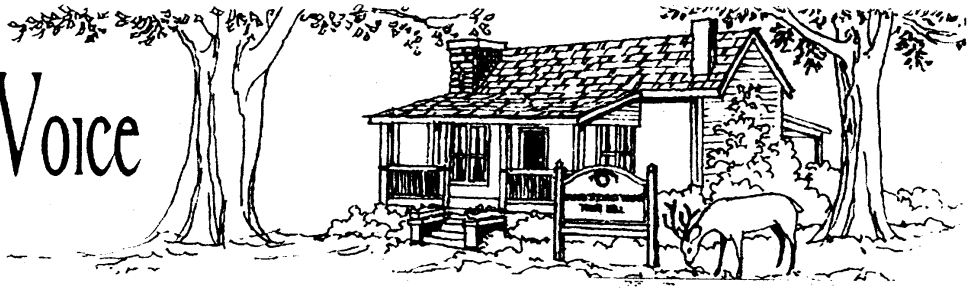


# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 20, 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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### 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

Are you excited to finally see cool weather? Now how about a little or rather a lot of rain as well! Don't forget the burn ban is still in effect due to the dry conditions.

On the issue of cool weather, our newly chartered Indian Springs Kiwanis Club is doing a drive to collect new or gently used children's hats, gloves, socks, and winter coats. We plan for this to extend through December 21<sup>st</sup> and will have drop off boxes around town. Please watch for further information on ISV website or eblast. By the way, I would love to see you join the ISV Kiwanis Club. The club meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday for an hour from 6:30 until 7:30. We enjoy potluck dinners and a speaker and plan our service projects to benefit children locally and throughout the world, often by joining with other clubs. This is a family affair. I have to admit that I mostly pick up whatever food I have volunteered to bring, but many of our members bring homemade main dishes, sides, or desserts! It is a win-win deal because you get to interact with neighbors, enjoy interesting speakers, have a good meal, and most importantly do worthwhile service to those less fortunate.

Another upcoming positive event in our town revolves around our newest council member, Dr. Dale Elliott. He is putting together a program to offer cardiac health information and instruction to our residents. You will see more about this in the near future.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season with Peace on Earth and Good Will to All.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Bell-Guercio

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

The season is here already, and everyone is starting to get really busy. If you haven't had a chance to write your check to the Children's Fund, this is your gentle reminder. I would like to thank those who have already generously contributed to this worthwhile cause. I encourage everyone's participation so we can make this the best Christmas ever for our kids.

Do not forget the Christmas Party December 20<sup>th</sup> Town Hall 7:00 P.M. Join us in celebrating the Christmas and Holiday Season. If you have a favorite dessert you would like to bring, please do so. We look forward to celebrating with our wonderful citizens. Unfortunately, our new building will not be ready in time for the Christmas Party like we had hoped, but please bear with us as we are still "a work in progress."

Check for the USPS zip code petition insert in *The Village Voice*. We thought this might be an easier way to get everyone's participation. If you have already signed the petition, disregard the insert. If you have not signed the petition, please sign and return to:

Indian Springs Village  
2635 Cahaba Valley Road  
Indian Springs, AL 35124

As the year end approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to a few people for their continued hard work as volunteers in our Town.

For instance, Amy Easton is always on hand at our first of the month socials, lending a hand at either preparing, cleaning up, or both. Her fingerprint is apparent as each season rolls around, and the Town Hall is tastefully decorated (cannot wait to see what she has in store for Christmas). She has added new pieces to the antique collections while using her savvy skills at garage sales and her relationships with people who have donated unique pieces that blend beautifully with our historical Town Hall. She has also served on the Building Committee, attended meetings and added her expertise to the planning and design. She oversees the rental of the Town Hall and makes sure each event is handled efficiently. Amy has done a fabulous job maintaining the integrity of our beautiful Town Hall.

