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**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, August 13, 1991, 7 P.M.

Agenda

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

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

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JULY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The ISV Town Council met on July 9, 1991, in the Indian Springs School Town Hall at 7 p.m. Mayor Hub Harrington presided with council members Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Stewart Dudley, and Dr. Peter Peacock present.

The June minutes were adopted as read by Assistant Clerk James Wyatt. In his opening remarks the mayor thanked those responsible for the great success of the First Annual Fourth of July Celebration. He commented on the enthusiasm of all who attended and the smooth cooperation of the Villagers who volunteered their time and efforts. He suggested that any comments for future events be directed to Social Committee Chairwoman, Sandy Luster, and Councilwoman Crapet.

Councilwoman Crapet gave the financial report on the July Fourth event. ISV's profits at that time were \$674, and there were still some T-shirts and maps for sale. Ms. Crapet also reported that ISV's share of the Shelby County beer tax distribution for June was \$655. ISV's share of this tax is 2.3% and is received on a monthly basis.

Based on Mayor Harrington's communications with the State of Alabama Treasury Department, ISV will be eligible to receive its portion of shared revenues at the beginning of the state's fiscal year, October 1, 1991. All municipalities incorporated after the fiscal year begins must wait until the next fiscal year begins to share revenues.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported having contacted Alabama Power to have the company check the magnetic emissions along the power transmission lines that run through ISV. Alabama Power will furnish this information as soon as they receive a diagrammed map of our city that pinpoints the lines that are in question.

Nick Glenos, Chairman of the Annexation Committee, asked for volunteers who are interested in working on annexations. Interest is reported to be high among those property owners who are contiguous to ISV's boundaries. Efforts are now concentrated in the area along Indian Crest Drive. However, property owners from as far

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SET

**Virginia Rancont and Emily McAdory
to Host**
**August 22, 1991, 7 p.m., 5300 Mountain
Park Drive**

The Greater Birmingham League of Women Voters has volunteered to mentor a League unit which they hope will be the core of a new Shelby County League of Women Voters. Our North Shelby Unit will begin as members of their nationally affiliated group, but we will hold our unit meetings in ISV. The former LWV president, Theresa Wade, and member, Colette Scott, a nominee for the State of Alabama Ethics Board, will serve as mentors. More than the necessary ten people needed for a unit have plans to attend this organizational and informational meeting. All interested persons are invited. Voting membership is open to men as well as women over the age of 18; associate membership is open to younger people.

As *The Village Voice* May 7 issue stated, "The LWV is non-partisan. It takes a position on issues only. It arrives at its positions on issues from a membership consensus taken after study and discussion. At league meetings, members are urged to keep reports and discussions non-partisan. Board members and officers are restricted in their activities in support of specific candidates."

SPEAKING OF VOTING...

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet calls to our attention that the Shelby County Board of Registrars, in an effort to update its State of Alabama voter list, published an update form in the recent local newspapers. This should be completed by each Villager who is registered to vote since we have all had an address change. Another choice is to update with a phone call to 669-3913. Villagers who are not registered to vote in this area should be able to get information on voter registration from the same number.

LITTER WALKS--THIRD WALK SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

When the Saturday morning road gang finished work on July 20, the ISV stretch of Highway 119 had been swept clean. In the words of one delighted citizen, "Now it looks like a place where the people care."

Wearing the orange vests were Eleanor Bennett and her son, Stephen, Nora and Jim Boyett, Councilwoman Patricia Crapet, Dr. Ruth Goodwyn, Jackie and Art Johnson, Emily Mc Adory, Virginia Rancont Julie and Rusty Schenk, Deb and Lloyd Wagner, An Wilson, and Jim Wyatt.

If you like the uncluttered look for the main thoroughfare of the Village, assemble with us in Dr. Peacock driveway on August 17, 8 a.m., for another clean sweep. Now there is interest in a Litter Walk on Indian Crest Drive. Will you help? Call me at 985-9414.

Virginia Rancont

RECYCLING

There are recycling centers convenient to the Village run by Vision, a local non-profit, largely volunteer organization. Anne Wilson, of the Environmental Committee, has provided the following list of Vision drop-off points for newspapers, aluminum cans, and rinsed glass bottles.

