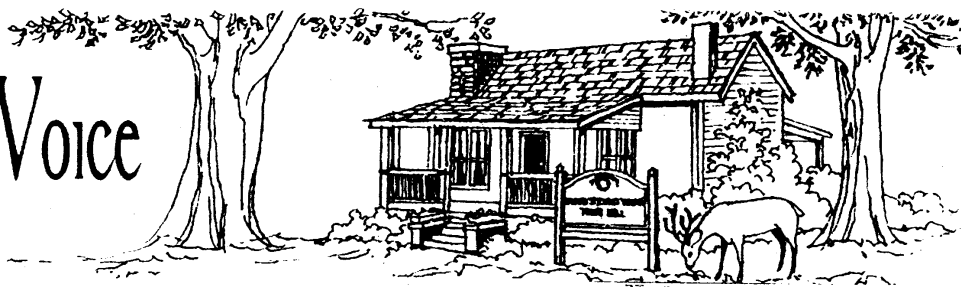


The Village Voice



Volume 27, Number 5

Indian Springs Village, Alabama

January – March 2018

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizen's Forum

Indian Springs Village Telephone
Directory Number is 982-1755

For Town Hall Reservations please
contact Amy Easton.

Email: isvtownhallres@charter.net

Website: www.indianspringsvillage.org

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 2nd quarter edition should be submitted by May 15, 2018. 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.

Address letters to the editor and news items to:
Leigh Whatley, Editor
5301 Mountain Park Drive
Indian Springs Village, AL 35124
Tel: 205.568.7601 or
email: leighwhatley@gmail.com.

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

It was at the end of last year that I was approached by Alan Miller from the Shelby County DA Office to participate in Compact 2020. This is a collaborative community drug intervention and education program designed to help with the growing drug issues in our county. Councilman, Dr. Dale Elliott, and I were more than happy to get involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to relate some of the information I have learned in hopes it will help our community. I believe we realize there is an escalating problem with drugs, both “street drugs” and prescription drugs. Our youth are at serious risk, and we must educate ourselves and come up with ways to prevent developing addictions and the bad outcomes resulting from those addictions.

Shelby County has suffered 40-50 overdose deaths per year for the last three years. 75 of those deaths were in North Shelby County. EMS calls for overdoses have been rising by 10% per year, but they are on track for a 17% increase in 2018.

Social media is another factor in the rise of addictions and suicides, so let's talk about social media. I have been as guilty as anyone of giving my grandkids my cell phone or an iPad or seeing their parents do the same to entertain them when we are out to dinner. Seems like a win-win. However, we are starting the process very early of encouraging way too much screen time and less and less of eye-to-eye verbal communication and interaction skills. A little screen time is OK, but unfortunately moderation has fallen by the way side. Today our kids spend the majority of their waking hours on some kind of screen device. Kids can't stop looking at posts on Facebook or Instagram, etc, checking on their number of followers or likes. Studies show this, in itself, causes them great anxiety if they are not getting as many likes as someone else, or they are not up to snuff on what somebody else posted and don't respond. Then they are on the outside and can feel depressed or anxious. If you think you know every site your kids are on, I might want to

sell you some beach front property in Arizona. Drug deals, stranger chats, naked photos—yes, beginning even in Middle School. Just beware and hold off on that cell phone as long as you can and put severe limits on internet access.

Some parents are under the impression that if their child is a good student, what harm is smoking a joint really going to do. Ask our coroner. It is never just alcohol or marijuana. Things progress. And parents, start having those talks with your kids early and frequently. If your child is approached by a friend or class mate: "Do you want to try this?" , and they don't already know how they are going to respond, that 1 or 2 second delay is all it takes for them to say "Okay" and think it really will be okay. If you haven't instilled some good parental advice by Middle School, their peers will soon, if not already, be more important to them than you!

Lastly for this issue, the coalition plans to work with doctors, pharmacists, coaches, and trainers to disperse information on how addicting pain killers are. Please lock up any unused pills or return them to the pharmacy or fire station for disposal. Keeping prescription drugs as well as guns locked up is a smart thing to do.

