

The Village Voice



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Keep Your Cool and Call 911

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Old-timers remember wars of long duration fought "over there." The home front was concerned with teacher shortages, sugar, gas, and shoe rationing, the unavailability of mayonaise and nylon stockings, among other things, and attending war bond rallies. Almost everyone you knew lived in continuous fear of that dreaded "We regret to inform you..." telegram from the U. S. government, notification that a loved one had been killed or was missing in action. Then, as now, the liberal media tried to out-general the generals and delighted in criticizing the President. In their zeal to be the first with the news, some blabbed information that may have aided the enemy.

But the people surviving World War II exhibited a great deal of patriotism, much as most people are exhibiting patriotism today.

In an era when only veterans' recollections and movies like *Saving Private Ryan* recall the horrors of a long war, we read of 15,000-lb. bombs dispatched by parachute from specially-built planes "over there," somewhere in Afghanistan, where an undisclosed number of special forces are deployed. The events of September 11, 2001, ushered in this "war to preserve civilization" to the homefront, concerned already about the national economy. The fear of anthrax contamination and other forms of bioterrorism have gripped not just large cities. What next? What if we have a local disaster of some kind created by terrorists?

We have heard President George W. Bush assure us that homeland security measures have, are being, and will be taken, and that we should prepare for a long war. At the local level our town is dependent on Shelby County agencies, notably the sheriff's department and our NS fire district.

Calls from citizens concerning possibly anthrax-contaminated mail have been numerous at the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency District. Fire Chief Michael O'Connor's assessment is that we just need to calm down. If those on the home front go berserk, the terrorists are winning. Chief O'Connor concludes this scare has brought "to the edge" persons who previously had been worried about the economy, their jobs, their children, whatever--the usual stresses in life. Anthrax scares are law enforcement, not fire rescue, missions. He advises (1) don't open suspicious mail--that from out of the country, with insufficient postage, no return address, or written in childish penmanship; (2) if the envelope or package is torn and particles are emitting, cover the mail so particles don't become airborne; (3) wash your hands thoroughly; (4) call nine-one-one. Operators at 911 will notify the proper authorities.

There have been only 20 confirmed cases of anthrax this year, Chief O'Connor reminds us. Last year the total number of cases in the USA was 68. The FBI lab can confirm in 72 hours whether anthrax infection has occurred, and there is a two to 45-day incubation period in which time infected persons can be treated. The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., has announced they may have a test that will produce results in 30 minutes instead of days. (continued, page 2)

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Mr. Ronald Luster for United Way

IV. Citizens' Forum

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is 982-1755

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www.indianspringsvillage.org

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 the council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other Villagers a means of communicating--it is a "voice." Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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Editor's Appreciation to:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

Keep Your Cool and Call 911 (continued)

The Shelby County Emergency Management Agency, headed by Don Greene, Director, has developed a voluminous guide for all emergencies, starting with identification of possible hazards. Terrorism was at the bottom of the list when the plan was engineered, but 9/11 has changed all that and elevated the position of terrorism on the list. For all identified hazards, such as tornados or sinkholes, a tiered response plan has been outlined, beginning with contacting fire and police departments and support agencies such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Department of Human Resources, public health departments, etc.

Governor Don Siegelman has also addressed homeland security. A spokesperson for the governor said that a defense plan to deal with terrorism was in place. An Emergency Task Force has been created and will work with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency located in Clanton. Lee Helms, who heads operations at the EMA, will continue to be in charge of the state's response team. The defense plan will be a continually evolving document, involving state, county, and municipal governments, and be detailed for the proactive side of protection as well as the response side.

With federal, state, and local authorities assuring that every measure to provide security for the people has been taken, we should remain calm, but vigilant, and take our President's advice to turn fears into action: volunteer in hospitals, schools, homeless shelters, military facilities, or train for emergency service work. Our town needs volunteers; so does Heardmont Park, the North Shelby Library, and the various churches in our community.