Leigh Whatley, BJ Scharath, Jim and Darlene Rainwater are members of *The Village Voice*

committee. They meet every other month to put together the upcoming issues. Leigh, we are so very fortunate to have you as the Editor in Chief. It was a while when people thought you were a figment of our imagination, as we never saw you but the paper always went to press. Thanks BJ for your articles, especially the articles you have written focusing on our Town Councilmembers. You have given our citizens an inside look into the lives of our Council who give their time and effort to the successful running of our Town. Last, but not least, Jim and Darlene did not know when they got married a little over a year ago at the Town Hall that they would get roped into this job. Jim, with his camera ready, has documented all of our special events this past year. Your ideas on how to improve our publication is invaluable. When you run into these guys around town, please give them a special thank you. They do a great job.

The ISV Easter Egg hunt has the reputation of being the best among our neighboring towns, and this is all thanks to Margie Robins. She does all the heavy lifting. We are so honored to have her expertise and willingness to provide our youth with a grand event.

What would we do without our ISV Garden Club??? The Town Hall grounds always look wonderful due to their love and attention. Their talent is always reflected at our Fourth of July and Founder's Day celebrations. Their creative tablescapes turn plain picnic tables into works of art, not to mention how much our Children's Fund has benefited. Thank you ladies for the super job you do for the Town.

We have numerous other volunteers that serve this great Town, and I say thank you one and all for everything you do during the year. It is a pleasure to work and serve with each of you.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season,  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Oct. 4, 2016

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, October 4, 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 except Councilperson Harrington and Councilman Stauss.

The minutes of September 20, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Fire Chief Buddy Tyler reported that in September there were a total of 140 calls, 42 fire related and 98 medical related. Chief Tyler reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the North Shelby Fire Department has BCA Tee-Shirts for sale for \$10, \$6 goes toward the cost and \$4 goes to UAB Breast Cancer Research. He encouraged everyone to come by the fire station and purchase a tee-shirt for a good cause. He reminded the audience that the NSFD has partnered with the American Red Cross in a campaign called "Don't Wait, Check the Date." ARC is providing free 9 volt batteries for residents' smoke detectors. NSFD will also provide free smoke detectors and the fire department will come to your home and install if you are a senior citizen and should not be climbing on ladders. Tyler ended his report by mentioning how dry the weather is and reminding everyone that the burn ban is still in effect until November. Also, keep in mind you are not allowed to burn within 500' of a neighbor.

Bell-Guercio introduced the ISV auditors, Wayne Barber and John DeLoach of Deloach, Barber & Caspers, P.C. She turned the meeting over to them for their presentation of the results of the year ending 2015 audit. Barber showed the last five years of actual revenue and expenses and the net position of the Town for yearend 2015 being \$2,490,509. He pointed out the outliers (monies received out of the norm, i.e. large one time building projects) and showed that taking these numbers out ISV has consistently increased performance by around 10 percent for each of the five years shown. Increase in net position for 2015 was \$121,001. Barber presented a "clean audit" and commented that he wished all of his municipalities operated as well as ISV.

Councilman Robins reported that he met with Carter Septic Tank Service and they quoted a price on the septic tank and field lines for the new multi-purpose building of \$9,000-\$9500 depending on the number of risers needed. He noted that they can start work on the project this week. Councilman Trammell made a motion to suspend the rules and the roll call vote was unanimous. Robins made a motion to approve the proposal from Carter Septic Tank Service for a not to exceed cost of \$10,000 which will include electrical. Councilman Mendel seconded and the vote was unanimous. Robins noted that he had met with the building committee and decisions were made with regard to the details of the project, i.e., cabinets, paint, sink, rock, lighting fixtures, etc. Also, Smart Homes of Alabama presented a price of \$894 for wiring and installing Wi-Fi to the new building. The Mayor approved this amount in order to get this underway.

Trammell had four items that he wanted the council to discuss and consider:

1. Safety Deposit Box – research will be done in order to determine fire safety of the new storage building before a decision is made to purchase a safety deposit box.
2. Presentation of Ordinance to require a public hearing on budget – Trammell made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, there was not a second. Due to prior discussions, the Council felt residents were already properly informed of the budget since it is discussed in two council meetings and a third meeting with the auditors all of which are public meetings.
3. Cost of insurance exceeded the budget and the budget was not increased to accommodate the overage – Mendel noted this was an oversight. The budget will be adjusted for the coming year.
4. Workman's Comp – the floor was turned over to Jake Guercio, who has experience in business management, in order to explain how Workman's Comp works and the necessity of having the policy. Based on Mr. Guercio's explanation, the Council agreed the policy was in the best interest of the Town.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Oct. 18, 2016

Mayor Bell-Guercio called to order a Council Meeting following the Founder's Day event October 18, 2016. All Councilmembers were present except Councilperson Kathryn Harrington.

