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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19, 2017 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.”

The Village Voice is published four times per year. Articles for the End of the Year wrap up edition should be submitted by December 10, 2017. All materials submitted for publication may be edited, including letters to the editor, which must be signed and give writer's address and phone number: All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors of articles.

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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

In the fall last year, a resident asked about the possibility of trash pick-up for limbs and leaves. Waste Pro gave me information on what the city's cost per event would be, and the rules for items accepted or not accepted. I am not sure how helpful this would be, or if we would need a onetime event when most of the leaves have dropped or more. So after you read this, please call the Town Hall or email the Clerk your response. We would need a significant number of residents wanting this service before proceeding.

According to Waste Pro management as of December 2016, the cost to Indian Springs per event would be \$3,650. The following are their rules:

No item may weigh over 700 pounds or be over 6 ft. long. Place items no further than 4 ft. from the curb, away from overhead obstacles by 6 am on the scheduled date.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Hot Water Heaters, Tires, Oil, Batteries, Engine Blocks, Window AC Units, Riding Lawnmowers, Bug Spray, Paint Cans with liquid paint, Televisions, or Computers.

Waste Pro will not pick up waste from construction contractors and lawn services.

ACCEPTED: Grill (gas or propane tank removed), Push Lawnmowers (not riding; gas tank removed), Paint Cans (see Special Handling), Furniture, Mattresses, Wood, General Debris, Stoves, Vacuum Cleaners, Auto Interior Parts, Picnic Tables, Dismantled Swing Sets, Bicycles, bagged leaves or grass, etc.

Special Handling—Paint Cans:

- Paint cans must be set aside from other heavy items for inspection
- Tops of cans must be removed (tops can be set next to cans)

- Paint must be hardened or dry
- Paint cans with liquid paint or not must be filled with cat litter

So please let us know your thoughts- yes or no- as we cannot change what they offer. We will need to put this in the proposed budget and schedule a date with them pretty far in advance according to their management. Please send positive responses to Joan Downs, Town Clerk (joan@indianspringsvillage.org) within a week

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

I can't believe another year has come and is almost gone. Our town is growing and things are popping around here. The new multi-purpose building is completed, if you didn't see it on Founder's Day come by and take a look. It is beautiful.

You probably noticed that you have not received a copy of The Village Voice in a while. We have been very busy changing the process in which we communicate with our residents. We have a new web-site, indianspringsvillage.org, we are working out the bugs so don't panic. We are trying to get our Facebook page up and running so you get real time news and pictures.

Please go to our FB page, facebook.com/town of ISV, and like. Again, this is all new so give us a minute to work out the kinks. Since most of the news will be going out via Facebook, and due to the fact that The Village Voice is run by volunteers who are already overworked with no pay, we will run The Village Voice four times a year beginning 2018, March 1st, June 15th, September 15th, and November 15th. These dates were strategically chosen in order to remind everyone of our annual events. The monthly minutes will not be included because they are available on the web-site as soon as they are approved by the Council.

Also, we are expanding our Christmas celebration. On December 2, 2017 please join us from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Town Hall for donuts and Santa. On December 19th join us at 7:00 PM for our annual Christmas Celebration.

Councilmember Kathryn Harrington has rolled off the Town Council and Mary Sue McClurkin will fill the remainder of the term. Mary Sue was previously our Alabama State Representative; please join us in welcoming Mary Sue to the ISV Council.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, if you have not sent in your Children's Fund donation, please do so as soon as possible, time is running out before Christmas. Shopping will start at the beginning of December in order to have it completed prior to Christmas break.

Sincerely,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 1, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, August 1, 2017. 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.

Council Meeting Minutes of July 18th were reviewed and endorsed as written.

Chief Tyler introduced Pat Tate, of Cardiac Solutions, for a presentation and proposal for AED's for the Town's consideration. Bell-Guercio thanked Mr. Tate and agreed to reach out to the schools and churches for input on possible needs or education.

There is no business before the PAZ or ZBA at this time.

