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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, April 20, 1993, 7 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Mr. Thomas Ansley, Attorney Cellular One

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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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

During the recent storm, our citizens once again showed what it means to be a part of our town and this community. There were so many unselfish acts and giving of time and energy, that they cannot possibly be chronicled here. Many of those who received assistance did not know the identity of those that came to their aid, and these good samaritans will, in all likelihood, remain anonymous.

When the townwide cleanup effort began, the stalwart "pothole crew" came to the forefront. Under the command of Paul Stephens and Jim Wyatt, with the able-bodied assistance of their sidekick Bart Trammel, the large-scale clean-up was organized. Innumerable loads of debris were carried to Highway 280 where a chipper, which had been provided by the county, was located. The Lusters also allowed us to use their field as a stock-pile site. The town is providing the services of a chipper to remove this debris, and the chipper will be circulating through the various neighborhoods as needed.

During the storm, the Bill Smith family of Indian Crest Drive was beset by tragedy in the loss of their home by fire. Because of the snow and downed trees, emergency and rescue vehicles had great difficulty in reaching the Smiths' home, and it was a total loss. Thankfully, none of the family members were injured, and we are happy to report that the Smiths intend to rebuild on their property.

In an effort to avoid a future incident such as a terribly destructive fire, Indian Springs Village is organizing an Emergency Management Team. It is our intent to secure volunteers from the various communities that will coordinate emergency services, such as ensuring that roads remain passable. To that end, we ask that all of those who are interested in volunteering their services to assist their neighbors in time of need, please furnish Paul Stephens or Jim Wyatt your name, address and telephone number. It would be greatly appreciated if all of those who have pickup trucks, tractors, or other pieces of equipment, furnished Paul with that information, should you be willing to utilize that equipment in service to the town. Once we have assimilated this information, we will assign specific areas of responsibility to those individuals who expressed a desire to participate in this program.

We are happy to report that the Shelby County Commission has

appointed two Indian Springs citizens to the Shelby County Planning Commission. Congratulations to Brenda Pate and Kathryn Sumrall for receiving these appointments, and our thanks to Indian Springs Village resident and County Commissioner Lindsey Allison and Commissioner Don Armstrong for their support of these nominees. These appointments provide further evidence that our town is growing in its influence and is having a positive effect in Shelby County. Prior to Indian Springs Village's incorporation, we had no organized political body to speak for our community, and appointments such as these were highly unlikely. The work of the Planning Commission is vitally important to the future of Shelby County. We wish these new appointees well and offer our support and assistance to the new Planning Commission.

At the last council meeting we were happy to welcome our newest citizens into the town. By annexing several contiguous property owners into the town, we extended our boundary to Caldwell Mill Road and Indian Crest Drive. This eastern-most property was owned by Dr. C.R. Warth, who had long sought to become a part of our town. Dr. Warth had often expressed his support for the principles upon which Indian Springs Village was founded. His desire to protect the character and nature of our community is reflected by his becoming a part of our town. Dr. Warth was in attendance at his first town council meeting. We trust that he and all of the new citizens of Indian Springs Village will become involved and take an active role in the affairs of our community.

It is important not only to involve the newest members of our community in the activities of the town, but it is imperative that we continue to draw on the support of the existing citizenry. At present there is a nucleus of individuals upon which we can always rely, and upon whom the greatest burden inevitably falls. I would ask those of you who have not participated or been active in the work of the town to please come forward and advise us of your willingness to give of your time and energy in the service of the community. The business of the town is conducted at the council meetings, which are always held in an informal, open forum or town hall atmosphere. The council meetings afford an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends, as well as to participate in the affairs of your local government. Your input is not

only solicited but is always welcome. We look forward to seeing you at future council meetings.

—Mayor

Hub Harrington

League of Women Voters of Alabama

LEGISLATIVE DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

League members from all over the state will meet in the Star Wars Room of the State House in Montgomery at 10 a.m. for a briefing on bills of interest to the League. The League organizers are also arranging a couple of speakers who will discuss the deliberations of this session. Afterward, League members are free to watch the House and the Senate in action (or inaction as the case may be) and to lobby their own legislators on the League positions that they deem most necessary to protect the interests of our state. League members experienced in the observance of state government will be available as guides to the newer members and guests. A small registration fee will be levied to cover materials to be presented at the briefing. Parking is available at nearby Cramton Bowl, the local football stadium.

