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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 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.”

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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.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

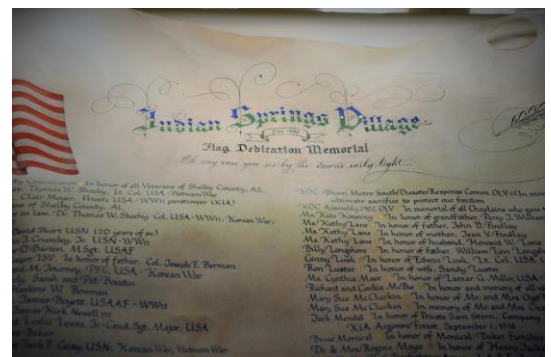
If you missed our Black Tie and Blue Jean Ball celebrating our Town's 25th Birthday, you truly missed something special! Thanks to all involved in making this such an awesome event, especially Rita Mendel, Joan Downs, Amy Easton, and the entire Garden Club.

I was looking back at newspaper articles related to the time Indian Springs Village was incorporated. What sparked the founders to begin getting the petition signed to become a town was a statement by a Pelham planning commissioner in the newspaper stating that one day all of Alabama Highway 119 would be commercial. The incorporation process was cumbersome, lengthy, and time-consuming, but thanks to some far-sighted people, they were determined to protect this valley and persevered.

Yes, I am definitely biased, but I think we have one of the most wonderful places ever to live and raise a family. We are the “country” in the “city” or the “city” in the “country” with all the benefits of both. We have beautiful Oak Mountain as a backdrop to the green valley and peaceful neighborhoods, wonderful schools, a variety of churches to choose a place to worship, terrific support from North Shelby Fire District and Shelby County Sheriff Department, a great park and library nearby, and access to interstate and other major highways within minutes. Yes, there are bigger cities nearby that may offer “more,” depending on your definition of “more.” But for me, this is The Place, and I would not want to be anywhere else!

Sincerely,

Brenda Bell-Guercio



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, October 6, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present.

The minutes of September 15, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Fire Chief Tyler reported September total incidents of 143; 56 fire related and 87 medical related. Additionally, he reported the ISO survey was received and the rating of the Fire Department went from a 4 to a 2, which is excellent. He advised that residents should contact their insurance carriers to let them know because it could result in a reduction in premiums. Insurance carriers or residents may request a copy of the results of the audit.

Bell-Guercio, introduced Wayne Barber of DeLoach, Barber & Caspers, P.C., Mr. Barber reviewed the 2014 audit, which their firm has just completed. He reported an increase in revenues with no increase in expenditures. The community grants money, given for SRO's in our community county schools, was discussed. He noted that even though it appears there is an increase in revenue and expense, the net will be the normal ISV contribution. Again, ISV received a "clean audit." Councilman Mendel made a motion that the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 be accepted as prepared by the auditors. Councilperson Harrington seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Frazier Christy, Town Engineer, explained to the Council the court ruled that the Town clean-up the Pawnee property. He presented three bids for such cleanup. The low bid was Con-site Services, Inc. In attendance was Mrs. Lynn Andrews, property owner, and her attorney, Josh Arnold and also ISV Town Attorney, Ferris Ritchey. Mr. Arnold explained that they would like for the Town to approve a bid, set a date for work, and Andrews has obtained a mortgage which will pay off the debt incurred by the Town for this work. Harrington made a motion that the Council accept the recommendation of Frazier Christy to have Con-site Services, Inc. awarded the bid at the stated price of \$17,500.00 for house lot Parcel ID 10 9 29 0 001 011.000 and \$6,000 foundation lot Parcel ID 10 9 29 0 001 008.000 and also included is a \$50 per ton price for hauling and disposal with a start date of October 19, 2015. Mendel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Christy reviewed with the Council the Town's Storm Water Management Plan. The plan described some things we are doing and some things we need to do to be in compliance with our upcoming MS4 - Phase II permit

from ADEM. He advised we will still be a Phase I until January 30, 2015 or until the Phase II is issued. Christy noted that the Town did not have a choice in this permitting decision but even though we will be required to provide additional resources, the cost should be less than what the county charged to provide the service.

The Town Clerk gave the Council an update on the upcoming Founder's Day Event. We are preparing for 200 guests. The pavilion and Town Hall will be power washed and the gutters cleaned and repaired prior to the event. There are approximately 20 items for the silent auction. All plans are progressing well.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

7:00pm

ISV Town Hall

2635 Cahaba Valley Road
Indian Springs, AL 35124

Proposed changes to the
Subdivision Regulations

(Basically adding a step for
contractors to confer with
Town Engineer prior to submission
of detailed info.)

