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**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, July 9, 1991, 7 P.M.

Agenda

- I. Featured Speakers
- II. Mayor/Council
Committee Reports
- III. Resolutions/Ordinances
- IV. Citizens' Forum

(Council meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday each month.)

Editor's Notes

Some regular features of *The Village Voice* were dropped because of the additional work involved in preparing for the First Annual Fourth of July Celebration. In the next issue we will cover the events for our readers, but we hope that they will have been active participants.

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Address letters and appropriate news articles or information about births, weddings, or deaths of ISV residents to the editor: LaVerne Ramsey, 530 Indian Crest Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124. Newcomer information should be reported to Councilwoman Patricia Crapet (985-9205).

Editor's Appreciation to:
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COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Shelby County's building of a new bridge across Bishop Creek at Indian Trail apparently will be postponed until next year. The state was unable to obtain all signatures required by more than 20 federal, state, and county organizations which must agree to the design and acceptability of the structure. These organizations include the Corps of Engineers which has jurisdiction over the creek and the Board of Education which must drive buses over the bridge. Funds are not a problem according to Bob Shaw, county engineer. Bob also indicated that they were looking at design alternatives required because of the turns made by the creek at the location of the existing bridge.

As everyone can see, the signal at the entry to Indian Springs School as well as the entry configuration are complete. The bearing layer of asphalt will be placed and the signal will be activated at a future date. The traffic signal and road construction at this intersection are not an expense to ISV. It is mentioned because it affects our main thoroughfare.

Materials for filling in Indian Springs Village potholes will be available as soon as a storage location can be determined. The materials will cost the village approximately \$34 a ton delivered. A "hands-on" pothole repair workshop will be set up for all those community-minded citizens who are willing to help until we can afford a maintenance contract.

- Ron Luster

JUNE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At 7 p.m. June 11 in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School, Mayor Hub Harrington called the regularly scheduled meeting to order with council members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Stewart Dudley present. There were approximately 40 town members in attendance.

An ordinance which allows Alabama Power to access current easements was presented at the May meeting and passed at this meeting. This ordinance, written and submitted by Alabama Power, is standard procedure with all municipalities. The ordinance does not grant any new easements, but allows the company to use the current

easements without having to apply for a permit each time work is to be performed in ISV.

Nick Glenos, chairman of the Annexation Committee, announced that the town has received several petitions for annexation by residents who are contiguous to ISV's boundaries. Mr. Glenos displayed a map showing property that was to be annexed, and reported that he and the mayor had met with several of these property owners and had attended two homeowner's association meetings in Old Mill Trace. Mayor Harrington introduced an ordinance to the council annexing the property of Lee Hayes of 5212 Old Mill Circle, at the owner's request. This ordinance passed unanimously. Mayor Harrington next introduced a resolution annexing the remainder of Stewart Dudley's property, as well as the properties of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shewmake and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bullard, both of which are in Indian Highlands on Indian Ridge Drive. This resolution also passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet asked for volunteers who would either print *The Village Voice* or donate the printing costs. Acknowledgement will be made in the appropriate issue unless anonymity is requested. The usual issue is 500 copies printed on both sides (requiring 1000 sheets). Anyone who is willing to take a turn at providing this service to ISV is encouraged to call LaVerne Ramsey, Editor, 988-0059, or Patricia Crapet, 985-9205.

Councilman Ron Luster reported that the bridge on Indian Trail will be repaired by the Shelby County Road Maintenance Department in early 1992. Repairs to the bridge will not be charged to ISV since the bridge is on a county road and funding was approved for the project in 1990. Councilman Luster also reported that he has contacted suppliers of the coal mix to be used in repairs of potholes in town roads. This material is inexpensive, but a storage place is needed before a purchase is made.

Councilman Gary Dennis distributed a proposal by an alternate waste disposal company for ISV. The proposal is not under consideration at this time, but townspeople are urged to let their representatives know if there are any problems with the companies or utilities that service ISV.

Mayor Harrington reported that he had been contacted several times by the Shelby County Tax Assessor's office requesting the mill rate for ISV property tax. Of course, there was no ISV property tax imposed by the council, and the town officials hope to avoid one indefinitely. The deadline to direct the county to collect has passed, so the audience was assured that tax from ISV will not be included in the October, 1991, tax due notices.

Virginia Rancont of the Environmental Committee announced the first Adopt-a-Mile clean-up day, Saturday, June 15, at 10:00 a.m. Participants were to assemble at the corner of Cahaba Valley Road and Indian Trail at Dr. Peacock's property.

Social Committee Chairwoman, Sandy Luster, reported preparations for ISV's First Annual Fourth of July Celebration at Indian Springs School and called for a short committee meeting immediately after the town council meeting ended.

After the meeting was adjourned, many stayed to volunteer their services and to plan for the Fourth of July Celebration. The Logo Contest Committee deliberated long and late.

