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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 18, 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.”

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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

Well, School is out for Summer! I bet there are a lot of kids that are jumping for joy, and teachers too! Not so sure about the parents! It does seem to go by very fast, and before you know it, we are starting back.

On Thursday, April 20th, Joan Downs and I attended the Shelby County Schools 2017 Showcase luncheon. While we were already proud of our schools, we left awed after hearing of all the achievements and listening to presentations, not only from Shelby County Superintendent and teachers, but unbelievably poised and knowledgeable students.

Shelby County School district was among 16 school districts receiving an “A” rating assigned by AL.com based on recent accountability data released by the Alabama State Department of Education, and we were the only county district, as well as the largest, included on the list of “A” school districts.

We heard that students are learning automation and robotics, printing computer models with 3-D technology and programming skills at all grade levels. Curriculum includes music, art, business, finance, engineering, and health sciences in addition to the standard curriculum.

Lifelong values of teamwork, self-discipline, and leadership skills are a big part of the learning experiences as well. There are peer mentoring programs and service projects and the Leader in Me program beginning in elementary school.

Superintendent Randy Fuller said the core message of the Shelby County School District is “Prepared for the Journey,” and I think we can be assured that is exactly what they are doing to prepare our children and grandchildren for the future. We congratulate them on a job well done!

I hope you will join us for the Annual Indian Springs Fourth of July BBQ. We always have some delicious BBQ, not to mention camaraderie and good music. Hopefully you can have a walk-through of the new building by then.

The Council has almost finished going through the Comprehensive Plan and updating where needed. When finished, a copy will be posted and put on the webpage for consideration and review. A Public Hearing will be set and notices sent out.

Councilman Robins and I recently met with John Cooper, Director of ALDOT, mainly to introduce ourselves and open lines of communication. We expressed our gratitude to ALDOT for the way they have maintained Highway 119 over the years and the good working relationship we have enjoyed. We did convey to him that we were not opposed to additional turn lanes or 3 lanes as needed for safety, but did not ever want to see Highway 119 expanded into a 4 or 5 lane thoroughfare where 18 wheelers would speed up and down 24/7, and we would experience other perils of increased flooding from more hard surface, not to mention the increase in noise and pollution and need for commercial lighting that would destroy our night sky. I actually feel this would significantly and permanently damage our town we have worked so hard to preserve and protect. It would be in direct opposition to our Mission Statement and our Comprehensive Plan. While this is not an imminent concern, we want to remain diligent and be proactive in stating our position.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Bell-Guercio

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

We are in the process of planning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ. Jim n Nick's will be our vendor again this year. They were awesome last year, and we are looking forward to another good performance. Put a reminder on your calendar and join us for food and fun and let's celebrate the birthday of our Country. If you would like to volunteer give me a call, email or text ([joan@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:joan@indianspringsvillage.org)). I was excited by the number of volunteers we had for the Easter Egg Hunt this year. It would be awesome to have that same support, enthusiasm and volunteers for the July 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed in the following areas.

- Set-up
- Clean-up
- Parking
- Children's games
- Drink tent

If you are new to Indian Springs Villages the celebration starts with a parade. The parade begins at the Walmart Shopping Center on Caldwell Mill Road. The parade leaves the parking lot at 10:00 am. Drive down Caldwell Mill Road to Indian Crest Drive. Turn right onto Indian Crest Drive and drive to Wildwood Lane. Turn right onto Wildwood Lane and follow it around until the road changes into Highgate Hill and then connects back to Indian Crest Drive. Turn right onto Indian Crest Drive and drive to Arrowhead Lane. Turn left onto Arrowhead Lane and drive to Cahaba Valley Road. Turn right onto Cahaba Valley Road and drive to Mt. Vista. Turn left onto Mt. Vista and then turn left onto Brook Green Lane and then another left on Indian Trail. Drive on Indian Trail to Cahaba Valley Road. Turn right onto Cahaba Valley Road and follow the BBQ scent to the ISV Town Hall. Join the parade or set up your lawn chair and enjoy the fun.