Call To State Convention 1993

Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16
Redmont Hotel, 2101 Fifth Avenue North
Birmingham; Hosts: LWV of Birmingham

*Luncheon Dinner Speakers

*Workshops *Tours *Fellowship

*Sunday Breakfast

For more information on the League of Women Voters and these League events, call 251-2346, the League office in the Commerce Center, Suite 801, Birmingham, AL 35203

The '93 Blizzard Causes Cancellation of Adopt-A-Mile Litter Walk

Even though our Adopt-A-Mile was scheduled a week after the historic blizzard covered our town with 16 inches of snow, standing water in the drainage ditches along 119 and the threat of rain caused us to cancel the March 20th litter walk to try again in April. The next litter walk is scheduled for April 17 to support the 4th annual "Don't Drop It On Alabama" statewide spring cleanup. Join with us, and help us give Indian Springs Village and Alabama a "facelift" on April 17. Bring your work gloves to the Mormon Church parking lot at 9 a.m., slip into an orange vest and walk for about an hour with some caring neighbors.

Art Johnson

Shelby County Planning Commission

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 19

Inverness Elementary School

Public Hearing

Agenda: Properties of Interest to Indian Springs Village. (Three on 119)

ISV HEROES:

Knights with chain saws and tractors

March 13, 1993 will long be remembered as the coldest day on record for March, but in this valley we will have memories of our neighbors helping one another.

Jerry Bell, Nick Marino, and Jerry Moore of Mountain Park Drive took chainsaws and cleared trees from Indian Crest Drive and adjoining streets. Thomas Robinson, Mountain Park Circle, worked with them.

Two men from Auburn Road (names unknown) along with Paul Stephens cleared Indian Crest Drive, near Arrowhead.

Homer Coleman cleared snow from Indian Forest Road and from driveways with his tractor. He and Kathryn later cut trees on their street.

Harry Little cleared Valley View of snow with his tractor. Bart Trammell and Russ Allison carried wood to Judge Patty Smith. Michael Crapet assisted many neighbors, especially John and Alice Morrow, who had a tree on their car. Councilwoman Crapet had a cheery message for many of us who were bordering on hysteria.

Tony Bailey used his tractor to haul firewood to several friends and neighbors. He also scraped the road from 119 to New Hope Family Life Center, where about thirty people spent the night.

Tom Wood cut a tree from Chief Winston Boutwell's driveway. Jim Wyatt, Rusty Schenk, Bart Trammell, Jim Boyett, Gary Dennis and Paul Stephens sawed and cleared trees from Mountain Trail, Signal Trail and Rockford Road to the top of the mountain on March 27th. Gary Dennis and Jim Boyett provided their trucks for hauling.

Mayor Hub Harrington and his helper, Ronnie, cleaned trees and limbs in his neighborhood, picking up and hauling to Ron Luster's field. The limbs and wood will be run through a chipper at a later date. The town has contracted for a chipper to be available for grinding these trees.

These are just the deeds that were made known to the editor, probably only a small percentage of the total picture. Your editor feels blessed to live among such people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I realize everyone has his/her story to tell about the snow and everyone else is tired of hearing it, so I'll keep it short.

On March 11, 1993, my father, Eddie Wright, came home sick, running fever with the flu. As you know on March 12 the snow started. On Saturday, March 13, I began to run a fever. By Sunday we were both freezing and so sick with no heat. We spent Sunday night with our neighbors, Susan and Jim Loper, who provided us with food, heat and a bed. On Monday, after finally getting to a doctor (after my car was stuck twice) we were told the wait to see the doctor would be 3 to 3 1/2 hours. It went to 50 degrees that day and the interstates were beginning to open. We decided to go to Mobile to my sister's house and see her doctor. After all, we could make that trip in 3 1/2 to 4 hours. As we were leaving, I noticed one of our trees had fallen into the road and needed to be cut so traffic could pass, but I was just too weak and sick to care. When we returned from Mobile a week later, I found that Debbie and Hardy Gibson had cut the tree by hand. Also, the fallen trees in our yard had been cut and stacked by Danny Rast.

