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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 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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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

At our next meeting, October 4th, the auditors will be giving their annual report. We have dinner that night at 6:30, so you may want to join us for a light supper and hear their summation of how Indian Springs is doing financially. I will give you a little preview from my recent meeting with them:

1. Our total assets have increased over \$500,000 in 5 years.
2. Our total net position continues to increase each year over past 5 years.
3. For the fiscal year ending September 2015, we spent \$34,000 less than we budgeted, and brought in \$65,000 more in revenue than budgeted.

There is more, and it is all Good News!

A resident asked at a recent meeting about having Waste Pro pick up limbs and such. I have been in contact with one of the managers, and she will get back to me soon with possible options. It may be on an individual basis or something the town can offer several times a year. They do not handle electronics or chemicals. I will update you when I have some more detail.

Next year at budget discussion time, when this is put on the agenda, I plan to make it clearer that the first budget discussion meeting is the one to attend to get the most information and have questions answered. We spent well over an hour going line by line over all expenses and all revenue, explaining in certain cases why we felt a value should be raised or lowered. It is also important to realize this is just an operating budget. We do not necessarily spend all of what we budget for on a certain item, nor do we have the exact amount a revenue item such as Charter Cable or Alcohol Tax might actually bring in. We look at several previous years, approximately 9 years. Every once in a while, a large revenue comes in from, for example, a big building project. This value will show a decline the next year through no fault of our own. The same goes for an expense. Next year we will not have election expenses, and this year we did not have the 25th Anniversary Gala expense. By the time the final budget meeting rolls around, it is almost automatically approved because it has been discussed in infinite detail. I am sorry that this year, several of you came to that meeting, therefore not really getting what you thought you would. I will correct that with detailed notices next year. The good news is, ISV is doing better than fine financially. Come hear the auditors' report on October 4th!

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Our **26th Founder's Day** is right around the corner, October 18, 2016, Tuesday at 6:30 PM. We are going to have a special celebration this year in order for everyone to view our developing new multi-function building and also to honor two of our distinguished outgoing Council Members. Again this year, we are asking that you **RSVP** by October 10th in order for us to prepare the right amount of food. Please contact me at 205-982-1755, or go to our web-site Indianspringsvillage.org in the comment section and send me a comment. The Garden Club will again be providing flowers (a fall theme) for our event which always add elegance and interest. They will be for sale afterwards and proceeds go the ISV Children's Fund. We look forward to an exciting evening, please join us.

An issue that has presented many problems over our 26 years is not having our own **ZIP CODE**. We have three zip codes in ISV and this has caused confusion and missed revenue. The USPS will consider giving us our own zip code if we have a petition with 500 signatures and can provide good reasons for such. We have very good reasons, loss of revenue, residents being charged sales tax for on-line shopping when ISV does not collect sales tax and, citizens not knowing where to vote because of the Pelham, Birmingham and Hoover zip codes. We are going forward with the process of obtaining our own ZIP CODE and will be looking to our citizens for help and support. More information will follow.

The Farmer's Market will be open Saturday, October 22nd 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and will feature pumpkins and fall vegetables. Mark the date and come out and support our vendors.

Thanks,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Earl's Pools
Owner: Chris and Karen Portante
Address: 5521 Parkview Circle
Proposed Use: New Pool

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 2016

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present.

The minutes of August 2, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Fire Chief Buddy Tyler was in attendance but did not have a report.

Architect Mark Burns updated Council on multi-purpose building progress and showed samples of windows and siding which will be used.

Robins reported that he had checked on the concrete debris on Hwy. 119 and it belongs to the property owner not the State. He also thanked State Representative Arnold Mooney for the State flag he gave to the Town. He also noted that he will be putting up informational signs for next Tuesday's voting.

Councilman Trammell presented the last step in the process of annexing 2634 Valleydale Road. He made a motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on the Ordinance. The Town Clerk held a roll call vote and the vote was unanimous. Trammell then made a motion that the Council consider the annexation request Ordinance 2016-019 as presented. Robins seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Mendel presented the July financial statements for the Council's review. The financials were reviewed and discussed. Mendel moved that the July Financials be approved as presented. Trammell seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mendel presented the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Each line item was reviewed and discussed. Mayor Bell-Guercio called for an executive session beginning at 8:30 pm to discuss the Clerk's contract.

