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24TH ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY

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HEAR YE, HEAR YE, VILLAGERS COME ONE, COME ALL TO YOUR 24th annual Indian Springs Village Founders Day to be held **Tuesday October 21st at the ISV Town Hall at 6 PM.**

Fall means cooler temperatures, fall flowers, pumpkins, Halloween and along with all these wonderful traditions comes the Annual ISV Founders Day celebration.

This year our Founders Day dinner promises to be better than ever. Not barbecue of which some have grown weary, and not rubber chicken but lasagna will be the fare along with salad, iced tea and home made cakes right out of Joe's kitchen.

In addition you will have the chance to do a little bargain shopping while you enjoy fellowship with friends and neighbors. A silent auction will be held

featuring specialty items donated by fellow Villagers.

All donations received for the items go directly to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund. Examples of items that will be available for your consideration include a pre-owned 21" Troybuilt self propelled mower with bagger or mulch option and washout port; a complete set of Pearl drums with bass, pedal, cymbals two snare drums symbols and sticks; historic civil war prints numbered and signed, Halloween decorations, and other items. Check the ISV web site for additional items to be included.

So mark your calendars and come out for a great meal compliments of your town, and share old memories and make new ones. Don't forget, October 21st at 6PM.

TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO FIRE PREVENTION

North Shelby Fire District

North Shelby Fire District is proud to announce the purchase of a new pumper for the fire district. The new pumper is now in service at Fire Station # 1 on Valleydale Road. The apparatus was purchased from Pierce Manufacturing at a cost of \$448,000. This new pumper was custom built for the needs of the area we serve and should have a life span of at least 15 years of front line service. The pumper has a water pumping capacity of 1500 gallons per minute, an onboard 500 gallon water tank, and a 35 gallon class "A" foam tank. Class "A" foam is very beneficial since it provides

superior fire suppression when compared to using water alone. The pumper also has an abundance of storage compartments to house not only firefighting equipment but also the advance life support medical equipment that is used on medical responses. Please feel free to come by Fire Station # 1 to take a look at your new fire truck.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 2014

Town Council Minutes

The Indian Springs Village Town Council Minutes may now be accessed on the ISV web site. Below you will find a summary of the highlights of the actions taken at the ISV Town Council meetings. If you would like to review current and past minutes in their entirety, please visit the Indian Springs Village web site at www.indianspringsvillage.org.

September 2, 2014:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00PM at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 2, 2014. All council members were present.

Mayor Bell-Guercio introduced Dr. Kristi Sayers, Principal of OMHS, and Elizabeth Vise with the Oak Mountain Boosters Club. They gave a brief overview of OMHS and Booster Club fund raising activity and thanked the ISV Council and residents for their support of the Oak Mountain school system. Ms. Vise noted that their holiday fruit sale (Indian River citrus) will be in October.

The Mayor thanked Assistant Fire Chief Randy Miller and firemen from North Shelby F.D. for introducing their new fire truck to the residents and Council at the social prior to the meeting. Asst. Chief Miller gave the department report for August: 119 runs (44 fire, 75 medical). He noted that stations 1 and 2 are serving as drop off points for retired American flags. Jake Guercio with the North Shelby Fire District Board thanked the department for their excellent work and financial management.

The Mayor introduced Deputy

Lee Stockman with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Stockman has been assigned as our town's contract deputy. He is an 8 year veteran with SCSO and was ISV's first contract deputy.

Councilman Mendel reviewed changes he has made to the draft ordinance to define financial procedures and controls, as discussed at the August 27, 2014 council work session. Further, he discussed the auditors emailed comments on the draft ordinance. Mendel noted the changes made to the FY2015 budget, based on the Council's review of the draft budget during the August 19 meeting.

Councilperson Harrington gave an update on *The Village Voice* and noted that there would be some changes to the format. Michael Harrington will take over as editor in October.

Councilman Stauss noted that there were some problems with a computer hard drive that he is working on that has interrupted some email service.

Mayor Bell-Guercio gave an update on the Oak Mountain dams and the proposed inundation study. Requests for proposals to conduct the study have been mailed to interested firms by the county and we are waiting for an update.