Councilman Robins presented a proposal from Sterling Iron Works to install 130' of hand rail at the new building. The total price was \$5200. Robins made a motion to accept the bid as presented for \$5200. Councilman Whatley seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Whatley reported that a meeting was held Monday, July 31st with architect Mark Burns and contractor Jay Bennett and advised that after the sink and lights are received, the contractor's crew will have all their work completed within a week.

Councilman Elliott reported the CPR class held for the Garden Club and guests went very well. They will hold another class in the winter and advertise more heavily. He thanked Chief Tyler for his help.

Whatley presented the proposed 2018 budget. Each line item was reviewed and discussed. A vote will be held to approve the budget at the August 15th Council meeting. Additionally, Whatley made a motion to increase the 2017 web-site/software budget to include the \$8000 cost of new web-site. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 15, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilmember Robins called the roll and all Council members were present except Councilmember Kathryn Harrington.

Council Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2017 were reviewed and endorsed as written.

There is no pending business before PAZ or ZBA at this time but PAZ Chairman Wayne Jones addressed a potential future request for zone development on Hwy 119 of several parcels that were zoned by judicial order in 1993. Jones explained the complexities of the order and potential land uses listed in the order. As the potential request for mini-warehouses is not a use specifically listed in the order, the Council decided to seek advice from a land use attorney as to whether a re-zoning request would be required.

Deputy Turner reported that calls to the Sheriff's office were down.

Chief Buddy Tyler reported that they had completed testing and painting of all fire hydrants in the North Shelby Fire District. They are currently beginning a program of inspecting and replacing smoke detectors in the Indian Valley subdivision. Letters were mailed out to those residents offering the program. This is scheduled to begin September 9th. He stated that if a smoke detector is over 10 years old, it needs to be replaced. The new detectors they are installing last for 10 years with no battery replacement. There is no charge to the homeowner.

Councilmember Robins reported that lighting had been completed at the multi-purpose building as well as electrical inspection. Temporary service is scheduled to be turned on tomorrow. The concrete porches, ramp and walkway have been poured. The pavilion floor has been cleaned in preparation for stain/sealer to be applied this week. Railing hopefully will be installed next week. The farm sink and kitchen cabinets are to be installed Thursday. Wi-Fi installation is being completed. Robins reported he had written minutes of the 7/31/17 meeting with Councilmember Whatley, Jay Bennett, Mark Burns and the project foreman and would send them to Whatley for his review/change.

Mayor Bell-Guercio gave an update on AED's in Oak Mountain Schools as well as at Heardmont Park. She has been in contact with County Manager, Alex Dudchok, regarding need for better signage of where AED's are located at Heardmont and accessibility and possible need of additional ones. Chief Tyler also discussed this with EMA director. Additionally, Chief Tyler will contact the manager of the Walmart Neighborhood Market about potentially placing one there.

Councilman Stauss thanked Bell-Guercio and Town Clerk Joan Downs for purchasing a TV with Wi-Fi/UBS connectors for presentations in the Council room.

Whatley presented the July Financial Report and noted that ISV was significantly ahead of the projected revenue for the fiscal year. Also, only about 2/3 of the projected expenditures had been spent. Whatley motioned to endorse the report, Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous. Whatley noted that he had made the budget changes as agreed by the Council at the August 1, 2017 meeting and posted these changes on the web-site. He received no public comments.

A motion to accept the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 was proposed by Whatley, seconded by Stauss and the vote to accept as presented was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio stated that it was time for the Council to renew the Town Clerk's contract. Whatley made a motion to renew the Clerk's contract with an appropriate raise. The motion was seconded by Elliott and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Herb Robins, Pro Tem

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 5, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, September 5, 2017. 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.

Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2017 were reviewed and endorsed as written.

Chief Buddy Tyler reported that there were a total of 138 calls in August, 48 fire related and 90 medical related. He also noted the average response time was 5 minutes and 17 seconds. NSFD is currently beginning a program of inspecting and replacing smoke detectors in the Indian Valley subdivision. This is scheduled to begin September 9th. He also stated NSFD will give out free batteries for smoke alarms beginning October 1st. Fire Prevention Week begins October 8th, the fire department will be going to the schools making presentations. Fire dues will be mailed out September 8th. Tyler also noted they are still collecting donations to the Texas Relief Effort if anyone would like to donate, please take items to Station #2 on Caldwell Mill Road.

