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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 2004, 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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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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On to the Summer Olympics, Athens, Greece Collyn Loper Finishes First in Women's Trap

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In August 2003 Collyn Loper won the gold medal in the Pan American games held in Santo Domingo that secured a berth, or earned the right, for the USA women's trap team to send a representative to the 2004 Summer Olympics. On March 27, 2004, she won the match that decided she would be the representative to go to Athens, Greece, this August.

The Oak Mountain High School junior, daughter of Brian and Linda Loper of Cahaba Oaks, walked away the victor and the first member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Shooting Team in USA Shooting's Final Olympic Selection Match, beating out U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Staff Sgt. Joetta Dement of Seale, Alabama, by one bird. The two were neck-and-neck throughout most of the competition, held at Hook range in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Collyn, 17 years old, is naturally right-handed. But being born blind in her right eye forced her to train her body to shoot left, an obstacle that doesn't seem to have affected her shooting. With a much narrower field of vision than most who shoot moving targets, Collyn has excelled. She started firing shotguns at age seven, and is also good at golf.

Villagers can follow her progress on her website: www.collynloper.com



Taking aim: Collyn can shatter clay birds to bits with a 12-gauge shotgun

The Olympic Games will return to their origins when Athens hosts the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad from August 13-29. The shooting competition will be August 14-22 at Markopoula Shooting Centre, East Athens.

A Message from the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The Mayor's message takes the form of these important deadlines in 2004 for Mayor-Council Elections. Citations are to the Code of Alabama.

The dates listed below in most cases represent the final deadlines for performing duties in connection with the 2004 elections in mayor-council cities and towns.

■ May 26, 2004

Last day a person can become a resident of the municipality and district and still be a candidate for election. Candidates must reside in the municipality and the district for a period of 90 days before the election. Title 11-46-25(g), Title 11-43-63.

■ July 6, 2004

Mayor gives notice of the election. Title 11-46-22(a).

Candidates may begin qualifying once notice is published. Qualifying forms are available from the municipal clerk. Title 11-46-22(a).

NOTE: The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires all candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a list of from two to five persons who will serve as their campaign committee. Candidates may serve as their own committee, but still must file a form to this effect with the PROBATE JUDGE. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF QUALIFYING TO RUN FOR OFFICE. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CANDIDATE HAS REACHED THE \$1,000 THRESHOLD UNDER THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT. Forms are available from the probate judge, Secretary of State, or the municipal clerk. Title 17-22A-4.

ALSO, the Ethics Law requires candidates to file a statement of economic interests with the MUNICIPAL CLERK. THIS STATEMENT MUST BE FILED ALONG WITH THE QUALIFYING FORM. A candidate for municipal office may request a five day extension to file the statement of economic interests. The request must be made through the MUNICIPAL CLERK. The statement of economic interests must be filed with the MUNICIPAL CLERK within the five day extension. THE CLERK IS REQUIRED TO REMOVE FROM THE BALLOT THE NAME OF ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO FILE THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS BY THE DEADLINE. Incumbents do not have to file the statement of economic interests as they are required to submit an annual report which is on file with the ETHICS COMMISSION.

■ July 12, 2004

45-day pre-election campaign disclosure report due. Must be filed with the PROBATE JUDGE. If the candidate has not raised or spent at least \$1,000, no disclosure report is due. Forms are available from the probate judge, Secretary of State or municipal clerk. Title 17-22A-8(a)(1).

■ July 20, 2004

Last day to qualify to run for municipal office. The qualifying form must be filed by 5:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, with the MUNICIPAL CLERK. Forms are available from the clerk. Title 11-46-25(g).

■ July 26, 2004

Last possible day for candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a statement showing the names of their campaign committee. Title 17-22A-4.

■ August 13, 2004

First day to file the 5-10 day pre-election campaign disclosure form with the PROBATE JUDGE. Forms are available from the probate judge, the Secretary of State, or the municipal clerk. Title 17-22A-8(a)(1).

■ August 19, 2004

Last day for a voter to apply for an absentee ballot. Title 17-10-3(a).

Last day to file the 5-10 day pre-election campaign disclosure form with the PROBATE JUDGE. Title 17-22A-8(a)(1).

