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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

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

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Tenth Annual Indian Springs Village 4th of July Celebration Is an Overwhelming Success

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

A more beautiful day for the Tenth Annual ISV Fourth of July Parade and Picnic could not have been possible. Cooler perhaps, but certainly not any prettier. With not a cloud in the sky, space in the pavilion and beneath the shade trees surrounding, was well used. The heat was kept somewhat at bay by large fans positioned at the end of the pavilion. But, after all, it is July, and around the Village, July is spelled H-O-T!

The preparations for the event had begun several days earlier, with the gathering of wood for the fire, supplies, and most importantly, the food! Pothole Crew members **Jim Boyett**, **Bart Trammell**, and **Paul Stephens** erected tents and tables for the dessert and drink distribution. **Jim Boyett**, as always, constructed the tables for the desserts. Late Saturday night **Michael** and **Tricia Crapet** decorated the town hall with patriotic bunting. **Nora Boyett** began gathering promises of desserts to be brought by Villagers to share with friends and neighbors.

The morning of July 4th found the Pothole Crew - **Jim Boyett**, **Paul Stephens**, and **Bart Trammell** - firing up the pit at 4:00 a.m., assisted by **Buzz Kelly** and first-timer, **Gerry Templeton**. The newly initiated Gerry reportedly had a great time hanging out with the seasoned veteran chefs. He was unable to talk the secret barbecue sauce recipe out of Paul Stephens, who has managed to keep his concoction a secret for ten years. Several hours of slow roasting of 81 slabs of ribs and 120 chicken halves lay ahead of these devoted early birds.

The decorating committee began working at 7:00 a.m., spear-headed once again by **Nelda Kelly**. Busy volunteers - **Del Levesque**, **Ruth Kennedy**, **Audra Rathsome**, and **Margie Robins** - did a wonderful job of blowing up the helium-filled balloons, dressing up the picnic tables, and making the grounds look festive. Reportedly, the Pothole Crew was kind enough to assist when needed.

At 10:30 a.m. parade participants began arriving at the ISV Winn-Dixie Marketplace. Parade coordinator, **Tricia Crapet**, was assisted by **Phelan Webb** in registering the participants and their vehicles. The group left on its journey through the Village at approximately 11:05 a.m. As in eight previous years, (they have only missed one out of the ten) the parade was led by **Sheriff James Jones** and his better half, **Debbie**.

More participants than ever registered for this year's parade. Many antique, classic, and late model cars, as well as motorcycles, were represented in the ensemble. Sporting late model vehicles were **Jon Strength**, **Thomas Ellisen**, **Martha Alosi**, **Don Perrin**, **Dawn** and **Charlie Thornton**, and **M. J. Farr**. Senator **Bill Armistead** left the 1951 Ford at home, but came in his late model Chrysler. Scoutmaster **Kevin Miller**'s Suburban was chocked full of uniformed Boy Scouts. The newest vehicle was **David** and **Dana Thrasher**'s attention-grabbing 2001 Chrysler P.T. Cruiser.

Classic, custom, antique, and collectible vehicles are always a highlight of the parade. Participants in this category were: **Joe Lewellyn**, 1927 Ford Model T; **John Prescott**, 1957 T-Bird; **Vann** and **Mary Sue McClurkin**, 1966 Mustang; **Joe Aultman**, 1973 Volkswagon convertible; **Tricia Crapet**, 1934 Ford Sedan; **Jeff Ayers**, 1969 Cadillac Coupe DeVille convertible; **Jim Wilson**, 1932 Ford Touring Sedan; **Dale Brakhage**, 1967 Shelby Cobra replica; **Cora Brakhage**, 1969 Mach 1 Mustang; **James Lynch**,

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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1970 Cutlass; and **Mayor Gene Weingarten**, 1959 Ford Pick-up. As American as apple pie, but even prettier, were the Corvettes. **Scooter Barry** drove his 1966 yellow Corvette. **David** and **Alan Boutwell** rode a 1978 Corvette, **Jack Barry III** came in a purple and yellow 1998 Corvette pace car, and **Steve, Trudy,** and **Christy Scokel** drove their classic 1970 Corvette convertible.