McKinnon Maddox of MacMedia was in attendance and he presented a first look at the new web-site. He held a question and answers session and stated he would be working with the Town Clerk in order to put

the finishing touches into the product. He stated it should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Councilmember Robins reported the remaining major items to be completed by contractor are countertops and back splash which is due to be installed September 13th, along with general cleanup and punch list. Robins also reported that Henry Hughes is no longer working as an arborist. He recommended Ace Tree Service and they will be out next week to assess the oak tree in front of the Town Hall. Robins also reported a sign has been ordered for Oak Mountain Trail that notifies drivers that this is a dead-end road.

Mayor Bell-Guercio reported that Ed Zwilling is no longer able to continue in his ZBA position as he is no longer a resident of ISV. Therefore, she recommended that the Council appoint Billy Longshore as his replacement with the appointment running through February 26, 2018. Harrington made a motion to accept Billy Longshore as a ZBA member and Robins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Bell-Guercio acknowledged a letter from the North Shelby Library thanking ISV for their continued summer reading support and referenced the success of this year's program. She also advised the Council that September 25th has been proclaimed as "Family Day", a worthwhile recognition campaign.

Founders Day was discussed and it was decided to go with the same format as last year.

Appliances need to be purchased for the new building. Robins made a motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on purchasing these items. Elliott seconded and a roll call vote was unanimous. Robins made a motion to approve \$2200 expenditure for these items. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

City Engineer, Frazier Christy was in attendance to discuss the letter received by the land use attorney, Bill Justice. The Council had asked for a legal opinion on whether mini-storage units were a permitted use as described in the court order from the case of Wyatt v. City of Pelham. It was Justice's opinion that mini-warehouses were not contemplated as a permitted use in the court order. The ISV ordinance in Section 7.0 provides that the Town Engineer is to make an interpretation as to whether a particular use falls within a zoning district. Justice acknowledged the present situation is a little different as we are dealing with a court order rather than the zoning ordinance, but he believes it would still be appropriate for the Town Engineer to make this determination. Christy deferred to the legal opinion of Justice that mini-warehouses are not contemplated as a legal use. Thus, the property owner has at least two alternatives: he

may appeal to the zoning board of adjustment as provided in Section 7.0, or he could request that his property be re-zoned to B-2, which by the terms of the zoning ordinance would permit mini-warehouses. The property owner was in attendance therefore is aware of his options.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, September 19, 2017. 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 Councilmembers Whatley and Harrington.

Council Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2017 were reviewed and endorsed as written.

Chief Buddy Tyler reported the NSFD has another load of supplies going to victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. He also reported that the smoke alarm drive was so successful an additional day was added in order to complete the project. Tyler also reported that in the 2018 budget, appropriations have been made to add cameras to every fire department vehicle along with military grade tablets, mounts and software to the ambulances.

Councilmember Robins reported the countertop, faucet, and back splash is being installed in the new building. The plumbing inspection has been approved and the electrical inspection is scheduled for Wednesday. HVAC needs to be inspected and Bennett Building Inc. will be given a punch list. Handrails are scheduled for completion on Thursday. Wayne Jones and Herb Robins cleaned up the trash and prepared for the grading.

Robins also reported that he met with Josh Howard of Ace Tree Service. Ace Tree Service had been called to evaluate the live oak tree in front of the Town Hall. They reported the tree is solid and does not represent any danger but he recommended that a large branch be pruned and shaped up along with a cable wrap in order to prevent splitting in the future. The price to perform this service is \$1600. Councilmember Elliott made a motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on this expenditure. Robins seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous. Elliott made a motion to approve