■ August 23, 2004

Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot. Title 17-10-12(b) & (c).

■ August 24, 2004

Election Day. Candidates may appoint a poll watcher to observe voting procedures in the polling place. The appointment must be made in writing, signed by the candidate, and filed with the election officials at the polling place. Title 11-46-35.

■ September 3, 2004

First day to file the 5-10 day pre-election campaign disclosure report with the PROBATE JUDGE. Forms are available from the probate judge, Secretary of State and the municipal clerk. Title 17-22A-8(a)(1).

■ September 9, 2004

Last day for a voter to apply for an absentee ballot. Title 17-10-3(a)

Last day to file the 5-10 day pre-election campaign disclosure report with the PROBATE JUDGE. Title 17-22A-8(a)(1).

■ September 13, 2004

Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot. Title 17-10-12(b) & (c).

■ September 14, 2004

Run-off Election Day. Candidates may appoint a poll watcher to observe voting procedures in the polling place. The appointment must be made in writing, signed by the candidate, and filed with the election officials at the polling place. Title 11-46-35.

■ October 4, 2004

Newly elected municipal officials take office on the first Monday of October following the election. Title 11-46-21(c).

■ December 22, 2004

Last day for candidates who were not involved in the run-off election to raise money to pay off their campaign debts. Title 17-22A-7(b)(3).

■ January 12, 2005

Last day for candidates who were involved in the run-off election to raise money to pay off their campaign debts. Title 17-22A-7(b)(3).

All political advertisements must be clearly marked with a statement that the communication is a paid political advertisement. This statement must contain information which adequately identifies the person or committee that paid for or authorized the act.

NOTE: Candidates who are not elected should dissolve their campaign committees by filing a form with the PROBATE JUDGE. The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires all candidates who fail to dissolve their campaign committees to file an annual report listing all contributions or expenditures with the Probate Judge, the Secretary of State, or the municipal clerk.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Requests for March that were approved:

7008 Indian Ridge Drive, Pool Builders, pool

5528 Double Oak Lane, Burns, addition

465 High Gate Hill Road, T. Jones Engr., interior renovations

7012 Indian Ridge Dr., Champion Windows, enclosed patio

398 Indian Trail Road, Bishop, storage building.

Free Landfill Days; "No Burn" Policy

The Shelby County Landfill is offering two days whereby citizens may take their trash without charge: April 24 and October 16. The Landfill number is 669-4169.

With the recent rains, the ban on burning has been lifted, but will be in effect May 1 - October 1.

Town Council Highlights

March 16, 2004

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided over the meeting with council members Herb Robins, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported revenues for the month as follows: General account: fire hydrant refund: \$2,600; insurance: \$3,126; real estate license: \$152; vehicle license: \$969; resulting in a balance of \$161,166. The road fund received \$1,025, resulting in a balance of \$76,073. The children's fund has a balance of \$4,711.

Mayor Weingarten announced that Council Member Patricia Crapet would not be in a position to head the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Villager Jean Baker will chair the Hunt next year, and will assist other Villagers in the event this year to be held at the town hall on Saturday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m., or if raining, on Sunday, April 11, at the same time. Volunteers are needed to help out with egg stuffing, hiding, and all the other activities that go along with this annual event.

Council Member Art Johnson reminded everyone of the aluminum can recycling program which also needs volunteers to help in assisting with the monthly collection of aluminum.

Council Member Brian Stauss has made changes to the ISV zoning ordinance that were discussed at the town's previous meeting. It will be signed by all council members and posted for five days. He reported he has received a lot of potential ordinance material from Patricia Crapet, Stewart Dudley, Jim Wyatt, Paul Stevens, and Mayor Weingarten. He plans to research the annexation files as some of the ordinances may be in those records. Paul Stephens, assistant town clerk emeritus and chief financial officer, offered his assistance in researching the annexation files for any needed ordinances.

Council Member Stauss reported he read an article in a recent *Birmingham News/North Shelby* section that Representative Mike Hill has advocated that the Shelby County Sheriff's Department have a policeman available for "hire" by small towns in Shelby County such as Indian Springs Village. There followed a discussion about taking advantage of such a program and possibly utilizing the Shelby County Court System.