Councilman Trammell introduced an annexation request from 2107 Indian Crest Drive for the council's review and consideration.

September 16, 2014:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00PM at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. All council members were present except Councilperson Kathryn Harrington.

Mayor Bell-Guercio read the Sheriff's report and advised that the monthly reports will be published in *The Village Voice*.

Councilman Mendel presented the August financials with the Council, they were reviewed and Mendel accepted as presented. Mendel also presented the updated proposed Ordinance 2014-005 Procedures and Controls of Town Funds to the Council. He made a motion that Ordinance 2014-005 which will supersede Ordinance 2005-004 and 2007-020 be approved as presented. Robins seconded the motion. Councilman Trammell called for a point of order. He presented his opposition. After a lengthy discussion, Robins called for the question. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was as follows:

Bell-Guercio - yes

Robins - yes

Mendel - yes

Stauss - yes

Trammell - no

Discussion ended and the motion to accept the Ordinance as presented was voted on and passed with Trammell voting no.

Mendel summarized his meeting with the auditor for the Council. The auditors have completed the FY2013 audit and will be on the agenda to present the results at the Town Council meeting on October 7, 2014. An audit issue concerning the lack of a SAFE Letter from Regions Bank was discussed. Mendel is looking into this issue.

Trammell introduced an annexation request from 2107

Indian Crest Drive for the council's review and consideration. A brief discussion ensued and then Trammell made a motion that Ordinance 2014-006 Annexation Request be accepted as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio reported that ClasTran is a 501C3 entity therefore the Town can make a \$100 donation. The Bremms request for \$385 donation was discussed and approved.

Bell-Guercio discussed the ADEM MS4 audit. It was decided to put this issue on the agenda for the first Town Council meeting in November with Chad Scroggins, Director of Shelby County Environmental Services and Frazier Christy, Town Engineer, present for discussion.

Additionally, Founder's Day catering was discussed. Stauss made a motion to contract with Joe's Italian for the catering of Founder's Day for a price "not to exceed" \$1100. The vote was unanimous. The Mayor adjointed the meeting at 8:35pm.

September 25, 2014:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met for a special meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday, September 25, 2014. All Councilpersons were in attendance except Councilman Trammell.

Mayor Bell-Guercio called a special meeting to advise the council of her findings in regard to other financial institutions willing to give the town better interest rates on CD's currently held at Regions Bank along with the required guaranteed protection of funds and verification

of such with a SAFE Letter at the end of each fiscal year.

Bell-Guercio advised that the best terms and conditions were offered by Bryant Bank, with a 1.25% interest rate for 48 months, and no withdrawal penalties. Discussion ensued followed by a motion by Councilman Stauss to remove funds currently held at Regions Bank and place with Bryant Bank at the Columbiana branch office. Councilman Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Brenda Bell Guercio

Our town was incorporated in 1990 and has flourished without need for additional taxes, such as city property tax or sales tax. This has been accomplished in large part by a group of volunteers that worked tirelessly to form the town, and then to donate their time and energy to sit on councils and boards and chair events.

However, the same few cannot go on forever. We get old. We get tired. Our own family or work responsibilities vie for our time.

I am now recruiting people to take over the Easter Egg Hunt that has been such a hit with our kids and grandkids. I will work with you and share all my information, but someone needs to get familiar

with the process to carry it on---IF that is what the citizens of Indian Springs want. Please see Page 2 for more details.

Our next event is Founders' Day, a celebration of our town's birthday. This will be held at the Pavilion on Tuesday, October 21. Dinner will be catered by Joe's Italian. We still need and look forward to homemade desserts from our residents. We will begin with dinner at 6:30 followed by a presentation from our first mayor, Judge Hub Harrington, and including a silent auction of several quality items to raise money for our Childrens' Fund. Our regular meeting will begin around 7:30. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS T-SHIRTS

North Shelby Fire Department

The NSFD has received this years breast cancer awareness tee shirts. The department will be wearing them as part of our uniform the week of October 5-11. The shirts are the same price as last year. (\$10.00) Orders are now being taken from the public.

