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Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' 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 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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Governor Opens Oak Mountain High

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"This school is proof of what a community can do," said Governor Don Siegelman, key speaker for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new \$20 million Oak Mountain High School, 5476 Caldwell Mill Road, on Saturday, Aug. 7. The school will open to approximately 1,000 students on Aug. 17.

The ceremony was opened by Principal Randy Fuller promptly at 10:00 a.m. on the front veranda of the premium school, with red, white, and blue ribbons--the school's colors--suspended lengthwise among the white columns, with ribbon-cutting participants seated behind the podium. The attendees were dressed casually for the occasion in anticipation of the school tour and the barbecue dinner to follow, and because of the 95 degree weather forecast.

Members representing the Oak Mountain High School Band played music appropriate for the occasion, led by Band Director Jim Duren. Choral Director Ed Cleveland sang the hauntingly beautiful new Alma Mater, for which he had composed the words and music.

Guests recognized included Rep. Mike Hill, and Rep. Mary Sue McClurkin of Indian Springs Village, who presented to the school an Alabama flag which has flown over the State Capitol at Montgomery. Board of Education members were introduced, which include Hub Harrington, the first mayor of Indian Springs Village. Others recognized were four councilpersons from ISV, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Herb Robins. Mayor Gene Weingarten regrettably was out of town.

Bill Sparks, superintendent of schools 1994-98 when the tax referendum was passed which made Oak Mountain High School possible, recalled a line from the movie, *A Field of Dreams*, "If you build it, they will come." He recounted how the first tax referendum failed by 19 votes; how the next spring it passed. He spoke of how much he had enjoyed working with the Oak Mountain community during his term of office. It has been estimated that over 220 school and community meetings were held after the efforts were begun in 1995 to get the tax referendum passed.

Evan K. Major, Jr., current superintendent, introduced the Governor of Alabama, who said he had purchased the first paver brick from Greg Hart, PTO president, in the "Buy-a-Brick" campaign, and he wanted to buy the first ticket for the barbecue being served later in the school's cafeteria, "The Eagle's Landing." In his brief remarks he said the school was proof of commitment, and reminded voters of his crusade against portable classrooms. He urged his audience to vote on Oct. 12 for a state lottery, the main platform in his race for governor last November.

Students and teaching staff were present on the opening day to direct those touring the building after the ribbon-cutting ceremony--four classroom wings, the library/media center, where a book fair was in progress, the cafeteria, main gym, practice gym, choral and band rooms, performing arts center, counseling center and main office. In back of the building on the 65-acre tract are practice fields for band, football and baseball teams. An informative edition was distributed of *The Community Effort*, a publication of the PTO, worthy of saving to commemorate the special occasion.

Town Council Highlights

July 20, 1999

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as written. Revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$869; building permits, \$340; July 4th picnic, \$1,203; motor vehicles, \$452; and road funds, \$812. The balance in the general fund was \$117,478, and the road fund balance was \$85,816.

Councilman Herb Robins reported having written to the Alabama League of Municipalities to have a determination made as to which roads within the Village are the county's responsibility to maintain. According to state statute, roads annexed after July 7, 1995, are the town's responsibility, with all roads prior to this date being the responsibility of the county. A meeting is to be scheduled with the county highway engineer, attorney, and commissioners.

Mayor Gene Weingarten read a letter from Charter Communications stating that they are now the cable company for our town. Rates have been increasing steadily since Shelby Cable merged with Marcus Cable, now known as Charter Communications. The possibility of attaining a special rate for senior citizens in our town was discussed.

A letter written to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) from ISV on June 30, 1999, was discussed. The letter formally requested flood insurance status for townspeople who are affected by the flooding of Bishop Creek. The NFIP was passed by the council at the April meeting.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that May and June aluminum can recycling yielded 561 pounds of recyclable aluminum. Councilman Johnson reminded Villagers that the town recycles only aluminum, not steel, glass, or plastic.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that unusually heavy rains have caused wash-outs in several areas of the walking track recently. Twenty tons of crushed limestone will be spread on the track in the coming weeks.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the deadline for submitting recipes for the ISV cookbook would be August 10. All recipes will be categorized and sent to the publisher shortly thereafter. A publication date will be announced after hearing from the publisher.

ISV July Building Permits

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Permits approved in July are for the following:
Strozier, 297 Arrowhead Lane - garage
Quinn, 5533 Parkview Circle - house addition
Shelby County Board of Education, AL 119 - portables for Oak Mountain Middle School.
Hartley, Arrowhead Lane - new residence
Martin, 90 Miller Circle - pool house; deck enclosure
McGuire, 2135 Cahaba Valley Road - handicapped bath attachments.

