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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.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope our Indian Springs citizens are finding ways to get the Covid vaccine. It has been a struggle for Shelby County as the Alabama Department of Public Health in Montgomery did not give us our appropriate percentage of vaccines based on population. Chad Scroggins, our county manager, has fought tirelessly on our behalf, and the situation is improving. We have the ability to do the vaccinations if we can only get the doses!

All the mayors in Shelby County sent a joint letter to the ADPH and copied our governor on it to voice our concern and request we get the doses we deserve. At least the good news is the case numbers are going down, and we are therefore beginning to take baby steps to reopen the pavilion for use by our residents.

Our 2% sales tax was voted in on Tuesday, March 2, and hopefully by the end of this calendar year we will see income that can be used to benefit our town.

Happy Easter, and maybe by the Fourth of July we can gather once more for an ISV Barbeque!

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF INDIAN SPRINGS UPDATE

The Kiwanis Club of Indian Springs is committed to serving the children of our community- pandemic or not! We will be holding our 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 10th at Oak Mountain Elementary School. This project is dedicated to providing funds for the playground replacement project at the school. Last year's event was an amazing community affair and raised over \$15,000 toward the playground. Due to ongoing Covid-19 precautions, this year this will be a Pancake Pull-Up event where supporters can pre-order to-go boxes of pancakes & sausage and pick them up through the drive-up lane at the front of this school. Kiwanis members, as well as OMES teachers will be there to wave their thanks to those supporting the cause. We will also have an online silent auction as another way people can participate.

For more information, visit the club website at isvkiwanis.org or Like our Facebook page at facebook.com/kciv.

The Kiwanis Club of Indian Springs would love to have you join us. Members are from throughout the community and are united by the desire to make a difference in the lives of children. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month and have great speakers from throughout our area. We'd love to have you join us. We are a very family-friendly club with many families attending the meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Club President- Buddy Tyler at etyler2227@att.net.



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CLUB OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

PANCAKE PULL-UP 2021

Saturday, April 10th 8:00AM-11AM
Oak Mountain Elementary School Drop-Off Lanes

\$5 Donation/ To-Go Box
3 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Patties

Online Silent Auction



Benefits the
OMES
Playground
Replacement
Project



SHELBY COUNTY FIRST RESPONDER NEWS

NEW AND AMAZING!

I took a little field trip to North Shelby Fire Department, Station 1 to talk with Fire Chief Randy Sipe and Mike Seales about the new and pretty amazing equipment that was purchased by Indian Springs Village. Fire Chief Sipe said he wants the best equipment for our community and well, he got it! Four Zoll X cardiac monitors were bought as well as a Lucas CPR device. I learned that one of the Zoll X's best features is the fact that this cardiac monitor can send a patient's stats directly to the hospital before the patient even arrives. This is a time saver! Once the first responders get the patient transported to the hospital it is already determined where the patient needs to go for the most appropriate care.

The Lucas CPR device does what you might think...it actually performs CPR compressions. You Tube it! It's incredible! For Lucas to perform the chest compressions, this then frees up the firemen to assist the patient or other firemen in other ways, and Mr. Seales said it's great because Lucas never gets tired. Usually, one fireman performs CPR for two minutes, then tag teams with another fireman who steps in for the next two minutes, as not to tire one out. Another important factor to mention is one of safety. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing, Lucas provides the option of less face to face contact from first responder to patient.

It was a great visit at Fire Station 1! Fire Chief Sipe and Mr. Seales were both so appreciative to Indian Springs for the purchase of this equipment, and after learning about it, so was I.

- Christy DeNard



FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

It's been way too quiet around the Town Hall. We're looking forward to the day when we can resume our normal schedule of events. Until then, we will be slowly reopening with the option to rent the pavilion beginning April 1. Please go on our website to fill out the reservation form. Be sure to observe the most current mask mandate.

