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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday, January 6, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizens' Forum

IV. Christmas Social and Refreshments

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Merry Christmas

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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Brian Stauss Art Johnson

Stewart Dudley

and

The Village Voice

Town Council *Highlights*

November 18, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at the town hall on November 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. Presiding over the meeting was Mayor Gene Weingarten, with councilmembers Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Herb Robins, and Brian Stauss present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported revenues for the month of October as follows: beer taxes, \$1,140; vehicle licenses, \$612; aluminum can recycling, \$120; and road funds, \$1,146. Revenues for the month of November were announced as follows: beer taxes, \$1,140; building permits, \$65; Charter Cable utility tax, \$3,725; manufactured homes, \$6; and road funds, \$992. The balance in the general fund was \$71,835, with the road fund having a balance of \$72,827.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the article in *The Village Voice* discussing the rules for use of the town hall had gotten quite a bit of attention, with many positive comments by frequent users who have been following the rules to the letter. Hopefully, users will be more careful in the future when using the facility.

Councilwoman Crapet announced that husband Michael will be the Village Santa at the town hall on Saturday, December 13, from 1:00 p.m. til 3:00 p.m. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring the kids and their cameras to the event. Also announced by Councilwoman Crapet was the annual Christmas social which is held every year following the third Tuesday meeting. Villagers are asked to bring a snack, sweet, or seasonal beverage to share.

Councilman Brian Stauss asked for ideas for the town's Adopt-a-Mile program, which has faltered from lack of participation in the past couple of years. The program, picking up trash along Cahaba Valley Road once a month, is greatly needed now that there are so many fast food restaurants just down the road from ISV. One suggestion from Councilwoman Crapet was to have volunteers from Oak Mountain High School do the duty as part of the school's "Give Me Five" community service program. Councilman Stauss will contact school officials to see if this can be an option.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that there was no new update on the time frame for three-laning Cahaba Valley Road. At last report, the State of Alabama Department of Transportation was awaiting a report from Geo-Tech on the road's current sub-surface and surface condition.

In other business, the council unanimously approved the budget for the next fiscal year. Chief Financial Officer Paul Stephens announced that the yearly audit of ISV's book had been completed and that everything was in order. The mayor and council discussed the need for work sessions to go over the proposed Comprehensive Plan line by line since some typographical errors have been noticed. Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt stated that the road shoulder on Indian Trail has some deterioration in one area where heavy rains had caused a partial wash-out. Also mentioned was the stolen sign at the intersection of Miller Circle and Indian Crest Drive.

December 2, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as corrected.

The only committee report came from Councilwoman Patricia Crapet, who reported that the missing key to the town hall had been returned. Councilwoman Crapet also turned over several checks for the ISV Children's Fund to Town Clerk Shirley Church. The mayor and council spent the rest of the evening scrutinizing the ISV Comprehensive Plan.

Key-Napper Not Yet Identified

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The "key-napper" may not yet have been identified, but the missing key to the town hall has been returned! The key was originally "borrowed" by an unauthorized female user who was identified only as wearing some sort of uniform, and who reportedly used the key to let her children use the restroom. The key was then handed off to some people who arrived at the town hall during this process. These next recipients left the key at the facility, thinking that someone would be coming by to pick it up.

Through rookie private detective work, sources reveal that several groups and users later, the key ended up in the hands of an ISV Garden Club member, who, after reading last month's article in *The Village Voice*, recognized the key in her possession as the infamous missing key and returned it post haste.

ISVCF Donation Update

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Thanks to donations being sent in by Villagers, the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund (ISVCF) has begun its seasonal growth spurt. Once again, families who have children in the Oak Mountain schools, but who for one reason or another do not have the means to provide many necessities, much less "Santa," for their children, will be able to do so because of the generosity of citizens of Indian Springs Village.

Those giving generously this month are: **Cynthia Mace, Hugh and Frances Williamson, John and Marge Dunn, Gene and Olivia Weingarten, Bernie and Carla Beasley, Alabama Pool Services, Abbey Smith, Jerry and Becky Stovall, Greg and Barbara Bassett, Alison Stigers, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bondi, Ed and Ginny Lusk, Gene and Nina Dekich, Shirley Knight, Bart and Connie Trammell, David and Judy Egge, and Maureen and Timothy Small.**

Please continue to send donations to: ISVCF, c/o Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, AL, 35124. Remember, this is a fund that provides for these children year-round, and not just for Christmas. Thank you, in advance, from the children.



Ho Ho Ho!

