

# 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).

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Well, I guess we can all agree that this spring is not going the way any of us expected. COVID-19 has taken over our “normal” and made us adapt to a new way of doing life. As far as the Town Hall is concerned, all events have been canceled which includes the Easter Egg Hunt and any rentals of either buildings. When we are able to reopen, cancelled reservations will have first choice of new dates. Should you have a need for me, the Town Clerk, I can be reached at 205-982-1755 on an appointment basis.

Hopefully you've seen our posts on Facebook and the website about the Census 2020. Please take a moment to be counted... [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov).

We hope you and your loved ones stay safe during these unprecedented times. We look forward to the day when our “normal” comes back.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Downs

*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.*



### UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 virus and safety of our community, we sadly must cancel our annual Easter Egg Hunt.



**STAY WELL EVERYONE!**

**TOWN OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE, ALABAMA**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR TO PROVIDE FOR  
AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19  
OUTBREAK**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Director of the World Health Organization described the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak;”

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alabama issued a proclamation of a state of public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak (“the Alabama State of Emergency”);

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Department of Public Health has recommended the implementation of a number of steps to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, including limitation of visitation within public buildings;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Mayor of the Town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama (“Town”), proclaim and direct the following:

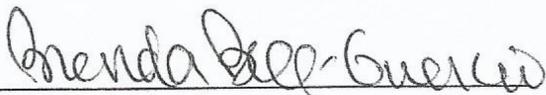
1. Effective immediately, the following persons shall not enter or remain upon any Town-owned facility or property, including Indian Springs Village Town Hall, the Pavilion, and Multi-Purpose Building:
  - Persons who have traveled outside of the United States of America within the last fourteen (14) days to: China, Iran, United Kingdom and Ireland, South Korea, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City, or any other country identified by the CDC as subject to a Level 3 Travel Health Notice or as a place of “Widespread sustained spread and restrictions on travel to the United States,” see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> (This list may be updated);
  - Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries listed above within the last fourteen (14) days;
  - Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency;
  - Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and

- Persons who have a fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher), cough, have trouble breathing, or are obviously unwell.

Anyone attempting entry in violation of these protocols will be denied entry. Any person who has business to conduct at Town Hall but is unable to appear because of the restrictions above should call (205) 982-1755 for assistance. Citizens should also refer to the Town of Indian Springs Village's website at <https://indianspringsvillage.org/>.

2. Effective immediately, the Town Hall, the Pavilion, and the Multi-Purpose Building will not be available for rental for the remainder of the duration of the Alabama State of Emergency. Any existing reservations are hereby cancelled. Any party affected by this cancellation will receive a refund of their deposit paid.
3. All third-party events and meetings scheduled to take place at Town Hall, the Pavilion, and the Multi-Purpose Building are hereby canceled for the duration of the Alabama State of Emergency, including, but not limited to, the Indian Springs Garden Club and Kiwanis. This prohibition shall not apply to meetings of governmental bodies.
4. If the Alabama State of Emergency is extended beyond April 5, 2020, the Easter Egg Hunt will be postponed from its present setting of April 11, 2020.
5. Effective immediately, Town Hall will have limited public access. No citizen will be allowed in Town Hall without a pre-established appointment and subject to the guidelines of this Proclamation. Where possible, business should be conducted by telephone, by email, online, by mail, by drop box behind Town Hall, or by means other than in-person contact. An in-person appointment will only be permitted when one of the foregoing options for contact are not feasible. This limitation on public access shall not apply to Town officials and employees, nor it shall apply to any meeting of a governmental body scheduled to take place in-person. Any person granted entry to Town Hall is asked to utilize appropriate social distancing as recommended by the CDC.

**ADOPTED: This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.**



Brenda Bell-Guercio  
Mayor



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## CLUB OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

The Indian Springs Village Kiwanis Club had our second annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Saturday February 29th at the Oak Mountain Elementary School. The Signature Project for our club this year is to assist the OMES in rebuilding their playground. All proceeds from this event will go directly to the school for the project. The current playground is over 20 years old and has outlasted its usefulness. This is a three year project.

