



The Village Voice

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**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1991, 7 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Representative of Shelby Medical Center
- II. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- III. Resolutions/Ordinances
- IV. Citizen's Forum

(Council Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday each month.)

Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The primary purpose of this newsletter is to report the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in Town Council Meetings as well as to give the mayor and council members the opportunity to communicate with the electorate. In addition, your editor's hope is to foster a spirit of community and cooperation along with fun and fairness. Good neighbors need less legislation. Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are also made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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PUBLIC SERVICES COORDINATION

When Seconds Count..... Dial 911

Shelby County 911 is available anytime you need help in an emergency. When you dial 911, our personnel receive a computer display of your name, address and phone number so help may be sent quickly to your home or business

What Should You Do? - We hope you never need to call 911. If you do have an emergency you will want help to arrive as soon as possible. Below are some things you can do to help.

Post Your Address - During an emergency it is important that your home or business be easy to find. If your address number is not clearly visible from the road, precious time may be lost looking for you. Put your address on both sides of your mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox or if it is not in front of your home, then post your address number on a pole or sign next to your driveway. **DO NOT ASSUME THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE YOU LIVE!** If your local department is busy we could send a department that does not know everyone in your community.

Test Your Telephone - Dial 911 and when the dispatcher answers, tell him it is a test call and stay on the line to verify your address and other information. You may call anytime of the day for your area. You may be asked to call back if an emergency is being handled at the time you call.

Alabaster	663, 664	Monday
668, 665, 991, 995, 980		Tuesday
967, 969, 972, 977		Wednesday
699, 424, 425, 426, 428		Thursday
669, 672, 678		Friday
Pelham	663, 664	Saturday
978, 979, and all others		Sunday

Support Your Local Fire and Rescue Department - The North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District. Please pay your service charge promptly.

Law Enforcement - If you need the Police or Sheriff, dial 911. Do not call 911 for basic information or to report minor problems like barking dogs or a loud party.

Fire Department - In case of any fire dial 911. Small fires can quickly become, large so do not hesitate to call immediately. Your local fire department will be advised of your location so they can respond as quickly as possible.

Rescue Squad - For a medical emergency dial 911. If you need an ambulance or rescue squad, 911 can contact the proper agency for you. Personnel at 911 can also give you instructions on actions to take until the rescue squad arrives. Contributed by Gary Dennis

Place #3

250 Spring Garden Street, 987-7378

Editor's Note--Chuck Conn, Pelham Post Master, urges all ISV residents to post the new 911 numbers for the most efficient mail reception. In addition, he says that if mail is delivered to your mailbox in error, please place it back in your box and raise the flag. Many residents in attendance at the last council meeting suggested taping the old street numbers inside the mail box to further aid the postal carriers.

OCTOBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The ISV town council met on October 8, 1991, in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School at 7 p.m. Mayor Hub Harrington presided, and council members Ronald Luster, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Dr. Peter Peacock were present.

In its first action regarding zoning, the council voted unanimously to deny the variance request by Maurice Lane of 125 McGuire Lane to keep a trailer to be used for commercial business on his residentially-zoned property. Although there are other trailers on this street, they are used as residences and not for business. Until ISV's Zoning Board of Adjustments is in place, the council will rule on all zoning matters, using the current Shelby County zoning ordinances. The latter were adopted for the interim period at the first council meeting.

The council voted to pay \$150 for City Clerks Paul Stephens and Jim Wyatt to attend a two-day seminar for administrative personnel and clerks. This program is sponsored by the University of Alabama and will greatly benefit the town by informing our officials on matters pertaining to municipal government.

The council also voted to join the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission, which coordinates the development of municipalities and counties in our area. The dues are about \$250 per year and are payable quarterly, semi-annually, or yearly.

Mayor Harrington reported that the annexation committee was currently proceeding down Indian Creek Drive in response to inquiries from outside ISV's town boundaries. The annexation of Indian Springs School is also in the initial stages and may be completed soon.

Councilman Ron Luster reported that the replacement of the bridge on Indian Trail with a concrete culvert bridge had finally been approved. However, this original design was submitted long before the covered bridge concept, which has still not been ruled out by the county. According to Luster, the county would benefit from a covered bridge since funding would come partly from outside sources and save the county some of the costs. Also, a covered bridge is expected to cost only half as much as a concrete one. Luster also reported that the pothole crew had been working on Wildwood Lane, and anyone interested in joining this dedicated crew can call him at 987-7918 for information.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the best tax distribution for the month of September was \$60 and that a building permit fee of \$20 was also received. Ms Crapet also reported having contacted the ABC Board and the State of Alabama Comptroller to verify that ISV will be receiving its share of revenue with the beginning of the fiscal year, October 1. As soon as the Alabama census is verified, this money will be distributed. *The Village Voice* has received about \$600 in donations for printing.

Councilman Peter Peacock reported that the Adopt-a-Mile program is going very well. Litter walks are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. Dr. Peacock reported that the sign committee has been working on some designs for the proposed ISV entrance sign. The committee stated that the letters of the sign should be eight inches high, the size recommended to be easily read from a moving vehicle. Mayor Harrington stated that the sign should be one that the town's residents could be proud of and that the sign committee should be given a ball park figure

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of between \$1500 and \$2000 as a guideline for the cost. The council concurred. The town has no money budgeted for such a sign, and several references were made to having the sign funded through donations. In addition, Dr. Peacock mentioned that U.S. Senator Richard Shelby is interested in attending an ISV council meeting at some future date.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported that he was able to have his Alabama driver's license renewed with an Indian Springs address rather than Pelham. To our knowledge, Dennis is the first person who has been able to convince someone in the license division in Pelham to make this change. He said it required his standing in the exception line and having a Mrs. Cox make several calls to verify that the change could be allowed.

