell moved to ratify the resolution and Mendel seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Trammell also recommended that going forward, all open public meeting notices go out via E-Blast; the Council agreed.

The Town Clerk reported to the Council that she had been in contact with the State of Alabama Tobacco Tax Office and they advised that in 2004, the State froze the ability of a municipality to start collecting tobacco tax; hence the inability to pursue this revenue source by ISV. Stauss reported that he has a list of vendors operating without a business license within the Town. He and the Town Clerk will continue to work on this issue.

Previous Mayor, Judge Hub Harrington, gave an update on Keep Oak Mountain Wild (KOMW). He informed the Council that KOMW had invested in an independent expert to evaluate the County and City of Pelham's feasibility study related to the development in the Oak Mountain State Park and found significant inaccuracies. He plans to meet individually with County Commissioners to present this report. Harrington asked that ISV citizens contribute to KOMW in order to cover the on-going expenses of the organization. A discussion followed and indicated that if ISV citizens were aware of the financial needs of the organization, and were aware that the organization is working for the benefit of the Town, they would be happy to contribute. Therefore, it was decided that an article in *The Village Voice* along with a pledge card will go out in a future issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

ANOTHER GREAT 4TH IS IN THE BOOKS

The day started off with a bang, but it was the sound of thunder that boomed over Indian Springs Village, not fireworks! The skies opened and the whole ISV 4th of July Celebration was in doubt. The parade was cancelled, but the sun came out just in time for the start of the BBQ.

The drive down Highway 119 to the Town Pavilion was lined with memorial flags. All gathered saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Mayor Bell-Guercio announced a proclamation designating July 4, 2015 as Van and Mary Sue McClurkin Day, honoring Mary Sue's service to the state of Alabama. Herb Robins led everyone in prayer, and then it was time for the great food provided by Dreamland Bar-B-Que.

Punky the Clown (Irene Bell) kept the balloon sculptures coming, Ashley Kitchens painted faces, Randy McDowell of Mac's Tracks provided the music and Nelda Kelly volunteered to capture all the action (you'll find her photos on the following two pages). Kathryn and Hub Harrington gave out information and answered questions at the Keep Oak Mountain Wild table.

The celebration always draws some of the area's first responders who are given the task of judging the homemade desserts brought in by the villagers. This year, the 1st place winner was a peach and blueberry cobbler made by Devere Bond; second place went to Cynthia Mace for her American flag cheesecake pizza; Susan Price and her blueberry cobbler took 3rd place.

The table decorations, pretty petunias provided by the Garden Club, were sold and the proceeds, \$180.00, was donated to the ISV Children's Fund.

It takes a lot of preparation and participation to make such a gathering possible:

The day before the BBQ, Herb Robins, Warren Jones, Don Jones, Luke Jones, Ethan Jones, Wayne Jones, Wen Jones, Jake Guercio and Hub Harrington set up the tents and made sure all was ready for the next morning.

On the 4th, Joan Downs, Danny Barry, Norm Bradley and Herb Robins arrived early to finish the set-up. Garden Club members Liz Alosi and Marge Dunn were also there to help. Lauree Jones, Luke Jones, Maggie Jones and Meredith Watford set up the kids' area. David Price and Warren, Don, Luke and Ethan Jones were in charge of parking. Bob and Kate Konecny sold tickets and kept count of the



The town of Indian Springs Village is honored to have received an original painting by the late Mildred Wyatt. It will be on display in the Town Hall for all residents to enjoy.



number of folks who enjoyed the BBQ – approximately 250. Rita Mendel and her granddaughter Sarah Leibowitz, Lynn Hendricks, Marge Dunn and Eleanor Bennett helped at the dessert table which, as usual, was very busy! Margie Robins and Alison Stigers were behind the drinks table.

Then, when all the fun was over and everyone began to go home, there was clean-up still to do. Those who stayed to help: Herb and Margie Robins, Norm and Barbara Bradley, Danny Barry, Warren, Ben, Ethan and Luke Jones.

Many thanks to all who worked together to ensure a fun and successful 4th of July.



Page 4, clockwise from top left: The flag was raised; Mayor Bell-Guercio honored Van and Mary Sue McClurkin; Herb Robins led those assembled in prayer. Alison Stigers served drinks. Kids lined up for face painting. Townspeople happy with Dreamland BBQ. Page 5, clockwise from top right: Kathryn and Hub Harrington at the Keep Oak Mountain Wild table; Buzz Kelly and his sisters, Martha Sumpter and Marie Wilsona; the line for Q; Iris Kelly and Punky the Clown; Sophia and her father; Shelby County Sheriff John Samaniego. Ashley Kitchens painted a lot of happy faces!





ISV NEEDS YOU!

Michael Harrington, editor of *The Village Voice* for the past year, is embarking on a new career. We wish him all the best and thank him for his service, as we call for a volunteer to take over as editor. The hours are few - approximately 4 per month - the rewards are many.

You'll be giving your time to a great community, keeping valuable information flowing to all the residents of Indian Springs Village and continuing our town's tradition of volunteerism.

Experience with a desktop publishing program is a plus, and organizational skills and the ability to hit a deadline are helpful. If you would like to discuss the parameters of the position, please contact Town Clerk Joan Downs at joan@indianspringsvillage.org or (205) 982-1755.

One thing is guaranteed, you'll be working with a great group of dedicated people!



Chief Buddy Tyler at the wheel of the new 4-wheel drive Polaris ATV, perfect for accessing rough terrain and for use in inclement weather.

FREE LANDFILL DAY
Saturday, October 3, 2015
Shelby County Landfill
State Route 70 - 401 Landfill Road
(between Calera and Columbiana)
Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Scalehouse: 669-4169

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Barry's Swim Care Pools
Owner: Mike Rice
Address: 1170 Spring Garden Street
Proposed Use: New pool

Applicant: Murphy Home Builders, LLC
Owner: Kyle Murphy - MHB
Address: 1050 Stagg Run Trail
Proposed Use: New home construction

Applicant: Jonathan & Stacey Merkle
Owner: Same
Address: 20 Indian Forest Trail
Proposed Use: Bath remodel

Applicant: Builder Systems, LLC - Chuck Kitchens
Owner:
Address: Finish existing home started by others
Proposed Use: Residence


Applicant: OnTime Electrical
Owner: Irene Bryant
Address: 112 Indian Gate Circle
Proposed Use: Upgrade electrical panel

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JULY, 2015

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

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| Center hours are: Monday-Friday 9-3 pm Phone : 991-5742 Fax: 991-5657 Email: heardmontparksc@gmail.com | "GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE"  | 1 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH | 2 10:10-11:00 Aerobics 11:10-11:55 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH WE LOVE AMERICA CELEBRATION | 3 CENTER CLOSED 4TH OF JULY |
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