the \$1600 expenditure to prune, shape up and wrap the limb. Stauss seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Robins also presented the price quote for the rock and labor estimate to cover the concrete block foundation on the new multi-purpose building. Materials were quoted at \$3,726.50 with an estimated labor cost to install close to the same price as material. Elliott made a motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on this expenditure. Stauss seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous. Robins made a motion to purchase the rock and labor at a price not to exceed \$7500. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Robins also presented pricing for rock and labor estimate to cover the concrete blocks on the fire pit under the pavilion. The rock would tie the look of pavilion into the new building. Materials were quoted at \$1,345 with estimated labor cost to install close to the same price as materials. Elliott made a motion to suspend the rules in order to vote on this expenditure. Stauss seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous. Robins made a motion to purchase rock materials and labor for the pavilion not to exceed \$2800. Elliott seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio announced that Councilmember Harrington has resigned and there is a vacancy on the Council in Place #2. The Council declared the Council seat vacant and discussion followed. The council will vote to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term at the next regular Council meeting.

Bell-Guercio also announced that she, Ed Whatley and the Town Clerk met with the auditor to review the 2016 audit. She reported ISV was over budget in revenue and under budget in expenditures. The auditor reported another good year along with a clean audit. The auditors will be at the first meeting in October to present their official report to the Council.

The Town Clerk reported that Founder's Day event is on track. Many State, Federal and Local representatives have been invited. Some have accepted the invitation, and we are waiting to hear from others.

It is almost that time of year again, and we have not raised very much money for the Children's Fund to date. We will have a booth at Founder's Day where people can donate. We also need to put the word out that time is drawing near and donations are appreciated. Last year we raised \$6000 which is a very high bar to exceed but whenever we ask the citizens for help, they respond.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Boy Scouts in attendance led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk called the roll and all Council members were present except Councilmembers Stauss.

Council Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2017 were reviewed and endorsed as written.

The Mayor acknowledged Councilmember Elliott who made a motion that the Council elect Mary Sue McClurkin to fill place #2 vacated by Kathryn Harrington. Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Joan Downs, Town Clerk and Notary issued the Oath of Office and Councilmember McClurkin assumed her place on the Council.

Mayor Bell-Guercio introduced Wayne Barber, CPA of DeLoach, Barber & Caspers, PC. Mr. Barber presented the results of the year ending 2016 audit. Barber showed the net worth of ISV to be 2,620,818, an increase of \$130,000 over the prior year. He noted a five year trend in increasing net worth by at least \$125,000 each year. He compared actual expense and revenue to budget expense and revenue. Once again, revenues were more than budget and expenses were less than budgeted. Overall, Mr. Barber stated ISV was a clean audit and complimented the Council on their work. Whatley made a motion to accept the 2016 audit and Elliott seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Chief Buddy Tyler reported that the NSFD installed 303 smoke alarms in over 40 homes in the Indian Valley Subdivision. He also noted the burn ban will be lifted but reminded everyone they must follow the rules, one of which is no burning within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling. If you are not sure what the rules are you can contact Chief Tyler at chief@northshelbyfire.com.

Councilmember Robins reported Ace Tree Service confirmed they will trim the oak tree by the Town Hall in November when the tree is more dormant. He also reported that the rock for the new building will be delivered next week and he is still looking for someone to give him a price to install. The back splash and railing are completed. The concrete will be completed next week. Councilmember Whatley noted that the final inspection is Wednesday and this will allow a Certificate of Occupancy to be delivered. He wants to merge punch lists and submit to the contractor by the end of the week.

Whatley presented the August financials along with a brief discussion. Whatley moved that the financials

be accepted as presented. Elliot seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio pointed out that according to the Shelby County Reporter ISV was listed as the #2 place to live in Shelby County. Bell-Guercio reported that Derek Dickson, previously assigned deputy to ISV, received the Medal of Honor at the Sheriff's Award Ceremony held last week, and our SRO for OMES, Deputy James Sellers received the Meritorious Service Award.