The Council meeting resumed at 8:50.

Mendel summarized the net result of the proposed budget and advised that it would be voted on at the first Council meeting in September.

Boy Scout Ali Mohamed of Troop 23 was in attendance in order to earn his Communication Merit Badge.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

August 30, 2016

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. All council members were present except Bart Trammell.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to canvass the votes of the Election held August 23, 2016. All of the provisional ballots were rejected by the Judge of Probate therefore the official election results are as follows:

Place #3

Robert Burr 57
Brian G. Stauss 219

Place #5

C. Dale Elliott 178
Bart Trammell 108

The Town Clerk presented a Resolution verifying that Brian G. Stauss received a majority of votes cast for the office of Councilmember Place No. 3 and is hereby declared duly elected to that office for the term beginning on the first Monday in November, 2016. Councilmember Jack Mendel made a motion to accept Resolution 08-30-2016-01 as presented. Councilmember Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Town Clerk presented a Resolution verifying that C. Dale Elliott received a majority of votes cast for the office of Councilmember Place No. 5 and is hereby declared duly elected to that office for the term beginning on the first Monday in November, 2016. Councilmember Jack Mendel made a motion to accept Resolution 08-30-2016-02 as presented. Councilmember Harrington seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 6, 2016

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present.

The minutes of August 16, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Deputy Turner was in attendance but had no news to report.

Councilman Robins reported that Shelby County sent an invoice for \$10,253.80 for the 600' of paving on Timber Hill Road. He was going to contact them for a clearer breakdown of the invoice and will report back.

Councilperson Harrington reported that an invoice from Town Attorney, Ferris Ritchey was for typing an ordinance when he first came on board as Town Attorney, and another invoice covering his work on Buckboard Road. She also noted that she had been in touch with Randy Cole concerning our street signs. Options were discussed but she feels a face to face meeting would be productive. She also advised him that if and when our old signs are removed, we want them back and she will put that in writing.

Bell-Guercio presented the Clerks' contract to the Council. Robins made a motion that the contract be accepted with the salary being at the rate discussed in the executive session of the Council meeting held on August 16, 2016. Mendel seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five to one. Trammell voted against the contract.

Bell-Guercio announced preliminary planning has begun for Founder's Day which will be held October 18, 2016. The Garden Club has graciously agreed to do centerpieces. They will be sold after the event and proceeds will go to Children's Fund. A special presentation will be made during the program. In order to prepare the food, we will ask residents to RSVP. An article will go in *The Village Voice* next month along with an E-Blast.

Bell-Guercio also remarked that the North Shelby Fire Department will be selling raffle tickets for a \$250 gift card from the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery for \$5 each and the proceeds will go to the ISV Children's Fund. Tickets are available for purchase from the Fire Department, ISV Councilmembers and the Town Clerk.

Bell Guercio noted that the Farmer's Market has ended and was a great success. Some of the vendors will be back in October for a fall event and more information will be released as it becomes available. The final accounting should be available at the next Council meeting.

Mendel presented the proposed budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. He noted the year to date surplus FYE 2016 is approximately \$142,000. Mendel moved that the Council adopt the FYE 2017 as presented. Harrington seconded the motion and a lengthy discussion followed. Trammell noted that he used a four year average methodology and did not agree with the presented budget. He stated that his main concern was the projected General Fund surplus (\$63,250) for FY 2017 was about 40% less than the actual surpluses experienced over the last several years. Mendel disagreed with the context and the inference of Trammell's comparison. Mendel referred to a few of the General