Santa Claus is Coming to the Village!
on

Saturday, December 13, 2003
from 1:00 p.m. til 3:00 p.m.
at the ISV Town Hall
2635 Cahaba Valley Road

***Santa will welcome ALL good
little girls and boys of all ages to
share their holiday requests with him!***

***Bring the Wish List and a camera
and enjoy an afternoon with Santa!***

Refreshments will be served.



*Santa is brought to you by the Crapet family.
Happy Holidays from Michael, Tricia, and Joseph.*

Alabama Election and Reporting Calendar - 2004

(Fair Campaign Practices Act - Deadlines)

A mayor and five council members will be re-elected or elected in the November general election, year 2004, for Indian Springs Village. Anyone interested in running for office must adhere to the deadlines in the schedule below:

2003

June 1 Candidates for the 2004 election cycle may begin raising campaign funds. All state candidates must stop fundraising during legislative sessions unless the session is within 120 days of an election.

2004

January 29 Certified/registered mail deadline for Annual Report.

February 2 Last day to file Annual Report covering contributions/expenditures for the 2003 calendar year.

February 3 Regular legislative session begins.

April 2 Last day a candidate may qualify with a political party to run for office.

April 15 Certified/registered mail deadline for 45-Day Report.

April 19 45-Day Report due.

May 25 Certified/registered mail deadline for 10/5-Day Report.

May 24-27 10/5-Day Report due.

June 1 - Primary Election

June 1 Last day for independent and third party candidates to file petitions for ballot access.

June 22 Certified/registered mail deadline for 10/5-Day Report.

June 21-24 10/5-Day Report due.

June 29 - Primary Run-Off Election

September 16 Certified/registered mail deadline for 45-Day Report.

September 20 45-Day Report due.

September 29 Last day unsuccessful candidates in the June 1 Primary can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt.

October 27 Last day unsuccessful candidates in the June 29 Primary Run-Off can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt.

October 26 Certified/registered mail deadline for 10/5-Day Report.

October 25-28 10/5-Day Report due.

November 2 - General Election

2005

January 29 Certified/registered mail deadline for Annual Report.

January 31 Last day to file Annual Report covering contributions/expenditures for the 2004 calendar year.

March 2 Last day candidates in the November 2 General Election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt.

Prepared by the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Alabama, February 12, 2003

Village Recycling - December 17

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is Wednesday evening, December 17. Please place your recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. To help your 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 securely tie your recycling bag with a knot as it prevents spillage. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers have to tie them. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead. If every aluminum can produced in the U. S. were recycled, we could save an amount of energy equivalent to 30 million barrels of oil per year.

Your November recycling team members were Trudy and Paul Skokol, Bo Holmes and Jackie Johnson, Margie and Herb Robins, and Bryan Bidy and Art Johnson. Proceeds from recycling help support the printing of this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

Aluminum is not just for soda cans! In fact, aluminum appears in many other products throughout the world. Architects use aluminum as the metal of choice to create fusion of style and strength in modern buildings. Engineers are choosing aluminum to build bridges and cars. Aluminum also plays a major role in the production of sporting equipment used on land, sea, or in the air.

Some cars utilizing aluminum: Acura NSX, Audi A8L, BMW Z8 Alpina, Ferrari 360 Modena, Ferrari Enzo, Jaguar XJ, Honda Insight, Buick LeSabre, Park Avenue, and Rendezvous, Cadillac CTS, DeVille, Seville, Cadillac Escalade, Chevrolet Suburban, Tahoe, and Venture, Chrysler Concorde and LHS, Ford Expedition, Explorer, F-150 and Ranger, GMC Yukon and Yukon XL, Land Rover, Discovery and Discovery Series II, Land Rover and Range Rover, Lincoln LS, Navigator, and Town Car, and Nissan Altima, among others.

Library Events, Holiday Closings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

At the North Shelby Library, "P.J. Storytime" from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Thursdays, at which time children may come dressed in pajamas, will be continued through December 18. The popular program is conducted by Kristy Hearn, co-ordinator of children's programs, and is open to all ages. Toddler Tales at 10:30 a.m. Mondays (limited to 15) and Mr. Mac, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for all ages, will be held through December 15 and 17.

The library will be closed December 24-26 and again on December 31-January 2 for the holidays.