Reporter's History Is Recounted

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Kim Price, editor of the *Shelby County Reporter*, recalled the paper's colorful and distinguished history at the summer meeting of the Shelby County Historical Society on August 8. The winner of numerous awards by the newspaper profession, the *Reporter* has chronicled local history since 1843.

ISV Recycling Is August 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum can recycling is Wednesday evening, August 18. Please place your recycling on your driveway, opposite your normal trash pickup, before 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use light colored or clear plastic bags with the tops of each tied with a knot. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead. In May and June, ISV recyclers collected 561 lbs. of aluminum.

July was a month to say goodbye to a good neighbor, friend, and long-time member of the recycling team, Tom Atkison. Tom, wife Kelly and family moved to Dothan, and we wish them well in their new location and his new job. Tom could always be counted on to help out when needed, even after working extra hours at work.

July was also a month to welcome two new members of the recycling team, Paul and Trudy Skokel. Thank you for volunteering. Our volunteers are indispensable and they make recycling easier, providing you with curb-side pickup. Your recycling volunteers in July were Paul and Trudy Skokel, Margie and Herb Robins, and Jackie and Art Johnson, collecting 535 pounds of aluminum.

If you have not started recycling, please protect the environment. Proceeds help support the publishing of *The Village Voice*.

NS Library to Open Sept. 5

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The grand opening is set for Sunday, Sept. 5 of the new North Shelby Library at 5521 Cahaba Valley Road. Nancy Sims Donahoo, Library Director, invites the community to visit the new high-tech, 26,261 sq. ft. facility located on five acres across the highway from the park/sports complex at Heardmont Farm. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 2:00 p. m.; the library will be open 2:00 - 4:00 that day.

Donations are still being accepted for bricks to pave the donor plaza being built behind the new library, which will contain 3,885 bricks. Bricks are available at prices of \$50. to \$500, and are illustrated in brochures available at Neil's Pharmacy, Indian Springs Shopping Center.

The old library building on Meadowlark Drive has been closed since July 2, and staff members are busy taking inventory, updating computer records, and preparing for the relocation. Volunteers to assist with the move of the 44,000 volume collection are still being sought. If you can help, call 439-5555.

The book drop in front of the old library will continue to be emptied every day until the new facility is opened. The Pelham Library is probably the closest for Villagers to use in the interim, but a patron's library card will check out books at any Shelby County public library.

Just inside the front door of the new library will be the popular collection of best-sellers, upgraded and expanded. The Birmingham Museum of Art will have a retail shop in the front main quarter. The library will co-sponsor various programs throughout the year, such as book signings. A large meeting room with an adjoining kitchen will seat 200 for a meeting or 90 for a banquet. A small conference room for 8-10 people may be used for group study or small committee meetings.

The library staff exceeds the state standards for quality and quantity of personnel. The Director and the Associate Director, Carol Farr, and two other professional librarians have the Master of Library Science degree; three are paraprofessionals with college educations. Ten clerks, pages, and others bring the staff total to 17. There will be no staff increase; hence the need for help by volunteers for the move.

In the new building expanded software applications will be on all computers, along with an enhanced communications line. The library received a grant from the Gates Library Foundation and a federal grant for updating telecommunications and computer hardware and has received donations from corporate contributors, Friends of the Library, the Rotary Club, and other organizations.

But the most significant portion of income comes from people in the community. North Shelby Library is unique in many ways—it is the only library in Alabama that doesn't receive appropriated money from a local government, though it serves a large area of over 40,000 people. The library, by law, assesses a \$15.00 per family per year fee to owners of homesteaded property within its district and 1.75 assessed value for businesses. The area borders roughly parallel those of the North Shelby County Fire & Emergency Medical District, the Cahaba Fire District, and other nearby areas. Boundaries extend east-west from Leeds to I-65 and north-south from the Jefferson County line to Oak Mountain State Park.

The community has always supported the library, as witness the tremendous book circulation from a Shelby County Bookmobile behind Lloyd's Restaurant, which was the catalyst for the North Shelby Library's being in existence. The North Shelby County Library district was created June 28, 1988, by the registered voters in the area to be served. Two acres of land on Meadowlark Drive were donated for the building.

"Our old building has served us well," said the Library Director. "But we have outgrown it. We have been successful because we have worked to serve the community, offering books, computers, magazines, and access to the Internet as well as a gathering place for people. To continue to serve the community, we simply had to build a facility that would enable us to provide the best in technology and give us room for our growing collection as well."

"I wish there were some way we could have moved without closing for two months," Nancy Donahoo continued, "but it will be worth the wait. The new facility will be comfortable and attractive, but more importantly, it will help us to grow with this community into the 21st century. Please join us as we begin a new era in serving the people of North Shelby County. Celebrate our success...the success of a library that is growing...the success of a community which has been loyal in return."