A DJ, face-painter, clown and games to entertain the children will be available for your enjoyment. Bring a dessert to enter into the "Best Dessert" contest. Members of the fire department will be on hand as usual to judge the entries.

Work has started again on the new Multi-purpose building. It's looking good and it should be mostly complete by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all Council members were present except Councilperson Kathryn Harrington.

The minutes of the March 7, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

Bell-Guercio recognized Wayne Jones, PAZ Chairman, who presented the PAZ approved sub-division request and plans. The request was to divide property into two lots, one five acre lot and the other a 10 acre lot located on Cahaba Oaks Lane. The sub-division name changed to The Musgrove Estates after presentation to PAZ, this was the only change. Councilman Whatley made a motion to accept the sub-division as presented.

Councilman Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio reported that she and the Town Clerk attended the March 8<sup>th</sup> dedication of the Fire House Subs grant presentation at the Promenade in Alabaster to the NSFD.

Councilman Robins discussed the complaint that Grimes Road was not draining due to silt clogging the drains. Wayne Jones showed pictures and the property owner Jeff Brewer explained the work being done to eliminate the problem. Another drainage issue on Signal Trail was discussed and Robins will call and report the issue to the County.

Whatley asked that the financials be deferred to the next Council meeting.

Bell-Guercio reminded all Council members they must file the Statement of Economic Interest by May 1, 2017. She reported that 10 more pages of the Comprehensive Plan update had been completed at the Work Session held prior to the Council meeting. Also reported was that according to Ferris Ritchey, Town Attorney, ISV should receive remaining amount due on the Andrews matter shortly.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all Council members were present.

The minutes of the March 21, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

Fire Chief Buddy Tyler reported there were 153 total calls in March, 87 Medical and 66 fire related. He reported it is the time of year that fire hydrants are tested and citizens may notice cloudy water. There is no need for alarm the water will settle down. It is not dangerous and residents should not be alarmed.

Wayne Jones, PAZ chairman, reported that the Signal Trail sub-division will be resubmitted and he will advise when it is ready to be put on the agenda.

Councilmember Dale Elliott reported that he had met with the ISV Garden Club at their regular meeting on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> with regard to the cardiology initiative that he has proposed. They were very supportive and it will be on their agenda the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in July.

Councilmember Whatley reported he has set a meeting with the multi-purpose building contractor and architect and he will report outcome at the next Council meeting. Whatley presented the February financials. He made a motion to accept financials as presented, Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous. Whatley also reported that he and the Town Clerk are working on the Alagasco revenue discrepancy.

Councilmember Harrington presented a resolution that will accompany the USPS petition for ISV unique zip code. She summarized the resolution and it will be presented for a vote at the next meeting.

Bell-Guercio reminded the Council that a work session will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall to continue work on the ISV Comprehensive plan.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt Pictures are located on pages 6 & 7.

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all Council members were present except Kathryn Harrington.

The minutes of the April 4, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Wayne Jones, PAZ chairman, reported he still has not received plat map for the Signal Trail sub-division. He will add it to the agenda when it has been received.

Councilmember Herb Robins thanked all the Easter egg hunt volunteers. There were a record number of volunteers this year and he did not want to list them in case he missed some. Robins reported that the cost estimate from Shelby County for paving ISV's portion (approximately 1050 feet) of Double Oak Lane is \$26,920.00. He also reported that due to complaints, the traffic light at Caldwell Mill and Cahaba Valley Rd. was inspected by Stone and Son's Electric. They did not find a problem with the light but changed the sensor just in case. Robins noted previous reports of the left turn arrow from Hwy. 119 to Caldwell Mill Rd. not functioning properly. The problem was not with the light but with drivers failing to place their tires on the signal loop sensors imbedded in the two parallel grooves in the pavement. When vehicles tires are not on the sensors, the light does not know a vehicle is there and will not give the green turn arrow or will turn it off prematurely if other vehicles in the turn lane miss the sensors.