SafeHouse Needs Cellular Phones

SafeHouse, a haven for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, needs your used, unwanted, cellular phones to recycle and distribute to those seeking shelter there. Other donated phones will be turned into cash to support SafeHouse programs. For more information, please contact 664-5930, or drop off your used cell phones at Main Street Decorating, Highway 31, Pelham, DC's Gift Shop, Highway 31, Alabaster, or The Bead Biz, Old Towne Helena.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn

In Memoriam

Elsie Wathen, age 76, of 5221 Old Mill Cove passed away November 9 at Shelby Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She had had five major operations in the past few years, according to her husband of 54 years, Bill Wathen.

Other survivors are three sons, Bill and his wife Becky of Tampa, FL; Jimmy and his wife Renee of Helena, Michael and his wife Debbie of Hoover; a daughter, Karen and her husband Larry Giangrosso of Helena; 10 grandchildren; six great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, November 11, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation was held on Monday evening with a Rosary Service at Southern Heritage Chapel.

Welcome Newcomers

Stann M. Garris and her two children have recently moved to a home in Old Mill Circle, which is much closer to her work as a pharmaceutical representative for Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Company.

Her children are Jacob, 12, and Jesse, 8, who are 7th and 3rd graders at Briarwood Christian School. Ms. Garris grew up in Montevallo and has a master's degree from the University of Montevallo. Among her interests is her volunteer work with the epilepsy foundation.

Happy Birthday to Octogenarian

Planning a surprise birthday party from afar is tricky business, but Ginny and Ed Lusk's daughters accomplished that feat Saturday, November 29, on Ginny's 80th birthday. Susan Kelley of Boston and Anne Kitchens of Huntsville planned the celebration, which took place at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. They had help from daughter Anne's husband, Dick, and Anne's son, Christopher Moore, of Huntsville and from granddaughter Margaret Kelley; also her daughter-in-law, June Lusk of Covington, LA and her sister, Cynthia Cushman of Helena.

All were present to help Ginny celebrate, along with her husband, Ed, a niece, Cindy Hearn and her husband Jack with their daughters Virginia and Elizabeth; a nephew, Sam Cushman, his wife, Joann, and their children, Kate and Lilley. Friends from the Indian Springs Garden Club, Horticulture Study Garden Club, Alabama Wildflower Society, Birmingham Fern Society, and Dawson Memorial Baptist Church were in attendance to wish Ginny many more happy years.

Get Well Soon Wishes

For those not quite up to par this Christmas season we wish them good health: Ed Goodwyn, undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer; Bart Trammell, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery on December 4th; and Lola Stephens, recovering from knee replacement.

Making Strides Event Successful

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Over \$25,000 was realized by Making Strides of Alabama's Heroes Iron Bowl Challenge, and sponsors of the event are already making plans for an even larger next year's Challenge.

Approximately 30 former Alabama and Auburn players as well as athletic directors of both universities participated in the well-attended event at SportsBlast on Highway 280. Proceeds from the event, hosted by Randy and Nancy Campbell, will benefit Making Strides of Alabama, a non-profit organization for children with cerebral palsy and other dysfunctional disabilities. Founders of the organization are Villagers Jerry and Phyllis Templeton.



ISI Councilwoman Patricia Crapet stands with Randy Campbell, former AU quarterback, of Making Strides of Alabama in the reception area under Jordan-Hare Stadium. At the Iron Bowl Challenge Patricia was the highest bidder for a pre-game on-the-field-pass with sideline privileges on game day. Privileges included a tour of the V.I.P. areas of the stadium, a chance to meet recruits, former players, and V.I.P.'s, and sideline privileges until kick-off. Mrs. Crapet said that the experience was a "dream come true!"

Garden Club Elects Officers

By Marge Dunn, President, Indian Springs Garden Club

Gathering greenery for our homes and decorations in the town is a great start to the Christmas season. May all residents in our village share the warmth of this Blessed Season.

At our October meeting officers for 2004 were elected: president, Marge Dunn; vice-president, Malak McNinch; 1st vice-presidential assistant, Jennifer Bondi; 2nd vice-presidential assistant, Mary S. Bowman; secretary, Gladys Price; treasurer, Laura Jones.

We are very grateful for Ruth Goodwyn's excellent service as secretary since our club's establishment four years ago. A big thanks to Del Levesque for her excellent contribution as vice-president for the past two years. In the coming year their help will be enjoyed on new endeavors, as we all share the responsibilities and the fun.

There will be no monthly meeting in December, but we look forward to returning to our usual monthly schedule in January. On January 22 (the fourth Thursday of the month) we are invited to meet at the home of Sandy Luster at 6:30 p.m. Members will bring a soup or salad to share. Although the weather is likely to be cold, we look forward to good fellowship as we plan a busy year ahead. If you have any questions, call Marge Dunn, 987-4765, for more details.