Basically, I want you to hear enough that we as a community start waking up and admitting there is a problem and start doing something about it. Law enforcement can't fix it alone. Teachers can't fix it alone. It is going to take a collaborative effort---Schools, Churches, Parents, Law Enforcement, Medical Community, Pharmacists--- we all need to work together to make this a safer and healthier environment for our children. Expect more information to come and suggestions or options to get involved.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

ISV Town Hall is very busy these days. So busy that it became increasingly clear, the Town Hall needed to be manned additional hours in order to accommodate our residents and normal municipality business. Therefore, effective March 1st

our new office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

I am also happy to announce Christy DeNard has joined our team as part-time Assistant Clerk. As a volunteer, Christy has currently been working hard organizing and working with volunteers in preparation for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. She will continue as our volunteer event coordinator, as she is an invaluable asset that insures successful Town events. Her clerk duties will include work that will continue to improve our communication processes along with the day to day office flow. Please help me welcome Christy to the ISV staff.

I hope everyone will go online, if you have not done so already, and check out our new web-site and Facebook page. One of our recent posts went semi-viral resulting in 42,000 hits. We are continuing to work hard to improve our community communication, so please like us on Facebook and receive real time news and updates.

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to see our new multi-purpose building. Rental reservations are available. In order to continue to improve and streamline the facility rental process, the rental request form is on our website. Although, online payment is not available at this time, online payment is our short-term goal. We will keep you posted. If you have any questions or would like a tour of the facilities, please contact Joan Downs during the new office hours and or call at 205-982-1755.

The USPS has still not confirmed or denied our request for our own unique zip code. If we ever get confirmation, social media will not be needed to get the word out. My scream from the mailbox will be heard all over the village! If denied, I will notify via social media. Sorry there is nothing to report at this time.

I continue to receive complaints with regard to speeding and excessive trash on Indian Crest. If you are a violator, please consider the danger you are putting yourself and your neighbors in by speeding. Also, please consider the impact that excessive trash has on our community. It is a crime to speed and litter, if possible, please report violators of these offenses.

FYI, Delta Diner is coming soon to the shopping center on Valleydale Road in the old Shane's location. Their menu will focus on BBQ, soul food, frog legs and a selection of beer and wines.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Club of Indian Springs Village met in the new Founders' Building in January, and gave a "thumbs up" to the facilities as a wonderful meeting room. Newly installed President LeighFran Jones read a lovely thank you note from former President and long time Club member Mickey Farmer, who recently moved from the Village. She also announced that the Town Hall had recently hired a person to do the routine landscape maintenance around the Town Hall, which club members had previously been doing. The company is called "Cop Cuts" because the owner is a Shelby County deputy who works landscaping on the side. The announcement was met with a hearty round of applause from members.

February's meeting was held at the Town Hall and invited speaker Alberta Fields, a local area Master Gardener, gave a talk on Herbaceous Perennials in Alabama. She commented on how challenging the central Alabama area can be for gardeners, and told the members that the website for the Alabama Cooperative Extension Systems (ACES) was a wealth of information for gardeners, large and small. One publication she gave to all members was the Alabama Gardener's Calendar (a publication of ACES). At the close of the meeting, the Mary(s) Bowman had a gift for everyone; individually potted Trillium seeds.

Upcoming events include a trip to American Village to tour the Village and tulip fields, and a session with Charlie Thigpen on container gardening. The club is open to anyone living in Indian Springs Village and its surrounding areas. Whether you have a brown thumb or a green thumb, come visit and join the ISV Garden Club. You can contact Robyn Morris at robynmorris@aflac.com or Leigh Fran Jones at leighfran@bellsouth.net or call the Town Hall for more information.

Thank you,
LeighFran Jones

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Chris Beard
Owner: Chris Beard
Address: 152 Jasmine Hill
Proposed Use: Outbuilding – Basketball Court

Applicant: L.D. Bowles Construction
Owner: Nguyen Thi and Truong Xuan
Address: 1071 Stagg Run
Proposed Use: New Home

Applicant: Lindsey Kelly
Owner: Lindsey Kelly
Address: 5217 Old Mill Cove
Proposed Use: Out Building

Applicant: Roger Self
Owner: Dana E Stockli
Address: 2930 Cahaba Valley Road
Proposed Use: Garage Addition

Applicant: Sanders Bradford
Owner: Paul and Gina James
Address: 241 Cahaba Oaks Tr.
Proposed Use: Outdoor Space

Applicant: Sentry Heating and Air
Owner: John J and Marjory E Dunn
Address: 195 Cherokee Tr
Proposed Use: Generator – Standby Power

Applicant: Standard Heating
Owner: Russell and Susan Beaty
Address: 710 New Hope Mt. Road
Proposed Use: Generator – Standby Power

Applicant: Tuff Shed
Owner: Pat Joiner
Address: 141 Arrowhead Lane
Proposed Use: Out Building – Hay Storage

Applicant: Yellowhammer
Owner: Jordan Hosey
Address: 1711 Cahaba Valley Road
Proposed Use: Garage Addition

To read the minutes from the Indian Springs Town Council Meetings, please 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.





submitted by Dale Elliott, MD, President, ISV Kiwanis Club

ISV Kiwanis Club was chartered in October 2016. Since that time we have grown both in membership and community engagement.

