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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 16, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Comprehensive Plan Presentation (Sept. 16)
- 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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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

As we remember September 11, 2001, it is fitting that we commemorate a tragedy that struck our valley in late summer of 1997. The following article appeared in the September issue of *The Village Voice*. It seems that six years have passed all too rapidly. However, the memory of those lost remains vibrant in our community.

TRAGEDY STRIKES OUR COMMUNITY

An Urgent Message for Every Indian Springs Villager

From Mayor Gene Weingarten

It is always difficult to lose a neighbor. It is even more difficult when an untimely passing takes several of our most loved people. This group of ladies, lost in a tragic auto accident, were the kind of people that make up the very fabric of a community. They were the bedrock in their church and leaders in their society. Our editor has prepared the following article concerning those involved in the accident. Please take time to express your thoughts to their families, neighbors, and friends. It is a trying time for all concerned, and your prayers will help ease the pain.

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In a week when the world was mourning the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, the Indian Springs area received a multiple dose of sorrow when an auto accident claimed the lives of five long-time residents and injured three others....

Those killed were Pauline Beck Clarke, 5416 Caldwell Mill Road; Flora "Pet" McGuire Cox, 41 McGuire Road, who was, incidentally, born in the house that we now use as the ISV Town Hall; Helen Denson Fallin, formerly of Highway 14 and most recently of Rockvale, Tennessee, where she had moved to be close to her children; Hettie Colleen Batson Garrett, 104 Indian Forest Road; and Hazel Gerald McGuire, 248 Valley View Road, who would have celebrated her 80th birthday on October 14 and was sister-in-law to Flora McGuire Cox. Ages of the five ranged from 69 to 87.

Three others, Margaret Bates of Valledale Road, Julia Finch, 5518 Cahaba Valley Road, and Kate Lacey, a sister to Margaret Bates, 2450 Valledale Road, were hospitalized. Mrs. Bates is in satisfactory condition at University Hospital; Mrs. Finch's daughter, Charlotte Thornton, is "happy about her progress" at Brookwood Medical Center; and Mrs. Lacey is in fair condition at Shelby Baptist Medical Center.

All widows, the eight called themselves the "Golden Girls" and often made trips together. The accident which claimed five of their lives happened Friday afternoon near the Lay Dam exit of I-65 near Clanton when the minivan in which they were riding overturned and rolled several times. The group was returning from a week-long trip to Panama City, one of the many outings they enjoyed together just as they enjoyed fellowship in the senior ladies' Sunday School class at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which Mrs. Garrett taught.

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A capacity crowd attended the memorial service held Saturday evening at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church where all are members except one, who is considered "one of us" according to a church spokesperson. (Mrs. Bates is a member of Valleydale Baptist Church.) . . .

"When you have a family tragedy, you call the family together," said the Rev. Donny Acton, pastor of the New Hope Church at the opening of the Memorial Prayer Service Saturday evening, September 6. Pastor Acton spoke of the ministries of the deceased and injured members and their devotion, dedication, and hard work. Using Romans 15:13 as his text ("Now the God of hope fill you...."), he spoke of the overwhelming grief the congregation felt. Prayers for healing were given for the three injured and for the families and friends of all victims of the tragedy.

Village Recycling - September 17

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is Wednesday evening, September 17. Please place your recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. To help recycling volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your Waste Management garbage pickup. Please tie your recycling bag with a knot. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers will have to tie them. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Your August recycling team members were Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Bo Holmes and Jackie Johnson, Byran Biddy and Art Johnson. Proceeds from recycling help to fund this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

Recycling is easy to do, and saves energy. Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to light a light bulb for four hours, or to operate a television for three hours.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

For August these building permits were approved as listed by address, applicant, request:

- 8013 Woodfern Drive, Allen Bailey, screen deck
- 539 Miller Circle, Archadeck, dock
- 2656 Buckboard Road, Archadeck, deck.