Details can be found at
www.indianspringsvillage.org



HARVEST DINNER IS ENJOYED BY GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

Indian Springs Garden Club provided many beautiful floral arrangements for the Founders' Day celebration's Black Tie-Blue Jeans Ball on Oct. 16 at the Town Hall Pavilion and in general have had a good year. Members celebrated with their annual Harvest Dinner, graciously hosted by Laura Jones at her home, on Thursday evening, Oct. 22. The home was beautifully decorated in fall colors for the occasion.

Drinks and the meat dish were supplied by the club, with members bringing side dishes from home. Three guests who have attended previous meetings were welcomed: Robyn Morris, Judy Goodwin and Lynn Andrews.

The floral arrangements for the dinner-ball had greenery brought from home gardens and flowers such as roses, lilies, and mums; in the middle were hurricane lamps containing floating candles. Votive candles were used also to create a festive look. Those who helped with the arrangements were Marge Dunn, Mary S. Bowman, Malak McNinch, Patsy Strozier, Eleanor Bennett, President Liz Alosi, Mickey Farmer, Myra Stone and Jennifer Bondi. In a caravan of four cars members delivered the decorations to the site and set them up. They were sold that evening, with proceeds benefiting the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund.

No meeting is scheduled for November. Instead, a workday at the Town Hall grounds will be held, with members being notified of the date.



Pictured above are the floral arrangements made by Garden Club members for Founders' Day along with Mickey and Bill Farmer enjoying the Founder's Day festivities.

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Don Phillips Construction Co. Inc.
Owner: Stephen King
Address: 335 New Hope Mountain Road
Proposed Use: Reconfigure windows

Applicant: UNK
Owner: Sandra Williams
Address: 5314 Mountain Park Circle
Proposed Use: New cabana



**ALABAMA
WILDLIFE
CENTER**

Saturday, December 12th
9am - 3pm
Veterans Park on Valleydale Road, Hoover
In front of Spain Park High School

Holiday Craft & Bake Sale



Turn your holiday shopping into charitable support of the Alabama Wildlife Center's mission of wildlife rehabilitation and education!

Nature-themed Ornaments & Gifts
Homemade Jams, Jellies, Cakes, Cookies & Breads
Smoked Hams and Turkey Breasts
Bird Feeders & Houses
Holiday Decorations of Natural Materials
Original Wildlife & Nature Artwork
Homemade Casseroles
Handmade Toys and Crafts

- Visit with Santa 9am-1pm
- Enjoy free refreshments
- Meet glove-trained Raptors up-close!





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Oh What A Night.....

by Joan Downs, Town Clerk

Late October back in 1990, the Town of Indian Springs Village was officially established and Friday night the town celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Victoria Johnson and Bruce Bodner said “Wow—we were blown away, it was all so wonderful. The food was fabulous, the band was enjoyable, the flowers and candles made the Pavilion so special. We did walk away and say that we had a really nice time tonight.” Mayor Bell-Guercio remarked “It was amazing. One of the nicest parties I’ve been to in a long time and probably the nicest that was for a municipality.” Similar comments were floating around throughout the night.

I would like to recognize Texas Roadhouse who catered the event; the steaks cooked on our own open pit grill were cooked to everyone’s preference and were awesome. The meal included salad, baked potato or sweet potatoes and all the condiments. Wayne Jones said “the sweet potatoes were the best part.” Homemade desserts were contributed by several of the town’s infamous cooks. The birthday cake with all the candles were blown out by the Town Council, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Brian Stauss, Kathryn Harrington and Bart Trammell as the band played Happy Birthday.



The Larry Albright Band performed during dinner and afterwards for everyone’s dancing enjoyment. Even our very own Jim Wyatt kicked up his heels so shortly after knee surgery (you can’t keep an old Marine down). Bart Trammell was also seen on the dance floor after his recent hospital stay. Obviously, we have some really good stock in this town.

The intent of the evening was to acknowledge and thank all the people in our town who have given so much of their time and volunteered to make this town what it is today. Our goal was to give our usual faithful volunteers at least this one event off. We wanted them only to show up and have a good time. Alas, Mickey Farmer, resident

and member of the ISV Garden Club, and many of the garden club members did not sit back and enjoy, they outdid themselves with the incredibly beautiful center pieces. All the members who worked so hard were Marge Dunn, Myra Stone, Malak McNinch, Liz Alosi, Mary S. Bowman, Jennifer Bondi, Eleanor Bennett, Patsy Strozier and certainly not to be left out Bill Farmer, thank you so much. As we were setting up and the first SUV drove up and the trunk opened with the floral arrangements visible, I knew at that moment we had just had the topping of the cake put on the party. I literally cannot say enough or thank Mickey and the Garden Club for what they added to this special event. If we had purchased these centerpieces from a florist, they would have cost a few thousand dollars. How lucky are we to have this talent in our town and the generosity of their time and efforts spent on this special evening.