During the past year, we have

- provided volunteer grandparents at OMES on Grandparents Day for children who have none.
- provided school supplies for OMES.
- contributed to the ISV Children’s Christmas Fund for OMES through individual member donations.

Current plans for the rest of this year include

- Engagement with OMHS to provide student mentors, participate in senior interviews, and raise funds to provide academic support for underprivileged students.
- Fund raiser at Herdmont Park on March 17th with proceeds going to benefit OMHS students.
- Support the ISV Easter Egg Hunt with volunteers.
- Participating with David Egge in the Exceptional Anglers Program for physically and mentally challenged youth at Oak Mountain State Park in May.

We have had many outstanding speakers for our meetings during the last year including

- Doug Adaire, Director
Alabama Wildlife Rescue
- Drs. Casey and Ackerson
“Concussion and Youth Sports”
- Dr. Hudson Segrest
Cardiac Health/CPR Class
- Dr. Rosalynn Crawford-McKendall
Pediatric Dental Health

Upcoming speakers for this spring

- Clay Hemmick
Shelby County Drug Task Force
- Aubrey Miller
President Shelby County School Board and
Vice President of Birmingham Metro YMCA

We invite everyone to come out to our meetings, no commitment for joining required, though we hope you will want to after learning more about Kiwanis. We meet every third Thursday at the ISV Town Hall at 6:30 PM for a covered dish dinner and program. It is a great way to make new friends and become more engaged with your community.

Councilman Dr. Dale Elliott is serving with Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio on the COMPACT2020 task force to combat drug abuse in Shelby County.

In order to decrease the level of abuse, one of the first tasks will be to limit the amount of legally prescribed opioids available and find better non-addictive treatments to control pain. To this end, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners has mandated a required CME (continuing medical education) course on “Opioid Addiction and Treatment” to be taken every two years in order to maintain a license to prescribe controlled substances. This course was provided to fifty physicians from Shelby and Chilton Counties on February 24th at Shelby Baptist Medical Center. Dr. Elliott addressed the group updating them on the current opioid crisis in Shelby County and the efforts of COMPACT2020. He requested the active participation of the medical community in these efforts.

*Easter Sunrise
Service*

+

For the last several years, three churches in the area have been coming together in celebration of our Lord and Savior. CrossBridge Church, New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Indian Springs First Baptist Church often unite during holiday times. Their next celebratory event will be an Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM) at Southern Heritage, 475 Cahaba Valley Road, Pelham, AL.

Sometimes it is not always about the denomination, but rather the sharing of common faith that Jesus died for our sins. "He died so that we may live." That quote is a familiar one and what better way to celebrate Him than coming together in His name?

Brother Charlie Dale, Pastor at Indian Springs First Baptist Church said, "The fellowship and encouragement I receive on a personal level from Pastors Donny and Mindy and Pastor Garry continue to be a source of strength for me. I look forward to seeing the caring faces of the familiar friends from CrossBridge and New Hope each time we get together."

Valerie Baker – ISFBC Administrative/Financial Assistant



*Here comes Peter Cotton Tail,
hoppin' down the bunny trail
Hippity Hoppity Easter's on its way!*

It's that time again...

ISV's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31
11-1

It's BIGGER and better than last year!

Come hungry!

Chubbathers and Frios Gourmet Pops will join us again with their yummy fare!

Come ready to stay a while!

We'll have inflatables, carnival games and prizes, a petting area with bunnies,
and for \$5... Pony Rides!

Come prepared to hunt!

To conclude the day, we'll have the Easter Bunny lead the way to the field for the
Grand Finale...THE EGG HUNT!!!

The back field will be roped off into age groups...

0-2's 3-4's K-1st 2nd-3rd 4th-5th

We'll be so HOPPY to see you!

TWO OAK MOUNTAIN AREA TEACHERS AMONG SHELBY COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

280 LIVING, Dec. 5, 2017

By Erica Techo

Teachers and administrators from across the Shelby County School system gathered at Oak Mountain High School Monday, Dec. 4, to celebrate the 2017-18 teachers of the year.