Stauss proposed an ordinance to create the position of Administrative Assistant for ISV. The person filling this position would assist in organization of town records; maintain a calendar/tasklist of items that require follow-up; have a knowledge of state laws regarding all activities of the town; make periodic audits of the town's administrative and clerical records; assist the town clerk in preparation of the council agenda, etc. The proposal was unanimously accepted and approved.

Stauss then made a motion to appoint Bart Trammell to the position of administrative assistant to our town; this motion was unanimously approved.

Council Member Herb Robins announced that Senior District Engineer Scott Holladay reported progress is going well with the turn-lane project. Holladay is waiting on the State Highway Department's decision regarding a proposed 5-lane project that could extend all the way from Lake Purdy to County Road 14 and could possibly take in two of the originally proposed turn-lane locations. However, Holladay felt that even though we may experience some delays, it should not "kill" the overall turn-lane project through Indian Springs Village.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt asked if any progress had been made on an application for annexation of 4.9 acres located on Highway 119 that is presently in Shelby County and zoned O&I. Purchase of this property by Danny Bowers is conditional until the end of April 2004 pending rezoning changes of at least part of this property from O&I to B-1. This matter will be presented to Marty Martin, town engineer, and Wayne Jones, chairman of zoning and planning commission, for review before presenting the application to the town.

Wyatt requested a copy of the election dates for the upcoming election this year. Mayor Weingarten noted that elections would be held for all ISV town offices on Tuesday, August 24, 2004. The first day to qualify to run for an elected position is July 6, 2004, with the last day to qualify being July 20, 2004. The mayor will have all qualifying dates published again in the next issue of *The Village Voice*. (See page 2.)

Discussion followed regarding the advisement by former chairman of the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission, Jerry Templeton, that the council either adopt a resolution or add a statement to the proposed comprehensive plan which states that the town wishes to be "notified and heard" by the State of Alabama Department of Transportation should the state decide at any time in the future to widen Cahaba Valley Road within the town's corporate limits. This would allow the town to go "on the record" regarding its position (to include a grass median with trees, shrubs, etc.) and have dialogue with the state to make its position known should change in the state highway be proposed.

--Based on minutes of the meeting taken by Town Clerk Shirley Church.

Village Recycling - April 21

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is on Wednesday evening, April 21. Please put your ISV recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. To help the recycling volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and place them on the other side of the driveway from your Waste Management garbage pickup. Also, please securely tie your recycling bag with a knot because that prevents spillage. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers will have to take the time to tie them.

Of all the products recycled, aluminum is the most recyclable. Americans dispose of more than 80 billion aluminum cans each year, and this represents a loss of great value. Aluminum cans are very easy to recycle because there are no labels, caps, or tops. There are many benefits for recycling aluminum. Recycled aluminum can reduce energy use by 95%, with similar reductions in water and air pollution, thus producing positive benefits of an economical and environmental nature.

Your February recycling team members were Pat and Russ Favorite, Trudy and Paul Scokel, Margie and Herb Robins, Bryan Bidy and Art Johnson. In March the recycling team members were Trudy and Paul Scokel, Margie and Herb Robins, Pat and Russ Favorite, Bo Holmes and Art Johnson. In those two months the recycling team collected 620 pounds of recycled aluminum.

Proceeds from recycling help support the printing of *The Village Voice*. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Happy Easter Egg Hunting

By First Lady Olivia Weingarten

The Indian Springs Garden Club responded to a call for help with the stuffing of eggs for the Indian Springs Easter Egg Hunt, a tradition established by Tricia Crapet and Bee Little. Bee had ordered the plastic eggs and shopped for prizes, which was a large job.

Frances Dudley, Marge Dunn, Lynn Hendricks, and Gladys Price met at the town hall with Olivia Weingarten and Nora Boyett to stuff the plastic eggs with candy and trinkets. Nora carried eggs home and talked Jim into helping her; Dorothy Carlisle picked up eggs to be stuffed at home; Jennifer Rucker took eggs home for her daughter, Merridith, and son, Zac, to stuff. Zac, an Oak Mountain junior, will receive service hours for his gift of time to the town.

