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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

Happy Fall, Villagers! Maybe one day soon Mother Nature will remember! Recently someone asked me what was so unique about Indian Springs. The first thing that came to mind was the peaceful, serene nature of our town with Oak Mountain as a backdrop to rolling pastures and quiet neighborhoods. But there is so much more! I have told friends from out of state that living in Indian Springs is like living in the country while having all the advantages of living in a city. We have the best Fire and Sheriff Departments you could ask for. Our county schools are top notch. Indian Springs School is known nationally and internationally, and we are also blessed to have other choice schools such as Our Lady of the Valley and Montessori. Our main thoroughfare is lined with choices of places to worship. We keep our government small and our Mayor, Council, and PAZ and ZBA Board are all volunteers. We have a terrific library right down the road as well as two close by parks. Our quaint Town Hall is on the Alabama Registry for Historical Buildings and is available to be rented for events by our residents as well as the new multipurpose building for a nominal fee of \$50!

We chose not to be a large city with lots of commercialization and development. This choice may not be for everyone. There is no perfect town, but I think we come close and are holding true to our Mission Statement. With our 29th Birthday approaching, I think it is good to remember what exactly that Mission Statement says:

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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"To preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life that the citizens of Indian Springs Village enjoy now and for generations to come;

"To preserve, protect and enhance the peaceful and uncluttered atmosphere of our town, for now and for generations to come;

"To preserve, protect and enhance the beauty and serenity and tranquility which is the very essence of Indian Springs Village, for now and for generations to come;

"To protect the integrity of our community from random commercialization, piecemeal annexation and inconsistent spot zoning; and

"To preserve and protect the right of self-

determination for the Town of Indian Springs Village and for all of its citizens.

"That the objectives stated herein shall be achieved with a minimum amount of government involvement at minimal expense and relying primarily upon the voluntary efforts and support of community residents.

"That all present and future officials of the Town of Indian Springs Village, whether elected or appointed, pledge to achieve and maintain the goals and objectives as stated herein."

We are grateful to all those who helped found our town and all who continue to support it. Please join us for our Founders Day Celebration October 15th.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio



The annual Celebrity Golf Tournament is an event that draws in golfers from all over the state to participate in a round of golf. Teams of four have the opportunity to compete on Robert Trent Jones Trail course, Oxmoor Valley, with the help of local celebrities, such as host Bobby Humphrey.

This year's tournament will take place on Thursday, October 3rd. We are excited to announce that Medical Properties Trust will be partnering with us as our Tournament Sponsor once again this year!



The Shelby County Sheriff's Office and North Shelby Fire District will be hosting the Shelby County National Night Out this year at Heardmont Park on Tuesday, October 1st from 6:00-8:00 PM.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and public safety while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring public safety and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

There will be numerous law enforcement and fire department vehicles present to explore including the sheriff's department helicopter. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served. There will also be two "bounce houses", "Sparky" the fire dog, fire helmets for the children and much more.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Christy DeNard - Assistant Town Clerk

Founder's Day is coming up on October 15 at 6:30. Hopefully, by then we will be done with this heat and will have welcomed in cool Fall weather! If you are new to Indian Springs, Founder's Day is celebrated each October with a steak dinner and all the fixins' from Texas Roadhouse along with sweet fellowship with our neighbors. We remember how the town began and those who helped ISV get its start. Mark your calendar and join us!

Have you enjoyed the watching the transformation of the Town Hall? She definitely has had a face lift and now it's time for the make-up (the landscaping). We can't wait to see how this pulls the whole project together!

Lastly, Save the Date...Santa's coming on December 7th to ISV! Bring the kiddos and cameras and enjoy donuts and our singing Santa. Speaking of Santa, if you would like to donate to the Children's Fund this year, prior to the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we accept checks all through the year. We like to have all of our purchases complete prior to school closing for the holidays. So, open up your pocketbooks and help our children have a Merry Christmas.

CASH FOR CANDY!!

Join us for our Annual

Halloween Candy Buy Back

Monday, November 4, 2019

2:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Dr. Lisa Wilson's Office
5470 Caldwell Mill Road
Phone: 205-995-8084

*Come and trade your unopened candy
\$1 per pound (5 pound maximum)*

**All candy will be shipped
To our courageous troops serving overseas.**

Children must be accompanied
By a parent or guardian

For more information, please contact our office.

UPCOMING
INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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

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Clerk Joan Downs at joan@indianspringsvillage.org.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB



The Indian Springs Garden Club will hold its final meeting of 2019 on Thursday, October 26th in Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. The club will resume its meetings in January 2020. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month from January through October. Speakers' topics are usually related to gardening, but activities also include workdays twice yearly at the Town Hall, the October harvest dinner and the Christmas party. Club members decorate the tables at the Town Hall Pavilion for the Village's annual Fourth of July celebration along with Founder's Day in October. Membership dues are \$10.00 year per person, and \$15.00 per couple.

NEW OAK MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF NATIONAL DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FOUNDED

On March 5, 2019, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) founded a new Chapter in the Oak Mountain area of North Shelby County – including Indian Springs Village. Officers sworn in were: Sally Woolley, Regent; Pat Davis, Vice Regent; Suzanna Rawlins, Recording Secretary; Marla McCully, Treasurer; Tabitha Frazier, Corresponding Secretary; Paula Thomas, Registrar; Julie White, Chaplain; Stacey Higgins, Historian; and Shirley Loewen, Librarian.

The Oak Mountain Chapter daughters worked to establish Constitution Week in Indian Springs this year, a significant event in NSDAR's history. In 1955, the national organization petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted by the U.S. Congress on August 2, 1956 and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio signed and presented Members of the Oak Mountain Chapter of NSDAR with a Proclamation recognizing Constitution Week at the August 6th Town Council meeting, showing support for this great document.

Submitted by: Shirley Loewen, Oak Mountain-NSDAR Librarian and resident of Indian Springs Village

IN SYMPATHY

J. Michael Mendel



Michael Mendel, son of Rita and Jack Mendel, unexpectedly passed away in his home in Studio City, CA Sunday, September 22nd. He is survived by his wife, Juel Bestrop, and his two children, Jake and Jesse. Mike grew up in Monroe, New York with his parents, Rita and Jack, and his two siblings, Amy and David. He attended Monroe-Woodbury High School and went on to study at Syracuse University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Television and Film Production. Starting as a production assistant on the Tracey Ullman Show, he later joined the staff of The Simpsons as the show's producer from Season 1 through Season 10. Mike went on to win three Emmy's in his time with the Simpsons.

In 2013, Mike became the producer of the now famous show Rick and Morty, where he won his fourth Emmy in 2018. The co-creator of Rick and Morty, Justin Roiland paid tribute to Mike on Twitter stating: "My friend, partner, and line producer Mike Mendel passed away. I am devastated. My heart breaks for his family. I don't know what I'm going to do without you by my side, Mike. I'm destroyed." The funeral was held Tuesday, September 24th at Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Los Angeles, CA, where over 500 people were in attendance to pay their respects to Mike's family.

While Rita and Jack, known as "Nana and Big Daddy" continue to live in Indian Springs which has been their home since 1984, Mike's siblings, Amy and David, reside in Los Angeles along with his wife, Juel. His son, Jake, attends the School of Visual Arts of Manhattan and daughter, Jesse, is a freshman at Auburn University. Mike was not just an Emmy award winning producer, but more importantly a beloved husband, father, son, and brother.

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