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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. 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.

Letters to the editor and news items can be emailed to Jeannie Faherty at jeanniefaherty@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

Please take notice the new aprons at the Town Hall entrances are finished and which will make pulling in and out easier on people and our vehicles. Also, we are finalizing our proposal to redo the porches and needed siding on the Town Hall. New street signs will be installed within the next few weeks. Many are in bad shape, and there are also new requirements that have to be considered.

Indian Springs is in the process of phasing out the use of weather sirens, so as they quit working, we are not repairing or replacing them. This has been recommended by our Fire Chief and Shelby County EMA. Even James Spann recommended this over a year ago when he spoke to our Kiwanis Club. He said we should not depend on hearing a siren to tell us to go to a safe place in bad weather. They are technically outdated and undependable and in your home at night with the rain and wind noise, you are unlikely to hear them anyway. He reminded us that sirens were a product of the Cold War when we were worried about a nuclear attack from Cuba or the Soviet Union. This was in 1955. We have much better technology now, including a NOAA Weather Radio and Apps on our cell phones. The newer digital radios allow you to select the counties for which the alarm sounds. Services like WeatherCall or Baron SafetyNet Alerting are easily downloaded to your phone. In the near future warnings can be offered on your phone based on your GPS.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Joan Downs – Town Clerk

Spring has sprung and things are busy around the Town Hall! We are excitedly preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20. New games, prizes, inflatables can be expected and of course, the much anticipated egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny! The event begins at 11 followed by the hunt at 12. We will conclude at 1. Lunch will be sold by our Kiwanis Club and Frios Popsicles will make a return visit, so grab a burger and a frozen treat before or after the hunt! As always, our events cannot exist without the commitment from our volunteers. Please consider helping out this year...we have many areas in this event where we can put you to work! Please contact christy@indianspringsvillage.org for more info.

If you are not aware, the Town Hall and Multi-Purpose building are both available to rent for ISV residents. Just go to our website, indianspringsvillage.org, and click on “Facility Rentals”. There is some information we will need you to fill out about your event, and then with a \$50 check, your reservation is made. It’s that simple! We saw an increase in rentals last year, and we are seeing an even greater amount of rentals in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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There are many “fail points” in the siren method. A couple of these are related to the batteries. The sirens rely on two automotive type batteries that are constantly charged from a built-in charger. If the charger fails, the batteries get drained and the system fails. If the vehicle batteries short out, there is no power source and the system fails. There is a VHF radio that receives a tone transmitted from Shelby EMA or Shelby 911, and if it doesn’t get the tone, it fails to activate. The bottom line is this method is outdated and unreliable.

One of our sirens is 21 years old, and another is 18 years old. One did get replaced due to a lightning strike. However, we have been advised that the equipment is antiquated and that there will be issues in finding parts. Several other cities in Shelby County have already abandoned sirens or are phasing them out.

Please be aware that you should no longer count on hearing a siren for future tornado outbreaks. Get a weather radio or a weather alert app on your phone.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio



ALABAMA COUNTS!

The 2020 Census

Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio, Councilmember Mary Sue McClurkin and Joan Downs, Indian Springs Village Town Clerk attended the Census 2020 kickoff with Governor Kay Ivey. The ISV team is dedicated to promoting and making Census 2020 a success, not only statewide but citywide. Information about Alabama's census efforts can be found at <https://census.alabama.gov/>.

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IN SYMPATHY

Darlene Vines Rainwater

Tribute written
 by Joan Downs,
 Indian Springs Village
 Town Clerk

Our dear friend and long time ISV resident Darlene Vines Rainwater passed away March 10, 2019. I met Darlene and her husband Jim Rainwater when they came to the Town Hall to make reservations for their upcoming wedding. We talked, and talked so much that I found out Jim was a pretty good photographer. Since then, Darlene and Jim have been to every ISV event keeping a photo history of our Town. Darlene always helped with our Easter Egg Hunt, serving on the planning committee, stuffing eggs and manning booths. She worked on The Village Voice and the Fourth of July. On Founder's Day she was helping to set up even as she was struggling with her health. Darlene was described to people who did not know her as the sweet, pretty lady that was always volunteering at our events. Darlene will be missed not only by her friends and family but her beloved community of Indian Springs Village.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

Indian Spring Village's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th from 11-1
Hunt at 12

Games-Prizes-Pony Rides-Inflatables!

Hamburger Lunch sold by our Kiwanis Club and...
a visit from the Easter Bunny



INDIAN SPRINGS GARDEN CLUB



The Indian Springs Garden Club is a great group of people who love Indian Springs Village, and strive to foster community environment through their love of gardening.

The club meets in Town Hall every fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. In addition to fellowship and light refreshments, a special guest speaker shares a short and informative topic that is always entertaining.

Some club members create beautiful arrangements to celebrate the special holiday events in Indian Springs, like Fourth of July.

For more information, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/isvgardenclub/>

UPCOMING INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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

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