Thanks go out to Jason Griffith, owner of the 1930 A-Model Ford, who brought it by for a vintage photo-op backdrop for the evening. We have some great photos thanks to Claire Owens.

Another “Thank You” goes to Rita Mendel the event chairman. She made sure all the details were handled. She worked tirelessly on the set up and still danced the night away with a bad ankle.

The Town Hall gleamed like a sparkling gem and hosted the silent auction that benefitted the ISV Children’s Fund. Amy Easton, Town Hall Curator, worked diligently to procure and display donated items. Our local retail shops, Elite Bouquet, Sanpeggio’s Pizza, Shane’s BBQ and Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market generously donated items along with many others. Too many to name, but please support the businesses who contributed to our cause. Our Children’s Fund is \$1,200 healthier thanks to the winning bidders and generosity of the contributors. I hope everyone had a chance to view the Flag Memorial in the dining room (archive room). Our one of a kind memorial will be forever preserved and was unveiled and became part of ISV history Friday night. Melinda Sapp, the calligrapher, did a beautiful job and if you missed it, come by anytime and take a look.

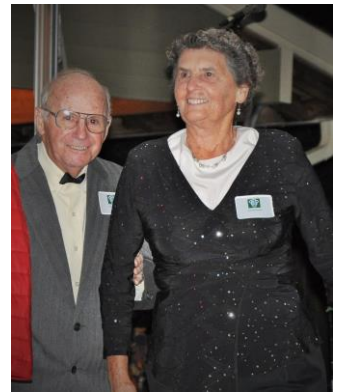
In attendance Friday night was the first Mayor of Indian Springs Village, the honorable Hub Harrington, and his wife Kathryn Harrington and current Councilmember. Also in attendance were previous Mayor Gene Weingarten and his wife, Olivia, and current Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio and husband Jake Guercio. Several previous council members, Patricia Crapet and her husband Michael, Ron Luster and his wife Karen, and Art Johnson and his wife Donna were in attendance.

We had many old friends and neighbors that enjoyed seeing each other and catching up. We were so glad to see Sheriff Chris Curry and his wife Pam. Nora Boyette (her husband Jim was on the original “pot hole crew”

team) joined Bart Trammell at his table and reminisced about the “old days.” Ferris Ritchey, our Town Attorney, was able to join us and we just want him to know how much we appreciate all he does for us.

But more importantly, we had many new residents who had not previously had the opportunity to meet their neighbors and make new friends. Just to name a few, Stephen King and his wife Jennifer, Mike Rice and his wife Sherry, Mark Stone and his wife, Myra, and Ed Zwilling. We sincerely hope they will continue to join us in the tradition of volunteering and making our town the the best place to live and raise families.

I would truly like to acknowledge everyone who attended but because we had 175 in attendance that is not feasible, but let me say on behalf of the Town Council, thanks to all who attended and we hope you enjoyed your 25th Anniversary celebration.



INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE CHILDREN'S FUND

As the Christmas season approaches, I just wanted to share with you the letter from Hayden Belisle, Counselor at Oak Mountain Elementary School, from last year. Hayden does all the shopping for the children at Christmas. We try to have all the money collected by the first week in December, due to the holiday schedule and the enormous task of shopping. So if you would like to donate, send a check to the ISV Children's Fund and mail it to 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, Indian Springs, Al 35124.

Happy Hallowthanksmas,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk



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Mrs. Debbie Horton
Principal

Mrs. Leslie Marshall
Assistant Principal

Dear Indian Springs Village residents,

Thank you so very much for all that you and your neighbors have done to ensure that all of our students at Oak Mountain Elementary will have a wonderful Christmas. Your kindness and generosity over the years has been overwhelming. Over the past ten years that I have been the Counselor at OMES, your generosity has made it possible for us to help dozens of families and hundreds of children. This year we were able to provide clothing, shoes, personal items and toys for 8 families and a total of 23 children. As you can see, your generosity has touched and blessed so many members of our community.

In addition to providing gifts and much needed clothing, you have provided hope for families who are in desperate situations. I only wish that you could be here to see and hear how grateful the parents are when I deliver the items that have been purchased for their families. Your generosity has helped single moms feel like they are not alone. Your kindness has helped grandparents who are raising their grandchildren on an extremely modest income provide clothing that will help their grandchildren feel excited to go back to school rather than embarrassed. You are responsible for bringing laughter, smiles and joy to children on Christmas morning who otherwise would have faced disappointment. During a time of economic uncertainty, you have given families who are struggling hope for a brighter tomorrow.