Fund budget surplus projections for recent years to explain the purpose of budget projections under the ISV financial controls ordinance. Trammell questioned several general account expense items as being too high. He felt the grass was being cut too often, the grant to the SRO's was too much, too much spending on civic events and administrative service allowances was too high. Bell-Guercio explained that nine years of historical data was used in her budget preparation and the projections were based on trends rather than averaging. She also explained that just because the budget numbers were a certain amount does not mean that the Town had to spend that much and used last years' surplus over the projected budget as an example. Harrington interjected that at a point it is the Council's responsibility to spend money on services for the Town versus hoarding money and expanding bank accounts. The financials prove that the Council has been good stewards of the Towns' money. At this point, Harrington called for the question and Mendel seconded. The vote was five to one with Trammell against. Trammell called for a roll call vote and it was as follows:

Bell-Guercio - yea
Robins - yea
Mendel - yea
Harrington - yea
Stauss - yea
Trammell - nay

Bell-Guercio called for a roll call vote to adopt the budget and it is as follows:

Bell-Guercio - yea
Robins - yea
Mendel - yea
Harrington - yea
Stauss - yea
Trammell - nay

Bell-Guercio recognized Bob Thomas from the audience and he asked why ISV could not have limbs picked up at least semi-annually and pay for it. Several councilmembers thought this was a good idea and the Mayor committed to investigate this possibility.

Peggy Vaughn was recognized and she thanked the Council for their service. She also thanked them for making *The Village Voice* available in hard copy. She was curious as to why ISV shared the SRO cost. Bell-Guercio explained that Shelby County Board of Education and the Shelby County Commission would not cover all these expenses, therefore ISV agreed to partner with them to cover some of the cost of SRO's in our local public schools as all the Shelby County mayors with county schools in their municipal limits have done.

Robert Burr was recognized and complained that the public was not allowed to participate in budget preparation and discussions. Bell-Guercio explained that the Council followed the rules and procedures as outlined in the ISV Ordinance. As far as transparency, she made clear that the proposed budget was made available for public review on the web-site and at the initial budget planning session where a long open Council meeting discussion was held, going over each item in revenues and expenses, line by line.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS

Thank you to everyone who donated flood relief supplies to the residents of Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas in central Louisiana. Leigh and I and our family lived in Denham Springs, LA (one of the hardest hit areas in the flood) from 2011 to 2013 when we moved to Indian Springs. We love the Baton Rouge area and we still have many close friends there. Many of our friends have lost virtually everything. The generous gifts of food, clothing, water, cleaning supplies, and cash meant so much to so many people in Louisiana. This includes both close friends and complete strangers. All were grateful and asked us to express their sincere appreciation for everything that was donated.

Not long after we moved to Indian Springs, I met our Town Clerk, Mrs. Joan Downs. Joan told me that the residents of Indian Springs were "trying to preserve Norman Rockwell America" – meaning that Indian Springs wanted to be a place where traditional American values were taught and lived. There is nothing more "American" than to love and support a neighbor in a time of need. It is evident to us – and to many people in Louisiana – that "Norman Rockwell America" is alive and well in Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

Thank you for your generosity,
Ed Whatley

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

As you may know Patsy and Mark Scott, volunteers with the bluebird restoration project, recently spoke to the ISV Garden Club. With the honorarium given to them from our club they are adding 4 new boxes to the village and will monitor them and continue their upkeep.

I am attaching part of her thank you email and the picture of the new box at the Town Hall.

Sincerely,
Mickey Farmer,
President ISV Garden Club

"With the donation from the Indian Springs Village Garden Club we were able to buy four bluebird boxes. We put one up on a tree to the right of the town hall. See attachment. We will put the others up this fall along Hwy. 119 through Indian Springs Village.

Once again thank you for your thoughtfulness and for inviting us to come and speak."

Mark and Patsy Scott



OAK MOUNTAIN MISSIONS CANNED FOOD DRIVE

"Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have."

By Jim Rohn

Greetings Neighbors,

A canned/non-perishable food drive is being held to benefit Oak Mountain Missions Ministries. Please bring donations to:

Valley Seventh-day Adventists Church
5227 Cahaba Valley Cove
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Donations will be accepted from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:

October 1, 2016
October 8, 2016
October 15, 2016
October 22, 2016
October 29, 2016

COMMISSIONER LINDSEY ALLISON ON COUNTY'S FINANCES

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

Shelby County is in good shape, according to Lindsey Allison, Commissioner for District 7, for the past 24 years. (She will be seeking another four-year term.) District 7 covers Indian Springs Village, Quail Run, Valley Station, and all of the subdivisions south of Valleydale Road and north of Oak Mountain Park Ridge, excluding Eagle Point. She spoke informally with the Indian Springs Garden Club members at their regular monthly meeting Sept. 22 at the Town Hall.

