



# The Village Voice

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, February 9, 1993, 7 p.m.

### Agenda

Mayor/Council Committee  
Reports

1. 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.

Address letters to the editor and appropriate news articles to: Olivia Weingarten, Editor, 1617 Indian Crest Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124 (988-5417). Newcomer information should be reported to Patricia Crapet (985-9205).

*The Village Voice* is published the first Tuesday of the month. Articles for publication in the March, 1993, edition should be submitted by Tuesday noon, February 23. The editor reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication. *The Village Voice* will publish letters to the editor if space permits. Letters may be edited for length and other considerations; however, the meaning will be preserved. All opinions are those of the author, unless otherwise indicated. All articles not attributed to other writers are written by the editor. Any opinions she expresses are her own and should not be attributed to the mayor or the council. The February, 1993, issue was produced by LaVerne Ramsey.

### Editor's Appreciation to:

The donors who subsidize printing expenses  
Patricia Crapet for circulation (985-9205)  
Dr. Ruth Goodwyn for editorial consultation  
Indian Springs couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing

## Indian Springs Village: Town's Spirit Made News in 1992

*The Birmingham News* featured Indian Springs Village Town Council among the top newsmakers in 1992 with the following write-up: "Indian Springs Village Town Council members are able to avoid raising taxes in this new town by using volunteers for fixing potholes, keeping town records and cleaning up litter along the roadways. The commitment not to raise taxes and to protect the town from commercialization, also a successful effort, were some of the goals of the incorporation. The town was incorporated in October, 1990."

## OLIVIA WEINGARTEN NEW EDITOR OF THE VILLAGE VOICE

It is with great pleasure that this editor asks every Villager to support Olivia Weingarten in this commitment. The pleasure was magnified by Olivia's eagerness to tackle the production immediately on being asked by Patricia Crapet, council member in charge of communications. It is not a job for a reluctant worker or one who has embraced too many commitments. In addition, Councilman Gary Dennis has agreed to use his business facilities to do the final publication format. It is delightful to see the spirit of Indian Springs, embodied by the indefatigable Ms. Crapet, rise up and get things moving to relieve an overly committed editor.

Olivia and Gene Weingarten have been active in IVS activities from pre-incorporation and have been involved in molding the Village's traditions and volunteer services. They are tireless workers. They have cooked hot dogs and served food at every Independence Day picnic, bearing much of the expense. They have both litter-walked and have taken part in every Village event that this editor can remember. Their dedication to Indian Springs Village is matched by only a faithful few.

Olivia, it is with full confidence that this editor gives you the responsibility for the future issues of *The Village Voice*. You are now the Village journalist as well as its editor and it is well to remember these words: "Responsible journalism is journalism responsible in the last analysis to the editor's own conviction of what, whether interesting or only important, is in the public interest." -Walter Lippmann, Address at the International Press Institute Assembly, 1965

## ***This Torch Has Passed...***

The position of editor of *The Village Voice* does not come up for reelection, and there are no term limits. Each of us has only so much emotional capital, and, if we spend it rapidly, it cannot compound and we are left penniless. That analogy, drawn from your current editor's vocation, describes burn-out and her present state of over-commitment. Her battery must be recharged, and the Village must draw new people with fresh ideas into its operations or lose its democratic vitality.

Financial support of *The Voice* has been much more generous than contributions of news and opinion. That says much about how jealous most of us are with our emotional energy and time, because we are a Village of individuals with ideas, information, and opinions worth sharing. Most of the writing of *The Voice* has, by default, been done by the editor. There was a benefit — an opportunity to practice the art of writing. It is a lot like learning to play the piano in public.

This editor is honored to have had the privilege of originating *The Village Voice* to serve the community. She wishes to thank Councilwoman Patricia Crapet for getting her copy in on time and indeed for submitting copy every issue. Tricia also takes the finished product to the printer, picks it up and gets it to the couriers for delivery. The couriers are very important in the chain of communication. **It would be helpful to them if more people would install paper tubes.** Dr. Ruth Goodwyn has met a standard of near perfection as a proof reader and editorial consultant. She can quote chapter and verse on usage and style, and her suggestions for clarity were always welcome. The Villagers who feel passionate enough about an activity, an event, or their neighbors to share by writing something personal were especially appreciated. An editor needs something to edit! *The Voice* was originated to serve the town as a tool of communication, not only for the Town Council, but also for Villagers to write about issues of public interest and importance.