Last but certainly not least, were the bikers. **Buck Jones**, son of Sheriff James and Debbie Jones, drove his 1990 Honda GoldWing beside **Joseph Crapet** on his Kawasaki KDX200. First time parade participant **Steve Jordan** rode his beautiful custom 2000 Bulldog "Big Dog." Harley Davidson, pride of America, was represented by **James Beretta**, 1999 Harley Road King Classic; **Ed Beck**, 1985 Harley Davidson FXR; and **Michael** and **Phelan Webb** on their 1999 Harley Davidson.

North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Rescue was represented by **Fire Chief Michael O'Connor** in his official vehicle, and as usual, one of the NSFD's finest bright lime-green firetrucks brought up the rear, sirens blaring and lights flashing! Each intersection was manned by **North Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies**, who controlled traffic as the parade traveled its route.

The largest parade thus far for ISV's annual event was viewed by the largest number of roadside spectators ever. Street corners and intersections were crowded as enthusiastic onlookers were treated to the sights and sounds of our Tenth Annual Parade. Flag-waving parade greeters were treated to candy and frisbees thrown by parade participants. Among the many onlookers this year were **Chuck** and **Ruth Snow** and children, **Stewart, Kyle,** and **Stephen Dudley, Carolyn Cashion, Bill** and **Laverne Ramsey, Betty Grady, Bobbie Aultman, Rita Mendel,** former NSFD Chief **Winston Boutwell**, with new neighbor, **Scott Howell, Clyde** and **Fay Wood**, and many, many other citizens.

Mayor Gene Weingarten introduced special guests **Sheriff James Jones, Senator Bill Armistead, Shelby County Commissioner Don Armstrong,** and **Representative Mary Sue McClurkin**, who presented the town with an Alabama state flag that had been flown over our state's Capitol.

As part of our tenth year, and to celebrate the millennium, a special flag-raising ceremony took place at 10:25 a.m. **Jim Wyatt**, ISV's Assistant Town Clerk and member of the Marine Corps League, arranged the patriotic events. The **4th Battalion, 14th Marines, Bessemer, AL**, participants were **Lance Cpl. Darlene Tysinger, Lance Cpl. Wendy Dill,** and **Cpl. David Dithmer.**

A very solemn moment in the program was the re-enactment of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima during World War II. The **Marine Corps League** put on the very moving demonstration. In battle dress, members who participated were **Bo Bridges, Josh Adkins, Don Adkins, Doug Light,** and **David Light.** You could hear a pin drop as the five re-created the moment in time that reminded us all of why we celebrate the freedom of our nation. There was hardly a dry eye among those watching, and it made the day very special indeed.

After a blessing of thanks offered by **Councilman Herb Robins**, the food line began forming. Selling tickets this year were **Bob Konecny** and daughter, **Kate.** Volunteer servers were eager to fill the plates of the hungry masses. Those who enjoyed meeting and greeting their friends and neighbors in the serving line were **Herb and Margie Robins, Connie Trammell, Benton, Jean,** and **Anna Grace Baker, Harry Little, Norm, Barbara,** and **David Bradley,** and **Councilman Art Johnson.** According to the Village "bean counters," approximately 400 persons were served meals!

That is 100 more than our largest year's turnout! Absolutely no barbecue pork or chicken was left, and only a couple of pieces of ribs were seen languishing in a pan after everyone had been fed. Only crumbs remained at the dessert table.

Thanks so much to all Villagers who brought desserts to share. A sign-up list was available, but, unfortunately, not used. We don't know who brought these delightful goodies, but from an expert's view, they were fantastic! Of special note were the banana pudding, lemon, caramel and chocolate cakes of all varieties, cupcakes, chocolate cheesecake pie, and my favorite, the peach/blueberry cobbler. (I need that recipe!) Thanks to volunteers **Nora Boyett, Lola Stephens, Jane Martin, Alison Stigers, Alan, Sandy, Brooke and Lauren Jackson,** and Alan's mother, **Mrs. Jackson,** and **Ginny Lusk**, for serving drinks, desserts, and hot dogs.