Commissioner Allison also spoke about the Colonial Pipeline oil spill in Shelby County, discovered by an employee for the Alabama Surface Mining Commission.

A collaborative effort in Shelby County that Lindsey talked about at length during our meeting is the new initiative, COMPACT 2020. "COMPACT 2020 will be made up of three operating divisions — administration, education and communications; a tactical unit; and a compliance unit — that will collaborate on the initiative. It's one mission, one plan to try to stamp out drug use in this county.

The three divisions stem from existing bodies in the county and the initiative is working toward breaking down any former walls of communication between those divisions. That means sharing information between school resource officers in different schools, opening discussions between municipalities and bringing more information to residents." (Taken from Shelby County Commission website.)

The October 27 meeting of the Garden Club will be a cookout at the home of member Eleanor Bennett.



TALES FROM THE HALL...

I Will Die Fighting...

by BJ Scharath

Dressed in navy shorts and a white tank top, coming from the barn where she had been working with her horses, Kathryn Harrington met me in her beautiful home for the interview for this article. She was intense and focused during the interview (you will shortly figure out why). She told me she was originally from Robertsdale, AL (also hometown to Tim Cook, Apple CEO) and grew up in a working farmhouse, surrounded by crops and horses. After high school, she served 8 years active duty (plus 5 in the reserves) as a Naval jet aviation officer. Her commanding officer at one point was Senator John McCain. Following her Navy career, she attended Cumberland School of Law. It was during law school that she met and married her husband Hub. They were interested in the Indian Springs area, as it was called back then, because of the beautiful valley and the ability to have horses. Kathryn was and still is an avid horsewoman. They looked around the area, and found a house that was “a wreck”, but it had good land for horses. They worked hard to renovate that wreck of a house, and in the many years since have turned it into the serene and peaceful home it is today.

Kathryn (and her husband Hub) loved the Valley and loved their horses. It wasn't until the annexation of Oak Mountain into a neighboring city, with plans to commercialize the 119 corridor, that the idyllic location became something to fight for. The idea of forming a town from scratch was not an easy undertaking, and was not without countless hours of volunteer time, and an army of people, including some now well recognized town names like Ron Luster (Engineer), Stewart Dudley (Accountant/Lawyer), Dr. Peter Peacock (deceased) and Gary Dennis (entrepreneur), who brought their collective skills together and dug into the Alabama law and municipal codes to figure out how to create a town. The idea was not pleasing to everyone back then, and according to Kathryn there were as many against forming a town as in favor. But fight on they did, with the end result being the formation of Indian Springs Village 25 years ago, named after the famous School located in the area since the early 50's. The first six years were difficult, what with raising a family, and growing two active law practices, but Kathryn managed to be the city attorney for 10 years, and her husband the first

mayor of ISV for six years after the town was formed. It was not without some pride that she stated that Indian Springs Village was probably the ONLY city in Alabama that could boast never having had a sales tax, property taxes, and currently no debt obligations, with a reserve in the bank. When the old McClellan homestead was offered to the newly formed Village, the Village was so young, it had no credit and no ability to purchase the home, so the Harringtons loaned their own personal money to buy the home. Not only was that old home preserved (another passion of Kathryn's), it serves as the current day Town Hall. Kathryn said she and her husband both consider(ed) their service to Indian Springs Village a labor of love.

