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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

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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.”

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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

As promised, here is an update on work being done to combat the substance abuse problem in our community. Councilman Dale Elliott and I visited the four convenience stores that serve our area asking them to remove products that promote substance abuse, aid in the delivery of illegal substances, or are used to avoid substance detection by testing. These stores included – Marathon Shelby Food Mart on Cahaba Valley Road, Caldwell Mill Shell Station on Caldwell Mill and Cahaba Valley Road, Circle K at Valleydale and Caldwell Mill, and Sunny Food Shell across from Indian Springs School, which actually is in Pelham. All four readily agreed to a pledge to keep these items off the shelves and are now known as Family Friendly Vendors.

Another area identified as a problem in our community is parents and other adults allowing underage drinking to occur in their homes or host parties where alcohol is available to underage kids. In response to that concern our county law enforcement leaders have issued a letter reminding parents of the dangers of underage drinking and the legal consequences. You can read this Social Hosting letter under “Be Responsible” on our Facebook page and website.

The next separate issue I will be focusing on over the summer is school security. While this is a complex and complicated problem, I am passionate about exploring all possible measures to make our children as safe as possible during school. This will likely require public meetings, including meetings with School Superintendent and Board, Principals, PTO, and the Sheriff Department. My personal slogan is “Don't tell me why it can't be done instead of figuring out how it can be done!”

Have a Great Summer and a Safe One!

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Giving back to our community is such a treat! In May, ISV was able to give a \$2500 grant towards the Summer reading program at The North Shelby Library. Hopefully your kids will take advantage of the programs they have lined up throughout the summer months.

Are you enjoying all the new American flags in ISV? They are surrounding all of the entrances to Indian Springs Village. This is a new tradition as we celebrate Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. May they be a great reminder of the freedoms we share as Americans and the pride we take in our community!

Speaking of American holidays, July 4th plans are now underway for our annual parade and picnic lunch. If you have never participated, it is such a great event in which to take part! The parade will kick things off, beginning in the Wal-Mart parking lot and ending up at the Town Hall. Parking this year will be in the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints and one of our officers will be there to assist in crossing 119.

Nothing says July 4th better than BBQ! Jim-N-Nicks will join us again and serve lunch in our pavilion after the parade. This year there will be a child plate option for \$6 and the adult plate will be \$12. Following will be the dessert contest judged by our local firemen. Have you chosen your dessert recipe to enter? Also, don't forget to stop in the Multi-Purpose building to purchase some Town swag. Hats and T-shirts are just \$25!

Kids will enjoy a new addition this year that will promise to keep them cool...a GIANT inflatable waterslide! Come prepared with some sunscreen and a swimsuit. We will have the slide set up in the back field behind the Multi-Purpose building. For the adults, please enjoy cooling off under the misting tent and with the use of our new personalized ISV fans that will be located on each table. Now everyone can beat the heat!

To top things off this year, we are **SUPER** excited to announce that we will be having a Farmer's Market joining our 4th of July festivities. We are still confirming vendors, so stay tuned for more updates about the amazing fare that will be available!

If you haven't checked ISV out on Facebook and our website, indianspringsvillage.org, we encourage you to do so. We now have a video on FB that tours the facilities and a reservations' link on the website, should you need to rent one. They have been very popular this spring and our calendar is quickly booking up for the summer. \$50 per facility...what a deal! We would love to have you!

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: AMA Sales an Remodel
Owner: Eldon D and Amy L Griner
Address: 212 Red Stick Road
Proposed Use: Kitchen Remodel

Applicant: Apex Roofing
Owner: Rush & Denise Girardeau
Address: 483 Indian Trail Road
Proposed Use: New Roof

Applicant: B & J Pools
Owner: William Allen
Address: 114 Highgate Hill
Proposed Use: New Pool

Applicant: Beaumont Construction, Inc.
Owner: Isandra Williams
Address: 5314 Mountain Park Circle
Proposed Use: Interior Renovation

Applicant: Blue Haven Pools
Owner: Randy King
Address: 5137 Hollow Log Lane
Proposed Use: Pool

Applicant: Central Heating and Air
Owner: Allen Jackson
Address: 5106 Split Rail Tr
Proposed Use: Replace Air Conditioner

Applicant: Clearwater Pools
Owner: Scott Simpson
Address: 4914 Windwood Circle
Proposed Use: Replace Air Conditioner

Applicant: David Acton Building
Owner: A.H. Holmes, LLC
Address: 125 Skyline
Proposed Use: Living Space

Applicant: Drake Homes
Owner: Kenneth McNeal
Address: 233 Cahaba Oaks Tr
Proposed Use: Additional Living and Kitchen area