Town Council Highlights October 16, 2001

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and home-made desserts were the order of the evening when The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall Picnic Pavilion. The festive occasion was to commemorate the founding of Indian Springs Village eleven years prior. About 125 people were fed before Mayor Gene Weingarten called the short meeting to order. Council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Brian Stauss, and Stewart Dudley were present.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced the following revenues for the month: beer taxes, \$1,017; auto licenses, \$417; zoning & planning, \$607; insurance refund \$94; Charter Communications \$3,479.60. The balance in the general fund was \$101,535. Road fund receipts \$1,105; road fund balance \$67,315.

There was no new business discussed and no new business brought to the floor by residents in attendance. Many thanks to Villagers for providing delicious desserts for the evening. A great time was had by all. See everybody again next year!

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A Salute to Our Couriers

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Many thanks to Steve Zerkis for answering the call for volunteers to deliver *The Village Voice* to the couriers, who in turn deliver it to each Villager's paper tube, if they have one.

Patricia Crapet, in charge of circulation, Phelan Webb and Steve Zerkis all share the duty of picking up bundles of the newsletter after I have delivered it to the printer and it has been printed -1,100 copies. Without our volunteers, publishing and distributing the newsletter would not be possible. Those who deliver *The Village Voice* to you on the specified streets are the following:

Nora and Jim Boyett- Spring Garden, Alpine
Dorothy Carlisle- Brookgreen Ln, Mountain Vista
Robert Burr-Indian Tr., Signal Tr., Deer Mt. Circle,
Rockford Rd.

Jackie Beretta-Jasmine Hill Rd.

Linda Sitton- Indian Highlands Subdivision

Phelan Webb-Cahaba Oaks Subdivision

Cora Brakage- Old Mill Ct. and Circle

Lynda Bedgood-McGuire Ln. and Rd., Cherokee Tr.

The Woods-Caldwell Mill Ln. and Circle, Bishop Ln

Linda Cencula-behind the Catholic Church

Ed Goodwyn-Arrowhead, Choctaw, Pawnee, Auburn

Jennifer Rucker-Wildwood, Mallard Cir., Highgate

Phylis Monical-Willow Ridge Lane and Drive

Steve and Pat Zerkis-Mtn. Park Dr. & Circle, Skyline

Olivia Weingarten and Aleta Lowe-Indian Crest Drive

Bart Trammell-Bookstone Estates

Kevin Colburn-Cahaba Valley, Grimes, and Castleberry Rds

Elizabeth Swain- Miller Circle

Herman Yarbrough- Indian Forest Tr., New Hope

Mountain Rd.

Laura Jones-Skyline Drive

Bonnie Murphy-Homestead Subdivision

Vickie Bice-Willow Brook Subdivision

Jean Baker-Windwood Cir., Caldwell Mill Rd.

In addition, copies of the newsletter are left at Indian Springs School, Neil's Pharmacy, Oak Mountain High School, Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center at Heardmont Park, and the North Shelby Library. Patricia Crapet, Mayor Weingarten and Ruth Goodwyn get copies for special purposes--the editor to mail to legislators and other public officials, to principals of schools, and to four libraries for their archives section, etc. Copies are preserved for Indian Springs Village.

Recycle Old Phone Books

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

If your old phone books are stacking to the ceiling like mine, then hurry on down to the corner of Indian Crest Drive and Miller Circle to recycle them. A trailer is parked on the corner just waiting for your contributions. The recycling is being done by Ali and Kendal Overton, who are doing this as a project for Girl Scouts. The girls have collected over 200 and get real excited when more come in. The trailer will be parked and receiving through November 18th. For more information, call their Mom, Toni Overton at 991-3753.

Getting Back to "Normal"

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

It has been a long two months since the horror of September 11th. Images of that day are still weighing heavily on our minds and in our hearts. There has been, and continues to be, a wide range of emotions surrounding this most tragic event in our nation's history. On a daily basis many of us feel helpless, angry, sad, confused, and scared. But at the same time, there is great pride, confidence, determination, and hope in our hearts for our President, our country, and the rest of the world, as the pursuit of life, liberty, happiness, and safety is carried out half-way around the world by our steadfast and courageous military forces.

