



# The Village Voice

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, January 19, 1993, 7 p.m.

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Becky Yarboro - Red Cross
- III. Citizen's Forum

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

### Editor's Notes

The *Village Voice* is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The primary purpose of this newsletter is to report the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings as well as to give the mayor and council members the opportunity to communicate with the electorate. In addition, your editor's hope is to foster a spirit of community and cooperation along with fun and fairness. Good neighbors need less legislation. Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are also made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### January ISV Council Meeting Date Changed

Indian Springs School will be unable to accommodate any additional activity on its campus on the second Tuesday of January, the regular meeting date for the town council. For that reason the council decided to meet in the Indian Springs School Town Hall on the third Tuesday, January 19, at 7 p.m. This shift may allow some people who are usually unable to make the second Tuesday to attend.

### Recycling Date Remains on Schedule

Wednesday Night, January 13

Please bag aluminum cans and, before 8 p.m., place the plastic bags (white, if possible) on the driveway opposite Thursday morning's BFI pick-up.

### ISV Clean and Beautiful

Adopt-A-Mile Litter Walk

Saturday, January 23, 9 a.m.

**Councilman Art Johnson** is the crew chief. Phone Art or Jackie Johnson, 988-3217, for details.

## Village Christmas Carolers

Several Village homes got a real old-fashioned treat on the Saturday night before Christmas. Warming hearts on this cold winter's night were the voices of town carolers **Deb Gibson, Susan and Sarah Loper**, and friends, Mike McBride and Thomas Gamble.

Deb, who had always wanted to go caroling, dedicated her efforts to the memory of Villager **Geri Wright** for having taught her that, "If there is something you want to do, do it and do it NOW!"

Swept up in the momentum for a visit to the homes of **Russ and Lindsey Allison and Stowe and Ann Shoemaker** were **Michael, Tricia, and Joseph Crapet**, who brought along a real set of sleigh bells for special effect.

Response from those visited was sheer delight. Plans are to make this an annual event with an even larger group of hearty, harmonious Villagers warbling their way through the town.

— Patricia Crapet

# Elf Report

As any Christmas observer knows, elves are busier than any other ethnic group getting ready for the big day. In their comings and goings, they noted the naughty and the nice. No doubt, the kids noted that the elves were very forgiving in their reporting to Santa. They even had to overlook a few adults who were seen littering and/or driving too fast.

The elves were impressed with the number of street signs that were beautifully decorated for the holidays. Last year a villager decorated the sign at the Cahaba Valley Road and Spring Garden Street and started a tradition the elves hope to see continued. One person can make a difference.

The use of natural greenery and red Christmas bows to decorate mailboxes, doors, windows, arches, and banisters was especially appropriate. Mountain Park residents got high marks for use of greenery that complimented the architecture of these homes, which are carefully groomed all year round. Of course the lights were enchanting as usual, and the elves mentioned especially the homes of the **Roger Watkins**, the **McGregors**, and the **Clyde Woods** on Indian Crest Drive as well as the **McGuire**s on Cahaba Valley Road. The giant lighted fir at the **Cantavespre** home is a Christmas landmark that we always appreciate along with the decorated gazebo that welcomes guests. **Frank** and **Gertie Jones** got compliments for their mailbox decoration. The **Connells** and the **Crapets** on Valley View Road celebrated the season with beautiful traditional wreaths, swags, and red bows. 'Twas the season to have an old-fashioned porch to embrace the house and greet its guests.

## In Memoriam

**Martha Knight**, long-time resident of 1707 Indian Crest Drive, died December 6 of cancer. Ms. Knight had spent several years in Atlanta, and some of us who knew her had not seen her for some time. We send condolences to her son, Barney Knight, and her daughters, Terry Dillard, Suzanne Bearden, and Kathy Jackson. They lost their father, Barney Knight, who had been a resident of Pelham, several weeks prior to Martha's death.

**Howard K. Lane** of 371 Highgate Hill Road died December 8 at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was retired from South Central Bell and had been an elder at

Riverchase Presbyterian Church. Our condolences to **Kathy**, his wife; two sons, Terry and Byron; and daughter, Karen Baucum.

Alta T. Rollins, 91, of Birmingham, died December 14. Her son, **David Rollins**, lives in the Village, and we wish to express our sympathy to David and his brother, Donald R. Rollins, who lives in Birmingham.

