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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School BBQ Pit
Tuesday, October 19, 1993, 7 p.m

Agenda

- I. Supper is served
- II. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- III. Citizens Forum

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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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As many of you are aware, the Alabama State Park Service and the City of Pelham joined together to build a 300 - plus foot communications tower in Oak Mountain State Park. Many of the citizens of Indian Springs Village joined with other friends of the park in protest. As a consequence of these efforts the work on the tower came to a halt, and a public hearing was held. Representatives of the National Park Service were in attendance at the hearing which was chaired by the Director of the Alabama State Parks, Mr. Gary Leach.

Several of the speakers at the public hearing were ISV residents, who eloquently voiced strong opposition to the intrusion into the park and our neighborhood. The only support for the tower came from employees of the City of Pelham. It was made perfectly clear at the hearing that preparations were being made to take legal action to prevent Pelham from building this tower on park property. Our Councilman, Gary Dennis, stood ready to personally finance whatever legal action would be required to prevent the tower construction should the park service approve the project.

I am happy to report that we have recently received from Mr. Leach the notice that the tower project will not go forward. Once again, the curious little governmental experiment know as Indian Springs Village has shown that concerned and informed individuals can make a difference, and that government can and should be both responsive and responsible to the people. In this particular effort we were joined by citizens from many other communities who came to know and understand the principles upon which our town was founded. To date, we have been successful in striving to uphold these principles, and we will continue to do so as long as our citizens are vigilant and remain dedicated to the preservation of our community and the surrounding areas.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our "Octoberfest" Founders Day Council Meeting. Please come with your neighbors and friends to enjoy good food and community fellowship.

—Mayor
 Hub Harrington

The Babysitters Club

Attention junior entrepreneurs! ISV is looking for a few good babysitters! Due to heavy public demand, *The Village Voice* is going to compile a directory of ready, willing, and able babysitters for Indian Springs Village families who are in need of such services.

"The Babysitters Club Directory" will include names and phone numbers of our area's finest and most capable sitters. The directory will not be published in *The Village Voice*, but instead will be given out only to those families who request a copy of the directory.

To join The Babysitters Club, or for further information, please call Councilwoman Patricia Crapet at 985-9205. Remember, ISV wants (and needs) you!

-- Patricia Crapet

A Letter to the Editor

We bought a house in Indian Springs Village this summer and are really excited about moving into the area! Our address will be 1580 Indian Crest Drive. Joan Henson (the previous owner) gave me your name and some copies of *The Village Voice*. We are teaching at International School Bangkok in Bangkok, Thailand, for the school year, but will be moving into our house in July, 1994. We currently have the house rented.

I really enjoyed reading *The Village Voice*. It was very interesting and well done. You do a great job! We are looking forward to becoming a part of the community and would love to keep in touch throughout the year. Would it be possible for you to send us a copy of the newsletter thru May? I would be glad to pay for postage or do whatever you think is necessary. I am enclosing a donation to cover postage or to donate in any way you wish. Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Dan and Carol Riley
Pakkret, Nonthaburi
Thailand

New Neighbors Around Our Town

Indian Springs Village welcomes new neighbors Frank and Patsy Minter, who now reside at 415 Highgate Hill. Frank is retired from AT&T and teaches accounting at Samford University.

New Time for Litter Walk

On September 25 we had our monthly litter walk along Cahaba Valley Road. New ISV residents Sherry and Jerry McWilliams, who have just built a new home next to Jim and Mildred Wyatt on Indian Trail, joined us for the first time. We would like to welcome Sherry and Jerry to Indian Springs Village and thank them for volunteering. Sherry and Jerry joined regulars Jim Wyatt, Margaret and Jim Roy, Virginia Rancont, Emily McAdory, Jackie and Art Johnson, and Nora and Jim Boyett.

We are changing over to the winter schedule in October and, at the suggestion of many of our Adopt a Mile team members, will try 8:30 a.m. for a few months. If this works out, we plan to try this time year round.

If you like seeing a litter-free highway, bring your work gloves to the Mormon Church parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 23. Slip into an orange vest and stroll for an hour or so with some caring and friendly neighbors. You'll enjoy the fellowship, and you'll love the special glow of community pride when the job is done.

-- Art Johnson

ISV Aluminum Can Recycling Wednesday, October 20

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, October 20. Please place your bagged aluminum cans on the side of your driveway opposite your trash before 8:p.m., and please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied in a knot.

ISV recycling volunteers, Jana Clark, Jason Durbin, Art Johnson, and Gene Weingarten, collected 236 pounds of cans on September 22. Newly-annexed Villagers on Miller Circle are now participating in the ISV recycling program. We had three, or was it four, stops along Miller Circle. This area has wasted no time becoming involved in recycling. The money collected by selling the collected cans is donated to help fund *The Village Voice*.