The point of this story is to say that once again the neighbors of ISV came to our rescue. What seems like "no big deal" to one is a lifesaver to the next one. THANK YOU to all of our neighbors for caring and helping my father and me in our time of need.

Dian Wright

After the last snow storm that left Indian Springs without power, the Ramseys bought a kerosene heater and propane cooker in order to be prepared. In 1993, many years later, the boxes were opened for the first time in a cold, dark house surrounded by scenery not seen since the movie, Dr. Zhivago. Just as the argument started over who was dumb enough to have forgotten to store any kerosene, Clyde Wood was starting his Saturday morning calls to see if his neighbors were all right. Clyde offered kerosene--almost five gallons! Thank you, Clyde. We feel warm appreciation for all the thoughtful neighbors who were

helping each other where it was needed, especially the crew of volunteers who cleared a path on Indian Crest Drive as early as it was possible. It allowed the Ramseys out to get kerosene and last till Thursday without further argument.

Laverne Ramsey

WELCOME NEW VILLAGERS

Fourteen property owners along Indian Crest Drive, Miller Circle, Star Trek Drive, and Old Post Road signed petitions requesting annexation into Indian Springs Village. Though not new to the area, we want to welcome these property owners and their families to Indian Springs Village!

Miller Circle residents who have annexed are Mr. and Mrs. John Brex, Fred and Sarah Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Coleman, Stanley and Mary Larys, and James and Renee Denton.

Indian Crest Drive annexed properties include those of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Pate, Cheryl Hawkins, Alan and Deborah Riha, George and Donna Leigh Jackins, Carolyn Titone, Alan and Johnita Cook, and Dr. C.R. and Marilyn Warth.

Annexed property on Old Post Road includes that of Joe and Mary Gugliotta, while Guy and Judy Dill have annexed their home on Star Trek Drive into ISV.

I am sure that all of your neighbors in ISV wish you a warm welcome. Thank you for the confidence you have shown in our town!

Patricia Crapet

AND THE WINNER IS...

Don't look now, Jean-Claude Kiley, but here comes Sue Ann DeBoer, who has brought Olympic Gold to the Village by winning first place in snow skiing in the Southeastern Special Winter Olympics. Representing Shelby County, Sue Ann was sponsored by Moore Handley and her parents' store, Valleydale Hardware. Sue Ann and parents Larry and Sue live on Brookgreen Lane. Many congratulations to our "golden girl".

CONGRATULATIONS

Indian Springs Village has the distinct honor of having had two of its citizens appointed to the Shelby County Planning Commission. Kathryn Sumrall Harrington of 291 Valley View Lane and Brenda Pate of 216 Miller Circle were both appointed by the Shelby County Commission at the March 22 meeting. Submitted to the committee by ISV's Commissioner Lindsey Allison, Kathryn and Brenda both received votes of 8-1.

Patricia Crapet

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, March 23, 1993 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School. The meeting was postponed one week due to power outages from the previous week's snow storm. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with council members Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson and Stewart Dudley present.

The minutes of the February meeting were adopted as amended by the council.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported the town's revenues for February were beer taxes of \$426.76 and road funds of \$628.47. Road funds for March were \$596.26. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported receiving a check from Alabama Power Company for utility taxes for 1992. Paul proudly displayed the check for \$18,322.06 as townspeople in attendance cheered enthusiastically. Paul reported that Alabama Gas will have their utility tax check for \$9,000.00 available to the town later in the week. These deposits should bring the total of the general fund to around \$30,000.00. The road fund currently stands at \$10,200.00. Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt introduced an annexation ordinance to the council for fifteen property owners on and around Indian Crest Drive. (See article) The annexation committee of Jim Wyatt, Olivia Weingarten, and Ron and Sandy Luster had busily acted on requests from property owners who had expressed interest in annexing into ISV. The council voted unanimously to waive the rules, thus allowing for the ordinance to be considered immediately. The ordinance was passed by the council unanimously.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that he will attend a workshop on how to write a tree preservation ordinance. The original seminar was attended by Art in October.

During the meeting Mayor Harrington discussed some of the problems resulting from the snow storm and the need for the Village to assemble a team of emergency volunteers who will be willing to help in similar situations. The Mayor also announced that a town cleanup day would be held officially on Saturday, April 3. (See article by Mayor.)

Patricia Crapet



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