*The Village Voice* started with no budget and still incurs no costs except printing. The first couple of issues were copied by the editor in her office, where she burned out the copier. After others took on that burden and burned out their office copiers, Villagers responded generously to the editor's appeal for printing funds. That response and the warm appreciation

for what has been a labor of love were sustaining for these nearly two years. Sustenance of another kind was drawn from Jim and Nora Boyett's generosity with their delicious home-grown tomatoes and turnip greens. (There are some things money can't buy, so, Jim and Nora, please keep me on your A list.)

It has been a wonderful opportunity to serve a community and a council that have untapped potential. This Villager has high hopes that the residents of Indian Spring Village will tap their deep well of talent to help the Shelby County Commission pull the county out of its current financial morass. All the commissioners have occupations just like you and me, but they are meeting in committees every night to solve the county's problems. Our own Lindsey Allison and the other eight commissioners need our expertise, our understanding, and our support for the best solutions. This editor's advice is—**Please pay attention to the business of government. Most of us didn't realize the county and state business was OUR business in the past, and now our county is in big trouble. There are options, so be informed.**

—LaVerne Ramsey

### **ISV Aluminum Can Recycling**

Wednesday Night, February 10

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, February 13, 9 a.m.

Mormon Church parking lot

Crew chief is Councilman Art Johnson

### **League of Women Voters of Shelby County**

Thursday, February 18, 7 p.m.

Hostess Kathryn Coleman 988-0368

89 Pawnee Drive

Indian Springs Village

Reports on Shelby County Health Care  
Research leader-Jean Allarde

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# GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTORY

## Important Officials and Elected Representatives Listed From the Village Level to the National Level

February, 1993

### Indian Springs Council (1992-1996)

(All council addresses are Indian Springs, AL 35124)

**Mayor Hub Harrington** H 987-2748  
291 Valley View Lane B 250-8400  
Business FAX 326-3837

Place #1

**Ron Luster** H 987-7918  
151 Indian Trail  
Primary Responsibility- Road Maintenance

Place #2

**Patricia Crapet** H 985-9205  
370 Valley View Road B 987-0000  
Communications and Community Relations

Place #3

**Gary Dennis** H 987-7378  
125 Spring Garden Street B 945-8930  
Public Services Coordination

Place #4

**Art Johnson** H 988-3217  
162 Willow Ridge  
Public Health and the Environment

Place #5

**Stewart Dudley** H 988-4252  
2201 Cahaba Valley Road  
Finance and Tax Collection

### Shelby County Elected Officials

**Senator Frank Ellis, Jr.**  
P.O. Box 587 B 669-6783  
Columbiana, AL 35051  
14th District (Bibb, Shelby, and St. Clair Counties)  
State House Office Rm 737 (205) 242-7894  
Montgomery, AL 35130  
(Senator Ellis is also attorney for Shelby County, attorney for the city of Pelham, attorney for Shelby Medical Center, and other county entities.)

**Representative Al Knight** H 988-3281  
40th District (Bibb and Shelby; ISV is part of 40)  
421 Brook Run  
Birmingham, AL 35244 B 664-9667  
(Representative Knight is also employed by BellSouth)  
State House Office Rm 630 (205) 242-7766

**Representative Mike Hill** B 988-5600  
41st District (Shelby) H 669-6264  
2068 Valleydale Rd.  
Birmingham, AL 35244  
State House Office Rm 628 (205) 242-7715  
(Representative Hill is also a partner in Cahaba Title)

**Probate Judge Thomas E. Snowden, Jr.** 669-3713  
P.O. Box 825  
Columbiana, AL 35051

**Sheriff James Jones** 669-4181  
P.O. Box 1095  
Columbiana, AL 35051

**Tax Assessor Bobbie Reynolds** 669-3902  
P.O. Box 1269  
Columbiana, AL 35051

**Tax Collector Annette Skinner** 669-3900  
P.O. Box 1298  
Columbiana, AL 35051

District 5  
**Commission Chairman Paul Yeager** 663-3901  
3162 Pelham Parkway  
Pelham City Hall  
Pelham, AL 35124

District 2  
**Commissioner George Dailey** 665-7275  
P.O. Box 467  
Columbiana, AL 35051