The only Town business conducted was to change the next Council Meeting to Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Stauss made a motion that due to State law requiring the Council to meet on the first Monday of November for the Swearing in of Councilmembers and for them to have an organizational meeting, that November 7<sup>th</sup> be the first required monthly meeting. The second council meeting will be held November 15, 2016. Councilman Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Nov. 7, 2016

Mayor Bell-Guercio called to order the Council Meeting following the celebratory dinner. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Bell-Guercio led a short prayer asking for wisdom and guidance for all elected officials followed by a moment of silent prayer for the Nation. Circuit Court Judge (Ret.) Hub Harrington administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio, Herb Robins, Place #1, Kathryn Harrington, Place #2, Ed Whatley, Place #3, Brian Stauss, Place #4, and Dale Elliott, Place #5.

The minutes of October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

Councilman Dale Elliott made a motion to re-appoint Herb Robins as Chairman Pro Tem to the Council. Council Stauss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Councilperson Harrington made a motion to continue Council Meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio presented Ordinance 2017-001 which applies to governing the rules and procedures of the Town Council. Elliott made a motion to accept this Ordinance as written with a second from Councilman Whatley. The vote was unanimous.

Bell- Guercio presented Ordinance 2017-002 which applies to who is authorized to sign, negotiate and transact ISV financial commercial papers. Councilman Stauss made a motion to accept the Ordinance as written. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell- Guercio also asked for a motion to have Joan Downs be the Administrative Officer of Planning and Zoning. Robins made the motion, Elliott seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Bell- Guercio also asked for a nomination for a Council representative to Planning and Zoning. Harrington made a motion that Herb Robins be the Council representative and Whatley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Bell- Guercio asked for a motion to place Dr. Tom Allison as the Mayor's designee as ex officio member. Robins made the motion, Elliott seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

# BUILDING PERMITS

*submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer*

Applicant: Authentic Restoration  
Owner: Daryl Whitfield  
Address: 5134 Split Rail Tr  
Proposed Use: New roof

Applicant: Apex Roofing  
Owner: Wayne Carrol  
Address: 1996 Indian Crest Road  
Proposed Use: New Roof

Applicant: Crown Castle/MPI/Todd Nelson  
Owner: Board of Education – Shelby County  
Address: 5478 Caldwell Mill Road  
Proposed Use: Antenna Replacement

Applicant: Ation Building  
Owner: Donal and Maria Wood  
Address: 4925 Cahaba Valley Tr  
Proposed Use: New Construction

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS: JUNE MAYS TO PRESENT "THE GARDENS OF DOWNTON ABBEY" IN JANUARY

*by Mickey Farmer*

The ISV Garden Club will kick off a new year on January 26th with a PowerPoint presentation by June Mays on "The Gardens of Downton Abbey". June is a garden designer whose working knowledge of plants, soils and construction is founded on a deep love of gardens. She holds diplomas in Garden Design and Plantsmanship from the English Gardening School in London. She is a frequent speaker around town who shares her passion of gardening while inspiring her audiences.

Visitors are welcome to attend this event on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at the Town Hall. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 with the program beginning at 7:00 followed by a business meeting.

# TALES FROM THE HALL... ALABAMA THE BEAUTIFUL

by BJ Scharath

If you drive into our state on any major roadway, you will pass signs proudly proclaiming our state motto, "Alabama the Beautiful". This phrase came to my mind after a wonderfully entertaining interview with Herb Robins, one of our long standing councilmen in Indian Springs Village. Herb has been on the Council for only 20 short years.

Herb and his wife Margie have lived in Indian Springs Village ever since the Homestead area, where they have lived since 1989, annexed into the Village. He was approached by Ron Luster about running for a council member seat. He agreed, but said he wouldn't campaign for the seat. He said he was not a political person, but he believes if you don't speak up for yourself, you will get what you will get. Apparently others agreed and felt like Herb was doing what was right, because he has been unopposed in all the years he has served on the council.