## Letters To The Editor

### The Bedwells Say Good-bye

This is just a short note to say how our family has enjoyed *The Village Voice* keeping us informed and entertained. We especially appreciated your including our family's news when we were excited about some things pertaining to our son last spring and summer!

We're sad to say we've got to leave Indian Springs for now because of my husband's work transfer to Houston, Texas. We hope to be able to come back here one day. We'll miss our wonderful neighbors and friends! Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Best wishes for the coming year. Enclosed is a small contribution for the newsletter.

Bill, Cheryl, and Brandon Bedwell

### Editor's Note

*This accolade to the editor was very timely. Someone once said no work is hard unless you would rather be doing something else. With a copy deadline between Christmas and New Year's and a final desktop publishing appointment on New Year's weekend, I confess to having other "druthers." There are "Thank-yous" to write, Christmas notes to answer, new gift books added to the current reading pile, home improvements to put off into 1993, un-decorating to do, gifts to put in place, ten rolls of holiday pictures to catalog, and turkey-vegetable soup to make, in addition to the usual office hours and housekeeping. Tonight the bathtub was running over, the phone was ringing, the door bell was dinging. Thanks, Bill, Cheryl, and Brandon; I needed that! The Village will miss you, too. Please keep in touch.*

### Remove Beer Signs

It is good to have access to gasoline and such with a convenience store for the Indian Springs area, but the BP Coosa Stop on Highway 119 has recently erected about four lighted neon beer signs in their window. I feel this to be in very poor taste, not only for our city but because of the close proximity to our local churches.

—Terry Folmer

## Highway 119 Traffic Concern

Terry Folmar wrote also to Gary Ray of the Alabama Highway Department: "I have spoken to you on several occasions about the need to have a no-passing zone 3b on Highway 119 in the Indian Springs area. I feel the area between the Latter Day Saints Church and Indian Springs First Baptist Church, as stated before, needs your immediate attention. This area is destined for tragedy if action is not quickly taken."

## Volunteers Needed

Ushering the New Year can entail many time-honored traditions. Maybe your family always enjoys a meal which includes ham and black-eyed peas, or maybe your family always gathers in front of the television to watch a certain college bowl game, or maybe you always wish the day would quietly take its own course while you try to recuperate from the loud celebrating that took place on New Year's Eve.

One expression of the New Year that comes to mind for me is how easily expectations of good fortune are revitalized. Resolutions with grand intentions are announced, and we're off on an eager journey to enjoy happiness, longevity and prosperity. We've supposedly said good-bye to the disappointments that the previous year brought us, and now we plan for smooth sailing.

What if we meet difficulty?

What happens if we experience disaster?

Where will we find help if that sea turns into a storm and our livelihood is demolished?

In our community there is an intrinsic good will that we see, hear, and read about constantly if we take the time to acknowledge it. Its name is volunteerism and it is what keeps us in touch one with another. In the *Voice* we read of the Litter Walkers. Throughout the neighborhoods residents keep up with each other's latest endeavors, and, along the roads through the Village, we receive friendly waves.

In addition to the ISV "do gooder", there is an agency in our area which fulfills all the criteria of a neighbor that you can turn to for help--The American Red Cross. There is a branch office in Shelby County, located in the Food World Shopping Center on Highway 31 in Pelham. During the last two months of 1992, volunteers at the branch have been completing grass roots planning for service to the county and/or its residents should the need arise. Some neighbors

who have lived in the area have known about the Shelby County Branch, and others may have heard about the National Red Cross Agency. How many of us are really aware of the aid offered by the American Red Cross?

If there is a tornado--who helps assess the damage? If there is a flood, who helps set up a kitchen to cook the meals? If there is a fire, who helps the family find shelter? People like me and potentially like you. There is a place in the disaster-response team for many neighbors of good will. With the county having grown in the last decade, the Northern end is quite densely populated. Should a fire happen in a home or an apartment many could be affected. For me, knowing that there is a system that works toward assisting the individual in time of need brings comfort.

If you could be counted on in this way to become a service volunteer, please get in touch with a volunteer at the Shelby County Red Cross at 663-4290. Should you wish to know more about the service opportunities in our area, come to the next town council meeting and let's discuss your interests.