Stephen Leachman, NSFD fireman who spearheaded the community hurricane relief efforts, briefed the Council on the continuing ongoing efforts to assist people devastated by the recent hurricanes. He drove to Orange, Texas eleven days after the hurricane and emptied the truck in three hours. He took a second load recently and worked with a faith based organization to distribute the load. He wanted to thank the community for all their efforts in collecting and organizing the relief effort. The NSFD is still collecting goods and will be delivering to Florida with possible shipment of supplies to Puerto Rico. He asked that everyone continue to support the vast needs of our country's citizens.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm and invited everyone to join the Council for refreshments in celebration of Councilmember Mary Sue McClurkin's induction to the ISV Council.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

Boy Scouts in attendance:
James Cole Troop 505 Badge –Communications MB
Zach Anderson Troop 505 Badge –Communications MB
Gavin Reed Troop 505 Badge –Communications MB
Noah Carleton Troop 505 Badge –Communications MB
Walker Cole Troop 505 Badge –Communications MB
Ammon Ripley Troop 505 Badge –Communications MB
Sterling Davis Troop 535 Badge –Communications MB
J Roger Davis, Asst. Scout Master

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Council members were present. The Mayor reported there was no business before the Council and asked everyone join in celebrating the 27th Annual Founders Day.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk



NORTH SHELBY SHERIFF

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Deputy James Seller is Presented the Meritorious Service Award

In April of 2015 Deputy James Sellers, the School Resource Officer for Oak Mountain Elementary, saw an opportunity to reach children in our community through a camp hosted by SROs. For over 2 years he worked with fellow SROs and administrators with our agency, Shelby County Schools, the DAs Office, and COMPACT 2020 to develop a camp that would instill leadership, values, and knowledge in each camper through a highly structured educational and adventurous camp experience.


Camp Journey took place the week of June 19th this year at Oak Mountain Intermediate School and hosted 49 rising 6th grade students. Students were given character building instruction along with training on challenges adolescents face. Campers were immersed in a Jr. Citizens Sheriff's Academy, numerous guest speakers, and fun activities. SROs forged strong relationships with students while teaching them lessons they will carry forth throughout their academic careers and beyond. Camp Journey received overwhelming feedback from campers and parents. Dr. Louis Brooks, Assistant Superintendent for Shelby County Schools, has asked us to host camps in 2018.

Deputy Sellers initiative to bring forward the concept for Camp Journey, provide a comprehensive proposal, and work with partners to ensure the camps success is a testament to his dedication to the SRO unit, the Sheriff's Office, students, and the community. By developing Camp Journey and overseeing it as Camp Director Deputy Sellers has made a substantial and positive impact on the goals of the Sheriff's Office, and I commend him for his exemplary service. Deputy Sellers is hereby presented the Meritorious Service Award.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE CHILDREN'S FUND

It's that time of year again, and I just wanted to remind everyone, if you haven't already, please consider a donation to the ISV Children's Fund. Please read the attached letter from Hayden Belisle, Counselor at Oak Mountain Elementary School. It will touch your heart and hopefully your pocketbook.

Thanks,
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

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Tales from the Hall...

A Pleasant Journey Down Memory Lane

By BJ Scharath

What could be better on a cool grey drizzly day than drinking a cup of Hazelnut Coffee in a warm and cozy kitchen with a wonderful lady full of historical stories of the Village....her kitchen has the proverbial refrigerator full of family pictures (five grandsons) and walls filled with wonderful posters about the Best Places to eat in Alabama before you die (OK, I've been to many, but the list just grew, but I think I have a few years yet to go!), and lovely stitched samplers from friends. Such was my luck the day I interviewed the newest council member to join the Indian Springs Village Town Council, none other than Mary Sue McClurkin. So, if you have been in Alabama for any amount of time, you have probably heard her name. She has been in the state legislature for many, many years; she is still active in state politics, serving as current Chairman of SHIC (State Health Coordinating Council) since her original appointment by Governor Fob James, with continuing appointments by succeeding governors through our current governor Kay Ivey.