Councilmember Stauss reported he had been in touch with Mac Media with regard to web-site redevelopment in order to adhere to ADA requirements. He will meet with them at the Town Hall shortly.

Councilmember Whatley presented the March Financials. He made a motion to accept financials as presented, Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous. Whatley reported that he, Wayne Jones, and Mark Burns attended a meeting with Jay Bennett of Bennett Building Inc., Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to review updated final change orders to the multi-purpose building and to discuss the cost of the changes. The cost was approximately \$81,910. Whatley presented several options with which the Council could proceed with the project, but recommended the Council approve a motion to accept the change order and move forward with the project. The additional scope of work is listed

in the suspend order with some deletions or exceptions. Councilman Elliott made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the issue. Whatley seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous. Whatley made a motion the Council authorize himself and Mark Burns to direct the contractor to finish the work within the current scope of work which includes the change order with the exception of; delete sidewalks, deduct the rock at the base of the building, delete staining of floors, and deduct the direct labor on cabinet installation (complete list is in the change order). This scope of work should not exceed \$80,000. Additionally, all the work should be completed by June 20<sup>th</sup>. Elliott seconded and the vote was unanimous. Elliott also made a motion to give Whatley the authority to contract with a flooring contractor to stain the floors and not to exceed \$3500. Stauss seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio reported the USPS petition has reached over 500 signatures and presented Resolution 04-18-17-01 regarding assignment of a specific zip code for ISV. The resolution outlines the hardships incurred by ISV residents and will accompany the petition to The United States Post Office. Whatley made a motion to accept the resolution as presented, Stauss seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio reported the Work Session, held prior to the Council meeting, to update the ISV Comprehensive Plan is progressing smoothly. She reminded the Council that another work session will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall to continue the work.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2017

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and Council members present were Ed Whatley, Brian Stauss and Brenda Bell-Guercio. Absent Council Members were Kathryn Harrington, Herb Robins, and Dale Elliott. There was not a quorum at the meeting.

Shelby County Sheriff, John Samaniego was in attendance and reported to the Council that he had pulled the stats before he came and ISV is doing very well. There were a very low number of calls and

incidents in the Town during the past several months. He stated that if we needed anything from his office at all, not to hesitate to call him.

Chief Tyler reported there were 127 calls last month, 51 fire related and 76 medical related. He reported the fire hydrants are being painted along with continued testing. Painting the fire hydrants is done every other year. Tyler reported that the new Fire Inspector is working well. His job is to make sure all mandated Shelby County fire codes are met. He also advised that the Burn Ban is in effect as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone needs a copy of the documentation which includes rules and regulations, it can be picked up at the Fire Station.

The Mayor introduced Mac McKinnon of MacMedia who was in attendance at the invitation of Councilman Stauss. Stauss had previously spoken to him about the need for the web-site to be updated or replaced and meet ADA requirements. Mac presented his company as an avenue in which to proceed in making a decision. He will be in touch with Ed Zwilling who is our ADA consultant in order to fully understand requirements and will be back in touch with us at the next Council meeting with recommendations and pricing.

The Mayor also introduced Katie Guerin and Savannah Kitchens from the North Shelby Library. They updated everyone on the upcoming Summer Reading Program for children and also the many new features now available for free on-line or on-site, i.e., Ancestry.com, Flipster, Lynda.com, Rosetta Stone, Chilton Autorepair. Check it out. The Council will approve their usual annual financial help for the Summer Reading Program.

Wayne Jones, PAZ Chairperson informed the Council a PAZ meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall to review the Signal Trail sub-division. The original plan was revised since their last approval.

The Town Clerk asked the Council to consider the opportunity of selling T-Shirts and Hats in order to help raise money for the Children's Fund. Information is being gathered on options and cost and details will be forth coming.