—Becky T. Yarboro, 444-9076  
(Mrs. Chris Yarboro)

## Conserve Bishop Creek

Eleanor Bennett has been engaged in a battle to keep the banks of Bishop Creek from washing away as the creek flows behind her house. Eleanor encourages anyone with a Christmas tree to dedicate to soil conservation to leave it beside her drive about ten feet from the entrance to her property at 2620 Cahaba Valley Road. The Bennett place is called Beracah Ranch and is next to the Mormon Church. Eleanor will be most grateful, but she requests no trees with tinsel.

## Villagers in the News

T. Brad Bishop of Valley View Drive has received the 1992 Award of Merit from the Alabama State Bar Association. Judge Bishop is a municipal judge in Hoover and Pelham and is a professor at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. He is the author of *Alabama Municipal Judges Manual and Municipal Courts: Practice and Procedure*. Congratulations, Judge Bishop.

William E. Swatek, a resident of Cahaba Valley Road who has law offices in Alabaster, was mentioned

by *The Birmingham News* for his role in successfully defending a client twenty years ago. Swatek's client was a 30-year-old man accused of the murder of his girlfriend. Jack Harrison Trawick has been formally charged with that murder as well as others. Mr. Swatek has to feel good about his successful defense. Congratulations, we feel good, too.

## A Man and His Dog

The editor's attention has often been directed to the many animal lovers in the Village and the fact that their pets are like family members. Our own **Bart Trammell** is typical and we send our sympathy to Bart, who lost his dog, **Precious**, in early December. Bart and Connie proudly paraded Precious as a winning patriotic pet in the Village July 4 Celebrations, and the neighbors, who miss Precious, too, referred to him as the "overseer of Valley View Road". Precious died of natural causes. We also send our appreciation to Bart for taking *The Village Voice* courier responsibility for Brookstone Estates. Thanks, Bart.

## December Litter Walk

On December 19, 1992, we had our monthly litter walk on highway 119. We were happy to have **Hubert Joiner** come to work with us for the first time. Thanks a lot, Hubert; we hope that you will join us again. **Jim and Margaret Roy, Rusty and Julie Schenk, Nora Boyett, Jim Wyatt, Eleanor Bennett, and Jackie and Art Johnson** were there also. All the Litter Walkers were given a pre-Christmas treat by Eleanor Bennett, who brought several kinds of her delicious homemade breads. We all enjoyed it and we do thank her a whole lot.

If the weather permits, we will meet again on January 23 of the New Year and tackle any new trash. I would like to encourage anyone who would like to get out with us for a little bit of exercise and a lot of fellowship to be at the Mormon Church lot at 9 a.m.

—Art Johnson

## December Town Council Highlights

The town council of Indian Springs Village met on Tuesday, December 8, 1992, at 7 p.m. in the dining hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with council members **Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, and Art Johnson** present.

The minutes of the October and November minutes were adopted as read by **Town Clerk Paul Stephens**.

Mayor Harrington announced that the audit of the town's finances by an independent firm had been completed. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that the audit confirmed that good accounting principles were being used to record all incoming and outgoing monies. The audit was for fiscal year ending October 1, 1992, but included all transactions which had occurred since the incorporation of the town.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the revenues for the month of November were: road fund, \$632; T-shirt sales, \$46; aluminum can recycling, \$44; beer tax distribution, \$596; and building permit fees, \$1,012. The present balance on the general fund was reported to be \$2200, and the balance of the road fund account was \$7641.

Councilman Ron Luster announced that the bridge work has not progressed as quickly as had been promised by the county, mostly due to the time of the year. Luster speculated that the project would move quickly after the holiday season is over.

Town Clerks Paul Stephens and Jim Wyatt have been holding discussions with Indian Springs School about the possibility of constructing a barbecue pit and pavilion on the school grounds. The facility would be available to ISV for town events such as the annual July 4th picnic, as well as for small get-togethers by citizens who just want to spend an afternoon cooking some pit barbecue. Early estimates of the cost of the pavilion are \$1500, mostly for materials. It was suggested that the cost be funded by private donations from residents, town general fund, or a combination of both. Most of the labor would be done by volunteers. The council tabled the item pending further discussions with Indian Springs School.

Townpeople could hardly wait for Mayor Harrington to adjourn the meeting so that they could partake of the wonderful Christmas refreshments brought by the town's best bakers! Many thanks to Nora Boyett, Olivia Weingarten, Jackie Johnson, Jean Owens, Sandy Luster, Patricia Crapet, and Lib Smith for the delightful and delicious goodies.

—Patricia Crapet

*You can only govern men by serving them. The rule without exception.*

—Victor Cou