

# The Village Voice



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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](mailto: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

Once again we can be so proud of our Shelby County Schools!

- Shelby County currently has a graduation rate of 95%, well above the state average of 89%.
- The 2018 graduating classes collectively earned 31.6 million dollars in college scholarships.
- Oak Mountain High School was in the top 10 ranking for best High Schools in the state of Alabama, and number 6 in Shelby County rankings.
- Our Oak Mountain Elementary School counselor, Hayden Bellilsle, was named Alabama Elementary School Counselor of the year.

Shelby County Schools' motto of “Prepared for the Journey” is definitely working well for our Oak Mountain students!

As you can see when you drive by the Town Hall, work is in full swing to replace the aging porches all around the building and the old buckled siding. We hope to have everything finished by the Fourth of July, other than maybe cosmetic work such as painting.

We are again planning a Big Fourth of July Celebration and hope all of you will join us for the Parade and Barbeque!

Sincerely,  
Brenda Bell-Guercio



# CENSUS REMINDER

## *Call for Participation*

Census 2020 is coming and for the first time you have the option to respond online, by mail, or by phone. Indian Springs has a great track record for census response. Let's keep it up in 2020! Information about Alabama's census efforts can be found at <https://census.alabama.gov/>.

### UPCOMING

#### INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 6, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 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 Town  
Clerk Joan Downs at [joan@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:joan@indianspringsvillage.org).

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

*Joan Downs - Town Clerk*

PLEASE PARDON OUR PROGRESS as The Town Hall undergoes a little face lift. New porches and siding will hopefully be completed prior to July 4th. We are excited to see the updated look!

JULY 4th- Join us for our annual parade, a BBQ lunch catered by Jim-N-Nicks and super fun waterslides for the kiddos! What a great tradition!

STREET SIGNS – We hope that you are enjoying the new ISV street signs...so clean and classic. Nothing should ever be attached to street signs or stop signs including balloons or notices.

## THE HAZARD OF HELIUM BALLOONS

A potential serious injury to a horse was recently avoided when the owner found the horse nibbling on remnants of helium balloons fallen into their pasture. If you use balloons for a celebration please take them down immediately after the event and dispose of them.

Also, balloons should not be attached to any sign including street signs, stop signs, real estate signs, yard signs, etc. per our Zoning Ordinance.

# **Indian Springs Village's**



Parade meets in Wal Mart parking lot 10:00

Parade begins at 10:30

Arrive at Town Hall at 11:30

Lunch begins at 12:00

Come join us and celebrate with Jim N Nick's delicious BBQ, GIANT waterslides for the kids, and yummy homemade desserts!

## Indian Springs Village's



# FIREWORKS

With the Fourth of July coming up, please *BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS* and do not shoot fireworks that can possibly catch someone's roof on fire or disturb children, pets or livestock.

In most incorporated towns and cities, lighting your own fireworks is illegal. Fireworks are allowed in most unincorporated areas of Shelby County. According to state law, fireworks cannot be fired off within 600 feet of any church, hospital, public school, any enclosed building, or within 200 feet of where fireworks are stored, sold or offered for sale. Fireworks cannot be shot off from any vehicle, or shot in the direction of people.

Brenda Bell-Guercio, ISV Mayor

## JULY 4TH PARADE ROUTE:

All participants should meet 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 10:30 a.m. Parade will proceed up Caldwell Mill Road and make a right turn on Indian Crest Drive. The parade will then turn left on New Hope Mountain Road and continue to the end where it meets Miller Circle. It will go right until it reaches Indian Crest again and turns left and continues on to Indian Crest. The parade will make a right turn on Wildwood to High Gate and circle back to Indian Crest. Then it is on to Arrowhead and Highway 119. A right on 119 and left turns on Mountain Vista, Brook Green and Indian Trail to Highway 119 again. A right turn on 119 will take us to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (It is suggested that especially slow vehicles join the parade somewhere around Valley View Drive and Fox Fire circle).

**FLAG CEREMONY:** Flag raising ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m.

**MUSIC:** by Sean DeNard

**PARKING:** All parking will be across the street at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. *For the safety of our children, there will be no parking on site at Town Hall.* A golf cart will be available to assist anyone needing assistance. Deputies will be there to assist with traffic.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Set-up and clean up (call Joan Downs 205-982-1755 or email: [joan@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:joan@indianspringsvillage.org)).

# INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB



## IF IT GROWS IN ALABAMA

If it grows in Alabama, more than likely someone in the Garden Club knows how to grow it, harvest it, cook it, or get rid of it! Members are into sharing cuttings, plants, and information with each other. The club is open to anyone interested in joining. Come and visit, and for \$10 a year, you too can share in the fun and learning about Alabama horticulture (and even if you don't consider yourself a gardener, come and meet your fellow neighbors). Meetings are generally held the 4th Thursday of the month at the Indian Springs Town Hall, from 7-8pm. Light refreshments are offered from 6:30-7:00. No special arrangements need to be made ahead of time.

Spring in Alabama is always an interesting time of the year weather wise, as we leave the cool of winter for the warming summer weather that brings out the flowers, bugs, rain and storms.

The February meeting had guest speaker Marilyn Traylor, a Birmingham gardener, flower arranger and potter talking about the influence of nature on her pottery designs and flower arrangements. The March meeting had Kathleen Phillips, blogger of Grits and Gouda and author of Magic Cakes talking about her blog site and sharing recipes cooked with a variety of herbs (did you know if you used distilled water to make ice cubes, they would come out clear? And adding a leaf or two of mint makes wonderful ice cubes for summer sweet tea).

The April meeting was a planned field trip to the Huntsville Botanical Garden that ended up being canceled due to stormy weather conditions, as did the planned field trip to gardens in Coal City, AL.

In May, a field trip was taken to Bluebird Hill in Cahaba Heights, the home of gardener Lois Chaplin. Lois talked about how she planned to return the soil to a healthy, natural state without use of rotor tilling and chemical fertilizers. She was interested in growing healthy vegetables, and healthy vegetables can only be grown in healthy soil. Besides picking up bags of leaves from folks cleaning their yards in the fall, getting used coffee grounds from local area coffee shops, she purchased various types of animal manure (grass and seed eating animals) for her composting piles, and she purchased worms (Alabama Jumpers) to help in the revitalization of her garden area. And while everyone admired her energy and ambition for her gardening project, most were content to watch as day turned to dusk and fireflies began flickering throughout the garden area.

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Summer meetings will include a speaker from the HOPE (Herbs Offering Personal Enrichment) program at a local special needs school that works in collaboration with Tziki's and two local beekeepers talking about bees and gardens. Fall meetings include a "Sit and Chat" with Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison in October and a demonstration on making magnolia leaf wreaths and mailbox swags.

*The Indian Springs Village Garden Club meets at Town Hall every Fourth Thursday at 6:30 pm for fellowship, and light refreshments. A special guest speaker shares a short and informative topic that is always entertaining. Some of our members create beautiful arrangements to celebrate the special holiday events in Indian Springs, like Fourth of July.*

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### IN SYMPATHY

*Elizabeth Ann Thomas  
Campbell (Buffy)*

Elizabeth Ann Thomas Campbell (Buffy) ascended to Heaven on April 4, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. She was a noted Engineer-BUILDER, a dedicated wife, an exemplary loving\_ and caring mother and aunt, a dutiful daughter, and a faithful sister. She is survived by husband Robert Courtney Campbell, Jr., children Robert and Daphne, parents Robert and Lajuana Jo Barton Thomas of Indian Springs Village, Alabama, sister Susan Thomas Wright, and brother Benjamin Barton Thomas (Emily).