COMMISSIONER LINDSEY ALLISON ON COUNTY'S FINANCES

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair
Indian Springs Garden Club*

Shelby County is on sound financial ground, though poorer than in past years. So said Lindsey Allison, Commissioner for District 7, which covers Indian Springs Village, Quail Run, Valley Station, and all of the subdivisions south of Valleydale Road and north of Oak Mountain Park Ridge, excluding Eagle Point. She spoke informally with the Indian Springs Garden Club members at their regular monthly meeting September 24 at the Town Hall.

Current President of the Commission, Allison recounted the Commission's long journey to get out, and stay out, of debt by practicing frugality at all times, especially in these economically-challenging times. The termination of about 29 county employees has been necessary—and more cuts, such as grants-- may have to be made. Sales, building permits, inspection fees, personal property, and other revenues are all down, but Shelby County has the highest credit rating of any county in Alabama.

Three of the nine commissioners currently serving, including Allison, were on the commission in 1993. They all remember the \$22.5 million sewer debt, how hard they worked to resolve it, and don't want to incur debt again.—Having County Manager Alex Dudchock to work with is a big asset toward remaining fiscally sound.

Members enjoyed refreshments

before a brief business meeting, presided over by Patsy Strozier in the absence of President Lynn Hendricks, and saw a preview of our new yearbooks, to be ready in January. Member Ginny Lusk announced that the new director of Aldridge Gardens in Hoover is Rip Weaver, who lives at Roebuck Springs.

A Harvest Supper will be enjoyed at the Thursday, October 22, meeting at the Town Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members will vote on new officers and by-laws changes which have been discussed.

ISS SENIOR NAMED STUDENT ACTIVIST COORDINATOR FOR ALABAMA

*BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
INDIAN SPRINGS, AL*

Amnesty International, a nongovernmental organization that seeks to protect human rights worldwide, has appointed ISS senior Min Gu Kim '15 Student Activist Coordinator for the state of Alabama. In this role, he will serve as the student contact for all student groups in the state and help other high schools form Amnesty International Chapters.

Amnesty International Southern Field Organizer, Ebony Brickhouse calls Kim and other Student Activist Coordinators—most of whom are undergraduate and graduate students—the

eyes and ears for our organization” in each state.

“Over the years I have had the pleasure of working with Min Gu and watching his leadership abilities strengthen as he has led the student group at Indian Springs School,” says Brickhouse. “I am honored to work with him as he utilizes his skills in other schools across Alabama. I look forward to all that is ahead and hope that more of our youth leaders come from Indian Springs, following the lead of Min Gu.”

To prepare for the position, Kim completed an intensive, three-day student leadership training in early August in Philadelphia, Pa.

“Even though I was elected to serve as Student Activist Coordinator (SAC), I believe that all members of the Indian Springs School Amnesty Chapter are SACs,” says Kim. “We are the only high school in Alabama that has an Amnesty International Club, so we will be the forerunners and help students start new groups at their high schools by visiting them and providing them with fruitful information.”

Kim says the ISS Club, which has been featured in Amnesty International conference materials and on the Amnesty International Facebook page, also plans to mobilize Alabamians around campaign opportunities and raise awareness of policy-related issues.

“The fight for justice is a commitment that starts with building the human rights movement on our campus,” he says. “Our role is to bring out the best in other students, teachers, and community members so that they can be strong

leaders, too. By building a strong team and constantly finding ways to get people involved, we will mobilize our community to be a powerful force for dignity and justice.”

Says ISS Director Gareth Vaughan, “We are proud that Min Gu has taken on this important responsibility for a cause about which he is extremely passionate. His commitment to working with others to effect change is evident at Indian Springs and will serve as an inspiring model for students across the state—and beyond.”

Indian Springs School is a national leader in coed boarding and day education in grades 8-12. Founded in 1952 and located just south of Birmingham, the school seeks to develop in students a love of learning, a sense of integrity and moral courage, and an ethic of participatory citizenship.

For more information, please visit indiansprings.org.



Photo: ISS senior Min Gu Kim '15, who has been named Student Activist Coordinator for Alabama by Amnesty International

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO CHAIR 2015 EASTER EGG HUNT

Brenda Bell-Guercio

After serving for ten years as Chair of the Easter Egg Hunt committee,

I hate to do it, but I must step down. Our town's children look forward to this event every year. If it is going to continue we must have someone come forward to take over and chair the program.