This roller-coaster of emotions on which we all ride will not end soon. And it shouldn't. We must continuously remind ourselves, as if we had to, that while we should return to our "normal" lives, there are over 5,000 human beings from every corner of the earth who were suddenly and without warning taken from us in one horrendous action against not just America, but against all mankind--5,000 innocent people who were going about their "normal" daily lives, snuffed out like a burning candle.

President George W. Bush asks us to return to our "normal" daily routines and lives. This we must do, or they, the terrorists, win. And exactly what is "normal?" Taking the kids to school, going to church, going shopping and out to dinner, buying a car or a house, going on vacations, and living as Americans have the ability, and more importantly, the **right** to live...now that is "normal."

But, there is now a new "normal," and in the pursuit of it, there is something else that should be added to our "to do" list--being prepared for the unexpected. Terrorism in our homeland has been forced upon us as something we must consider as a daily threat. New York and Washington may have seemed like a long way from Indian Springs Village before September 11th, but as we have seen, terrorists can, and will, live anywhere and harm anyone.

So...what are we to do? We are to go about our "normal" lives, but with a new vigilance and wariness of our surroundings at all times. And we have to prepare. Prepare for the unthinkable, but prepare nonetheless. There are some simple things that we can all do that will help us to be ready for the unexpected. The American Red Cross advises us to do the following in case of such an emergency:

1. Create an emergency communications plan.

Choose an out-of-town contact for your family to call in a disaster. This contact should live far enough away that they would be unlikely to be affected by the same event. The contact should know that they have been chosen and all members of the family should have their phone numbers, cell numbers, e-mail and physical addresses.

2. Establish a meeting place. A predetermined place for your family to meet away from home in case of an emergency evacuation will save time and confusion. Include your pets in this plan.

3. Assemble a disaster supply kit. Evacuation or "sheltering in place" would require certain essential supplies. Prepare the kit in an easy-to-carry container such as a duffel bag, ice chest, suitcase, etc. The kit should contain first aid, prescriptions, medications, battery-powered radio and extra batteries, a change of clothes, sleeping bag, food, bottled water, simple tools, and specialty items such as baby formula or items for disabled or elderly people. **Cash and family documents such as birth certificates, passports, and drivers' licenses are vital.**

4. Be aware of your child's school emergency plan. Make sure the school has a list of your updated phone numbers and the numbers of any caregivers that may also be contacted in case you are unable to be reached. Get a copy of their emergency policy or plan so that you will be aware of the school's procedures during a disaster. Remember, school phones will be busy, or may even be inoperable, during an emergency and one less call for them to answer, or for you to make, could be crucial.

5. REMAIN CALM AND BE PATIENT. This will be the hardest thing to do during such a threat, but nothing good can come from panic and haste. Follow the advice of local emergency officials and law enforcement. Watch television or listen to the radio for news and instructions. Remaining calm will be your greatest asset.

Detailed information on the above items, and more, can be found on the American Red Cross website: <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/unexpected.html>.

Being prepared is the best way to guard against a threat by terrorism. Remember...**we are America**... "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We come from steadfast and determined stock who gave their all for the American way of life. The task is now ours... and we are determined more than ever to preserve our freedom and way of life. But, we are not invincible, as we saw on September 11th, so **be prepared!**

A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

One of our pioneer Villagers, Ron Luster, will be our guest speaker at the council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 7:00 p.m. Ron will explain the benefits to our area of the United Way of Central Alabama (UWCA). He is a loaned executive for UWCA, on loan from his company, BE&K, Inc. Please plan to attend. The following facts will give you much insight regarding United Way.

The United Way of Central Alabama is an independent and autonomous organization, one of 1400 such independent organizations in the USA. It covers Jefferson, Shelby, Walker, Blount, and St. Clair counties. Only one percent of funds collected go to National United Way headquarters; 99 percent stays in the five-county area, which has only a nine percent overhead. Having less than 40 percent overhead is considered good.

Over 500 volunteers in the five-county area grouped in 26 committees decide which charitable, not for profit, organizations get contributions. The Board of Directors--all volunteers-- makes the final decision on all allocations based on the recommendation of the different committees

Currently there are 75 partners, or agencies, in health and human services, 19 in Shelby County alone, serving over 94,000 clients in Shelby County in 1999. These partners receive 91 percent of funds collected.