She was genuinely pleased to be serving the Village yet again, now as a Town Councilman. I asked about the issues she saw facing the Village in coming years. Without hesitation she said more community members need to be involved in actively participating in the government of the city. ISV was “grass roots government” at its best (her words). She wanted people to take pride in living in ISV and to participate in keeping it a wonderful place to live (ranked #7 as Best Cities to Live in Alabama). The biggest issue she saw was the increasing traffic and hence pressures that would come to 4 lane Highway 119. She thought with 7 schools on 119 as well as Heardmont Park, that making 119 into a 4 lane Highway was a bad idea, and would endanger the school age children coming and going to school and an idea she would, and I quote, “fight until I die”. And I believe her, especially after reading the opening line about her on her law firm's website: “*Kathryn Harrington is a passionate believer in service to her country and service to those who are in need.*”

Voices of Zambia coming to Indian Springs First Baptist Church

Indian Springs Village is an upcoming stop for a unique group of Christian singers and musicians, who are trekking their way across America as ambassadors for the International Bible College of Zambia.

On Sunday morning, November 6 their schedule brings them to the Indian Springs First Baptist Church at 3375 Cahaba Valley Rd., as they lead in the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service.



From Hoof Beats 2016

The Special Equestrians Family was born when Rita Mendel moved to Birmingham, AL from New York. She did not realize she would be starting a program that would span 30 years and help hundreds of special needs individuals in the Birmingham area.

The Special Equestrians family began in 1985 when Rita Mendel and a handful of hard working individuals decided to bring together their love of horses and their desire to help those with disabilities. Rita, a lifelong horse woman, put together a group of talented women who got the ball rolling to become the organization we know today. The original group consisted of Pam Ibrahim, a renowned equestrian and instructor; Patrice Murphy, a physical therapist; and Annette Troxell-Collins, an experienced special education teacher.

The family grew as Rita recruited members from the local horse community and nearby Indian Springs Village to join the organization as volunteers. Word spread that a new and exciting activity was now available to special needs individuals, the first of its kind in Alabama. A program that originally started with 5 riders on a few borrowed horses from Oak Mountain quickly evolved to serve 10 – 20 within the first year, and the numbers kept climbing.

Thanks to Rita Mendel's passion to help others through the power of the horse, the Special Equestrians family has grown to include thousands of people. The program's 30 year legacy speaks for itself in the number of children who have come to know freedom on the back of the horse, the number of volunteers who have been moved by the change in their riders, and the number of horses who have given someone with special needs a new lease on life.



Maddie Pozzo, Kathi Claybrook, and Rita Mendel celebrating the 30 years of Special Equestrians at McWane Center.

How do you describe a force behind the cause? That is our Rita! When Rita Mendel had the idea to start Special Equestrians back in 1985, no one could have predicted the success that would follow. But with Rita at the helm, we should have known. She was and is still a major reason for our success. She is generous in spirit and her energy is infectious! It drives our staff, the boards and our events. We truly could not have

done it without her. I am blessed to call her my friend and mentor. Thanks Rita for sharing 30 years of your heart and soul!

-Kathi Claybrook, Executive Director



IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Maggie Russell. Margaret "Maggie" Smyth Russell, age 39, of Birmingham passed away on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Maggie was the only daughter of E. Rex Smyth, Jr. and Lizabeth Kemp Smyth (deceased). She married Blake Russell on June 20, 2003. Maggie leaves behind



her husband Blake and two precious boys, Cannon and Gray. She is also survived by her stepmother, Dr. Linda A. Smyth; brother, Josh Smyth, and his wife, Heather; father-in-law, Melvin Russell, and his wife, Helen; brother-in-law, Blair Russell, and his wife, Christy; sister-in-law, Melissa "Missy" Yost, and her husband, Kyle; and six nieces and nephews: Lawson, Bentley, Preston, Celia, Rocco, and Rex. As beautiful as she was on the outside, it was her inner beauty that shined the brightest. She was generous with her laugh, compassion, spirit and kindness. She touched the lives of everyone she encountered, from inspiring hundreds of students to love learning to raising two fun-loving, adorable sons. Maggie was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, teacher and friend. To say she is missed by her family and friends is an understatement. Maggie was a teacher at Oak Mountain Elementary School for 16 years. She was honored as Oak Mountain Elementary School Teacher of the Year in 2010. Her students and co-workers adored her and she had a gift for making all she knew feel special. She read Roald Dahl's BFG to her students every year and recently asked students to join her for a screening of the movie. Maggie was brought to tears when over 30 students from high school to elementary school age showed up to watch the movie with her. Maggie attended Tattnell Square Academy before attending The University of Alabama where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She loved spending time with her family and friends, watching Alabama football, seeing live music, running, and traveling, especially to the beach. In lieu of flowers, family and friends have established a college fund to benefit the Russells' two sons. Please email russellfamilycollegefund@gmail.com. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.- Proverbs 3:5-6