A summary of what is required to move the festivities forwards from ordering candy to the final prize awards is as follows:

First, around the end of February, I order 2500 eggs from Dollar Tree and pick them up when they arrive. Then I order from Oriental Trading Company prizes for approximately 200 kids—a few for babies, such as the stuffed animals, then some for boys and girls alike. When they are delivered by UPS, it takes an hour or so to check and make sure the order is correct. About a week or two before the hunt, 2 or 3 people spend an hour or so opening prizes as they are packaged in bulk, and putting them in big baskets to set out at the event. About 3 dozen plastic eggs are opened and construction paper notes put inside saying “Prize” or “Money”. Then these are taped closed and held separately to be put out in age groups at the hunt.

The day of the hunt which has always been the day before Easter Sunday, we rope off age groups and put out the eggs around 9 am. This takes an hour or so. Then we return around 2 to set out prizes and candy. The hunt starts at 3 and is usually

over at 4. Volunteers stand at the Pavilion table to help give out candy and prizes. Clean-up takes about 30 more minutes.

We will have a sign-up sheet at Founder's Day dinner on October 21. You may also call me at 913-3971 to volunteer or chair this event. It is really up to the citizens of Indian Springs if we continue with this event. It would be a great loss to our community if it falls by the wayside. Please consider volunteering.

LET'S TANGO 4 ROMANIA!

Episcopal Church of St. Francis

Please join us on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at 3 PM, at the Episcopal Church of St. Francis, for an exciting concert of tango music featuring Latin Grammy award-winner Raul Jaurena, bandoneon, and the Arrhythmia String Quartet. The concert, followed by a wine and cheese reception, benefits Music4Romania, a non-profit organization that raises money for orphanages and schools in Romania.

Tickets for this event must be purchased in advance at <http://music4romania.org.ticketleap.com/letstango4romania>. For more information visit www.music4romania.org or email at info@music4romania.org.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOUNDER'S DAY SILENT AUCTION

by Kathryn Harrington

Donations are needed for the Founder's Day silent auction. Anyone who has one or two nice items for the auction please help out. The purpose of the auction is to benefit the Indian Springs Village Children Fund. The fund is used to provide toys for disadvantaged children at Christmas, eye glasses, and other essential needs.

We are looking for items such as nice furniture, art, working musical instruments, jewelry, sports memorabilia etc. if you have an item to donate please send an e mail to Kathryn Harrington at Ksh@kathrynharringtonlaw.com or Joan Downs at joan@indiansprings.org.

St. Francis Music Corner: A Place for People Who Love Classical Music

The Episcopal Church of St. Francis is excited to announce the launching of the St. Francis Music Corner, a project that offers free music activities to the larger community every Sunday at 3 PM, from October 5 through December 21, 2014. Everyone is cordially invited to attend! For more information, please email Dr. Alina Voicu, Director of Music at avoicu@juno.com.

October 5

The Power of Music, with Dr. Alina Voicu. An exploration of the transformative power of music. For ages 7-adult.

October 12

BabySteps Demonstration Class, with Diana Dunn. A music and movement class. For children ages 0-3 and their parents.

October 19

Guitar 101, with Tim Shaffer. An introduction to guitar playing. For ages 10-adult. Bring your guitars!

October 26

Concert featuring The Birmingham Community Concert Band. A concert of beloved tunes. All are invited!

November 2

Movie and Popcorn. An afternoon of fun and fellowship watching "Amadeus" (1984)

November 9

Let's Tango4Romania! An exciting concert of tango music featuring Latin Grammy award-winner Raul Jaurena, bandoneon and The Arrhythmia String Quartet. Benefiting Music4Romania – all are invited! \$25.00 adult, \$10.00 student, children under 14 free! Admission fee includes reception.

November 16

Everything about the Piano. Mini-concert and fun activities for people who love the piano. For ages 7-adult.

November 23

Flute Extravaganza, with Connie Shaw & Friends. An afternoon of duets and trios for flutes. All are invited!

November 30

NO ACTIVITY! Happy Thanksgiving!