“Thank you does not do enough, but that is one way we can start, is by a simple, genuine thank you for what you teachers do and bring to our kids’ lives every day,” said Shelby County Education Foundation Director Kendall Williams, who hosted this year’s teacher of the year celebration. “... It is an honor for me and for our foundation to honor you here tonight.”

The celebration was a time to recognize all of the school-wide teachers of the year as well as surprise the overall teacher of the year with an award. After all teachers of the year — divided by elementary, middle and high schools — were announced, they stood together to watch a video announcing the system-wide teacher of the year.

The videos interviewed colleagues and students about the teacher of the year, acknowledging their achievements and best qualities as educators. This year’s Shelby County Schools teachers of the year were Krysten Gunn, a fourth grade math teacher at Calera Intermediate; SK Hutchings, an eighth grade English language arts teacher at Oak Mountain Middle; and Michael Zauchin, the choral director at Oak Mountain High School.



Superintendent Randy Fuller; teachers of the year Krysten Gunn, SK Hutchings and Michael Zauchin; and Shelby County Education Foundation Director Kendall Williams

Hutchings has taught for 11 years, with all 11 years spent teaching in Shelby County. “I feel strongly that teaching is a service-oriented activity, and I am firmly committed to my community by striving for excellence in my field. It is not a job, it is a vocation, and one I feel irresistibly called to do,” Hutchings said in a statement that Williams read during the program. During the video recognizing Hutchings, OMMS principal Larry Haynes said Hutchings is a teacher who prepares her students for high school, as well as someone who is able to connect with all of her students. A student in the video said Hutchings “just lets you be yourself,” and makes English enjoyable for all of her students.

Zauchin has taught for six years, with four in Shelby County, and is involved in Oak Mountain High School’s show choir and spring musical, the Performing Arts Center Committee, is on the Alabama State Board of choral directors as the contemporary music chair and is a member of the National Association of Music Educators. In the video for Zauchin, those interviewed commented on the widespread impact Zauchin has had on the school. Students noted his hard work and passion for his craft, with one saying, “He is the most deserving person of this award.” “Z” is for ‘zactly what Oak Mountain needed,” said a fellow OMHS teacher in the video.

The following teachers were recognized:

Elementary school teacher of the year

Cammie Eanes, Oak Mountain Elementary

Melissa L. Johnson, Oak Mountain Intermediate

Middle school teacher of the year

SK Hutchings, Oak Mountain Middle

High school teacher of the year

Michael Zauchin, Oak Mountain High



Oak Mountain Elementary School teacher Cammie Eanes shakes hands with Superintendent Randy Fuller.



Oak Mountain Intermediate teacher Melissa L. Johnson receives her Teacher of the Year award from Superintendent Randy Fuller

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. Robert Norman Rogers. Dr. Rogers, age 84 of Indian Springs Village passed away Friday January 26, 2018. He practiced dentistry and was the owner of Bessemer Dental Clinic for 50 years. Survivors include wife Dr. Norma Rogers. Daughter: Dr. Cindy Nawrocki. Sons: Robert Kenneth Rogers, Norman Wayne Rogers, Michael Lee Rogers. Grandchildren: Gunter Nawrocki, Rachel Nawrocki, Cory Rogers, Adrienne Rogers, Mary Cassidy Rogers. Great Grandchildren: Trent Rogers, Alaina Rogers, Brother: Wayne Rogers.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Austin "Doc" Tyler Key. Austin, age 17, of Indian Springs, passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Austin was a senior at Oak Mountain High School. He was an avid lover of animals, water sports, roller coasters and gaming.



He was a cherished son, grandson, brother, nephew and cousin. Austin enjoyed a close knit group of awesome friends, including special family friends, the Websters (Sydney, Grayson and Jacob) and the Harrisons (Ben and Sam). Austin is preceded in death by his uncle, Rick Appling; grandparents, Jerry N. and Loretta K. Appling; great grandfather, Heber W. Foster; great grandmother, Margie Key; and by his "Papa Dave," Dave Boozer. He is survived by his parents, Tina and Foster Key; brothers, Trent and Nick Key; grandparents, Douglas Key (Deborah) and Patricia Boozer; aunts, Kristi Key, April Pituch (Steve), Mary Yessick (Eddie) and Carol Appling; uncles, David Wilkinson, Frankie Love (Susan) and Leon Love (Kim); great grandmother, Frances Foster; great grandparents, Frank and Carolyn Love; great aunt, Lindy Tidwell (Johnny); and cousins, Natalia, Alex and Theo Pituch, Emmett, Presley and Maddox Wilkinson, as well as Lauren Appling, Richard Appling, Marjorie Eiland, Jane Alexander and Keyla Tidwell. Also left to cherish his memory are a host of other family members, loved ones and friends. Austin made the generous decision to be an organ donor. The family takes comfort in knowing that he will live on in the lives of others.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Esther Tidwell. Mrs. Tidwell, of Indian Springs, Alabama passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 11, 2018 due to an automobile accident. She was on her way home from visiting relatives in Mobile and attending her favorite Mardi Gras parades a few