Wildlife Center Needs Volunteers

Fall migration is getting underway, and Alabama's native wildlife needs your help! Volunteers are urgently needed at the Wildlife Center to provide care for Alabama's injured and orphaned native wildlife and to educate Alabamians to understand and appreciate our wild neighbors.

The next training session for new volunteers is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 2003 from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. at the Wildlife Center in Oak Mountain State Park. To receive your volunteer information packet call 663-7930.

Town Council Highlights

September 2, 2003

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, September 2, 2003, 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Present were Councilmen Stewart Dudley, Hert Robins, and Art Johnson and Mayor Gene Weingarten. The minutes of the August 19, 2003 town council meeting were approved as amended.

Herb Robins reported attending the meeting held August 28 by the Alabama Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Shelby County Highway Department concerning the turnlane project on State Highway 119. Four sections of turnlanes within our town limits are planned and curb and gutter work will be done in front of the ISV Town Hall.

Three-laning will be done to accommodate left turnlanes at the following locations:

County Road 379 (Arrowhead Lane) to County Road 365 (Indian Trail)

Near Indian Ridge Drive to Co. Rd. 367 (Valley View)

Near Indian Springs Baptist Church to Co. Rd. 29 (Caldwell Mill Road)

Near New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church to Double Oak Lane, with a signal at this site.

Councilman Robins had contacted the Alabama Department of Mental Health and obtained the minimum standards for operating a facility such as the one operated by Dungarvin of Alabama in Willow Ridge community in Indian Springs Village. The mayor will meet with an attorney September 4 concerning the complaints of citizens of that area and what action, if any, can be taken.

Councilman Dudley reminded all of the forthcoming statewide vote on Governor Bob Riley's proposed tax package September 9 and the requirement at the polls of identification of some kind, such as a driver's license. He also reminded citizens to examine very carefully their tax assessment statements. If you have more than one building on your property the second structure may be assessed incorrectly. The Board of Assessment is composed of members not from Shelby County (probably from Montgomery), he said.

Steve Zerkis, a trustee of the North Shelby Library and an ISV volunteer for numerous activities, has been invited to join about 20 others in an organization to formulate a Shelby County Comprehensive Plan.

The mayor reminded all that the final revision of the ISV Comprehensive Plan will be presented by the Zoning & Planning Commission at the town council meeting September 16. The plan was distributed as part of *The Village Voice*, August 12, 2003 issue and may be downloaded from our website, www.indianspringsvillage.org. The mayor suggested that all give the plan a thorough reading, marking sections for discussion. Citizens have been given the opportunity to make revisions at two recent public hearings.

Town Council Highlights

August 19, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council member Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Brian Stauss, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as corrected.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported the following revenues: Charter Cable quarterly license fees, \$3,833; Zoning Board of Adjustment fees, \$67; beer taxes, \$1,102; vehicle licenses, \$550; real estate licenses, \$5; and road funds, \$994. The balance in the general fund was \$79,301 and the road fund balance was \$69,526. Councilman Stewart Dudley suggested that the various satellite television companies be contacted regarding their licensing fees to the town.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported having about a dozen interested parties for the C.O.P. Program (Citizen Observer Patrol) and said that an organizational meeting will be announced in the coming weeks. Councilman Art Johnson reminded all that aluminum can recycling volunteers were always needed. Councilman Brian Stauss presented newly printed business cards to council members and announced that the website had been updated with the final draft of the comprehensive plan and transcripts of the last July 8, 2003 public meeting. Also included on the website are all past copies of *The Village Voice*. Next to be added to the site will be town ordinances.

Councilman Herb Robins noted that the public involvement meeting by the State of Alabama Department of Transportation regarding the turn lane project was scheduled for August 28, 2003 from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet for those who wish to write comments about the proposed project. The turn lane project is scheduled from summer of 2004 to spring of 2005. The final asphaltting of Valleydale Road is scheduled for the end of October, 2003.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt announced that Indian Springs Baptist Church will not be annexing into the town due to concerns about their sign's not being within town guidelines.