Herb regaled me with stories....I could have sat all afternoon (and almost did!) listening to stories from this energetic and soft spoken man. He talked about growing up in Homewood, AL and going to school at Shades Valley High School, and then attending Auburn, where he got a degree in Wildlife Biology. His parents raised him with a strong work ethic (his Scotch mother was an Abercrombie and the family joke was she was so frugal she might have washed bandaids to reuse them). He wasn't afraid of hard work, and when no jobs were available in his area of study, he turned to construction for several years working with Martinwood Construction, then roofing houses before taking a job with US Steel in the Concord Mine. He worked underground in the coal mines building brattice walls (the process of creating ventilation in the underground mines). He did this for two years before joining the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, where he worked for 28 years. During that time he commuted daily from Homestead to Jasper, the location of the home office for ASMC, driving Highway 78, also known back then as "Blood Alley" for all the wrecks that happened on that road. Herb worked as a mine inspector for two years, responsible for 54 mines that had to be checked monthly before he moved to reclamation work. And here is where the state motto comes into play. Herb was responsible for a total of 310 reclamation projects in 19 different

Alabama counties (most of which were in North Alabama), for a total of over 13,000 acres. The work was demanding; the work was hard, and Herb loved it. He worked with many different types of contractors, and learned early on that not everyone he dealt with was reputable but he learned quickly how to work with everyone. He said he treated everyone with honesty and integrity, and always told the truth no matter what. That same work principle applies to his work on the council.

When I asked him why he stayed on the council so long, he said it was a labor of love. It had been a great experience learning about municipal law, and while many people were jaded with government rules and regulations, Indian Springs Village was and is 180 degrees from that. He commended the Council for the commitment everyone had to do what was best for the town rather than pursuing personal agendas.

In every interview, I have asked about the future of the Village from the perspective of the person I've interviewed. Herb was no different, but his answer surprised me. He said he was a projects kind of guy, and not a visionary. He thought it important to stay true to the vision of the Founding Fathers and Mothers and to "keep it as it is" i.e. keep random commercialization from happening to spoil the beauty of the land. Every town needs a few visionaries, but you can't have all visionaries and be successful. How lucky we are to have a few like Herb, who are the "projects" people keeping our Town a beautiful place to live.

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# Indian Springs Village Town Council

November 7, 2016

*Mayor, Brenda Bell-Guercio with her husband, Jake and the Honorable Hub Harrington*



*Councilmember Place # 1, Herb Robins with his wife, Margie and the Honorable Hub Harrington*



*Councilmember Place #2, Kathryn Harrington with the Honorable Hub Harrington (her husband)*



*Councilmember Place #3, Brian Stauss with his wife, Cathy and the Honorable Hub Harrington*

*Councilmember Place #4, Ed Whatley his wife, Leigh and children, Mary Virginia and John Bay with the Honorable Hub Harrington*



*Councilmember Place #5, Dale Elliott his wife, Anne with the Honorable Hub Harrington*



# Kiwanis®

CLUB OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

## NEW CLUB CHARTERED IN INDIAN SPRINGS

Alabama Kiwanis Kourier  
November 2016

A new Kiwanis club received its official charter during a Charter Night celebration Nov. 3.

The Kiwanis Club of Indian Springs Village plans to meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Indian Springs Village Town Hall.

The club plans to focus on projects that improve the lives of children locally and throughout the world.

An experienced leader is helping out. Brian Rodgers, who served as governor of the Alabama District of Kiwanis in 2014-15, organized the club and will serve as its charter president.

Dale Elliott is president-elect, and Natalie Steed is secretary/treasurer.

The charter board of directors includes David Egge, Hub Harrington, Jake Guercio and Keith McKendall.

Alabama District Governor Keith Graham and Division 5 Lt. Governor Robert Brown presided at the charter celebration, held at New Hope Presbyterian Church. Food and fellowship were part of the evening.

Other guests included Dee Dee Graham, wife of the governor; Pat Manasco, District Secretary; and Elise Hearn, president of the Kiwanis Club of Inverness.