PLAYING4MUSIC
A Charity Fun Event
For All Ages

Organized by
MUSIC4ROMANIA

WALK OR PLAY FOR 1 HOUR! Stroll around the lake, throw a frisbee, fly a kite or kick a ball to bring music and hope to the children at Orlat Orphanage in Romania! IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

Every \$20.00 raised equals a day of music at the orphanage.
HAVE FUN WHILE DOING GOOD!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
VETERANS PARK, MODERN PAVILION
2:00 TO 4:00 PM

For more info, please contact Martha Burns
at marthageorgeburns@gmail.com

www.music4romania.org www.facebook.com/music4romania



KIWANIS CLUB OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

The first official meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Indian Springs Village will

meet on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

For any questions about the Kiwanis Club of Indian Springs Village, please visit our Facebook page or email kisv@alkiwanis.org.

INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL – NEW BUILDINGS WIN AIA DESIGN AWARD

Indian Springs' new classroom and administrative building are one of 12 projects to receive a 2016 Education Facility Design Award from the American Institute of Architects Committee on Architecture for Education.



Recognizing new and recently renovated schools across North America, the awards honor educational facilities that the Design Award Jury believes should serve as an example of a superb place in which to learn by furthering each school's mission, goals, and educational program while demonstrating excellence in architectural design, the AIA said in its formal announcement.

Other 2016 honorees include Tata Hall at Harvard Business School

The Jury applauded Springs' recent construction, which received an Award of Merit, as "a different type of campus planning, where the building and landscape define each other."

"It is a beautifully sited, culturally and architecturally sensitive addition to the campus," the jury noted in the AIA release. "These buildings are pure buildings that provide rich, warm exteriors and interior. The approach to daylighting within the building is well-handled and provides for more diffuse light from above. The building connects to its place and makes the exteriors an extension of the interior experience."

In its news post, *Business Insider* called the winners "the 12 most beautiful new schools in America."

"What an extraordinary honor to be chosen for this prestigious award," says Head of School Dr. Sharon Howell. "I believe it is a tribute to the vision of our exceptional architect, Lake|Flato and ArchitectureWorks, as well as to their collaborative approach, which incorporated important, thoughtful feedback from our school community. By honoring the original architecture and connection to the outdoors while allowing for new technologies and teaching methodologies, our new buildings are, as the American Institute of Architects notes, 'Springsian in every way.'"

OAK MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HOST ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

Shelby County Reporter
September 21, 2016

Oak Mountain Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization is hosting its 2016 Fall Fun Fest event on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$13 for pre-paid wristbands and \$15 at the door.

The annual fundraiser will be held on the school grounds and will offer family friendly entertainment, food, activities and crafts. Attendees can enjoy inflatable structures, seasonal crafts, face painting, and other fun activities such as cake, candy and soda walks. The Oak Mountain High School baseball team will be among the various community volunteers, and guests can enjoy taking advantage of a pumpkin patch and hay ride. The event will also feature performances by the Blue Bird Choir and the OMES Little League cheer squad.

A variety of treats and healthy snacks will be available for purchase in addition to a special \$6 Chik-Fil-A lunch combo. Steel City Pops and Kona Ice will be on hand for tasty frozen treats.

Local vendors will be on site selling crafts and other items, and a local animal organization will offer pet adoptions.

The event will also feature college football games on large TVs thanks to Direct TV so that fans won't have to miss out on watching game day events.

As the school's largest annual fundraiser, the Fall Fun Festival also includes a silent auction which will feature the opportunity to view auction items online and make advance bids.

All proceeds from the Fall Fun Fest go toward education improvements at Oak Mountain Elementary School.

Past funding has helped purchase playground equipment, a new awning and classroom supplies.



what's cooking

Are you ready for fall? Try Paula Dean's Taco Soup recipe. This recipe was adapted from *The Food Network* and www.takethedayoff.net!