Boy Scout Jack Dean of Troop 538 was in attendance in order to earn his Citizenship and Community badge.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Downs, Town Clerk



## **NORTH SHELBY FIRE DISTRICT**

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**“Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention”**

The annual A.D.E.M. burn ban for Shelby County is now being enforced within the North Shelby Fire District. The burn ban is in effect from May 1<sup>st</sup>. – October 31<sup>st</sup>. of each year. A copy of the A.D.E.M. regulations can be obtained at the Valleydale Road fire station or by emailing a request to the fire chief at [chief@northshelbyfire.com](mailto:chief@northshelbyfire.com).

## **IN SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Nora Overstreet Boyett. Nora Boyett, age 93, of Indian Springs, Alabama passed away on June 3, 2017 at her home. She was a member Barnsville Freewill Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, James H. Boyett and her brother, Edward Pettis Overstreet. She is survived by her nephew, Edwin D. Overstreet, her first cousin, Roberta Overstreet, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.



# THE 23rd ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE EASTER EGG HUNT

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. The weather cooperated and Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> was a bright sunny day which brought out a crowd for the festivities. The Easter Bunny was there to welcome all the children and pose for pictures with her. Warren Jones brought a few of his tame rabbits for the children to pet. The bounce houses and food trucks were an exciting addition this year. Jim Rainwater volunteered to take pictures during the event for us.

Preparations began months in advance with ordering prizes and goodies. Our egg stuffers spent long hours stuffing eggs; so thank you to Christi DeNard, Margi Robins, Joan Down, Darlene and Jim Rainwater, Jennifer Bondi, Stacey Ramirez, Kay Legg, Betty Wilder, and Cheryl and Ashton Camp. The day before the hunt, Herb Robins took care of staking off the area for each of the age groups to hunt. All the

volunteers convened Saturday morning to hide the eggs and prepare the grounds. Thank you again to all of the volunteers that came out to set up and help make the Easter egg hunt a huge success.

The actual hunt began at 3pm and was over within a matter of a few minutes. All the children hurried about and gathered almost all the eggs, then returned to redeem their prizes.

A special thanks to the Easter Egg Hunt committee, and their helpers. The Easter Egg hunt would not have been possible without the help of Sean and Christy DeNard, Darlene and Jim Rainwater, Herb and Margie Robins, Don and Joan Downs, Brian and Holly Rodgers, Keith and Rosalyn McKendall-Crawford, Bryan Hix, Eleanor Bennett, and Jennifer Kiser. This event is another way we keep our town traditions intact and Indian Springs Village a very special place to live.





# TWO OAK MOUNTAIN ROBOTICS TEAMS ARE WORLD CHAMPIONS

by STEPHEN DAWKINS, Shelby County Reporter  
May 2, 2017

Robotic teams from both Oak Mountain Intermediate School and Oak Mountain Middle School can both claim the title of “World Champion” after winning awards in two major categories at the 2017 VEX IQ Worlds Robotics Competition.

The two winning teams were part of five teams from the two Oak Mountain schools who competed in the worldwide competition. They were part of an elite group of 750 elementary and middle school teams (out of 18,000 registered VEX IQ teams from around the world) invited to compete at the prestigious event, held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 23-25.

Team 10740J, “The Mighty Midgets” from OMIS, won the Design Award for the Elementary School Math Division. Team 10740G, “The Nerd Herd” from Oak Mountain Middle School, won the Teamwork Challenge in the Middle School Science Division. “The Nerd Herd” went on to compete in the finals match, where they ended the competition ranked sixth in the world.

Members of the “The Mighty Midgets” OMIS team are Carter Austin, Mabrey Whitehead, Alivia Wylie and Rebecca Tautkus, who was not able to attend Worlds. Members of “The Nerd Herd”

OMMS team include Khaled Zuaiter, Ismael Choucha, Aaron Pendry, Cade May and Henry Meads. The teams are led by teachers Rebecca Austin and Sherri Whitehead, who was named the VEX IQ Teacher of the Year at last’ year’s World competition.

“To be ranked sixth competing against teams from countries all over the world is quite an accomplishment,” said Dr. Larry Haynes, principal at Oak Mountain Middle School.