What impressed me most about this lady however, was not her formidable political career, but her wonderful stories of Indian Springs Village before it WAS Indian Springs Village. Mary Sue and her husband Van McClurkin moved in the early 70's to an unincorporated area in Shelby County located off Caldwell Mill Rd, between Valleydale and Cahaba Valley Road. Their property had been a country dumping ground, requiring them to clean up the property, get rid of old mattresses tossed away, unwanted household goods and trash that was easier to dump "out in the country" than do anything else with it. They even found an old still on the back of their property. It was a time when North Shelby County was considered "a ways out in the country" from urban Birmingham. Back then, in those days Mary Sue and her husband built a home on that property, where they still live, working hard to get basic services like power and water to their home, for them as well as those who were now living nearby to them. Petitions had to be signed and money raised to make payments to the power company and water company to bring services to the area. The property was close to Birmingham; the Dept. Parks and Recreation department had their "garden hothouses" next to what now is part of Jefferson State Junior College. They had to petition

Birmingham to get basic services like water and power (which is why parts of Indian Springs Village to this day has water from Birmingham Water Works, although other parts get their water from Pelham Water Works or have well water). Mary Sue and her husband talked about places long since gone, like the watering hole that used to be located on Valleydale and 280 that was the last "watering hole" as workers left a wet county for a dry county. One historical distinction that Mary Sue brings is that she is the person who actually took the original papers of incorporation for Indian Springs Village to our county seat in Columbiana and presented them to Judge Tommy Snowden, the probate judge at the time. For those of us "youngsters" who love living in Indian Springs Village, don't we owe so much to the visionaries and hard working folks who gave of their time and talents to help create our lovely town.

But my favorite story of all was when Mary Sue talked about being a young college student and having to tell her Democrat Dad she supported the Republican party (and has continued to do so ever since then). She talked about how hard it was trying to think of how to tell her Dad that she was running for a Republican office, despite the fact that he was and had been a staunch Democrat. And we laughed about a "house divided"....and what that really meant. Regardless of personal political leanings, red or blue, our Village will benefit from the experience and talents of someone like Mary Sue McClurkin.

Don't forget to visit our new website at indianspringsvillage.org and be sure to check out our new Facebook page, for real time news and pictures, [facebook.com/town of ISV](https://facebook.com/townofISV).

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ronald Mabry Moon. Mr. Moon of Indian Springs Alabama passed away Wednesday, September 13th, from injuries sustained at his home.

Ron was born December 2, 1944 in Cullman County Alabama. His family moved



to Birmingham Alabama in 1963. He graduated from West End High School in December of 1963. Ron then attended Alabama College (now the University of Montevallo) and received his Bachelor of Science degree in December of 1967. Because of his love for Montevallo, he returned to his alma mater and received his Masters degree in 1978.

Ron's work career included time with first national bank until he joined the Alabama National Guard in 1967. Following his training with the National Guard, he began his tenure as an educator with Minor High School. In 1972, he developed and became the instructor of the Retailing and Merchandising program at Bessemer State Technical College. He was an extraordinary instructor, highly esteemed by his students and is still friends with students from both Minor High School and Bessemer Tech. In 1985, Ron became an administrator with Bessemer Tech prior to serving as the Dean of instruction until 2005. He was selected by his peers to receive the Dean of the Year Award, which was a statewide honor. Ron finished his career there as the interim President of Bessemer State Technical College. In 2006, Ron served as Dean of Instruction at Wallace State Community College until his retirement in June of 2007.

Ron had many hobbies. He enjoyed fishing, particularly at Bazemore Mill Pond in southeast Alabama. He enjoyed many years fishing there with his father-in-law, his wife and sons, and friends. Collecting guns, old coins, and finding arrowheads gave him many hours of pleasure. Ron enjoyed hunting as well and was a member of the Alabama Sportsman Club. In addition to these activities, Ron loved the sport of boxing. He was involved with developing the sport in the state and judged professional and amateur boxing matches for 40 years. He was a licensed member of the Alabama Athletic Commission as a judge.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Conrad Moon and Montez Moon. His wife of 48 years, Patricia Stewart Moon, and his two sons, Jason Allen Moon and Justin Daniel Moon, survive him. Surviving him also are his two granddaughters Kaitlyn Grace Moon and Madison Page Moon. He genuinely loved being their "Poppy." Ron is also survived by his brother-in-law, Mike Stewart (Jawana) of Dothan, AL; nephew, Spencer Stewart, US Army, as well as several cousins throughout the state and by many friends.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Jennie Parsons Dockery Pittman. Mrs. Pittman, 86, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2017 in Palm Springs, CA of natural causes after living life to the fullest. Jennie was a true Southern Belle, dedicated wife, and a loving mother. Preceded in death



by her husband of 51 years, Charles William "Bill" Pittman.