Mayor Gene Weingarten announced that ISV has negotiated a contract for the pick-up of deer which have been hit and killed by vehicles in ISV. A deer will NOT be picked up if it is on private property. It must be either on a street or within the right of way. Anyone who needs this service should call Mayor Weingarten.

Marge Dunn, representing the Indian Springs Village Garden Club, requested fund reimbursement of \$535 for replacing some dead shrubs, as well as maintenance of the town hall grounds. The council approved the motion unanimously. The council suggested adding the garden club to the town's annual budget and asked them to get a proposal up for next year's funds.

Residents from the Willow Ridge neighborhood were in attendance to discuss problems stemming from a single family home that is currently rented to the Dungarvin Corporation for group housing. Residents stated that on several occasions the Shelby County Sheriff's Department had been observed at the home, and that witnesses had seen persons being restrained and removed from the property. Parents of school children who catch the bus at that location say their children are afraid to walk past the home to the bus stop, which is one house away. Some neighborhood residents have video-taped and

photographed some of the incidents as they have occurred. Several residents reported having seen anywhere from two to six sheriff's cars, as well as paramedics and fire officials at the home during four separate instances. Town officials and attorneys have been in contact with the owner of the home, the rental agency, and the attorneys for Dungarvin Corporation regarding the situation.

Villagers Michael and Kathleen Dollins were present to address concerns by neighbors that they are running a business teaching horseback riding lessons out of their Auburn Road home. The Dollins stated that friends and relatives interested in horses do occasionally drop by, but that they do not charge them to ride their horses. Mrs. Dollins, who used to teach riding at Shoal Creek, owns two horses and loves letting her children's friends learn about horses.

Gardeners Learn Ikebana Style; Will See "Lasagna" Method

By Marge Dunn, President, Indian Springs Garden Club

It has been a good growing summer and now we look forward to fall. Literature and our experience tell us it is the best time of year for planting shrubs and perennials, allowing the plant's roots to grow and get well established before the stressing heat of next summer.

It was a pleasure to have Jane Mullins speak to us and demonstrate the Ikebana upright style of oriental flower arranging at our last meeting. Having 18 in attendance, with two out-of-town guests joining us, was a delight. Many of us brought flowers and attempted to make an arrangement. We concluded it is an art that needs a great deal of practice but offers an interesting challenge.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 25, and we will gather at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Ed and Ruth Goodwyn. Ed will demonstrate the technique of lasagna gardening (so called because it is a "layering" method). He has used this technique to build up and condition the soil in his vegetable garden and will share his trials and successes with us. Following the demonstration in the garden, Ruth and Ed have invited Garden Club members and their spouses to join them for a lasagna supper and fellowship at their home.

We suggest you mark your calendar for the Fall Fiesta Sale at the Botanical Gardens--Sunday, October 19, noon to 4:00 p.m. It will be an opportunity to shop for perennials, herbs, native plants, and new and used books and magazines on plants and gardening.

Our Welcome Committee request your continued help. Please call Mary S. Bowman at 988-0086 if you know of any new neighbors in our Village. We have sent out 35 welcoming packets but don't want to miss any newcomers. It is a pleasure to see new members joining our club. Do come grow with us. Call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029 with questions.

Library Offers Internet Training; Brown Bag Luncheon Speaker

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Fall gardening will be the the topic of the next brown bag luncheon at the North Shelby Library Monday, September 22, at 12:00 noon. Adults are invited to bring a lunch and hear Nelson Wynn, Shelby County Agent from the Extension Service, tell what to do for a productive fall garden. Drinks will be provided.

Darryl Heritage, Library Director, is continuing basic internet training on Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - noon. The next four-week class will begin at the library on September 18. Call the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Center, 991-5742, to enroll.