Food World--in back, at Southlake on Valleydale Road

Valley Elementary School--Highway 31, south of Highway 119

Oak Mountain Elementary School--119, east of Caldwell Mill

Tender Years Childcare--Valleydale Terrace, near 84 Lumber

Cabaha Valley Church of Christ--Caldwell Mill north of Valleydale

Pelham United Methodist Church--Highway 119 (The center at the Church of Christ also takes #2 plastics, e.g. milk bottles.)

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS ALONG CAHABA VALLEY ROAD

Five families have chosen to join us by annexation. We are pleased to officially welcome them to share the fellowship, privileges, and responsibilities of being Villagers. ISV is proud to welcome these families to the Village family.

- **Dr. Brenda Bell**, Radiologist, and her teenagers, Emily, 16, and Bo, 14, students at Pelham High.

- John L. Cutts, Jr., his wife, Patricia, and a son and a daughter.
- Dr. Max Davis, retired Radiation Oncologist, his wife, Kristin, and their son, Ben, who will be a Junior at Indian Springs School next term.
- Mr. Madison Richards, a widower, who is retired. His daughter-in-law, Rita Richards, a widow, lives next door.
- Mr. and Mrs. William E. Swatek and their three children. Mr. Swatek is an attorney with law offices in Alabaster.

Also choosing annexation were the Terry Folmars, who do not yet live on their property. We look forward to having them join in ISV activities.

THE FIRST ANNUAL JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION OF INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

Photographer's Dream of Americana

The editor's pictures will be on display at the August 6 council meeting and you are welcome to order prints. A set of her prints will be given to our ISV historian, Ruth Goodwyn, who would also welcome any other photographic or artistic efforts that contribute to ISV history.

THE FIRST ANNUAL FUN RUN

Twenty-eight runners answered the opening gun at the starting line on July 4, at 8 a.m. Lloyd and Debra Wagner were there at 7 a.m. to prepare for the run and the runners who registered at 7:30 a.m. Patsy Cummings helped with the timing. Iain Wilson was the overall winner, back at 8:14:57. Steve Weingarten placed second in the under 20 division and third overall. Buddy Wyatt of Pelham was first place over forty and second place overall; 35 seconds later, Lloyd Wagner came in second place over 40 and fourth place overall. Jack Mendel placed fifth overall and first place over 50.

On the distaff side, our local Jazzercise teacher, Leith Kubina, won first place. Even though Lindsey Allison was pushing daughter Kelsey in a three wheeler, Lindsey took second place in the women's division.

THE VILLAGE DRIVE-THROUGH AND THE VILLAGERS' PARADE

The ribbon winner in the antique vehicle category was Gary Parker in his 1950 blue Chevrolet truck. To give himself an edge, Gary wore his best overalls; he was a great portrait. Other vintage car owners who participated were: Jerry Bell, 1966 Mustang; Billy Cooke, 1965 Rolls Royce; Tom and Joyce Wood, 1962 Falcon; Kathie and Donald Owens, 1954 Buick; and Michael and Patricia Crapet, 1934 Ford Fordor Sedan. Max and Kris Davis, new residents by annexation, drove a 1969 Jaguar XKE and a 1931 Model A Ford with dual side mounts. It was restored to its present mint condition in 1941. Kris's brother, Matt Kilgore, drove his 1964 red Mustang. It was difficult to note all the participants.

There were also some well-decorated modern vehicles, vans, trucks, etc, that were fun in the drive-through. At the Indian Springs School entrance Channy Phillips joined in with his four wheeler along with Laurie Phillips and Molly Johnson on creatively decorated bicycles. Peyton Lacey's patriotic pet, Midnight Lacey, was an eye catcher in full regalia. David Engel put his beautiful horse through some impressive paces on the picnic grounds. Actually, there was so much action that it was difficult to take it all in, much less record all of it. Perhaps the people who took videos will share.