The UWCA **does not** fund any agency supporting abortion, and it **does** contribute nearly \$1,000,000 to Boy Scouts of America in our five-county area.

Building Permit Requests

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Address; Applicant; Request--Approved

215 Valley View Dr., Classic Manor Bldrs., new barn

Lot 6, Mountain Cove; David Freeman; new residence;

105 Mallard Circle; Phillip Rucker; storage shed;

Lot 9, Mountain Cove; Robert Grant; new residence;

Lot 3, Mountain Cove; Dobbs Realty, new residence,

One request was denied: 355 Brook Green Lane; William Longshore; barn.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Accolades to **Marcus Webb**, age 11, son of Phelan and Mike Webb, for his help at the recent Founders' Day event. Marcus took down all the parking stakes and flagging (ribbon). We need more enthusiastic helpers like young Marcus!

Get well wishes are extended to **Kathryn Harrington**, recovering at home after a lengthy hospital stay for a broken pelvis and shoulder suffered as the result of a fall from a horse.

A Letter to Citizens

To the Citizens of Indian Springs:

The Village of Indian Springs was formed to protect and preserve the character and special beauty of our area for now and future generations. Our community has tried to manage itself by hard work and volunteer efforts of all its citizens. We have reached the point where the pressure of growth outside the Indian Springs area is making it harder to protect our community. As was discussed at the last town meeting, planning steps need to be taken and expenditures authorized to assist in planning our traffic corridor as well as protecting the valley from traffic, flooding, noise, and incompatible development. In order to do that, we are going to need financial resources.

One method of providing financial resources would be the adoption of a one-cent sales tax. Before adoption of such a tax, we welcome a community discussion of these matters at the next town council meeting. We request everyone interested to participate in the meeting and to let your town council members know your views.

Stewart R. Dudley

Town Council, Place # 5

Aluminum Recycling - Pickup a Week early for both Nov./Dec.

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

The November aluminum recycling was re-scheduled to November 14 because of the Thanksgiving holidays. For most Villagers the November recycling date will have already passed by the time you read this issue of *The Village Voice*, but if you are reading this prior to 7:00 p. m. on Wednesday, November 14, please place your aluminum recyclables by the curb, clearly separate from your normal trash. Watch for recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

Last month there were not enough volunteers and there was no recycling. The December recycling will also be held a week earlier than normal. It is scheduled for December 12. Please place your recycling by the curb by 7:00 p. m.

What items can be recycled at the curbside? Only aluminum--this includes cans, mainly beverage cans. Please, if you have not started recycling, please join the growing number of ISV residents that recycle. Recycling aluminum is so easy--just rinse and store until the next monthly pickup. Aluminum is the only used packaging material that recovers the cost of its own collection and processing. Aluminum is worth 6 to 20 times more than any other used package material.

Village recycling of aluminum helps to pay the costs of printing the monthly newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

A Letter to Villagers

Dear Villagers,

We had a wonderful October meeting at the Dudleys. Thank you, Frances! We elected new officers and accepted two new members. We are a Federated Garden Club and part of the 3rd district of the Shades Valley Council of Garden Clubs. After two years of my presidency, I am stepping down and looking forward to our new leaders doing some great things, as well, for our town.

Our new officers are Marge Dunn, president; Del Levesque, vice-president; Ruth Goodwyn, secretary; and Laura Jones, treasurer. The Welcome Committee is composed of Mary Hearn, Sandy Luster, Mary Bowman, and her daughter, Mary Bowman.

On December 8th at the town hall we will have a greenery cuttings sale to help Villagers decorate their homes for Christmas. Anyone is welcome to come and be a part of this. You can buy bundles of greenery for your decorating needs, as well as swap what you have.

Thank you, Indian Springs, for your support and input to the Garden Club and the Welcome Committee.