## Practice pays off

Dr. Pat LeQuier, principal at OMIS, said her students’ success shows that practice and perseverance pay off and is a great example of students having a growth mindset.

“This year we have focused on the importance of deliberate practice to improve performance,” LeQuier said. “For Alivia, Carter and Mabrey, winning this global competition is evidence of their willingness to work diligently over time to improve not only their design but to strengthen their problem-solving skills too!”

“At OMIS, teachers and students often remind each other that the learning is in the struggle and we celebrate progress as we work toward targeted goals,” LeQuier said. “In this specific competition, our team of fifth graders worked together to document their ongoing learning, adjust to improve their outcomes and kept their focus on creating their personal best design. Their success is an awesome example for all of us of how persistence, receptiveness to constructive feedback, and dedication to working toward a long-term goal over time can have amazing and rewarding results!”

“They are an amazing group of young men and women,” Whitehead said of the students competing on all of the two schools’ robotics teams. “Students competing in robotics competitions put in hundreds of hours preparing for competitions throughout the year.”

In order to compete in robotics competitions, students must design and build their robot. This



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process requires that they document their engineering design process in an engineering notebook. Once the robot is complete, they also have to program the joystick so that it syncs up to the robot and also that it moves autonomously (without the use of the joystick). Finally, students must complete a research project on the STEM topic of Robotics Technology in the Community. During the competition, teams go before a panel of judges to present their STEM Project and to discuss the Engineering Design Process the team went through.

Whitehead said the design award won by the OMIS team had to meet a set of requirements which shows the recipient demonstrates the ability to implement the most effective and efficient robot design process. An engineering notebook, which is clear, complete and organized, is required to be considered for the design award. The notebook, along with discussion with the judges, demonstrates the team's ability to produce a quality robot with minimal adult assistance. The team must also demonstrate effective management of skills, time and material resources; understand and explain how they developed an effective game strategy and robot design; and demonstrate teamwork and effective communication skills.

### **Growing robotics programs**

When Whitehead took over as the OMMS sponsor in 2014, there were approximately six to 10 students competing on two different robotics teams. The next year, it doubled to 20 students on six teams. Today, the program currently has 64 students competing on 16 teams.

"This year alone my teams competed in nine competitions around the state," Whitehead said. "We began our season in Gulf Shores for Bots at the Beach and ended our season the VEX IQ Worlds Robotics Competition. Along the way, we have traveled to Opelika, Oxford, Mountain Brook, McCalla and Jacksonville State University."

Prior to their showing at Worlds, the OMMS robotics teams had won 34 awards this season. Those awards include winning the top robotics Award of Excellence seven times, the Robot Skill award (which combines programming and driver skills) four times, the STEM Research Project award seven times, the Design Award four times, the Teamwork Challenge award nine times and the Judges Award three times.

This year, the state of Alabama had 137 teams

registered for events. In March, the top 30 teams in the state were invited to compete in the State Robotics Competition. Out of the 30 teams selected, 10 of those teams were from OMMS, representing one-third of the field. At the state competition, OMMS won the Teamwork Challenge and the Design Award.

"The ultimate goal of any robotics team is to qualify and compete at the VEX Worlds Robotics Competition," Whitehead said. "This year, I am proud to say that we had five teams qualify to compete in this worldwide event, more than any other school in the state. In fact, only six other schools around the world qualified as many teams as we did. What a huge accomplishment for my students! I am honored to represent such an amazing group of students!"

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The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Bark & Wine benefiting Shelby Humane Society is set and gearing up to be the best yet. Once again we will be at the beautiful Greystone Country Club, with a wonderful strolling dinner and super auction items. As last year, Granger-Thagard auctioneers will be leading an auction of international trips, a Bourbon Trail Tasting trip, fabulous art, great local experiences and a special something with the shelter in mind.