days earlier. Esther was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother (Nini) who will be missed beyond measure. She was sweet, kind, caring, and loving. She loved spending time with family. Esther and Lonnie especially enjoyed spending time at their beach condominium in Destin, Florida with family and friends. She was born in Mobile, Alabama but moved to Birmingham with her family at a young age. She attended John Carroll Catholic High School and then Jacksonville State University where she was a Math Major. She was a respected member of the Alabama Chapter of The Appraisal Institute and held the Senior Residential Appraiser designation. She was a longtime member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, where she served on the Bereavement Ministry. Esther is survived by her loving husband of 48 years Lonnie Tidwell, and the cherished mother of Alan Tidwell (Beth) and Jay Tidwell (Kelley). Esther is also survived by her beloved grandchildren Madelyne, Bennett, Sarah, Emily, Anna, Julia, and Claire who she absolutely adored, and they loved their Nini so much and will miss her dearly. Esther is also survived by her brothers Greg Shelby (Kathleen), and Richard Shelby (Pat), plus numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, and many very close friends. She was predeceased by her parents Sam and Blanche Shelby, in-laws Alvina Pharo Tidwell-Vines and Owen L. Tidwell, Sr.

INDIAN SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes can be found at
<http://indianspringsvillage.org/town-council-meeting-minutes/>

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Vann Scott Owens. Mr. Owens, a resident of Auburn, passed away unexpectedly on February 15, 2018, at his home. He was 64. Vann was born in Columbia, Alabama but spent most of his lifetime in Birmingham. He lived each day to the fullest and loved life and didn't waste a minute. Vann loved people and loved being with people. His greatest loves were his family, Auburn sports, water skiing, and golf. Vann was preceded in death by his parents, Whit and Eula Owens. Surviving relatives include his wife, Laneyl; children, Bobby Cornelius and Claire Owens; and beloved Aunt, Peggy Sykes and cousin, Hasting Sykes.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Garrett Saunders Henson. Garrett, age 18, affectionately known at "G," of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

Garrett was a senior at Oak Mountain High School. He loved participating in the school choir and was



passionate about the outdoors, especially hiking and rock climbing. Garrett also loved gaming, his job at UltraBlast, and his beloved dog Jack.

"G" was kind, tenderhearted and a tremendous giver of his time and heart to others. He was a treasured son, grandson, brother, cousin, and friend. He will be deeply missed.

Garrett is survived by his parents, Charles Henson and Kimberly Raynor Henson; sister, Logan Grace Henson; brother, Zachary Henson; grandparents, Charles and Sammie Henson, and Hugh and Nancy Raynor; aunts, Jennifer Boone (John) and Shelby Beams (Jeff); and cousins, Savanna, Trenton, Tyler, and Sydney.

FREE LANDFILL DAY

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Shelby County Landfill

Shelby Cty Highway 70 – 401 Landfill Road

(between Columbiana and Calera)

Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM.



HELLO, HYDRANGEAS

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

10:30 A.M.

North Shelby Library

This program covers the various types of hydrangeas and gives guidance on plant placement, plant care, fertilizing, and bloom color. It sorts out the confusion many gardeners have about the proper pruning time for their hydrangeas. Some of the new hydrangea introductions are also discussed. Handouts describe the various species of hydrangeas and their proper care. 'Hello, Hydrangeas' is presented by Jefferson County Master Gardener David Doggett. Free program. Registration Required.

<http://northshelbylibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails...>



COPING WITH THE GARDEN AS YOU AND YOUR GARDEN AGE

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

10:30 A.M.

North Shelby Library

This program will be presented by Jefferson County Master Gardener, Mike Rushing. To quote Thomas Jefferson: "but though I am an old man, I am but a young gardener". Mr. Rushing will share some ideas about continuing to garden in the later years. Free program. Registration Required.

<http://northshelbylibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails...>