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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 17, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7, 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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"As ready as I can be," says Collyn Loper

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Since winning the 2004 final Olympic Shooting Team trials at Ft. Benning, GA, in March which determined that she would represent the USA at the Olympics, Indian Springs' own Collyn Loper has practiced, practiced, practiced, at home and in Texas. She took time out in July to win both the women's and juniors' U. S. Nationals in Colorado, a remarkable feat for a 17-year-old.

Collyn is already in Athens, Greece, site of the Summer Olympics, getting ready for the Women's Trap Shooting Competition on Monday, August 16, Markopoulo Olympic Shooting Centre, East Athens. Apparently Athens is ready, with projects and venues completed, Olympic banners up, delays down, and ticket sales rising daily as the Olympic Torch gets closer.

According to her mother, Linda Loper, Collyn's last day at home was taken up with the very important matter of getting her shooting vest adjusted. Blind in her right eye, and naturally a "righty," Collyn taught herself to shoot with the left side of her body. She was excited, but confident, the veteran not only of years of practice and winning at the sport her father Brian introduced her to at age 7, but also of mental training exercises to help her overcome nervousness, taken after completing her junior year at Oak Mountain High School. During her senior year she will concentrate on getting admitted to Vanderbilt University.

We hope to welcome home a Gold Medalist, but whatever the outcome, just getting to the Olympics is a tremendous accomplishment in itself. We wish for Collyn the very best.

Message From the Mayor

Pursuant to Section 11-46-26, Code of Alabama 1975, I, Gene Weingarten, Mayor of Indian Springs Village, Alabama, do hereby certify that only one person, namely, Stephen W. Zerks, filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Mayor by 5:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday in July preceding the day of August 24, 2004, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the city of Indian Springs Village, Alabama.

Furthermore, I certify that the following named individuals filed statements of candidacy for the office of Town Council, for the place so indicated, by 5:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday in July preceding the day of August 24, 2004, the date set for an election of municipal officers in the city of Indian Springs Village, Alabama:

Herb Robins
Brenda Bell Guercio
Brian G. Stauss
Jack Mendel
Stewart Dudley

Town Council Place Number 1
Town Council Place Number 2
Town Council Place Number 3
Town Council Place Number 4
Town Council Place Number 5

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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Editor's Appreciation to

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

Town Council Highlights

July 20, 2004

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 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, Steward Dudley, and Brian Stauss present.

Town Clerk Shirley Church presented the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted as corrected. The financial report was announced as follows: beer taxes, \$1,180; vehicle licenses, \$576; Fourth of July proceeds, \$1,768; and real estate licenses, \$232. The balance in the general fund was \$60,117. The road fund received \$1,106, resulting in a balance of \$81,410 in the road fund account.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that *The Village Voice* was going to need a new editor effective with the swearing-in of the next mayor and council. The present editor, Dr. Ruth Goodwyn, is scheduled to resign after 14 years of service to *The Village Voice*. Ruth has offered to continue her role as the town's historian. Councilwoman Crapet volunteered to continue to be responsible for town hall reservations.

Councilman Art Johnson stated that the ISV aluminum can recycling program will most likely be discontinued due to the low price of aluminum and the lack of volunteers. More will be known by the September meeting, but Councilman Johnson suggested that the new mayor and council consider appointing a committee to oversee the program if it is to continue.

Councilman Brian Stauss presented drafts of procedural ordinances for the new town council. Councilman Stauss also volunteered to assist with *The Village Voice* if needed. Councilman Stauss also made a suggestion that the 2004-2005 budget process be started early so as to involve the incoming mayor and council and get them acclimated to how the process works.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that there was still no additional news on the slow-moving Cahaba Valley Road turn lane project. Bids may be let in the spring of 2005.

Councilman Robins also discussed a proposal from Shelby County Sheriff Chris Curry that would allow ISV and

other municipalities without their own police departments to have a deputy assigned specifically to that town. If ISV were to choose to enter into a contract with the county, it would be at a cost of approximately \$60,000 per year per eight hour shift. Councilman Robins suggested that the proposal be carefully considered, and that the yearly renewable contract would be from October 1 through September 30 of each year. A copy of the proposal will be sent to ISV's attorney, Russ Allison, for review. To date, Wilsonville and Chelsea have signed contracts for this service. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet suggested that Sheriff Curry be invited to speak at an upcoming council meeting to discuss specifics of the proposal.

Councilman Herb Robins also announced that the walking track behind the town hall was badly in need of maintenance due to storm erosion. A suggestion was made to see if there are any park and recreation funds available in grant form from Shelby County.

Mayor Gene Weingarten reported that North Shelby Fire Chief Mike O'Connor suggested that a defibrillator be purchased for the town hall. The council delayed a decision in order to determine how to keep the defibrillator out of irresponsible hands, while still being accessible in case of an emergency.

The council scheduled a work session for July 29, 2004 to work on the comprehensive plan.