For more information and to purchase tickets go to [www.shelbyhumane.org](http://www.shelbyhumane.org) Sponsorships, reserved tables and individual tickets will be available. Check the site for updates and follow us on facebook as the event nears. Tickets may be purchased by texting BARKWINE17 to 41444

# INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL ACHIEVES SILVER LEED CERTIFICATION

Indian Springs School's three new classroom buildings and new administration building have been awarded Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that promotes sustainability in building design, construction, and operation.

Considered a standard for sustainable building in the United States and more than 150 countries and territories worldwide, LEED certification recognizes green building features that conserve energy, save water, lower carbon emissions, and create healthier environments.

For its Silver LEED designation, Indian Springs earned significant points across six environmental categories: innovative design, sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. Specific areas in which Springs received recognition include:

- **Innovation in design:** Use of daylight, unobstructed views, open space, and low-mercury lighting; and development of a classroom curriculum highlighting the buildings' sustainable design features
- **Sustainable sites:** Preferred parking for low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles; storm water management to limit pollution of natural water flows to Springs' lake; use of roofing materials that reduce "heat islands" and their impact on microclimates and wildlife and human habitats; and reduction of light pollution to increase night sky visibility
- **Water efficiency:** Reduction of total water use for irrigation by 93%; and reduction of potable water use by 30%
- **Energy and atmosphere:** Energy costs reduced by 34%; use of alternatives to ozone-depleting refrigerants to cool the buildings; and green power (purchase of renewable energy to provide at least 35% of the buildings' electricity)
- **Materials and resources:** Construction waste management (67% of construction waste was diverted from landfills); and use of recycled content and regional materials
- **Indoor environmental quality:** Air quality management plan during construction; use of low-emitting materials (paint, sealants); lighting and thermal controls; and connection to the outdoors through natural lighting and unobstructed views

"The choices that we made for our new buildings signal Indian Springs' deep commitment to using our resources wisely, to protecting our unique natural setting, and to ensuring that our students have the healthiest possible environment in which to learn," says Head of School Dr. Sharon Howell. "That commitment guided decisions throughout the design and construction of the buildings and allows us to teach our students firsthand how innovative, sustainable design impacts conservation efforts, operating costs, and classroom learning."

Indian Springs faculty, staff, alumni, Board members, parents, and students identified sustainability as a primary goal of the building project at a daylong "charrette," or planning session, led by design architect Lake|Flato in 2012. "During that visioning session, green design, the desire to integrate the new buildings with Springs' distinctive landscape, and the chance to celebrate the natural biodiversity of the campus emerged as top priorities," says Jimmy Lewis '75, who oversaw construction while serving as Chair of the Board of Governors' Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee.

Young alum Alex Jamroz '11, an architect intern with Adams Gerndt Design Group, says he and other charrette participants rallied from the beginning around the idea of sustainable building because green spaces, trees, and the school's 12-acre lake are crucial parts of the campus. "They are integral to the experience of Indian Springs," says Jamroz. "You have to go outside to go between classrooms; we have a lake day; and faculty encourage students to experience nature. All of these things lend themselves to sustainable architecture that makes use of eco-friendly, local materials to enhance a connection to nature. That idea influenced the entire process, step by step."

"The ideas and input that we got from Alex and the 70 other members of our community who participated in the charrette were invaluable," says Chairman of the Board Libby Pantazis. "Alumni—particularly young alumni—students, and parents really led the charge for green building, which speaks volumes not only about their desire to make the world a better place but also about their passion for doing all that they can to protect Indian Springs for current and future generations."

Springs' commitment to sustainability is evident at every level of the school community, says Howell. In November 2014, the Board of Governors

# what's cooking

Wow your friends and family with this simple American Flag Cookie Cake to help celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Recipe was adapted from [www.justataste.com](http://www.justataste.com).