Phelan Webb

Resigning President

Garden Club Plans for Next Year

By Marge Dunn and Del Levesque

Our October Garden Club meeting was held at the home of Frances Dudley. Members were warmly welcomed and treated to delicious refreshments. Frances presented an interesting and inspirational program of making attractive arrangements from just about anything and everything you can find in your backyard and woods. We learned how simple it is to make aesthetically attractive centerpieces with just a sprinkling of imagination.

We welcomed two new members, Mary S. Bowman and her daughter, Mary Bowman, and elected new officers. We extend gratitude to outgoing president Phelan Webb and vice-president Jean Jenkins for all their hard work in establishing our club. Members decided to create a new position of public relations representative. Phelan Webb agreed to fill this post.

On December 2 club members will gather at Copelands on 280 for our annual Christmas party. This event will include a \$10. gift exchange. Please call Marge Dunn at 987-4765 for reservations and details. Afterwards we will proceed to Leeds to tour the historic Rowan Oaks home, complete with Victorian decorations for the holidays. Live music and other entertainment will be featured. Admission is \$5.00 and is sponsored by the Leeds Garden Club.

We are in the process of planning our programs for next year to include enrichment for gardeners. We invite interested Villagers to come to our meetings (next one is Jan. 24, 2002) and attend our greenery cuttings sale Dec. 8 at the town hall.

NS Library to Buy New Books

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Friends of the North Shelby Library on Nov. 8 completed their yearly pledge to the library by donating \$5,000, with the stipulation that this amount be spent for new books--current best-sellers.

The Friends earlier this year donated \$5,000, which covered the costs of the July 31 election when the library sought to have yearly fees for district residents increased. This measure failed to pass by 394 votes.

Art Johnson of Indian Springs was elected Chairman of a Nominating Committee to select new Friends officers for the forthcoming year.

Library Director Michael Jones has announced two new Board of Trustees members to replace two who resigned after the July 31 election. They are Kay Kelley of Valleydale Rd., a lawyer, and Mary Sue Ludwig of Hoover, who has been very active with the Greystone Homeowners' Association. Appointed president of the board was Alain Gallet, involved with the library since 1987 and a board member since 1999. Other board members are Wanda Carruthers and Steve Zerkis.

Director Jones also announced that the library is seeking commercial renters for approximately 6,500 sq. ft. of unused space at two locations in the library to produce income. The City of Pelham recently granted a request for a zoning change. Anyone interested in renting space can contact Jones at the library's business office, 439-5555. Since notices were mailed the first of October concerning the annual district fee of \$15, a total of \$15,000 has been received, including a grant of \$5,000 from the Daniel Foundation; this money to be used for operating expenses.