Jennie was the daughter of the late William Everett Dockery and Jennie Wall Parsons Dockery of Richmond County, NC. Her father's twin brother was Henry Clay Dockery and her mother's twin sister was Rosa Leak Parsons Little. She was a descendant of General Alfred Dockery of Rockingham, NC (Richmond County) a founder of Wake Forest University.

Jennie is survived by her sons, Charles William "Chuck" Pittman Jr. (Patricia) of Atlanta, GA and Henry Dockery Pittman (partner, Doug) of Birmingham, AL; daughter, Jennie Dockery Pittman Austin (Dr. Jesse William "Ace" Austin, Jr.) of Montgomery, AL; grandchildren, Matthew Pittman Austin (Laura), Jesse William Austin III, Jennie Dockery Austin, and Evelyn Leigh Pittman; nephew, Dr. Jack Pittman (Valleta) and family; and niece, Emily Pittman Hudson (Art) and family.

Jennie graduated from St. Catherine's School in Richmond, VA, and attended Wingate College and the University of North Carolina. She was president of the Cahaba Valley Garden Club, Indian Springs Garden Club, and PEO National Education Society-

Chapter D. She also was a member of the Historical Society of Richmond County, NC, and the Historical Society of Shelby County, AL.

Jennie loved New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Indian Springs and her church family. One of her greatest joys was serving as church secretary for over 18 years.

Jennie was an excellent cook, enjoyed quilting, and loved to head up fundraisers for the church. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling with friends, beach trips, and long card games. Her close group of friends she loved dearly.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. Edwin Maphendla Moyo. Dr. Moyo, age 75, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama. He dedicated his life to serving his family, his community, and his faith, and did so with humor and aplomb



always recognizable by his beloved purple pick-up truck.

Edwin was born on November 20, 1941, in the farming village of Matopo, Zimbabwe, to Idah (Ncube) and Maphendla Moyo. At an early age, he was distinguished by his intelligence, and he earned scholarships for Goromonzi High School, where he graduated in 1961, Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1965, and Howard University College of Medicine where he graduated in 1969 and where he completed his internal medicine residency.

After his residency, Edwin was recruited in 1975 to start a practice in what was then the Holy Family Catholic Hospital, better known as the Community Hospital of Ensley, Alabama. For the rest of his life, he would remain loyal to the community that welcomed him. He served the people of Ensley for over 40 years, renowned as a doctor who treated every patient regardless of ability to pay.

In 1971, Edwin married Regina (Nkomo) Moyo, and they raised their family in Forestdale and Indian Springs, Alabama. Regina and Edwin instilled in their children both a deep respect for American values and the importance of their Ndebele heritage. As many of his younger brothers and sisters came to join him to

the United States, Edwin became the cornerstone of his family, a constant source of wisdom, strength, and support for his loved ones. Of all the resources he lavished on his family, the most significant was simply the example of his character, the humility and integrity that infused his deeds and thoughts. Underlying his character was his faith, which brought him great joy.

In 2005, Edwin was born again, an experience that provided him with both redemption and a renewed sense of purpose. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, his brothers Edgar and Edmyer, and his sister Edna. He is survived by his wife, Regina; his children, Artwell (Emily), Koliwe (Geoff Stephens), Zandile, Sipiwe (Leeroy); his brothers, Edward and Edmund, and his sisters, Edlyne, Edlue, and Manda Edith; his grandchildren, and his cherished nieces and nephews.

If God so moves you, donations can be mailed to Radius Unlimited Inc., 290 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124 or sent directly to the Radius Unlimited Inc. account at BBVA Compass. Radius Unlimited is a foundation that Edwin Moyo created in 2010 to touch the lives of the the spiritually and the physically challenged in Birmingham, Alabama and in Zimbabwe.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Lee Grayson Stockman. Mr. Stockman passed away on October 20, 2017 at the age of 38.