## AMERICAN FLAG COOKIE CAKE



### Ingredients for Cookie:

- 1 1/3 cups all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 11 Tbsp. unsalted butter, softened

### Ingredients for Topping:

- 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 8 Tbsp. unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup blueberries
- 3 cups raspberries or strawberries
- 1/4 cup white chocolate chips

### Instructions

- **Make the cookie cake:**
  - Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
  - In a large bowl, whisk together the flour and brown sugar. Cut the butter into pieces, and using two forks or your fingers, work the butter into the flour mixture until it's the consistency of wet sand. Press the cookie dough firmly and evenly into a non-stick 9 x 13 baking sheet.
  - Bake the shortbread for 10 to 15 minutes until it is pale golden. Remove the shortbread from the oven, place on a cooling rack and allow to cool completely while still in the pan. Once it has cooled, use a sharp knife to carefully cut around edges then invert the cookie onto your serving platter.

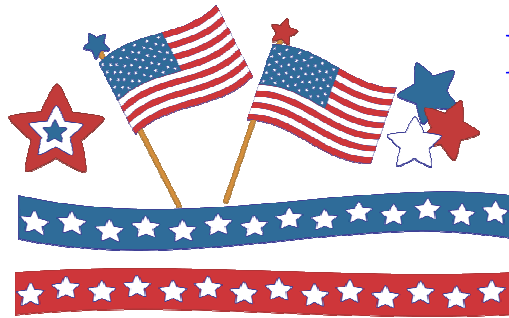
- **Make the frosting:**
  - In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, blend the cream cheese until it is smooth. Add the butter and continue blending until combined. Add the vanilla extract then sift the powdered sugar into the bowl and blend just until combined. (Over blending will cause frosting to be too runny.)
  - Spread the cream cheese frosting in an even layer on the cookie cake. Position the blueberries in the top left corner of the cake in even rows to form the blue portion of the flag and then position the raspberries or strawberries in the horizontal lines across the cake, leaving about 1 inch between each row, to form the stripes. Position the white chocolate chips between the blueberries to form the stars.
- **Serve:** Using a sharp knife, slice and serve the cookie cake immediately, or refrigerate it until ready to serve.



**Best Dessert  
Contest**

Bring a dessert to enter into the "Best Dessert" contest during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Members of the North Shelby County Fire Department will be on hand as usual to judge the entries. The winning dessert will be featured in the next issue of the Indian Springs Village Voice!

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*Punky the Clown  
Face Painting  
Children's Games*

*Bring a homemade  
dessert to be  
judged!*

# Fourth of July Celebration

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Indian Springs Village Pavilion

## Celebrate America, ISV Style!

**Parade, Independence Day Ceremony, Barbeque Lunch and More!**

**Parade Registration:** Be set up and ready to register at the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market (corner of Valleydale and Caldwell Mill) parking lot on Valleydale Road.

Decorated vehicles will begin their route through the Village at 10:00 a.m. Parade will proceed up Caldwell Mill Road and make a right turn on Indian Crest Drive. The parade will then turn right on Wildwood Lane and continue until it changes to Highgate Hill and then connects to Indian Crest Drive. Turn right onto Indian Crest and drive to Arrowhead Lane. Turn left onto Arrowhead Lane and continue to Cahaba Valley Road. Turn right onto Cahaba Valley Road and drive to Mountain Vista. Turn left onto Mt. Vista and then turn left onto Brook Green Lane and then another left onto Indian Trail. Drive on Indian Trail to Cahaba Valley Road. A right turn onto Cahaba Valley Road will take us to the Town Hall. (It is suggested that especially slow vehicles join the parade somewhere around Valley View Drive and Fox Fire Circle.)

**Barbecue Lunch:** Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Barbeque plates for adults and children. Plates will include choices of delicious barbeque pork, ribs and chicken, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks and, of course, homemade desserts.

Music will be provided, featuring a mixture of patriotic music and hits from the past.

## Volunteers Needed for Fourth of July BBQ

Help is needed:

- with set-up and cleanup
- directing parking
- to serve at the dessert and drink tables.
- Children's games

**Most importantly, don't forget to bring homemade desserts for all to enjoy!**

Yours may receive a Special Recognition Award for the "Best Homemade Dessert"

**Please call Joan Downs 982-1755 to offer your services**