Assistant City Clerk Jim Wyatt reported that street signs and traffic signs in our area have been disappearing. McGuire Road, Indian Trail, Rockford Road, and Highgate Hill are just some of the places where signs have been lost recently. If any suspicious activity in the neighborhood is observed, the proper authorities should be notified. The county has already replaced some of these signs, especially those along Alabama Highway 119.

All residents were once again urged to put the new street numbers on their mailboxes so that in case of emergency their homes could be promptly located after any call to 911. Also, mail forwarding by the U.S. Post Office is for only one year after an address change. Soon after the first of 1992, we can expect no delivery of mail sent to the old addresses.*

Before the meeting was officially adjourned, Mayor Harrington reflected on the town's first year, thanking the Villagers for their dedication and hard work in making the town a success. Afterward, those attending enjoyed birthday cake provided by Jim and Mildred Wyatt, as well as other refreshments furnished by Nora Boyett, Patricia Crapet, and Sandy Luster.

Patricia Crapet, Place #2

**Editor's note: Since many personal correspondents do not use return addresses, much mail will neither be delivered nor returned to the sender. Note your new address on your Christmas cards!*

ISV UNIT, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Kathryn Coleman to Host November Meeting

November 21, 7 p.m.

89 Pawnee Drive

All prospective members are welcome; call LaVerne Ramsey, 988-0059 or 251-1136, for any additional information.

The League of Women Voters and the Village are grateful to Ann Bishop for her hospitality during the October meeting and to Mrs. Coleman for hosting the upcoming meeting. The national focus of the League in these two meetings will be health care.

LWV WORKSHOP ON TAX REFORM

November 16, 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Bevill Building, University of Alabama campus, Tuscaloosa

\$10 Registration includes lunch (\$12.50 after November 17th)

For details contact LWV office, 251-2346

For carpool contact Martha Stewart, 823-4335

VILLAGE PERSONALS

Condolences to Bill and Jenny Pittman of Arrowhead Lane on the passing of Bill's mother, Louise Pittman.

Welcome to newcomers Joe and Bobbie Aultman of 161 Brook Green Lane. Joe is an electrical engineer with Bell South, and Bobbie is employed part time with Bell South. She is also working toward a degree at UAB in communication arts. The Aultmans have a daughter, Benae, 6, and a son, Joey, 4.

We wish a fond farewell to O. E. and Mittice Johnson, who entrusted the home they loved so well to the Aultmans' ownership. The Johnsons have moved to the Brookwood Retirement Home.

WINNING THE WAR

Next Battle Is November 16

First, a postscript to the article, **High Drama on the Highway**, published last issue: The orphaned kitten rescued from the highway last month by Mayor Harrington has found a happy home with Councilman Peacock's family. The kitten thrives, and his name is Hub. He is frisky, impudent, and irreverent.

You witness it, and your Adopt-A-Mile road gang avows it: smart money is on the Village in the war against litter. Whether litter on a stick, litter on a pole, or litter in the grass, there is surely less each time we march. Congratulating each other on the diminished trash heap were Nora and Jim Boyett, Art Johnson, Emily McAdory, Dr. Peter Peacock, Virginia Rancont, Margaret and Jim Roy, Julie and Rusty Schenk, Paul Stephens, and Jim Wyatt. Successful wars are not waged with only one battle each month. Many unsung heroes daily police their own road frontages and those of their absentee owners. Neighbors Dan Kessler and W. R. Carpenter join forces to keep an immaculate Arrowhead Lane intersection. Who has not spotted Jim Boyett removing cans and cups on both sides of his stretch of 119 or Herb Smith and Paul Stephens gathering more than their fair share of roadside artifacts? If you travel Village roads early enough, you've seen morning walkers Margaret Roy and Ginny Lusk laden with bottles and plastic wrappers. Many good citizens-soldiers routinely wage their quiet campaigns, sharing the goal of clean and uncluttered Village roadsides. Litter Walks for the months of November through April will begin at 9 a.m. on the third Saturdays, and our new staging area will be the parking lot of the Mormon Church. (No, Mrs. Peacock did not lock us out of her driveway to avoid collecting more kittens.)

It just happens that the church is located precisely at mid-point, making dispersal of litter walkers more efficient.) Join the troops on November 16 and **SHARE THE PRIDE.**

Virginia Rancont

ACCOLADES FROM THE EDITOR

Affirming their interest in the Village are traveling retirees, Clyde and Fay Wood, my long time neighbors on Indian Crest Drive. Along with other Indian Crest Drive neighbors, Bob and Patsy Cummings, they have added their names to the list of generous donors who are funding the printing expenses for *The Village Voice*. In addition, there was a very nice donation from a couple of Villagers who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you, and thanks again to all the previously mentioned donors.

Mayor Harrington is pleased to pass along a message from the Alabama State Highway Department. In the next official state highway map, Indian Springs Village will take its position on the map and in the index.

The truth is that all of us attain the greatest success and happiness possible in this life whenever we use our native capacities to their greatest extent.
-- Dr. Smiley Blanton

Help us build a directory. Communication is greatly hampered by the changes in street addresses and incomplete phone book listings. If you want to make sure that your name and/or phone number appear in the official Indian Springs Village Phone Directory, take the time to furnish the following information:

Names

Address

City, State, ZIP

Phone Number

Mail or Deposit in Paper Tube:
LaVerne Ramsey
530 Indian Crest Drive
Indian Springs Village, AL 35124

The ISV directory will be distributed only to ISV residents by Councilman Gary Dennis, who will be in charge of the data base. The ISV directory will be for the exclusive use of ISV residents.



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