A special thank you goes to many people who worked to bring this event to reality. **Herb and Margie Robins**, who spearheaded the food committee, served many hours organizing even the smallest details. **Pure Pak Ice**, Pelham, was responsible for helping everyone keep their "cool" with the many bags of ice and ice machine. **Brian Stauss**, who was in charge of parking for the event, and cuts the grass at the town hall, spent many hours sweating over a hot lawnmower. Brian was assisted by **Boy Scout Troop 254** and **Scoutmaster Kevin Miller** in parking cars behind the pavilion. The scouts also assisted in cleaning up during and after the picnic.

As always, our July Fourth Celebration is an effort solely managed by volunteers. The main intent of this event is to foster community spirit and to remind us how much our freedom is to be cherished. This year's efforts resulted in the biggest, and some say the best, event in our brief history. Our sincerest thanks goes to all who participated and attended. See you all again next year!

"No Burn" Policy in Effect

During the months of May through September a prohibition is in effect regarding open burning, and all must comply with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) regulations. The burning of untreated wood, tree trimmings, brush or plant growth generated by clearing or maintenance of land is prohibited. Mayor Weingarten suggests mulching your flowers and shrubs with old leaves and trimmings and urges everyone to be a considerate neighbor. Direct specific questions to the ADEM office at 942-6168.

ISV Recycling - July 19

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. is the next aluminum recycling pickup. To assist volunteers, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags with the tops tied in knots, and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your trash pickup. Watch for recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Dr., and entrances to Homestead.

In June the recycling team members were Mary and Russ Favorite, Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Scokel, Bob Durbin and Art Johnson. In April and May Villagers recycled 630 pounds of aluminum. New volunteers are still needed for the recycling crew. We prefer to pick up your cans from the curbside, but you can take them to the town hall *only* on the normal recycling day. But, please do not leave cans at the town hall after the recycling trailer has been removed. **There is no storage area at the town hall.**

Town Council Highlights

June 20, 2000

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Art Johnson, Gary Dennis, Herb Robins, and Stewart Dudley present. The minutes were adopted of the May 16, 2000, meeting.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens presented the receipts for the past month: \$590 from Birmingham Racing Commission; \$799, beer tax; \$680 auto licenses; \$189, aluminum can collection; \$1500 Alabama Power grant to pay for the pole to be installed for a siren on town hall grounds. Transferred out of the general fund was \$100,000 for a 7% certificate of deposit for 12 months. A safe deposit box was rented for safekeeping of important documents. The balance in the regular fund is \$104,889. Road fund receipts totaled \$807, with a road fund balance of \$96,517.

In council members' reports, Art Johnson appealed for recycling volunteers since the poundage of aluminum cans collected monthly surges during the summer.

Herb Robins reported work on the roads designated for repair in the village would be done the last of July. The council voted that the town's wooden street signs located along Highway 119 and the town hall sign be refurbished by Atkins Signs at a cost of \$1,275.

A motion was passed unanimously to repair the walking track behind the town hall at a cost of \$2,632, which does not include the gravel needed. Brian Stauss volunteered to investigate getting the rock donated. Phelan Webb and members of the Indian Springs Garden Club were praised for the plantings around the town hall.

Stewart Dudley reported on the possible loan of two speed monitors for Highway 119. The machines read and flash to drivers the actual speed of their vehicles as they pass through our town.

In connection with motorists' speeding on Highway 119, Gary Dennis is researching, and has asked manufacturers for quotations, on digital camera and other automated systems, with a focus on slowing down traffic and preventing possible accidents.

Christina C. Mosca, Government and Public Relations Manager of Charter Communications, announced that Charter is currently upgrading so that quality of service will be even throughout the Village, with better picture and sound quality and improved service reliability. The system is being rebuilt to bring service to full digital 750 megahertz, using fiber optic cable. Additional to digital cable service, Charter will soon be offering high speed Internet access.

Russ Allison, the town's attorney, appointed by the Mayor last month to the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District's Citizens Advisory Board and a former member of the NSFD Board of Trustees, gave facts and figures on the status of our fire district. He warned that because 26 percent of the original NSFD is now in either Birmingham, Hoover, or Pelham, an increase in the fire district annual service fee should be expected to offset the loss of revenue to those municipalities. This will not happen until a vote of the citizenry is held, recommended to be held within the next six months.