With the support of children, parents, grandparents and the community sponsors, Indian Springs Village Kiwanis served close to 800 pancake breakfasts. Our silent auction brought in over \$1000, Sponsors donated \$10,000 bringing the total collected to almost \$15,000. We are continuing to work with our County Commission, the Shelby County School Board and local business leaders to see this project to its completion.

Thank you to all the Kiwanis members, Oak Mountain High School Key Club members, Mrs. Debbie Horton Oak Mountain Elementary School Principal, parents, and other volunteers who gave of their time to make this event a success. We'd also like to thank the following sponsors for their donations to this worthy cause.

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Join us the third Thursday of each month at the Indian Springs Town Hall for a wonderful pot luck dinner, amazing speakers in a family friendly environment as we serve the children of our community.

Jake Guercio

President

Indian Springs Village Kiwanis Club

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Not only as the Mayor of ISV, but also a concerned citizen, it bothered me to learn that Republic Services was dumping the trash and recyclable bins into the same truck. I called and found out that if garbage lids are slightly ajar, the drivers can usually tell if there are contaminants that would ruin the recyclable collection.

If you go to their website and read recycling basics, I think you will be surprised at what you can and cannot put into the recycling containers.

- Flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, and common mail can be recycled, as long as they are not contaminated by food, liquid, or waste.
- You cannot put bubble wrap or padding from an envelope or mail with plastic windows – so remove them first or don't put them in.
- Before recycling food and drink cans, remove paper or plastic labels, and clean out any residuals. They don't have to be thoroughly washed but rinsed and dried. Some metal cans have an insulated coating that might not be recyclable. If in doubt, throw it out!
- Water bottles, milk jugs, and detergent containers can go.
- Flexible plastics like grocery bags, bubble wrap, and Styrofoam cannot.
- Lids are too small to recycle alone so put them on the containers or throw them away.
- Be sure food and condiment bottles are rinsed and dried.
- Never bag or bundle recyclables. Put them in the bin individually.

Go to Republic Services' website for more information.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Bell-Guercio

## PRIMARY DAY IN INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

*Submitted by B.J. Scharath*

March 3 was Primary Election Day in Alabama. Precinct 16, New Hope Presbyterian Church is the major polling location for most of Indian Springs Village, although several small sections of Indian Springs were recently moved to a different precinct on Valleydale Road. Precinct 16 has over 2,500 registered voters. On Primary Election Day, slightly more than 1,000 voters came into the polling location to cast their ballots. The new electronic voting process seemed to be popular with many of the voters, as there were almost no lines with people waiting to vote. Even during the peak voting times (early morning, lunch, and immediately after work), wait times were minimal to non-existent. Many thanks to the volunteers who worked the polls.



**COUNT  
ON ME.**

**Alabama**  
2020 CENSUS

Ninety-five percent or about 143 million households in the country received an initial invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in their mailboxes between March 12 and 20.

Households are encouraged to respond when they receive their invitation. Depending on how likely the area is to respond online,

households will receive either an invitation encouraging them to respond online or by phone (about 112 million households), or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire (about 31 million households).

All invitations include a short phrase in English and 12 additional languages inviting people to respond online or by phone in their language. In areas where 20 percent or more of the households need Spanish assistance, the invitations will be in both English and Spanish.

All households receiving an invitation in the mail will receive a second letter in the mail shortly after reminding them to respond. Then, households that still haven't responded will receive a series of additional reminders, including a paper questionnaire in mid-April. Census takers will follow up with households that don't respond to collect responses in person.

## **INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB**

*Submitted by B.J. Scharath*



The Garden Club is off and doing swimmingly for the start of the new year, in spite of the fact that Birmingham has had more than twice the amount of rain in the first two months of 2020 than is normal. (OK, sorry for the pun, but just couldn't resist!). The January meeting was the annual planning meeting, and what great ideas were put forth!