Graham was the guest speaker, and then he and Manasco inducted the charter members, presenting certificates and pins.

Brown and Manasco installed the officers and board of directors.

Rodgers adjourned the event by ringing the new club's bell.



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# CHILDREN'S WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE

WHERE	WHEN	WHAT
Indian Springs Village Town Hall 2635 Cahaba Valley Road Indian Springs, AL	Now through December 21st	New and/or Gently Used Hats, Gloves, Socks & Winter Coats

*The Kiwanis Club of Indian Springs Village is dedicated to improving the lives of children- locally and throughout the world. Join us as we gather new and gently used children's winter clothing for those in need. With the cold weather finally arriving, these will bring comfort to a child in our area this Winter.*



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Charter members are: (Front row) Jennifer Kiser, Emily Casey, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Kathryn Harrington, Natalie Steed and David Egge; (Back Row) Holly Rodgers, Brian Rodgers, Dale Elliott, Rosalyn Crawford-Kendall, Keith Kendall, Jake Guercio, Hub Harrington, Richard Harley, Bryan Hix and Matt Casey. Not pictured: Eleanor Bennett.

# USE OF FIREARMS & HUNTING IN INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

*By Herb Robins, Councilman*

The Council was notified recently by an ISV resident that he found an individual hunting on his property adjacent to Oak Mountain State Park. The individual told him that he thought he was on the neighbor's property who had given him permission to hunt. The question was asked by the resident about what ISV regulations would address the use of firearms and hunting in the town limits.

While ISV currently has no ordinances which specifically limit the use of firearms or hunting, there are state laws that do. State law requires that the discharge of a firearm be done in a 'safe manner' and there be some type of backstop (natural or man-made) to prevent a bullet from leaving your property.

State hunting regulations prohibit the discharge of a firearm within 50 yards of a public road or within 100 yards of a dwelling. Trespassing is illegal, even to retrieve game, without the written permission of the property owner. Oak Mountain State Park does not allow hunting with firearms and has a very regulated and limited number of bow hunts to manage the deer population.

What should you do if you experience a similar situation or have concerns about the discharge of a firearm? First, contact your neighbor, if available, to see if they actually gave someone to permission to hunt. If they did not, contact the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (669-4181) and report your problem or concern. If adjacent to the state park, contact the park officials (620-6200). If it is a hunting/trespass situation, also contact the Shelby County Game Warden, Dennis Sanford (205-339- 5716). If you suspect poaching, contact Operation Game Watch (1-800-272-4263). If your neighbor has given someone permission to hunt their property, explain your concerns for you and your family's safety. To those who may give someone permission to hunt, please be a good neighbor. It is a tremendous liability for you to allow someone to hunt your property who doesn't know the property boundaries and is not familiar with the area and adjoining properties.

Indian Springs Village is very unique in that it is so close to major cities and yet it is mostly wooded with properties ranging from one-half acre to over 40 acres. The ISV mission statement (Resolution 91-02- 26-01) states that the goals of the town are 'to preserve, protect, and enhance quality of life.....peaceful and

uncluttered atmosphere, beauty, serenity and tranquility.....achieved with a minimum amount of government involvement'. Let's all be good neighbors and achieve our goals.

## MOCK TRIAL TRIUMPH!

Members of Springs' Mock Trial Team will advance for the third year in a row to nationals after being named the No. 1 plaintiff team and best overall team in the state at the 2016 Alabama YMCA Youth Judicial Program.

A panel of 21 attorneys and judges named the plaintiff team of Max Klapow '17, Davis Tyler-Dudley '17, Taylor Hinch '17, Liz Jones '18, Chandler Pulliam '17, and Matthew Lash '17 overall state champions after the team won the verdict in the final trial of the statewide competition, which concluded on Nov. 8 in Montgomery. Tyler-Dudley was also recognized as best plaintiff attorney. The team will represent Alabama at the prestigious 2017 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Hartford, Conn., next May.

The No. 1 team, which claimed third in the nation at the 2015 and 2016 YMCA National Judicial Competitions, was one of four Springs teams to place in the top 20 at the state competition. "Congratulations to all our students, who worked hard and represented our school magnificently," says faculty adviser D'Anthony Allen.