Survivors include wife, Katherine Stockman of Homewood; daughter,



Laura Kathryn Stockman of Homewood; son, Garrett Griffin Stockman of Homewood; mother, Connie Griffin (Randy) of Fairhope; and grandparent, Mack and Vera Griffin of Cleveland.

Mr. Stockman had previously served this community as a deputy sheriff but had recently graduated law school and started a new position as an attorney with a firm in Pelham, AL.

Indian Springs Village Founders Day Celebration

By Tricia Crapets



Twenty-seven years ago the citizens of a quiet semi-rural bedroom community declared their independence from invading cities on all sides. Hoover, Pelham, and Birmingham were closing in on our community, having set their sights on our four new schools and the abundance of land tracts just waiting to be developed.

A handful of determined volunteers planned and worked tirelessly for months to bring self-determination to Indian Springs Village through municipal incorporation. Thus, history was made on October 16, 1990 when the efforts of the visionaries came to fruition.

Tonight the town celebrated 27 years. Old friends and new gathered to reminisce about the past and to look forward to the future. If the first 27 years has shown us anything, it's that the next 27 should be just as awesome!



Guests arriving for celebration.



Friends and neighbors reminisce as they wait for the festivities to begin!



Above: Happy Birthday, Indian Springs Village! Delicious cakes from Edgar's!



Left: Steaks cooked to order! Cooked to perfection by Texas Roadhouse at the pit at the ISV Town Hall Pavilion.

The grand "reveal" of the new "barn"! Not a barn at all, but instead a meeting room with storage capabilities as well two restrooms and water fountains.

WHAT ARE SHELBY COUNTY'S 'BEST PLACES TO LIVE?'

by Neal Wagner, 280 Living
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A national website has ranked the top places to live in Shelby County, praising the communities for having everything from strong schools to low cost living.

The Niche.com website recently released its "2017 best places to live in Shelby County" list, which was based on quality of schools, crime rates, housing trends, employment statistics and access to amenities.

The rankings are weighted heaviest toward higher education rates, cost of living, housing and public schools, according to the website.

The website ranks the Meadowbrook area off U.S. 280 as the top place to live in Shelby County, as the community earned a public school grade of A minus, a housing grade of A, a family friendliness grade of A plus, a nightlife grade of B plus and a diversity grade of B minus.

Indian Springs Village in northern Shelby County came in at No. 2 on the list, earning a public school grade of A minus, a housing grade of A, a family friendliness grade of A plus, a nightlife grade of B plus and a diversity grade of B minus.

Helena came in at No. 3 on the list, scoring an A minus for public schools, an A for housing, an A plus for family friendliness, a B for crime and safety, a B for nightlife and a B plus for diversity.

Following Helena was Alabaster, which came in at No. 4. Alabaster had a public school grade of A minus, a housing grade of A, a family friendliness grade of A, a crime and safety grade of B minus, a nightlife grade of B and a diversity grade of A minus.

The Brook Highland community in northern came in at No. 5 on the list, earning a public school grade of A minus, a housing grade of B minus, a family friendliness grade of A minus, a nightlife grade of A minus and a diversity grade of A.

Coming in at No. 6 on the list was Pelham, which earned a grade of A minus for public schools, A minus for housing, A for family friendliness, B for crime and safety, B plus for nightlife and B plus for

Calera came in at No. 7, earning a grade of A minus for public schools, A for housing, A for family friendliness, B plus for nightlife and A for diversity. Chelsea ranked No. 8 on the list, earning a grade of A minus for public schools, A for housing, A for family friendliness, B plus for nightlife and B for diversity.

Coming in at No. 9 was Montevallo, which scored an A minus for public schools, B minus for housing, B plus for family friendliness, B minus for crime and safety, B minus for nightlife and A for diversity.

Rounding out the top 10 was Columbiana which earned an A minus for public schools, C plus for housing, B for family friendliness, B for crime and safety, C for nightlife and A minus for diversity.

To view the entire rankings, visit Niche.com/places-to-live/search/best-places-to-live/c/shelby-county-al.