Throughout the year, there will be garden tours, lectures by noted local gardeners, extension agents and nursery owners, and even a presentation by a local meteorologist. The Garden Club meets the fourth Thursday evening of every month at the Indian Springs Town Hall and is open to anyone with an interest in learning about local area gardening. And if you have a brown thumb, you are still welcome to come and share fellowship (and good food) with your ISV neighbors.



## IN SYMPATHY

*Arthur Frazier Christy*

Arthur Frazier Christy, known to everyone as Frazier, passed away at home on December 20, 2019 at the age of 74. Frazier was born September 7, 1945 in Mobile, Alabama, the son of Howard Beverly Christy, Sr. and Evelyn Frazier Christy. He graduated from Auburn University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Afterward, he joined the United States Navy, graduating in the top of his class from the Mine Warfare School. He was assigned as the Engineering Officer to the USS Jacana MSC-193. After the Jacana was decommissioned, he volunteered for duty with the Seabees, the U.S. Naval Construction Forces, and was transferred to the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion 4 where he served in Danang, Vietnam, and Port Hueneme, California. Frazier returned to Alabama as a design engineer with Rust Engineering in Birmingham, then joined Paragon Engineering in 1971, eventually becoming President. In 2007, Paragon was acquired by Hatch Mott MacDonald, and he continued to serve the company as a Sub-division Manager, Division Manager, and In-house Consultant until his retirement in 2012. After his retirement, Frazier formed the E&LS Group, where he focused on smaller civil engineering projects, served as City Engineer for Indian Springs Village, and helped Camp McDowell with sustainable energy projects. Throughout his almost 50 years as a practicing engineer, Frazier had a role in designing numerous civic projects that brought economic development to Alabama and provided for a better quality of life for its citizens. A registered engineer in several states, his work focused on civil projects involving large scale grading operations, highways, stormwater handling, sewage collection and treatment, along with surveying mapping and control. Frazier was a Fellow in the American Council of Engineering Companies, served on the National ACEC Budget Committee as a member and chairman, and also served as the president of ACEC/Alabama. He is a Life Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was inducted into the State of Alabama

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UPCOMING  
INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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

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205-982-1755

For Town Hall Reservations  
please contact  
Town Clerk Joan Downs  
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## IN SYMPATHY

*Donald J. Downs*

Donald J. Downs of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on December 3, 2019, after a brief battle with cancer. Don was the epitome of an "Auburn Man." A proud football letterman, Don played for Coach "Shug" Jordan from 1960-62. As an avid sportsman, his love of the outdoors led to him being the first Auburn football player to earn a degree in Forestry Management. Don was a successful businessman and truly loved his work as a Distribution Consultant serving clients and developing friends across the country. He was a devoted husband, father, and granddaddy. Don is survived by his wife Joan, her son Joey Marquez (Andi), grandchildren Kristen McGraw (Stewart), Lauren Lowery, Brent Lowery, Ellis Marquez and Davis Marquez. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Auburn University Forestry Department or the Jimmy V Foundation.

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### *In Sympathy/Christy continued*

Engineering Hall of Fame in 2016. He was also twice elected Chairman of the ACEC Collation of Professional Surveyors and has served on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Society of Land Surveyors. In 2013, he was appointed to the Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Frazier was committed to enhancing engineering education through the support of The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Engineering. He was an Adjunct Professor and served on the school's Advisory Board. He also served as Chair of the UAB Engineering Foundation, and continued his support by teaching courses in UAB's Continuing Education Series for Professional Engineers. Frazier is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lowell Kappel Christy; his daughter, Courtney Christy Kelly; son-in-law, Justin Howe Kelly; grandchildren, Everett Frazier Kelly and Margaret Virginia Kelly; brother, Howard Beverly Christy, Jr. (Lyn Ramsey); nephews, Arthur Thomas Kappel, III (Megan) and Preston Blair Kappel (Kortney) and great nieces and nephews, Savannah, Shephard, Saddler, Claire, Art and Connor; brother-in-law, Arthur Thomas Kappel, Jr. (Jan Mullins). The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be directed to Camp McDowell, 105 Delong Road, Nauvoo, AL 35578, which was a major focus of Frazier's engineering activities over recent years.