Taco Soup

Ingredients

- 2 pounds lean ground turkey
- 2 cups diced onions
- 2 cans pinto beans
- 1 can pink kidney beans
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 cans Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can tomatoes with chilies (i.e. Rotel)
- 1 can stewed tomatoes
- 2 (4 1/2-ounce) cans diced green chilies
- 1 (1 1/4-ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 1 (1-ounce) package ranch salad dressing mix

Options for the top:

- Tortilla chips or corn chips
- Sour cream or plain Greek yogurt (its healthier and equally delicious)
- Grated cheese
- Cilantro

Instructions

1. Brown the ground turkey and onions in a large skillet; drain the excess fat, then transfer the browned beef and onions to a large slow cooker or a stockpot.
2. Add the beans, corn, tomatoes, green chilies, taco seasoning, and ranch dressing mix.
3. Cook in a slow cooker on low for 6 to 8 hours or simmer over low heat for about 1 hour in a pot on the stove.
4. Top with your favorite Mexican toppers – sour cream, cheese, green onions and cilantro!



Send us your favorite recipe; we would love to share it with everyone. Please send recipes to leighwhatley@gmail.com and include Village Voice Recipe in the subject line.

neighbor to neighbor

This new column is designed to offer an avenue for information sharing beneficial to the residents of Indian Springs Village. Anyone having a question is welcome to email rainwater2047@gmail.com and have your question published in the Indian Springs Village Voice.

If a good neighbor has something that needs a good home, it can be offered at no charge to a resident.

I have two older wooden, slat-back rocking chairs which have had multiple coats of various colors of paint, all of which are peeling. I would like to have them cleaned up, sanded, and prepped for a fresh coat of paint. If you know of a place/person that will do that please email me at bjscharath@charter.net.

Wood carvers - carving wood (basswood, I think) is available for swap of hardwoods. Some large blocks are available.

Please email rainwater2047@gmail.com



Good Neighbors

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Alabama Wildlife Center's

Owl-O-Ween

It's gonna be a hoot!



Saturday, October 29, 2016
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LIVE BIRD OF PREY SHOWS!

Meet Alabama's owls up close!
See the world's largest owl species!
Rehabilitated wild bird release!

Candy, Games, Creepy-crawly Table, Owl Prowl, Crafts, and Storytime!

FREE

With paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park



Oak Mountain State Park
100 Terrace Drive
Pelham, AL 35124

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ADULT PROGRAMMING

*Computer Comfort

Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.

*Introduction to Microsoft Word 2013

Wednesday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m.

*Internet for Beginners

Tuesday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m.

*Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013

Wednesday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.

*Email for Beginners

Tuesday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Friends of the Library Meeting

Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Color Therapy

Thursday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Lego Club

Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

*Picture Book Club

Tuesday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m.

*Homeschool Hangout: Monster Mouths

Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m.

*Pumpkin Painting Workshop

Friday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Star Wars Reads Day

Saturday, October 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

STORY TIME PROGRAMMING

*Toddler Tales

Mondays, October 3, 10, and 17 at a.m.

*Baby Tales Story Time

Tuesdays, October 4 and 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Family Story time with Mr. Mac

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:45 a.m.

PJ Story time

Thursdays, October 6, and 13 at 6:30 p.m.

TWEEN PROGRAMMING

*Tween Halloween Party

Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Anime Night

Monday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Guided Journaling for Teens

Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Open Gaming

Fridays, October 7, and 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Volunteer Day

Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Registration Required

CASH FOR CANDY!!

Join us for our Annual

Halloween Candy Buy Back

Tuesday November 1, 2016

1:00 PM- 5:30 PM

Dr. Lisa Wilson's Office

5470 Caldwell Mill Road

Phone: 205-995-8084


*Come and trade your unopened candy
\$1 per pound (5 pound maximum)*

In conjunction with Operation Gratitude,
All candy will be shipped
To our courageous troops serving overseas.

Children must be accompanied
By a parent or guardian

For more information, please contact our office.

OCTOBER, 2016
Heartmont Park Senior Center
5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

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