Applicant: LAH
Owner: Bruno Foundation
Address: 5151 Cahaba Valley Road, Suite B
Proposed Use: Power Reconnect

Applicant: Herb and Margie Robins
Owner: Herb and Margie Robins
Address: 5136 Hollow Log Lane
Proposed Use: Remodel Interior Space

Applicant: Smaha Building
Owner: Jeff and Laura Falone
Address: 164 Auburn Road
Proposed Use: Interior Remodel

Applicant: Smith Roofing
Owner: Harris – 119 Realty
Address: 5502 Caldwell Mill Road
Proposed Use: New Roof

Applicant: Taylor's Custom Homes, LLC
Owner: Russell Favorite
Address: 1655 Indian Crest Drive
Proposed Use: New Remodel

Applicant: Verizon
Owner: Shelby County Board of Education
Address: 5478 Caldwell Mill Road
Proposed Use: Existing Cell Tower

TOWN HALL BECOMES A CLASSROOM

by BJ Scharath

Any one who needlepoints for a hobby, avocation, or vocation, knows that most people think of needlepoint as “cross-stitching”, “embroidery” (which is close but different), “knitting”, “that thing you do”. But people who needlepoint work continuously to learn and improve their skills of putting thread into a needle to create something of beauty.

Recently 20 ladies from Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Huntsville, Nashville, and surrounding Birmingham cities descended on the Town Hall for a two day class, learning how to create a design called “A Dusting of Snow”, a beautiful piece created by Gail T. Stafford of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. “A Dusting of Snow” is a lovely design 5x7 inches, created on something called Congress cloth. Using 18 different colors and types of threads, the ladies slowly began to create their own masterpieces. At the end of the second day, while most had made significant progress, everyone would go home to continue to work on their own piece for days (and weeks) to come.

The Town Hall provided a wonderful venue for the group, with the Town Hall meeting space transformed into a classroom of dedicated ladies working; lunch breaks allowed the ladies to take lunches to the Pavilion to enjoy the lovely grounds and enjoy the cool breezes that gently wafted through.



A Dusting of Snow © 2017 Gail T. Stafford

To read the minutes from the Indian Springs Town Council Meetings, please visit our new website at indianspringsvillage.org and be sure to check out our new Facebook page, for real time news and pictures, [facebook.com/town of ISV](https://www.facebook.com/townofISV).

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CLUB OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

submitted by Dale Elliott, MD, President, ISV Kiwanis Club

May was a very busy and rewarding month for our Club. Brenda Bell-Guercio, Jake Guercio, Dorothy Carlisle, and Dale Elliott participated in the Senior Interviews at OMHS. At that time we also presented a check for \$1000 to OMHS to provide assistance for academic fees for students in need.



Jennifer Kiser, David Egge, Jake Guercio, and Dale Elliott also volunteered for the Gone Fishing Exceptional Anglers Program at Oak Mountain State Park. This is an outstanding program for challenged youth in our community.

Clay Hemmick, Director of the Shelby County Drug Task, was our speaker at our May meeting.

Our next meeting will be June 24th at 6:30 PM at the ISV Town Hall. We plan a social evening without a speaker with a barbecue dinner. We welcome anyone interested in learning more about Kiwanis and our work for children to attend.

Parent University

Thursday, July 26, 2018 Old Thompson High School
6:00 pm-9:00 pm 100 Warrior Dr. Alabaster, AL 35007

Officer Isaac Cruz, Pelham Police Department

Compact 2020 and Bradford Introduction
Parenting with Purpose presentation
Effects of drugs and alcohol on the adolescent brain presentation

Counselor Wesley Goodenough

Mental Health presentation

Discussion Panel

All families are welcome!

INDIAN SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes can be found at <http://indianspringsvillage.org/town-council-meeting-minutes/>



BURN BAN FOR SHELBY COUNTY

As of May 1st, the annual ADEM burn ban is in effect for Shelby County. There is no outside burning allowed from today until November 1st. The ADEM regulations are as follows:

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT
Air Division

Control of Open Burning and Incineration

335-3-3-.01 Open burning may be conducted for the purposes listed below and if it meets all the requirements of this paragraph. Authority to conduct open burning under the provisions of this paragraph does not exempt or excuse a person from the consequences, damages, or injuries which may result from such conduct, nor does it exempt or excuse a person from complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the open burning is conducted as specified in this paragraph.