*The plaintiff team of Matthew Lash '17, Taylor Hinch '17, Max Klapow '17 (team captain), Liz Jones '18, Davis Tyler-Dudley '17, and Chandler Pulliam '17 was named overall state champion for 2016.*

# THE TOWN OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE RESOLUTION #91-02-26-01

## General Purpose and Goals

WHEREAS, the petition for the incorporation of Indian Springs Village was signed by approximately 500 residents of the Indian Springs community, and;

WHEREAS, said petition was filed with the office of the Shelby County Judge of Probate on September 18, 1990, and;

WHEREAS, a special election was set and held on October 16, 1990, to vote on the referendum for the incorporation of the Town of Indian Springs Village, and;

WHEREAS, said referendum passed by an overwhelming majority of the vote, and;

WHEREAS, the Judge of Probate certified the Town of Indian Springs Village on November 14, 1990, and;

WHEREAS, the stated purpose for the incorporation was to preserve and protect the integrity of the community.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that it is hereby declared that the stated purpose for founding the Town of Indian Springs Village and the goals of the town are as set forth herein:

To preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life that the citizens of Indian Springs Village enjoy, now and for the generations to come;

To preserve, protect and enhance the peaceful and uncluttered atmosphere of our town, for now and for generations to come;

To preserve, protect and enhance the beauty and serenity, and tranquility which is the very essence of Indian Springs Village, for now and for generations to come;

To protect the integrity of our community from random commercialization, piecemeal annexation, and inconsistent spot zoning; and,

To preserve and protect the right of self determination for the Town of Indian Springs Village and for all of its citizens.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED that the objectives stated herein shall be achieved with a minimum amount of government involvement at minimal expense, and relying primarily upon the voluntary efforts and support of community residents.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED that all present and future officials of the Town of Indian Springs Village, whether elected or appointed, pledge to achieve and maintain the goals and objectives as stated herein.

Passed and approved 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1991.



## PATH Registered Instructor Workshop and Certification

Special Equestrians will be holding a PATH International Registered Instructor Workshop in January for candidates wishing to receive their Registered Instructor certification. For more information please see the brochure on our website at [www.specialequest.org](http://www.specialequest.org) or visit the PATH Intl. website at [www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org).

**On-Site Instructor Workshop  
January 18 – 21, 2017**

**On-Site Certification  
January 22, 2017**

**Faculty/Evaluators  
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Lead Advanced Evaluator  
Atlanta, Georgia**

**Susan Lutz  
Associate Advanced Evaluator  
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# VOTING CHANGES – A THUMB’S UP

by BJ Scharath

Did you notice something different at the polls? If you voted on Tuesday November 8th, and you voted at Precinct 16 (located at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church) you probably noticed that something was missing. It was those pesky lines with alphabetic ranges for the first letter of your last name. What happened? According to election officials, this precinct had the distinction of being a test pilot, the only one in Shelby County, for a new test process in voter verification at the polls. The precinct covers an area incorporating most of Indian Springs Village, Quail Run, Oak Ridge, Summer Place and parts of the county for a total of 3,162 eligible voters. Voters were asked to show their driver’s license before entering the door, and were directed to one of six different kiosks manned by designated poll workers who had an I-pad device which could scan the driver’s license and quickly confirm voter registration. Each I-pad was networked to the other I-pads, which all interfaced with the Voter Registration List. Instead of getting into yet another line (and if Murphy’s Law was in full force, it was the line that matched the first letter of your last name because everyone else with that letter came at the same time), you went to the first open kiosk. For the vast majority of voters the process took literally seconds and you were passed off to the next part of the process, that of getting your ballot.

Lest anyone be concerned that only a driver’s license could be used, the election official I spoke with assured me all valid forms of state approved photo IDs were accepted. (To see a full list of state approved photo IDs, you can go to [www.alabamavoterid.com](http://www.alabamavoterid.com)). If there was no match based on I-pad verification, there were several back up systems in place, including a manual look up or even calling Voter Registration as a last resort. This precinct was chosen as a pilot because it’s neither the smallest nor the largest voting precinct in Shelby County. How exciting to not have to stand in a line while a poll worker tried to manually look up a name.