-Patricia Crapet

TAKE TIME FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE

Chief Boutwell, of the North Shelby Fire District, expressed some concern about many mail boxes in ISV not yet having the new house numbers assigned by Emergency Service 911. The 911 service has residents listed by the newly-assigned numbers; the old numbers are not part of their current data base. When they respond to emergency or fire calls they will be looking for the new numbers, and any delays could be costly in lives and/or property. If you have dialed 911 on a test call as originally suggested in *The Village Voice* you know how efficient the system is. Give the 911 Service a posted number to locate the house once a call is made. If you have a fire or other emergency, you'll be glad you did.

FIRST LITTER WALK FOR ADOPT-A-MILE

On June 15 a group of hardy volunteers rid Highway 119 of more than two dozen extra large bags of litter. Among the villagers who helped make the first Adopt-A-Mile litter walk a success were Jim Boyett, Patricia Crapet, Sandy Luster, Emily McAdory, Dr. Peter Peacock, Virginia Rancont, and Jim Wyatt. No less appreciated was Eleanor Bennett, who delivered cool refreshments to the road gang. Despite the heat, a few pleasant hours of rewarding work and fellowship were enjoyed by all. The heat made the workers rethink the summer schedule.

From June through September, willing workers will assemble at 8:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Dr. Peacock's property on the corner of Cahaba Valley Road and Indian Trail.

Mark your calendars and join the road gang for the next litter walk on July 20. This group welcomes more workers, especially since ISV has adopted not a mile but two miles. There are plenty of bright orange vests, plenty of plastic bags, and you may be sure that there will be litter. We can control that litter regardless of how many fast-food outlets receive Pelham's blessings, and we can be proud of the main traffic artery through ISV if enough of our citizens play an active part in **KEEPING 119 CLEAN AND GREEN!**

-Virginia Rancont

FIRST ISV ANNEXATION

We Welcome Lee Hayes and her husband, Billy, of 212 Old Mill Circle to the village. Lee's petition to annex their home to ISV was the first annexation approved by the Council. Part of her property was already in the village, but the house itself was outside the original boundary. At the June meeting Lee became an official ISV resident and a gracious volunteer. Her first contribution to the village was the printing of this issue of *The Village Voice*..

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

Vann and Laneyl Owens have moved to 395 Wildwood Lane from Indian Valley with Bobby Cornelius,

11, and Claire, 2 1/2. Laneyl is with AT&T and Vann owns Vann Owens Steel, Inc., a fabricating company.

ISV LOGO CONTEST--THE WINNER IS JULIE WYATT SCHENK!

The design of Julie Wyatt Schenk, 231 Indian Trail, was the final choice of the judges after one and a half hours of deliberation. Julie's design now graces the first official ISV T-shirts and will also be adapted for the official stationary and signs. We thank Julie for her contribution to Indian Springs Village.

The villagers who volunteered to join Rita Mendel's Logo Contest Committee to choose the winning entry were Kay Glenos, Ruth Goodwyn, Sandy Luster, Virginia Rancont, and Debra Wagner. Twelve contestants submitted twenty-eight entries in an extremely tough competition. The names of the entrants were not known until after the final choice had been made.

Entries were submitted by Connie Blalock, Jim Boyett, Dan Bynum, Christopher Faulkner, LaVerne Ramsey, Deborah Sack, Joseph Sack, Kathryn Lynn Sack, Janie Snider, Benjy Thomas, and Erin Whiteart. All deserve a special thanks for their community spirit and contributions of talent and effort to this historic event. All entries will be catalogued by Ruth Goodwyn, ISV Historian, and kept in the ISV archives for posterity.

-Patricia Crapet

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Vardaman Karpe, 76, of 515 Valley View Road died May 31, 1991. This is our first opportunity to express our sympathy to her daughter, Mary Charles Capp, of 515 Valley View Road.

THE ISV LOGO DESIGN AND THE DESIGNER

Your editor asked Julie Wyatt Schenk for some information about herself and the thoughts behind the winning design she submitted to the ISV competition. That she wrote primarily about how she felt about the valley and little about herself revealed much about this attractive young woman. She said, "I love this valley, I suppose, as much as it is possible for any one person to have a love for a 'place.' There is something

special about it. In the 19 years that we've lived here, I've come to realize that those of us who have the privilege of living here must also accept the great responsibility that comes with possessing something so precious.

"I believe that we are all caretakers of our properties, just as we are caretakers of our families; and, by the same token, just as we would not choose to harm our families, we must not choose to harm our property or its families or inhabitants. I feel that deer are representative of all families in this valley, and I hope that people who pass through our town might look at our sign and realize that families--all families--are important and precious to us."

Julie Wyatt Schenk and her husband Russell live on Indian Trail with her parents, Mildred and Jim Wyatt in the same house where Julie spent most of her life and where she and Rusty were the first couple to be married in the village after its incorporation. She is a 1984 *magna cum laude* graduate of Samford University with a major in English literature and minors in art and German. Julie and Rusty are continuing a tradition of community service that Jim and Mildred began long ago. The Schenks are always at town council meetings and serve on various committees as well as being couriers for *The Village Voice*. It seems especially appropriate that Julie's design was chosen. It beautifully expresses her love for the village which captures the spirit of nature and family.

Julie Wyatt Schenk's Winning Design