Kristen Stovall, a ninth grader at Oak Mountain, requested eggs to stuff so she could get service hours.

After many viewings of the weather report a group met at the ISV Pavilion to hide the eggs. Clouds were gathering, but with great hope of sunshine, we hid the eggs in the designated categories the Mayor had roped off. Paul Stephens brought his grandson, Parker Johnson, granddaughter Heather Bell and her boyfriend Jason, and granddaughter Laurie Stovall. Faithful Nora Boyett has never failed to join the group for hiding eggs; Herb and Margie Robins helped, also. Jim Wyatt was in charge of hiding for the older kids, and there are probably still eggs that were not found. Carol Driskell and Marion McWilliams renewed their friendship from when their children were in school together. Steve Zerkis arrived to help before we had finished.

Just as we got in our cars to leave, it began to rain. Black clouds loomed in the distance, but in a few hours these clouds had blown away. By 3:00 p.m. sunshine had returned and stayed until late afternoon.

Councilman Herb Robins and his wife, Margie, organized the distribution of prizes, with assistance from Russ and Pat Favorite and Olivia and Gene Weingarten.

Approximately 250 children, parents, and grandparents had a Happy Easter Egg Hunt on our beautiful grounds, minus the ants that the Mayor had spent many hours annihilating.

The Easter Egg Hunt is one of Indian Springs Village's fine traditions. Tricia Crapet and Bee Little have spent many hours in the last 12 years making Village children happy, but their children are teenagers now, and it is time for someone with young children to take this project over--parents of children who benefit from this happy event. Bee and Tricia will mentor volunteers to do the shopping and organizing the stuffing and hiding. When you see them in the grocery store, at the ballgames, or at school, please thank them for the fun your children had. You might send them an e-mail or a note.

This is a community effort, and if anyone who helped is not mentioned, it is an oversight. We appreciate all of the volunteer work that keeps Indian Springs Village functioning.

Genealogists to Meet at Samford

Sharon Tate Moody, a certified genealogical records specialist from Georgia will be the speaker at the Alabama Genealogical Society's seminar Saturday, May 1, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Samford University's Dwight Beeson Business Bldg. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, April 26. Contact Charlie Harris, President, Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 2296, Samford University, Birmingham 35229-0001 or e-mail: charris3@bham.rr.com.

Field Trip Planned by Gardeners

By Gladys Price, Secretary

The first weekend in March we had two work/clean-up mornings at the town hall gardens. It was good to see so many willing workers out to help. One member even brought her husband and his pick-up truck. Many plants have become overgrown, and it was great to have his help digging and lugging plants. Our spring garden projects at the town hall were worked on the mornings of April 2 and 3.

On April 29, the last Thursday of the month, we are going on a field trip to see the wildflower gardens of Tom and Karen Jones. We will depart from the town hall at 6:00 p.m. The Joneses have been in their home 30 years, and some of their plants are that old. Mr. Jones is a botany professor at University of Alabama at Birmingham and they both do a lot of volunteer work at the Botanical Gardens. They will share a lot of interesting facts about their plants.

Reminder: The Spring Fiesta at the Botanical Gardens is April 16-17. **Tip of the Month:**

When planting your vegetable garden: peas planted 6-8 inches deep produce twice as many peas as ones planted only an inch deep. Plant tomatoes 6-8 inches deep, covering the lowest leaves. The leaf area will put out roots, creating much sturdier plants.

Newly-Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Jon Paul Church

Suzanne Caroline Butler of Florence and Jon Paul Church, Indian Springs, were married recently at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church and are now at home in Birmingham. The groom's parents are Norman and Shirley Church, New Hope Mountain Road.

Suzanne is an elementary school teacher in Vestavia Hills and Jon Paul is a physical therapist in Vestavia at Beyond Physical Therapy.

Gateway Concert at ISS

The last Gateway concert for the season at the Indian Springs School by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra will be Saturday, May 1, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Indian Springs School Concert Hall. *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture to West Side Story* will be featured. For information and tickets, call 251-7727.

Internet Class to Begin

An "Internet for Beginners" class will start Tuesday, May 4 at the North Shelby Library, 8:30-10:00 a.m. for every Tuesday in May. Please call Michelyn Reid at 439-5110 to register in advance.