The precinct also reported record turnout, with 2261 ballots cast out of 3162 eligible voters, or better than 70% voter turnout for our precinct. The only major “long lines” were first thing in the morning when the polls opened at 7am, but approximately 250 people were able to vote in 40 minutes. During the remainder of the day, the lines were almost nonexistent and the process to vote quick (except for

reading through all those pesky amendments!) Many thanks to all the individuals who did so much behind the scenes work as well as those who worked the day of voting to make the process essentially smooth and problem free, but special thanks to Rev. Donny Acton, the appointed Poll Inspector for Precinct 16.

## what’s cooking

*Who doesn’t love a little something sweet during the holidays? Here is an easy treat to make and share! Recipe featured on [www.crunchycreamysweet.com](http://www.crunchycreamysweet.com)*

### Easy Chocolate Caramel Pretzel Bites

#### Ingredients

- 24 pretzels
- 12 caramel squares, unwrapped, cut in half
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet or milk chocolate, melted with 1 teaspoon of coconut oil
- Christmas Sprinkles



#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or silicone baking mat.
3. Layer all pretzels on the sheet.
4. Place a half of a caramel square on each pretzel.
5. Bake in the oven for 6 to 7 minutes. The caramel will be melty but not completely filling the holes of the pretzel. It will spread as it cools. Cool pretzels completely before dipping in chocolate.
6. When cool, dip pretzels in chocolate (cover whole pretzels or dip halves).
7. Place back on the sheet. Sprinkle with Christmas sprinkles. Let cool completely.
8. Store in air tight container.

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

# OAK MOUNTAIN STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

By CAROLINE CARMICHAEL, 280 Living  
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Four Oak Mountain High School students have been named National Merit Semifinalists for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program competition.

Among the semifinalists are students Armeen Barghi, Kathryn Holt, William Laycock and Colby Wetzell.

“We are incredibly proud of our students,” Principal Kristi Sayers of Oak Mountain High School said.

“To receive such recognition,” Sayers said, “is a testament to the students’ academic ability as well as their commitment to academic success.”

Qualification for entrance in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program was based on high school juniors’ scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“As a community,” Sayers said, “Oak Mountain has high expectations for all of our students. Beginning in our elementary schools, parents, teachers and students expect our students to be academically prepared and academically challenged.”

“These students,” she said, “have certainly met the challenge.”

If they so desire, these honored high school seniors may continue in the competition for consideration of 7,500 National Merit Scholarships amounting to more than \$33 million total.

In order to advance to finalist standing, each semifinalist must submit an application and essay, receive endorsement and recommendation by a high school official, maintain an outstanding academic record and earn an SAT score confirming his or her preliminary performance.

Applicants are assessed according to their projected success in rigorous studies, as determined by the quality of their skills and accomplishments.

An estimated 15,000 semifinalists of the approximately 16,000 semifinalists across the United States of America are expected to advance to the finalist level.

Finalists will be announced in February 2017.

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## ADULT PROGRAMMING

### **\*Color Therapy**

Thursday, December 1 and 8 at 6:30 p.m.

### **\*Creative Cocktails**

Saturday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

### **\*Origami Ornaments**

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

## SPECIAL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

### **\*Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Animal Tales Holiday Safari**

Monday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Picture Book Club**

Tuesday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m.

### **\*Homeschool Hangout: Decoupage Frames**

Wednesday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m.

## STORY TIME PROGRAMMING

### **\*Toddler Tales**

Mondays, December 5 and 19 at 10:00 a.m.

### **\*Baby Tales Story Time**

Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Family Story time with Mr. Mac**

Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:45 a.m.

### **PJ Story time**

Thursdays, December 1, 8, and 15 at 6:30 p.m.

## TEEN PROGRAMMING

### **Open Gaming**

Fridays, December 2, 9, and 16 at 3:30 pm

### **\*Teen Tech: 3D Printing**

Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday Tech: 3D Printing**

Tuesdays, December 6 and 13 at 3:30 p.m.

### **Teen Leadership Council Meeting**

Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

### **\*Santa Sumo Wrestling**

Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Anime Night**


Monday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

### **\*Teen Volunteer Day**

Saturday, December 17

### **\*Registration Required**

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