December 7

Choir 101, with Dr. Alina Voicu. An introduction to choral practices and repertoire. For ages 14-adult.

December 14

"Pace E Bene" Community Choir Auditions. Auditions for those interested in joining the "Pace E Bene" Community Choir in January 2015. For ages 14-adult.

December 21

SOLARE. An interactive concert featuring Christmas tunes and other repertoire. All are invited!

Alabama Wildlife Center Upcoming Programs

COST: FREE after paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park: \$1 per child 6-11 & Seniors 62+ \$3 Adults 205-663-7930, Ext. 4; wildlife@awrc.org

10/5/14 & 11/2/14, Sunday, 2-4pm:

Volunteer Orientation

Introduction to AWC usually 1st Sunday each month (except Dec.); recommended if you're interested in volunteering or are simply curious about AWC. At this free session you'll learn about our mission and history, volunteer opportunities and ways to support AWC's work. You'll meet some of the AWC staff and volunteers, have an opportunity to get answers to your questions, and enjoy a brief tour of our facility. Confirm the date and register online at www.awrc.org. If your schedule does not permit you to register in advance you can simply arrive a few minutes early to complete your registration in person. Quiet children are invited to attend, but please note that the minimum age to volunteer is 18 (16 accompanied by a parent).

10/19/14, Sunday, 1:30pm:

AWC & Audubon Teaches Nature

Preserving Alabama's Wild Places: from the Paint Rock River and Beyond. Guest Speaker: Steve Northcutt, Director-Protection for The Nature Conservancy of Alabama. Refreshments are offered at 1:30 pm in the AWC observation room followed by the program at 2:00 pm at the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center next door to AWC.

This first program for the 2014-2015 Season features a favorite field trip destination: the Paint Rock River in Jackson County. This region of the state is unique for its mountain cove forests and the birds found there. Steve will educate us on this unique natural landscape and their efforts to protect it.

10/25/14 Saturday, 11am-2pm:

Alabama Wildlife Center's Owl-O-Ween

Features children's activities, live owl guests, bird of prey programs, an owl release, and complimentary candy. Meet Alabama's native owls and the world's largest owl species!! Free after paid admission to Oak Mountain State Park. For changes and details: www.awrc.org 205-663-7930, Ext. 4.

Author Speak & Signings @ North Shelby Library

October 11th 1pm-3pm

Central Alabama Reader & Author Shindig
NSL Meeting Room

Free Admission

A signing featuring authors: Kit Rocha, Moira Rogers, Hailey Edwards, Deanna Chase, Jenn Bennett, Alisha Rai & Vivian Arend

We will have books, snacks, tons of swag and plenty of time to chat with authors you already know and discover any you might not!

Monday, November 10th 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Jon McClure – Author of 'Alabama's Best Restaurants Cookbook: Restaurant Recipes and Tour Guide to Beautiful Alabama
NSL Meeting Room
Free Admission

Jon McClure, author of the best selling 'Alabama's Best Restaurants Cookbook', has worn many hats in his career; Author, Publisher, Show Producer and National TV Show Host. He will talk about his travels and the recipes from restaurants around Alabama that are included in his book. He will demonstrate how to sharpen knives and test them for sharpness (his knives have been on over 3,000 TV shows). There will be a Q & A session and books available for purchase. With over 350 recipes from restaurants all over Alabama, this cookbook would make a great Christmas gift.



Town Council Meetings

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 7:00 p.m.

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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.” Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers.

The Village Voice is published the first week of each month. Articles for the October edition should be submitted by Sunday, September 28, 2014. 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; any opinions expressed should not be attributed to the mayor or the council.

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BUILDING PERMITS

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Great South Construction Co., Inc.
Owner: Nelson Bailey
Address: Valley View Lane
Proposed Use: Bathroom remodel

Applicant: Francis A Bryant and Sons
Owner: Lee Shannon
Address: Swan Drive
Proposed Use: Residential

Applicant: Gibson Anderson Construction, Inc.
Owner: Grey and Priscella Denny
Address: Stag Run
Proposed Use: Residential upgrade

Applicant: Murphy Home Builders
Owner: Tammy Nabors
Address: N/A
Proposed Use: Residence