Proposed Hours of Operation

Proposed hours of operation effective Tuesday, Sept. 7 for the North Shelby Library are as follows:

Monday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday - 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Bonnie Murphy, and Patricia Crapet

In Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of **Elizabeth (Poe) Watley**, age 66, of 670 McGuire Road, who died suddenly Friday, July 30, of a heart condition. Mrs. Watley, who was from Shelby, AL, had retained her membership in Shelby Baptist Church, which she had joined in her early teens. She and her husband, "Shorty," who grew up in the valley along Bishop Creek, have lived on McGuire Road since 1958.

Besides her husband, F.M. "Shorty" Watley, she leaves two sons, Roger Watley of Indian Springs and Jackie Watley of Charlotte, N.C., and wife, Melanie, in addition to a brother and sister and numerous nieces and nephews. Her sister, Eunice Waldrop of Montevallo, has said the family was astonished by the outpouring of flowers, cards, calls, and food brought to the home--so much that they did not get an accurate listing of names. She would like to express the family's thanks to all of the caring friends, neighbors, and relatives for these expressions of sympathy.

Visitation hours were Sunday evening and chapel services were Monday at 2:00 p.m., all at Southern Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Watley was buried in the cemetery behind Indian Springs Baptist Church on Cahaba Valley Road, the burial place of many of her husband's ancestors.

Villagers extend sympathy to **William R. Lyman, Sr. (Dick)** in the death of a brother, Lawrence Edward (Larry) Lyman, who died July 14 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Birmingham. Born in Ithaca, NY, Mr. Lyman practiced law in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Sympathy also to the **Pacifico Family** in the death of Vicki's father, James P. Overton of Pelham, on August 2. Survivors from Indian Springs include Vicki, her husband, Dr. Albert Pacifico, and children, Nicole and Paul, of Cahaba Farms Drive.

The Homestead neighborhood offers sincere condolences to the family of **Gloria Lester** on the loss of her brother, Dale Davis, of Delta, Alabama. Mr. Davis passed away Wednesday, July 14, at UAB Medical Center after a courageous battle with leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Cathy; one daughter, Stephanie; one son, Dusty; one brother, Lawrence Davis; and four other sisters, Sarah Burroughs, Dianne Lowery, Carolyn Herrin, and Willie Sue Turner.

Just a Reminder

In April, 1996, the town council agreed for ISV to become a community member of the **Alabama Telco Credit Union**. This enables any citizen of ISV to become a member of the credit union and to utilize any of their services simply by virtue of residency in the Village.

Congratulations

Olivia Joy Erickson, daughter of Michael and Ann Erickson of 699 Miller Circle, graduated *cum laude* from Auburn University in June with a B.S. in Communications Disorders. She will spend the next year studying abroad.

Not Onnie, but His Dog

"I tell everybody in the office (Dickerson, Morse, & Yost, P.C.) that I can't, but my dog can get her picture in the paper," said **Onnie Dickerson**, 163 Valley View Lane. The picture referred to is that of Mischief, his yellow Labrador retriever, which appeared recently in *The Birmingham News* in connection with an article about tick and flea infestation this summer in Alabama. Mischief is enjoying (?) a bath and flea dip administered by a veterinarian's assistant. She was chosen by the staff to be photographed because she is more outgoing than her sister of the same litter, Mishap. The two were being readied for their return home after a brief boarding.

Welcome New Villagers

5132 Hollow Log Lane is now the home of **Chris and Mary Dickey**. The Dickey family, which includes **James Christian**, age 20 months, and dog, Lindi, comes to the Village from Evans, Georgia.

Chris is an electrical engineer with Southern Company Services. Mary, formerly a high school teacher of English, is currently "just a homemaker." Chris enjoys playing soccer with his office team. Mary reads a lot, while James spends his days playing. The Dickeyes are interested in meeting their neighbors, especially those with children who can be playmates or babysitters for James, as well as dogsitters for Lindi. Welcome to Homestead and Indian Springs Village!

Bridge Anyone?

Janet Roper is looking for interested parties who would like to participate in a bridge club in the Village. If you are interested, please call Janet at 987-1362 or e-mail her at "anglojm@mindspring.com".

Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes go to **Michael Stephens** and the former **Deborah Kelley**, who were married on Saturday, July 3, in the city of romance, Paris, France. The couple has a home in Naples, Florida, but will be at home in Indian Springs Village, where Mike owns the Resting S Ranch in Cahaba Farms. We look forward to Mike and Debbie's return from abroad.

Victoria Lane Tipton and **Maxwell Dean Harvison** were married on July 10th at the Indian Crest Drive home of her parents, **John and Kay Tipton**. The couple's rehearsal party was at the ISV Town Hall pavilion on the Friday night preceding the couple's nuptials. Following a honeymoon to Aruba, Tori and Dean will be at home in Trussville.