District 8  
**Commissioner Leon Archer** 669-7940  
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Westover, AL 35182

District 6  
**Commissioner Larry Dillard** 988-0658  
2432 Vale Drive  
Hoover, AL 35244

District 9  
**Commissioner Don Armstrong** 669-7309  
 P. O. Box 467  
 Columbiana, AL 35051

District 3  
**Commissioner Philip Walker** H 664-8236  
 30 Monte Tierra Tr. B 592-0011  
 Route 5  
 Montevallo, AL 35115

District 7 (ISV's district)  
**Commissioner Lindsey Allison** H 985-7179  
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 Indian Springs, AL 35124

District 1  
**Commissioner Billy Thompson** H 669-7275  
 107 Pine Tree Cir.  
 Columbiana, AL 35051

District 4  
**Commissioner Dan Acker** 663-7334  
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 Alabaster, AL 35007

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 P.O. Box 467  
 Columbiana, Al 35051

Shelby County Manager  
**Don Hughes** 669-3708

Superintendent of Schools 669-5600  
**Dr. Norma Rogers**

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 504 Highway 70  
 Columbiana, AL 35051

State of Alabama  
**Governor Guy Hunt** (205)-242-7100  
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 11 South Union Street  
 Montgomery, AL 36130

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US District 6 (202) 225-4921  
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### **President and Vice-President**

President **William J. Clinton**  
 Dear Mr. President  
 The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500

Vice President **Albert Gore**  
 Dear Mr. Vice President  
 The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500

The foregoing lists were compiled for the residents of Indian Springs Village by LaVerne Ramsey, recording secretary for the League of Women Voters of Alabama. Sources were *The Birmingham News*, *The Shelby County Reporter*, and a League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham publication called *Know Your Representatives*. The league's publication is available free from the its Birmingham office (251-2346). For more information on the League of Women Voters in Shelby County call LaVerne Ramsey (988-0059).

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## **Luck of the Village: Thirteen Litter-Walkers**

We had really beautiful weather for our Litter Walk on January 23. We have not seen the sun many times this new year, so it was great to be out in it. We were happy to welcome **Gene Weingarten** to our group this week. Thanks, Gene, we hope you will join us again. **Hubert Joiner** was back, along with **Lola** and **Paul Stephens**, **Nora** and **Jim Boyett**, **Virginia Rancont**, **Anne Wilson**, **Rusty** and **Julie Schenk**, **Jim Roy**, **Jim Wyatt**, and **Art Johnson**. We welcome more of you to join us for the February 13 Litter Walk.

—Art Johnson

## **Shelby County League of Women Voters Hosts Second Annual Legislative Delegation Brunch**

Voters can attend town councils and county commission meetings on a regular basis, but it is rare to be able to talk to the state delegation all at once. Senator Butch Ellis was an absentee, having succumbed to the call of his wilderness cabin in Alaska. Until reapportionment is completed, our county representatives are Al Knight and Mike Hill. ISV falls in Al Knight's district.

After an informal brunch in the spacious kitchen-family room of Homer and Kathryn Coleman on Pawnee Drive, Representatives Knight and Hill gave a preview of issues that might be addressed in the upcoming legislative session in Montgomery. They also responded to questions from an audience that included many Shelby County dignitaries: Probate Judge Tommy Snowden, **School Superintendent Dr. Norma Rogers**, Sheriff James Jones, **Fire Chief Winston Boutwell**, **ISV Councilman Art Johnson**. Newly-elected Congressman Spencer Bachus sent his Birmingham staff representative, Young Stephenson. The League is grateful to **Kathryn** and **Homer Coleman** for their gracious hospitality—thank you both!

## **American Red Cross Birmingham Area Chapter- Shelby County Branch**

Villager **Becky Yarboro** is a diligent volunteer for the American Red Cross in search of disaster relief work-

ers. The training usually requires four sessions of four hours each and is offered Saturday mornings and weekday evenings. Annual retraining is required for continued certification.

It is important to have trained volunteers who can be of service in the event of community disasters such as the tornado that swept through Alabaster not long ago. There are no regular meeting requirements, and the first-aid and CPR training have day-to-day value for everyone.

Call the Shelby County Red Cross to register (663-4290). Please register at least five working days prior to the class date. The next class begins Saturday, February 20, 1993. All courses will be held at the Shelby County Red Cross, 3026 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, AL (Food World Plaza on U.S. 31). Call **Becky Yarboro** (444-9076) for additional information.