Lindsey Allison, Shelby County Commissioner for District 7, reported that the Commission is researching recycling for Shelby County. Research shows that less than 20 percent of the population recycle. Being considered is having plastic, paper, and aluminum

containers at designated locations such as in the Village, at Heardmont Farms, etc., for citizens to place their recycling. She emphasized that in no way would the Commission want to interfere with community recycling efforts such as the monthly can collection in the Village.

Jim Wyatt, Assistant Town Clerk, presented an application for annexation of property contiguous to the town. The petition of Ted C. and Carla J. Williams, 705 New Hope Mountain Road, was accepted unanimously.

Gerald Templeton, Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Commission, presented an application from Thad and Jan Phillips (brother and sister) for dividing the Phillips property at 146 Willow Ridge Drive into two parcels. This property was originally two parcels, then joined, and redivision was sought. The size of each proposed parcel was checked and found to be in compliance with the town's requirement of minimum one-acre lots. The commission had acted favorably on the request; the council adopted the Zoning and Planning Commission's recommendation.

The commission had denied a request from Tritell Communications to erect a 100 ft. wireless telecommunications monopole behind Compass Bank and adjacent to Winn-Dixie Marketplace. This denial was accepted by the council. Andy Rotenstreich, attorney for Tritell, stated Tritell was entitled to having the tower erected because the company had met all the ordinance criteria. He demanded a statement of reasons for denial so Tritell could appeal. The matter was tabled for 60 days.

Fire District Trustees Election

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

All fire districts in Shelby County are to conduct elections for members of their Boards of Trustees the second Tuesday in September (Sept. 12). The qualifying deadline for those interested is July 17. Should only one candidate qualify to run for any county fire board election, the Shelby County Probate Judge can certify that person without an election.

North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District trustees up for re-election are Martha Geyer, seat 5, Sally Cox, seat 3, and Pete Clemmons, seat 4. All are re-qualifying. All have been good stewards of our fire district, said Board of Trustees President Jim Wyatt. Martha Geyer, of New Hope Mountain Road, was with her husband James and several other interested citizens, the instigators for the formation of NSFD, which began operation Oct. 1, 1978.

This Time, Who Took the Bread?

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In the June *The Village Voice* it was reported that our all-weather U. S. flag had been taken from its lighted pole at the town hall. This month the disappearance of bread stored in the town hall kitchen refrigerator's freezing compartment has been reported. The bread--a whole freezer full--was identified as belonging to the Garden Club/Welcoming Committee. It is not known exactly when the bread vanished--sometime between May 25 and June 22, Garden Club meeting dates. Only officials and very few volunteers have keys to the town hall, which is available for Villagers to reserve for private functions. Could it be that somebody forgot the bread for a picnic and helped themselves? The freezing compartment was cleaned out, at a loss of time and money to the hard-working Garden Club members.

Building Permits Accepted

By *Marty Martin, Town Engineer*

In the order of address, applicant, and request, the following building permits were approved in June:

5560 Cahaba Valley Road, Manning, home addition; 5509 Timber Hill Road, Hester, porch enclosure; 200 Mountain Vista, Pitchford, HVAC; 335 McGuire Road, McGuire, garage; 1005 Indian Trail Rd., Small, pool.

Around the Village

By *Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Congratulations

Chief Michael O'Connor, North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District, will complete work in July for a bachelor of science degree in management, with a minor in finance. The degree will be conferred at the annual commencement, May 2001. Fire Chief since 1995, O'Connor holds an associate degree in fire service from Jefferson State Community College. He has been with NSFD since 1982, and was promoted through the ranks to lieutenant, battalion chief, and then chief.

Christopher Thomas Bell of Indian Springs, son of David and Christy Holt, recently received the Eagle award, the highest honor in scouting.

Scoutmaster Sullivan of Troop 532 presented Christopher with the Eagle Scout badge May 28. The court of Honor ceremony was held at the Helena United Methodist Church. A reception followed, attended by fellow scouts, friends, and family.

Christopher's Eagle Scout project, the Scout Flag Plaza, was dedicated to his late great-grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Lee Pritchett, who has greatly influenced his life.