On behalf of Oak Mountain Elementary, and the families that you have so generously supported, I want to express my deepest gratitude. We are all so grateful for your kindness and generosity. I hope that you and yours will have a very blessed Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Hayden Belisle
Counselor
Oak Mountain: Elementary School

ROBOTICS TEAM PLACES AT UAB COMPETITION

October 26, 2015

by RACHEL DYKES, Editor in chief, Eagle's Eye

Recently, Oak Mountain High School's Robotics team, that is composed of 25 to 30 members, participated in a Robotics competition at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Students in attendance included: Lane S., Lily C., Josh H., Chase F., Moh Z., Omar Z., Hamid C., Daniel S., Tommy S., Jas F., Luke R., Mariah S., Annabelle R., Tyler O., Casey C., and Cole S.

According to Dr. Donna Strong, "The OMHS Robotics Team took third place overall at the Blazer BEST Hub on Saturday, Oct. 11. Our team placed second in spirit and sportsmanship, third place for their marketing booth, and fourth place for their robot. Once again we are looking forward to going up against the top teams again in December at Auburn University! Spain Park and Homewood High School and Homewood Middle school will also be going to Auburn."

The Marketing Booth is an area where judges come and learn about the individual teams' members' separate jobs and the creation of the robot. On this day before the main robot competition, all teams try to pitch their robot to different judges by showing power points that speak about the technology of the robot.

The main competition involves an obstacle course where the robot must be driven through with a remote control, and the robot also must complete a simple task.

The Oak Mountain team spent six weeks building the robot and practicing with six different drivers. This year's competition theme involved Mining, so there were pieces of hardware that represented different ores on the obstacle course and the team's goal was to collect all the ores in a timely manner.

Mariah S. said, "The Market Booth came together really well, and with our robot, that was a hybrid of a dump truck and a fork lift, our team made it all the way to the finals. I'm very proud of them!"

Good job, Eagles!



Mrs. Odom

Picture courtesy
of OMHS
Eagle's Eye.

SPIRIT OF CAHABA TAKES TOP HONORS AT COMPETITIONS

October 19, 2015

by JEWEL BURGER, Staff Writer, Eagle's Eye

The Spirit of Cahaba travelled to Prattville last weekend to compete against 22 other schools in their first competition of the year.

The Oak Mountain band came out on top, winning 10 trophies including: Grand Supreme, Superior Band, Best in Class Band, Superior Percussion, Best in Class Drum Major, Superior Drum Major, Best in Class Color Guard, Superior Color Guard, Superior Majorette, and Superior Dance Line.

During the competition judges looked for marching precision, music skill, general effect, and drill design, all things that Oak Mountain executed perfectly.

Senior Leah S. expressed her feelings about her last, first competition saying, "The whole show I was nervous, but when we finished, everyone went crazy and it was the best feeling ever."

Freshman Jake B., about his first competition, said, "I was nervous when we got on the field, but when we started playing I forgot everyone was there, and it felt just like practice. When everyone started clapping there was just so much joy in the area, and it was great that everyone was so enthusiastic about our performance!"

This past weekend at Jacksonville State's Contest of Champions competition, The Spirit of Cahaba earned superior ratings for: Drum Major, Dance Team, Majorette, Color Guard, Percussion, and Band. Percussion, along with music score, also received Best in Class.

This was a great ending to their competition season! Congratulations to the Spirit of Cahaba on their outstanding performances.



NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY NOVEMBER 2015

Library will be closed

Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27.

***What the Titanic Was Really Like**

Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

***Picture Book Club – featuring Olivia**

Monday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Lego Club

Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m.

***Newberry pie Book Club**

Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m.

NSL Book Club

Thursday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

***Homeschool Hangout: Growing Three Sisters' Garden**

Wednesday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m.

STORY TIME PROGRAMMING

***Toddler Tales**

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 30 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

***Baby Tales Storytime**

Tuesdays, November 3 and 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Family Storytime with Mr. Mac

Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18 at 10:45 a.m.

PJ Storytime

Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19 at 6:30 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Open Gaming

Fridays, November 6, 13, 20 at 3:30 pm

Anime Night

Monday, November 9 at 6 pm

International Games Day – Open Gaming

Thursday, November 20 at 3:30 pm

ADULT CLASSES

***Understanding Medicare**

Thursday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m.

***Email for Beginners**

Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.

***Introduction to the Internet**

Wednesday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m.

***Registration Required**

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