## **Welcome New Courier**

**Betty Bond** of Woodfern Drive is the new *Village Voice* courier for the Indian Highlands area. This commitment is much appreciated.

## **Accolades to the McGregors**

The next house outside the town limits of ISV on Indian Crest Drive is the residence of the **Charles McGregors**. While waiting patiently for the paperwork necessary to annex into the Village, the McGregors wrote a check to the printing fund of *The Village Voice*. We like you already, thank you, and welcome to the Village.

## **Town Council Highlights Pelham Lawsuit Settled**

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on Tuesday, January 19, 1993, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School. **Mayor Hub Harrington** presided over the meeting, with council members **Patricia Crapet**, **Gary Dennis**, **Art Johnson**, and **Stewart Dudley** present. The minutes of the December meeting were adopted as read by Town Clerk Paul Stephens.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported receipts of \$496, beer tax; \$642, road fund revenue; \$440, auto tag sales [tags are still available at The Tack Shoppe and at Neil's Pharmacy]; and \$1.07, refund for over-

payment of interest on ISV's final loan payment. Paul Stephens reported a general fund balance of \$1500 and a road fund balance of \$8275.

Mayor Harrington announced that the final order of the lawsuit with Pelham will be certified this month. It will also be recorded since it changes the town's boundaries. The mayor also reported that he had informed the necessary parties at the new landscaping nursery on Highway 119 that the placement of a trailer there violates the court order as well as the zoning ordinance of ISV.

After discussion, the council voted unanimously to agree to let the owner of a trailer on McGuire Lane continue the current use until no later than June 30. The owner plans to have his business relocated by then. As a part of the resolution, the council authorized the mayor and the chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board to secure a written agreement from the trailer owner agreeing to the terms of the resolution. If no signed agreement is received, legal action will be instituted.

Mayor Harrington and the council acted on requests from several citizens to lower the speed limit on Highway 119 within the town's limits. Most complaints have been about accidents between the Mormon Church and the Indian Springs Baptist Church. Another suggested solution was to have that portion of the highway center striped double as a no passing zone. The mayor will check alternatives with the state highway department.

Becky Yarboro appeared on behalf of the Red Cross and received some positive response from potential Village volunteers. [See the announcement on page 3]

Attending for the first time was our state representative, Al Knight, who was very complimentary of ISV and its volunteer spirit. He stated that he always uses ISV as an example of "one of the best towns with the smallest government that is closest to the people." He also praised the new Shelby County Commission for hard work in its effort to turn the county around. Our own resident commissioner, Lindsey Allison, gave an update on the status of the sewer system debt trouble and on a proposed new landfill as well as other potential changes in the county's future.

—Patricia Crapet

## Shelby County Ad Valorem Tax Assessments for 1992

Shelby Medical Center	\$ 2,505,861	9.75%
County General Fund/ Roads and Bridges	\$ 4,727,732	18.40%
Schools	\$14,678,772	57.14%
Collected for state	\$ 3,778,697	14.31%
Total	\$25,691,062	100.00%

### County ad valorem tax assessments excluding schools and state:

Shelby Medical Center	\$2,505,861	34.64%
General Fund/Roads and Bridges	\$4,727,732	65.36%
Total	\$7,233,592	100.00%

Source: Shelby County Tax Assessor's office

## Other Taxes

Soc. Security	6.2% of annual earnings up to \$57,600
Medicare	1.45% up to \$135,000
	7.65% X 2 = 15.3% (employer matches)
Federal Income Taxes	15%, 28%, or 31%
State Income Tax	5%
Birmingham Tax	1% (where applicable)
Jefferson Tax	.5% (where applicable)

### Sales taxes vary

Shelby County collects additional ad valorem taxes for other municipalities—but not for Indian Springs Village, which imposes none.

No doubt this tax list is incomplete, but as it is close to income tax preparation time, we might as well look at the list of tax bites. We have more control at the county level and should exercise it by reexamining where the money goes. The county, however, will always be at the mercy of the state until the state constitution is rewritten to allow home rule.

*President Herbert Hoover was the first President to give his salary back to the government. Now the government would like everybody to do it.*

—Author unknown

*A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.*

—George Bernard Shaw

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