Olivia Weingarten, 1617 Indian Crest Dr., was one of four delegates representing the Alabama diocese at the triennial meeting of Episcopal Church Women throughout the world, held in Denver, Colorado in July. Olivia has been a delegate once previously. She and husband Gene are members of St. Frances of Assisi Episcopal Church, 3545 Cahaba Valley Road.

In Remembrance

John Otto Crumley, Jr., a native of the Cahaba Valley, succumbed to heart problems at University Hospital on June 21 after being hospitalized for 82 days. Mr. Crumley lived alone and could often be seen sitting on his front porch facing Cahaba Valley Road prior to becoming ill March 30. His sister, Eloise, and her husband, Jess D. Barton, live by the lake at 2450 Cahaba Valley Road, adjoining the Crumley property. Among his survivors are three daughters and one son and six grandchildren; a sister, Patsy Smith (Mrs. Dick) of Anchorage, Alaska, and brother, Tom Crumley of Pensacola.

Born Sept. 5, 1925, Mr. Crumley served his country in the U. S. Navy during WWII. He participated in nine invasions in the South Pacific, driving landing craft onto the beaches, often under fire. He retired from Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co. (TCI) in 1983. Mr. Crumley's parents were Otto and Annie Crumley. His mother's grandfather was Col. Issac M. Johnson, one of the earliest settlers of the Cahaba Valley. The funeral service was June 23 at Southern Heritage Chapel. He was laid to rest in Allan Cemetery on Cahaba Valley Rd.

where many of his ancestors are buried. The earliest recorded burial found (1835) is that of Frances (Massey) Johnson, wife of Col. Issac M. Johnson. Originally named Johnson Cemetery, Allan Cemetery is across the road from the site of Colonel Johnson's final home.

Leon E. Ward, age 79, passed away June 26 at the Shelby County Hospice in Alabaster. He had been bed-ridden for 15 months due to lung cancer.

Other than his wife, Patsy Powell Ward of Indian Trail, survivors include a son, Miles Ward, his wife and four children of Oxford, AL, and daughter, Johanna Ward of Pelham.

Services were held June 29 at Southern Heritage Funeral Home with burial in the adjoining cemetery. The Rev. Donny Acton of New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church officiated. Mr. Ward was an active member of that church, having served as an elder and Sunday School teacher.

Mr. Ward received his law degree from the University of Alabama. He was employed with State Farm Insurance as a Division Manager before his retirement in 1984. He had lived in our valley for 37 years and was a charter member of the Indian Springs Civic Club, organized in 1973 and instrumental in getting zoning laws passed for Beat 12. The Club disbanded after its goals had been met.

Leaving Indian Springs

Mike and Edwina Carlisle, long-time residents of this area and couriers for *The Village Voice*, have moved from 5537 Double Oak to the Narrows on Highway 280.

Terry Stiles Harrison of 36 Foxfire Circle now lives in Heatherwood. She has bought a one-acre lot from Pat Potter, Foxfire Circle, and anticipates returning.

We wish them well in their new locations.

Newcomers

Villagers welcome **Keith and Melissa Ladd**, 110 Willow Ridge Lane and daughter **Miranda**, age 3 1/2 and son **Hunter**, 1 1/2. The Ladds are originally from upstate New York. He is one of the managers of the new Target store opening Oct. 8 at Trussville; on the same date a new Target store will be opening on Highway 280. Melissa is one of the managers of Old Navy at The Summit.

Historical Society to Meet Aug. 6

By *Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

A variety of entertainment is planned for the quarterly meeting of the Shelby County Historical Society on Aug. 6, beginning at 2:30, Archives and Museum Bldg., Columbiana.

Mrs. Judy Acker, wife of Shelby County Commissioner Don Acker, will present special music. Dr. Jan Kimmons, Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Montevallo and several members of the American Society of Interior Designers, student chapter, will make a presentation on the upcoming museum restoration and preparation for Christmas Open House, to be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The presidents of St. Clair and Leeds historical societies and members from the Cahaba Valley Garden Club (Indian Springs area) will present the program, "Extending and Marking the Historic Stagecoach Routes Through Shelby County."

Afterwards refreshments will be served.