(1) No person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire except as follows:

- (a) Open fires for the cooking of food for human consumption on other than commercial premises;
- (b) Fires for recreational or ceremonial purposes;
- (c) Fires to abate a fire hazard, providing the hazard is so declared by the fire department or fire district having jurisdiction;
- (d) Fires for prevention or control of disease or pests;
- (e) Fires for training personnel in the methods of fighting fires, provided that all requirements of ADEM Admin. Code R. 335-3-11-.02(12) are met;
- (f) Fires for the disposal of dangerous materials where there is no practical alternate method of disposal and burning is approved by the Director;
- (g) Fires set for recognized agricultural, silvicultural, range, and wildlife management practices;
- (h) Fires set in salamanders or other devices, utilizing only wood, vegetation, coal, propane, kerosene, fuel oil or used oil (used oil as defined in ADEM Admin. Code Chapter 335-14-17) as fuel, and used by construction or other workers for heating purposes;
- (i) Open fires specifically or expressly approved by the Director.

(2) Open burning may also be conducted for the purposes listed below and if it meets all the requirements of this paragraph. Authority to conduct open burning under the

provisions of this paragraph does not exempt or excuse a person from the consequences, damages, or injuries which may result from such conduct, nor does it exempt or excuse a person from complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the open burning is conducted as specified in this paragraph.

(a) Open burning of vegetation or untreated wood may be conducted if it is generated by clearing or maintaining land, or from demolition or operations conducted for any of the following purposes:

1. Erection of any structure;
2. Construction of any transportation, utility, or communications line;
3. Maintenance of rights-of-way;
4. Development or modification of a recreational or commercial area;
5. Plant husbandry practices.

(b) Open burning authorized by this paragraph shall comply with the following conditions:

1. The burning must take place on the property on which the combustible fuel originates;
2. The location of the burning must be at least 500 feet from the nearest occupied dwelling other than a dwelling located on the property on which the burning is conducted;
3. The burning must be controlled so as to avoid creating a traffic hazard on any public road, street, or highway as a result of the air contaminants emitted;
4. Only vegetation and untreated wood may be burned. It is unauthorized to open burn heavy oils, asphalt products, plastics, vinyl materials, insulation, paper, cardboard, natural or synthetic rubber, salvage or scrap materials, chemicals, garbage, treated or painted wood, or any trash;
5. Initial burning may be commenced only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. No combustible material is to be added to the fire between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the following day;
6. Burning shall be conducted only when there is good ventilation and when the prevailing wind direction is away from any built-up area in the vicinity. No burning shall be conducted in areas under a current air stagnation advisory issued by the National Weather Service or during a "Drought Emergency" declared by the Governor;
7. The fire shall be attended at all times.

(c) The Director or his authorized representative may impose additional conditions to cover specific open burning situations where additional controls or requirements are deemed necessary to minimize air pollution.

(d) Permission to open burn under the provisions of this paragraph is revoked during the months of May, June, July, Aug., Sept. and Oct. in Shelby County.

BBQ RESTAURANT HONORS OAK MOUNTAIN TEACHER

Shelby County Reporter, June 8, 2018
By Bradley Talbert

An Oak Mountain Elementary School teacher was recognized last month for going above and beyond both in and outside of the classroom.

During teacher Appreciation Week, Full Moon BBQ showed their appreciation for Janice Lacey, a third-grade teacher at OMES. Teachers in the Birmingham area up for the award were nominated in April to later be selected by the Full Moon BBQ team through the #ThankATeacher campaign.



Lacey was truly surprised and “floored by the honor.” After receiving an email information her about the grand prize award, the third-grade teacher said she couldn’t believe it was true. Lacey assumed it was just one of those “funny emails,” little did she know the award wasn’t spam or any funny business.

As the grand prize winner, Lacey received a couple of goodies for her and her class. The teacher was gifted an Apple iPad, \$100 gift card to the BBQ joint, and a \$50 gift card for school supplies. Her class received free t-shirts and a visit from Full Moon’s Moon Man.

After nine years of teacher, Lacey said the announcement “touched her heart.” This was her first year making the “hard transition” to teaching the third grade and was moved that parents noticed what she did with their children and nominated her. “As a teacher you work really, really hard,” Lacey said, as teachers work round the clock, many spending their weekends grading papers and making lesson plans. She says she doesn’t teach for accolades but because “it’s what I’m called to do.”

Lacey is still planning on what goods to purchase to upgrade her classroom. Rather than keeping the gifted iPad for personal reasons, she has decided to

use it as a learning tool for the upcoming school year, allowing her students to use it for educational “computer-based programs.” She says her class will use it to focus on research, math skills and creating learning paths.

Lacey’s students will have access to the device this upcoming school year. Students at Oak Mountain Elementary head back to school Tuesday, August 7.

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS HONORS COUNSELORS OF THE YEAR

Shelby County Reporter, June 12, 2018
By Stephen Dawkins

The Shelby County School’s counseling department recently named counselors who were honored as the 2017-2018 Counselors of the Year.