HOMAGE TO PATRIOTISM

Mayor Hub Harrington conducted a short patriotic ceremony to commemorate the occasion. Rita Mendel and her son rode their horses to the front of the gathering and held the flags for the Pledge of Allegiance. It was very impressive even if Rita's horse did start his picnic early by snagging some foliage from one of the trees on his way. Benjy Thomas, dressed as George Washington, sang *The Star Spangled Banner* with Indian Springs Choir members Brandon Kirby, Naomi Nelson, and Laura Thomas.

Tommy Snowden, Probate Judge of Shelby County, paid a tribute to the town, its incorporation efforts and leaders, and the town spirit.

ISV Historian Ruth Goodwyn gave a short history of the Village and its successful incorporation.

The Shelby County dignitaries in attendance introduced by the mayor included Sheriff James Jones, School Superintendent Norma Rogers, and County Commissioner Don Armstrong. Chief Winston Boutwell of the North Shelby County Fire District participated in the drive-through and the parade. He also provided emergency aid to the Fun Run in the case it was needed.

THE PICNIC

Gene and Olivia Weingarten prepared and served hundreds of grilled hot dogs with the help of Herb and Lib Smith, Jean Owens, their grandson, Steve Weingarten, and others. Olivia had kept the phone lines hot, soliciting baked goods to sell for desserts, and so many people responded that she could not begin to list all of them to give proper credit. Accolades to Olivia and Gene Weingarten, who made a great contribution to the success of the ISV First Annual July Fourth Celebration. A Fourth of July without hotdogs and brownies would be like Christmas without a tree!

THE SOUVENIR BUSINESS

Doing a booming business in T-shirt sales and ISV maps were Rita Mendel, Mildred and Jim Wyatt and their daughter, Julie Wyatt Schenk, the T-shirt artist. Rita Mendel has some shirts available in most sizes at her Carousel Tack Shop on the Cahaba Valley Road.

Maps of the originally incorporated area will continue to be made available at council meetings by Patricia Crapet as long as there is some interest in them. All souvenir proceeds go to ISV.

TOPS IN ENTERTAINMENT-- THE DUNKING BOOTH

Mayor Hub Harrington was the most popular "dunkee" and a great sport. All the councilmen took turns getting soaked for a good cause--'cause it was great fun for all the "dunkers". The councilmen looked as if they were having so much fun that the kids, who were the most avid dunkers, started eagerly volunteering to be dunked. There was a children's throw line, an adult's throw line farther back, and a championship throw line waaaay back for Art Johnson who had the most deadly pitching arm in the Village. Cathy Dudley dunked her councilman husband, Stewart, three times for three balls--once on an honest

hit and twice when the volunteer booth operator, Rusty Schenk, accidentally hit the ball target with wild coaching gestures.

Horse and carriages rides around the campus were fun. The ice cream was a big hit, too.

VILLAGERS MAKE GOOD GUESTS

Kris Davis, who knows how to win friends and influence people, headed the decorations committee even before her property was officially annexed into the Village. Helping with bow making, sign making, balloons, flags, table cloths and other putting up and taking down as well as general clean up were Sandy Luster, Patricia Crapet, Jackie Johnson, Sharon Durbin, Marti Hobbs, Julie and Rusty Schenk, Elea Bennett, Lib and Herb Smith, Jim and Nora Boyett, Jim and Mildred Wyatt, and many others. The special July issue of *The Village Voice* made an appeal that did not go unheeded--the grounds were as neat when we left as when we arrived. They looked a little barren in their neatness when all the beautiful red, white, and blue decorations were removed and all the colorfully dressed Villagers had gone home. Indian Springs School is, indeed, a wonderful resource for and we hope to see more Villagers there at the town hall for council meetings.

MANY THANKS TO SANDY LUSTER, SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN, FOR ALL HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL ISV JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION!

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away as Highway 280 have contacted Mr. Glenos about their interest in annexing into ISV.

Mr. Glenos presented six annexation petitions received since the June meeting and exhibited a map of the properties, which were all on Highway 119. The mayor introduced a resolution to the council to suspend the rules which was unanimously accepted, allowing immediate consideration of a resolution to annex. The annexation resolution passed unanimously, adding approximately 80 acres to the boundaries of ISV. (See Welcome to New Residents.)

After the meeting was adjourned, residents stayed for refreshments provided by Sandy Luster and Patricia Crapet.

Patricia Crapet