-- Art Johnson

Annexations

Indian Springs Village extends a warm welcome to our newest citizens. Annexing into the Village at the September meeting were Jerry and Darlene Vines, John and Nelli Maloney, Carol Williams, and Harold and Elizabeth Swain, all of Miller Circle. New neighbors, the Robert Holley family of Indian Crest Drive, were also annexed.

Our sincere thanks to these families for having confidence in Indian Springs Village.

-- Patricia Crapet

Town Council Highlights

September 21, 1993

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 21, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School. Presiding over the meeting was Mayor Hub Harrington, with council members Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Art Johnson in attendance.

The minutes of the July and August meetings were adopted as read by Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that aluminum can recycling collected \$38.46 for the month. Councilwoman Crapet asked that Villagers please get their "cans on the curb" so that *The Village Voice* will continue to have the funds needed for production. Other revenues announced were: beer taxes \$730.06, road funds \$647.93, and building permit fees of \$35.00. Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt announced that the balance of the general fund was \$25,794, with the road fund balance being \$13,540.

Councilman Art Johnson announced that the fall/winter schedule time for the monthly litter walks will move to 8:30 a.m. beginning in October. The cooler

mornings, not to mention the extra sleep, should be very inviting to those volunteers who will be lining up to help keep Indian Springs Village clean.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported that he had located some private funding for the proposed town sign.

The sign would be crafted by a local sign artist and be placed near the beginning of ISV close to Indian Springs School. Mayor Harrington stated that he would also be contacting the State Highway Department regarding erecting signs recognizing Indian Springs Village on I-65 near our exit ramps.

Mayor Harrington announced that with the upcoming hunting season approaching, a great concern to both residents and park rangers is the unlawful and random shooting in and around Oak Mountain State Park. Park rangers asked the Mayor to convey to residents that this behavior will not be tolerated, and citizens are asked to call Park authorities if any shooting is heard coming from the park area.

Dr. Max Davis, who lives on Cahaba Valley Road and whose property backs up to the park, reported that some wild dogs have been living in the park and apparently tried to attack one of his handymen. He urged citizens to keep a close eye on pets and children. The dogs were not provoked at all, and had there not been a truck close by for the man to get in, there could have been serious consequences.

Mayor Harrington presented the council with an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. (See published amendment.) The council will vote on the change at the October meeting. The amendment brings no substantive change. It is procedural only and solely to bring the ordinance up to Alabama code.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented five petitions for annexation into Indian Springs Village by contiguous property owners. (See annexations.) The petitions were reviewed by the council, who voted unanimously to suspend the rules to allow for an immediate vote on the petitions. The annexation ordinance passed unanimously.

The Town of Indian Springs Village
An ordinance to amend the Zoning Board of
Adjustment Appeals Process to Conform to State
Statute.

WHEREAS, the appeal process from a ruling of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as specified in the Indian Springs Village zoning ordinance as originally enacted is inconsistent with state law; and

WHEREAS, as originally enacted Article IV, Section 14.0 of the Indian Springs Village zoning ordinance provides that any party aggrieved by a final judgement from the Zoning Board of Adjustment may appeal to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 14.0 of the Indian Springs Village Zoning Ordinance specifically cites Alabama Code, Section 11-52-81, which provides that any party aggrieved by a final judgement or decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment may appeal that decision to the Circuit Court, and that such appeal must be made within fifteen (15) days; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest, and for the good of the Town of Indian Springs Village, that the inconsistencies in its zoning ordinance and state statute be resolved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Indian Springs Village that Article IV, Section 14.0 of the Indian Springs Village Zoning Ordinance be, and it hereby is, amended by deleting Article IV, Section 14.0 in its entirety and substituting therefore the following:

As provided by Section 11-52-81, Code of Alabama, 1975 or as same may be amended, any party aggrieved by any final judgement or decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment may within fifteen (15) days thereafter appeal therefrom to the circuit court by filing with the Zoning Board of Adjustment a written notice of appeal specifying the judgement or decision from which the appeal is taken. In case of such appeal, the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall cause a transcript of the proceedings in the action to be certified to the court to which the appeal is taken, and the action in such court shall be tried de novo.

This ordinance shall go into effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

HAPPY THIRD BIRTHDAY INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE!

Indian Springs Barbecue Pit

Come one come all to the third annual birthday celebration of the founding of Indian Springs Village.

FREE

Hamburgers - Hot Dogs
Cold Drinks - Coffee
Desserts

Served from 6 - 7 p.m. and after the council meeting

October 19, 1993

Please bring your lawn chairs.

Make plans to attend now!

In case of rain, dining hall facilities will be available.