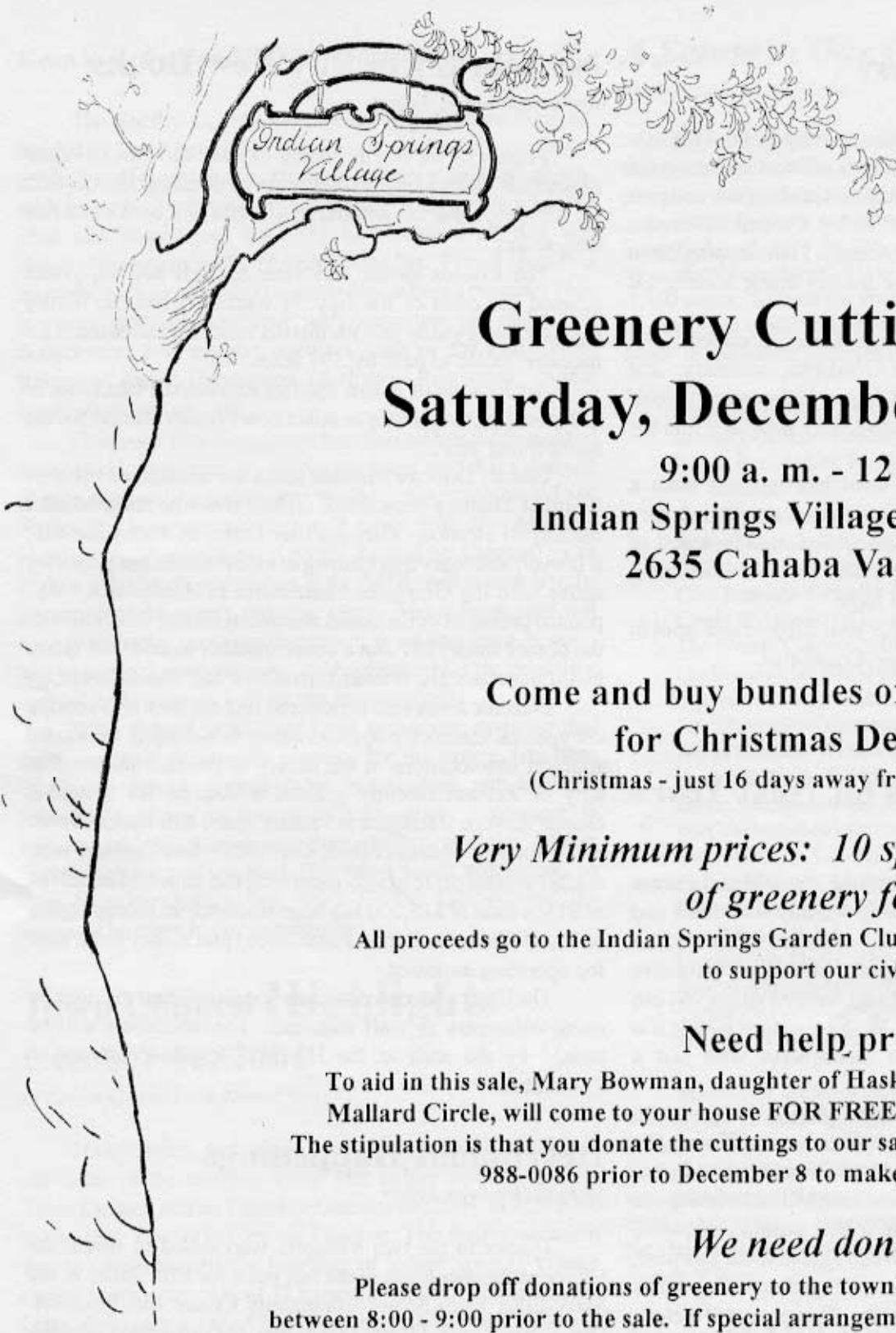
The library hopes to increase hours the library is open by using volunteers as staff members. The volunteers will be trained by the staff at the Harrison Regional Library in Columbiana.

Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Thanks to the two Villagers who called to reveal the telephone number given in the last issue for Rita Seales at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center was incorrect. One Villager called later to say that she did indeed take the AARP course in safe driving and how appreciative she was of the opportunity. This program proved so popular the community center is considering having it on a quarterly basis.

Two cooks have been hired and improvements made in the kitchen for preparing food for the "meals-on-wheels" delivery by volunteers. Formerly the food was prepared in Columbiana and transported to the center. Noon meals are served at the center, but you must call one day ahead. The center will be closed for Thanksgiving November 22-23.



Indian Springs
Village

Greenery Cuttings Sale

Saturday, December 8, 2001

9:00 a. m. - 12:00 Noon
Indian Springs Village Town Hall
2635 Cahaba Valley Road

**Come and buy bundles of greenery
for Christmas Decorating!**

(Christmas - just 16 days away from December 8)

***Very Minimum prices: 10 sprigs or swags
of greenery for \$1.00***

All proceeds go to the Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee
to support our civic projects

Need help pruning?

To aid in this sale, Mary Bowman, daughter of Haskins & Mary Bowman,
Mallard Circle, will come to your house **FOR FREE** to prune your shrubs!
The stipulation is that you donate the cuttings to our sale! Please call Mary at
988-0086 prior to December 8 to make arrangements.

We need donations!

Please drop off donations of greenery to the town hall on December 8
between 8:00 - 9:00 prior to the sale. If special arrangements need to be made for
your dropoff, please call Mary at 988-0086.

Suggestions: branches of magnolia (and seed pods), holly, camellia, pine, cedar, or fir;
cuttings of pyracantha, ivy, boxwood, ilex, elaeagnus, and mistletoe