During the citizens' forum, there was an inquiry as to the disposition of the proposal from Danny Bowers for a convenience store/gas station across from the trailer park on Cahaba Valley Road. The council stated that there had been no word from Bowers regarding his proposal since he last met with the council on June 15th.

Town Council Highlights

August 3, 2004

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Due to the absence of Mayor Gene Weingarten, Councilman Herb Robins presided over the meeting. Other council members present were Patricia Crapet and Brian Stauss. Due to the lack of a quorum, there was no official town business conducted. (Continued on p. 4)

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SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

2004 – 2005 School Calendar

Adopted April 15, 2004

Columbianna, AL 35051
Telephone: 682-7000

Board Members:
Lee Doebler
Steve Martin
HC (Trey) Ireland, III
Allen Rice
Peg Hill

Superintendent
Evan K. Major, Jr.

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Jul 5 Mon..... Schools & Offices Closed
 Aug 3-5..... New Teacher Orientation
 Aug 9 Mon..... Institute/Local School Workday (No Students)
 Aug 10 Tues..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 Aug 11 Wed..... Local Professional Development (No Students)
 Aug 12 Thurs..... 1st Semester Begins, Full Day for Students
 Sep 6 Mon..... Labor Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Oct 11-15..... Fall Break - Schools Closed/Offices Open
 Oct 19 Tues..... System-Wide Parenting Day
 Oct 25 Mon..... System Professional Development (No Students)
 Nov 11 Thur..... Veteran's Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Nov 24-26..... Thanksgiving Holidays (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Dec 17 Fri..... 1st Semester Ends Students Dismissed at Noon
 1/2 Teacher Workday - Schools Close at 3:15 p.m.
 Dec 20-Jan 4..... WINTER HOLIDAYS
 Jan 3 Mon..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 Jan 4 Tues..... Local Professional Development (No Students)
 Jan 5 Wed..... 2nd Semester Begins, Full Day for Students
 Jan 17 Mon..... ML King, Jr. Birthday (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Feb 21 Mon..... President's Day / 1st Inclement Weather Day
 (Schools and offices closed unless needed for weather make-up)
 Mar 21-25..... Spring Break (Schools & Offices Closed)
 April 22 Fri..... 2nd Inclement Weather Day
 May 26 Thur..... 2nd Semester Ends, Schools Close at 3:00 p.m.
 May 26 Thur..... High School Graduations
 May 27 Fri..... Teacher Workday (No Students)
 May 30 Mon..... Memorial Day (Offices Closed)

First Semester 81 days
 Total Instructional Days 175
 Second Semester 94 days
 Total Teacher Days 182

TESTING DATES

July 19-23..... Graduation Exams
 September 20-24..... Graduation Exams
 December 6-10..... Graduation Exams
 February 23..... State Writing Assessment-Grades 5, 7, & 10
 March 7-11..... Graduation Exams
 April 4-15..... Stanford Achievement Test 10 and
 Alabama Reading and Math Tests - Grades 3-8
 Additional State Testing announced by local schools

GRADING PERIODS

Period Ends	#Days	Grades Sent Home
1 st Period October 8	41	October 22
2 nd Period December 17	40	January 7
3 rd Period March 11	46	March 18
4 th Period May 26	48	*May 26

*Some schools may hand deliver report cards on the last day of school.
 All others will be mailed as soon as they are available.

Red circles indicate dates of institute, professional development, and teacher workdays.
 Red squares indicate inclement weather make-up days.

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(Town Council Highlights, Aug. 3, 2004, continued)

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the absence of Mayor Weingarten and Councilman Johnson was due to the illness of their spouses. Olivia Weingarten was recovering from surgery for a badly broken heel, and Jackie Johnson was being treated at home due to a recently diagnosed illness.

Councilman Brian Stauss reported that the council had finished the comprehensive plan review and that all changes had been made. He presented copies of the revised plan to each council member. Stauss stated that the changes had been mainly cleanup of verbiage, with the theme and common thread of the document unchanged.

Councilman Herb Robins reported no news on the turn lane project, with bids still expected to be let next spring. Robins also stated that there were no contested places in the races for mayor and council, therefore no election was scheduled. Also announced was that the ISV Garden Club had presented a budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, which would be considered when the final ISV budget is formulated.

Visiting the council meeting were scout leaders and several young men who are members of Boy Scout Troop 5 from Christ Church United Methodist Church. After introductions, the scouts were commended on their dedication to scouting. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet told the scouts that the 1991 National Boy Scout of the Year, Benjy Thomas, was an Indian Springs Village resident, and urged them to all do their best, stating that one of them might well become President of the United States in the future.

NSL Displays International Art

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The *Helen Keller International Art Show* is now on display at the North Shelby Library through August 20th in the gallery leading to the meeting room. The art show is a project of the Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC) international Division on Visual Impairments and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Each year art is sent by teachers and children from all over the world to compete in this show. The invitation is open to children of all ages who are visually impaired, blind, or deafblind.