With our slow reopening, we are sad to report that The Easter Egg Hunt will not be apart of our events this year. We look forward to hosting it next year!

Be on the lookout for the installation of the rest of the Indian Springs Street signs! Our little village will now have a completed and cohesive look.

In addition to The Village Voice, our website and Facebook, we have another method of getting information out in a timely fashion and that's with our E Blasts. If you have not been receiving emails from Indian Springs Village, please email me at joan@indianspringsvillage.org so I can add you to our email list.

Respectfully,
Joan Downs

UPCOMING INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Telephone Directory Number: 205-982-1755

For Town Hall Reservations please contact Town Clerk Joan Downs at joan@indianspringsvillage.org

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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by B.J. Scharath

Garden Club adventures have continued on, despite the challenges of a pandemic.

Temperatures were still moderate enough in October to allow for an outdoor meeting at the ISV Pavilion with Lindsey Allison, Shelby County Commissioner for District 7. Ms. Allison is always entertaining as she provides updates on Shelby county “goings on”. Since the club meets on the 4th Thursday of most months, there was no meeting in November, but December was a time for refrained celebrating, as members gathered in a private home to celebrate the completion of a year of gardening programs. The celebration included a tradition of English Christmas Crackers brought to the club by a member who had emigrated many years ago from Zimbabwe Rhodesia to Alabama, along with some plant swaps, since gardeners love to share their plantings.

The Garden Club started the New Year with a New President, Robyn Morris. Robyn promises to bring continued enthusiasm for exploring all the various avenues of learning about gardening in Alabama. In February, the club hosted Lindsey Best, a horticulturist and UAB groundskeeper with the intriguing title of Urban Conservationist. Her presentation included not only identifying the problems in urban areas due to growing hardscapes, but she also shared concepts and ideas for how to deal with problems created by all the building and construction (water run off being a prime concern, as well as the creation of microclimates), but she also delighted with tips for managing those same kinds of problems on a smaller, home gardening scale.

Anyone is welcome to attend the Garden Club as a visitor. Please contact Robyn Morris at 28arete@gmail.com for more information about upcoming meeting topics and times. The club follows pandemic guidelines for masking and distancing.

IN SYMPATHY

Constance Trammell

Constance Harris Trammell, at the age of 90, passed away November 15, 2020.

She moved to Alabama as a young adult and spent much of her life as a citizen employee for the U.S. Army with the 87th MAC. Connie was married to Barton J. Trammell, Sr. for 65 years. They moved from Birmingham to Indian Springs Village, Alabama where they lived for over 45 years. Connie enjoyed reading novels, watching Alabama football, playing Rook, and was a talented bowler. Bart passed away one year and 2 weeks before Connie did.

IN SYMPATHY

Mary Bowman

Mary Jackson Stallworth Bowman, age 83, went to be with the Lord on May 17, 2020. Surrounded by loved ones, she peacefully left her earthly home in Indian Springs, AL. She was the widow of Haskins Williams Bowman, and they shared 41 years of marriage until his death in 2004.

Raised in the Baptist church, Mary became a member of the Episcopal church when she married and was very active at Church of the Ascension in Vestavia Hills and St. Francis in Indian Springs. Later in life, she enjoyed worshipping with her youngest daughter at Church of the Highlands Grants Mill Campus where she became a member and was involved in Small Groups and serving.

She was active in the Indian Springs Garden Club, the Horticulture Garden Club, and the Fern Society with amazing gardeners and plant experts. She excelled at gardening, sewing, and creating delicious meals throughout her life. Her children, grandchildren, great-granddaughter, and beloved pets were a source of great delight. She will be remembered for her steadfast faith in Jesus, her love of God's creation, her amazing caramel cakes, and her award-winning orchids. She liked to say that "God just takes good care of me." All who knew her would agree, and her family receives that same assurance that God takes good care of our family and friends.



The late Mary Bowman (left) and Constance Trammell (right, obituary on page 5)