Indian Springs Gateway Concerts

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Back by popular demand are the Indian Springs Gateway Concerts--five fascinating concerts right here on the campus of Indian Springs School. These themed concerts by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra are informal and relaxed, ninety minutes long with no intermission. The music is light and varied, accompanied by lively commentary from the stage.

The schedule is as follows:

Around the World in Eighty Minutes

Saturday, September 20, 2003

Get your passport ready for a musical world tour with Conductor Christopher Confessore! Visit *Finlandia* with Sibelius, travel to Eire with Grainger's *Irish Tune from County Derry*, and journey to the Orient with selections from *The King and I*.

Musical Tricks & Treats

Saturday, November 1, 2003

Christopher Confessore, conductor

An other-worldly evening of ghostly gems, including a salute to Alfred Hitchcock featuring *Funeral March of a Marionette* and music from *Psycho*. Also on the agenda are Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain* and Berlioz's *March to the Scaffold*.

Fancy Footwork

Saturday, January 24, 2004

Richard Westerfield, conductor

Brahms' *Hungarian Dances*, Ponchielli's *Dance of the Hours*, and Strauss' *Waltz, Voices of Spring*.

The French Connection

Saturday, March 20, 2004

Alastair Willis, conductor

Bizet's *L'arlesienne Suite* heralds a visit to France. Enjoy Debussy's *Clair de lune*, Ravel's *Le tombeau de Couperin*, and selections from Lerner & Loewe's *Gigi*.

Brush Up Your Shakespeare

Saturday, May 1, 2004

Christopher Confessore, conductor

From Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture* to Mendelssohn's *Midsummer Night's Dream* to selections from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*--music inspired by the Bard!

All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs School Concert Hall. For information and tickets, please call 251-7727.

Quilt Circle to Meet

The Indian Springs Quilt Circle's regular monthly meeting will be the third Wednesday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. at the ISV Town Hall. Members should bring something to work on and bring lunch. Call Elizabeth Eastman, 985-0842, if you have questions.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Newcomers to the Village

We welcome Bruce and Karen Waldrop and children who are now making their home at 129 Willow Ridge Lane. The children are Trevor, age 8, Kyle, age 5, and Alaina, age 3. Trevor attends Oak Mountain Elementary School while Kyle and Alaina attend kindergarten at the First Baptist Church on Highway 31, Pelham.

A graduate of Samford University School of Pharmacy, Bruce now teaches at Samford. Karen, a nurse, graduated from Florida State University and the two met at University of Alabama at Birmingham. He enjoys camping and hiking and they all enjoy "living in the woods."

Welcome, Adam Henry Kitchens

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Kitchens' family addition is Adam Henry, born August 15 at Medical Center East (where his father is a physician) and weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces. Benjamin, Charlie, and Mary Rose are his brothers and sister. All reside at 173 Skyline Drive.

Making Strides of Alabama

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

A non-profit organization called Making Strides of Alabama is a small foundation founded by Phyllis and Jerry Templeton of 2537 Willowbrook Circle out of necessity for a comprehensive physical program for children with cerebral palsy. The Templetons' two daughters, Allie and Maddie, both have cerebral palsy, a disability of the motor center of the brain, outwardly manifested by muscular incoordination. The Templetons discovered the benefits of intensive physical programs to "teach" and strengthen the children in movement.

An event was hosted September 10 at Standard Bistro in the Town of Mt. Laurel to meet the Templetons, to learn more about Making Strides, and to become a part of an opportunity to really help children with cerebral palsy.

It is hoped that Making Strides will one day be an educational training program across the state. Donations may be made to Making Strides of Alabama, Inc., 2663 Valleydale Road, No. 309, Birmingham, AL 35244, or by calling 995-1248. All proceeds go to this non-profit organization.

ATTENTION ALL VILLAGERS WHO LIVE ON WILLOW RIDGE DRIVE and WILLOW RIDGE LANE:

A very important informational meeting will be held at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on September 19 (Friday) at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend! If you have questions, please call Del at 987-5029.