Cindy Smith from Forest Oaks Elementary School, Sharon Butz from Oak Mountain Middle, and the entire counseling departments from Oak Mountain High and Chelsea High School were honored as the elementary, middle and high school winners. Oak Mountain counselors are Bobby Deavers, Pat Holder, Kathy Henson and Kristi Wade. Chelsea counselors are Farrah Fowler, Kadrian Delaine and Janice Maddox.

The awards were given during the district’s annual counselor transition training meeting, held May 30 at the Shelby County Schools Instructional Services Center.

Kim Bailey, supervisor of counseling and testing for Shelby County Schools, said nominations for the Counselor of the Year awards are made by principals and other counselors. Ballots with descriptive information about each nominee are provided to all counselors across the district, who then vote for a winner from all three grade spans.

Sharon Butz – Middle School Counselor of the Year

Butz was credited in her nomination for always rising to the occasion to ensure the needs of students are met, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. That included helping to fill the void on the Oak Mountain Middle School counseling staff created by



one counselor having to attend to the needs of a chronically ill family member most of the school year. Butz “went the extra mile” by making herself available to see all 1,100 students in the school throughout the school year often as the only counselor in the building,” said principal, Dr. Larry Haynes.

“She maintains excellent rapport with all students,” said Haynes. “When meeting with students, she is nonjudgmental and accepting, while simultaneously sharing warmth and understanding to a diverse group of students.”

“Mrs. Butz is also an effective advocate for all students. She begins the year by meeting with students in classrooms to provide an overview of everything the counseling program has to offer. Furthermore, she has a unique ability to demonstrate empathy, acceptance, problem-solving skills, flexibility, and rapport-building skills.”

Chelsea High and Oak Mountain High Counselors – High School Counselors of the Year

Rather than just one counselor being selected, this year, the entire counseling departments from Chelsea and Oak Mountain high schools were honored. The counselors at both schools experienced a difficult year due to several student deaths at the schools.

“This group of counselors has dealt with the deaths of three students this school year,” said Oak Mountain High principal, Dr. Kristi Sayers. “They have been the backbone of our school, offering counseling to teachers, students, and parents. This has been done without their missing a beat with all the other responsibilities of testing, scheduling, student-led conferences, Professional Development training, and countless other jobs. They have acted as a true team of professionals and they all deserve to have this award as a team.”



IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Stephens. Paul Jefferson Stephens, 92, was a resident and faithful supporter of Indian Springs Village, AL for 49 years. He passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Mr. Stephens was the first town clerk for Indian Springs Village and an active member of that community's original "Pot Hole Crew."



He attended Auburn University and graduated from UAB. He was employed as a CPA for several years until his retirement from the U.S. Government.

Mr. Stephens was a life-long member of Vestavia Primitive Baptist Church and an avid Auburn football supporter.

After retirement, he and his wife, the former Lola Wyrosdick, traveled worldwide for many years. He played fast pitch softball for Coleman Auto Parts until his 70's. The top joys of his life were Lola, their daughters, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren.

Mr. Stephens was predeceased by his parents, Jimmie Leona Wise Stephens and Garlin Irvin Stephens Sr., and one sister, Mary Moore.

In addition to his wife, Lola, survivors include daughters, Diane S. Bell, Paula Stephens, and Terry Johnson (Steve); siblings, Ruth, Helen, Velma, Dorothy, Clarence, Shirley, Junior, Jimmy, James, and Patsy; grandchildren, Lori Stovall (Keith), Jason Crawford, Heather Lawing (Jason), Andrea Mertens (Nick), Lacey Crawford, Katy Johnson, Tyler Johnson, and Parker Johnson; great-grandchildren, Emily, Hannah, and Hailey Stovall, Zoe Crawford-Logue, Gracyn and Bryson Lawing, Ford Mertens, and baby girl McKenley Mertens arriving this summer.



**28th ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Indian Springs Village Pavilion

PARADE, FLAG CEREMONY, BBQ LUNCH, PUNKY THE CLOWN, WATER SLIDES, FARMER'S MARKET, HOMEMADE DESSERT CONTEST

Parade Registration: Be set up and ready to register at 10:00 a.m. 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 turn left and continue on Indian Crest. The parade will make a right turn on Wildwood to High Gate and circle back to Indian Crest. Then it's 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 Town Hall. (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.

Barbeque Lunch: Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. Barbeque plates for adults will include Jim 'N Nick's pulled pork, smoked picnic chicken, and classic spare ribs, baked beans, slaw, potato salad, tea, brownies or cookies for \$10 per plate. Children's plate will be served with pulled bbq sandwich, chips, drink and brownie for \$6 per plate.

Music: DJ providing patriotic music.

Town Hall 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.**

Volunteers Needed: Set-up, clean up, supervise water slides (call Joan Downs 205-982-1755 or email: joan@indianspringsvillage.org)