The philosophy of the *Helen Keller International Art Show* is that all participating students are considered winners. Teachers are encouraged to incorporate visual art into the individual educational plan of each student, and students choose their own medium to work in. Eleven winning artists for 2004 from Alabama include two from Birmingham, Madison Hendrix and Ansley Hendrix. The selected pieces displayed at North Shelby will travel to other sites such as Texas Tech University, Washington National Cathedral, as well as United States Senate and Congressional offices.

Reading Program Is Successful

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Clowns, crafts, and snacks added to the festivities when the Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 5 and came to a successful conclusion July 16 with a total registration of 751. The number of children attending the 36 programs scheduled was 2, 205, giving a boast to circulation statistics for the period ending the next day: 17, 110—an increase of 2,425 from July 2003, Acting Director Carol Farr has reported.



Young readers pose with the clowns providing entertainment during the Summer Reading Program

Indian Springs School Approves New Campus Master Plan

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs School Board of Governors recently approved a plan to replace aging dormitories, construct new science facilities, and add a much-needed campus center.

The plan was presented by the Birmingham firm Architecture Works, LLP, after input from all Indian Springs School constituencies through meetings, discussions, and interaction with the architects, including an on-campus exploration. The architects involved actually lived on campus for three days and two nights last November.

An additional recommendation was made to re-engineer the school's road system, so that the new Campus Center will be placed at the physical center of campus activity. It will bring boarding and day student and faculty functions together under one roof, including an art gallery, mailboxes, the student store, offices for student government, lockers, deans' offices, and several other important functions.

Updating student housing is part of the school's commitment to boarding students, since voting to retain the boarding program. The school opened in the 1950's, and little change has taken place since then in the layout of the campus, though improvements have been made and there have been new additions such as the Indian Springs School Town Hall.

Town Grounds Is NOT a Dump

By Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

The town grounds accumulate fallen and broken limbs and other vegetation and brush just like every household in the Village. Volunteers pile such debris at the back of the lot and once or twice each year they have a controlled burn to dispose of the material.

However, from early spring until October the North Shelby area is under a "no burn" policy and the town's pile becomes rather large during the summer months and remains so until the volunteers can burn it.

Apparently, some inconsiderate citizens think the pile is a public garbage heap. Initially, someone added large pasteboard boxes to the pile. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) restricts outdoor burning of man-made materials such as cardboard and building materials. In addition to the unsightly view that the surrounding neighbors must endure for a few months when the boxes are put in the pile, the volunteers must remove such items before the pile can be burned. Recently, someone added aluminum party trays and party tablecloths to the pile. And then some inconsiderate person added venetian blinds.

PLEASE, help us maintain the beauty and dignity of the town hall grounds. Be a good citizen and a good, respectful neighbor and dispose of your trash and garbage properly.

Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2 & Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Congratulations

Davis Little, son of Bee and Harry Little, won first place in the '04 Hyperlite Wakeboarding Tournament held in Montgomery on July 24, 2004. In a dominating performance Davis beat the competition in his division with some "big air" wake-to-wake jumps and a board grab earning him first place in the first tournament he has entered. Davis is 10 years old and will be in 5th grade at Oak Mountain Intermediate School this year.

Ryan Miller, son of Kevin and Becky Miller of Skyline Drive, participated in the National Youth Leadership Conference on Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia from July 18 through July 27. Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to science and health, Ryan joined more than 350 outstanding high school junior and seniors from across the United States at the forum. Ryan learned first hand from medical professionals about medical

ethics, the global effects of infectious disease, genetic research, public health, and many other subjects relevant to the field. A junior at Briarwood Christian School, Ryan is an Eagle Scout and is active in his youth group at Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

The July listing is by address, applicant, request:
395 Brook Green Lane, Indianwood Building Co.,
interior renovation
5110 Split Rail Trail, Stigers, interior renovation
3375 Cahaba Valley Road, Prier Construction,
interior renovation.

Computer Classes Continue

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Thirty-three patrons signed up for computer classes in Word I and Word II taught in July by Michelyn Reid, reference librarian at the North Shelby Library. Already 40 have signed up for August classes in "Introduction to Power Point" on August 17 and 18, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Call 439-5510 to register. The library website is www.northshelbylibrary.org.

Garden Club to Visit "Petals"; Chilton County Research Center

By Marge Dunn, President, and Gladys Price, Secretary

Greetings from the Indian Springs Garden Club. We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer.

Our Garden Club will not meet on our usual 4th Thursday evening of the month. Instead, we have a field trip planned for Saturday, August 14.

We will take our sack lunches and leave the town hall at 10:00 a.m., going to Jemison. We will visit Petals From the Past nursery and picnic on their veranda. Then we will continue to the Chilton Research and Extension Center.

Fruit and fruit dessert sampling, cultural practice of fruit trees and vines, proper food plot management for dove and deer, farm pond management, and how to view and shoo wildlife are some of the topics that will be covered during the afternoon. Free hamburgers and musical entertainment will finish the evening.

For questions about the field trip, call Marge Dunn, 987-4765.

Tips:

Summer means weed and water!

Generally speaking, do not prune any shrubs after August 15 because doing so stimulates new plant growth that may not survive the first frost.

Enjoy a glass of mint tea in the shade.