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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, January 18, 1994 7 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Citizens Forum
- III. Russ Allison, Board Member
North Shelby Fire District

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

New Traffic Signal For The Village

At the request of the State Highway Department, the Indian Springs Village Town Council held a special session on December 29, 1993. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt a resolution and execute the documents necessary for accepting responsibility for the maintenance and monthly power consumption for the new traffic signal being installed at Highway 119 and Caldwell Mill Road. The action by the council was a prerequisite for the power company's installation of the final electrical supply and for the Highway Department's installation of the signal itself. The special meeting was called in order to meet the Highway Department's installation schedule. The signal should be operational soon.

We have continued to monitor developments regarding Hoover's proposal to take over the North Shelby Fire District. It was expected that a formal proposal would be presented at the Fire District Board's December meeting. Instead, Hoover merely presented several options which ranged from doing nothing, to merger, to litigation. No specific proposal was presented. Hoover simply suggested that the parties enter into a dialog. The Board could hardly refuse such a modest proposal.

Hoover did address one previously mentioned item of concern. In its initial proposal to take over another such entity, the Cahaba Valley Fire District, Hoover offered to provide service for a period of ten years with Hoover having the options to renew. This offer was subsequently modified to a period of 99 years. The offer to Cahaba Valley has not been accepted.

Russ Allison, a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Shelby Fire District, and an Indian Springs Village resident, will be in attendance at our next Town Council meeting to enlighten us on this important matter, to answer your questions and receive your input. All who are concerned should make a point of attending. We look forward to seeing you there.

-- Hub Harrington, Mayor

North Shelby Fire District Board Meeting

Mayor Frank Skinner of the City of Hoover attended the December meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Shelby Fire District where he submitted several suggestions to the board, one of which was for a possible merger. A merger would benefit Hoover, since construction of a fire station to serve the Greystone area would no longer be necessary.

There are many uncertainties regarding a merger of our fire district with the City of Hoover, some of which are: what the rates would be for non-Hoover residents; what guarantees of coverage non-Hoover residents would have in the future; who would manage the district, current NSFD personnel or administrators from Hoover; how much job security, if any, our firefighters and other employees would

Board member and County Commissioner Larry Dillard reportedly asked Mayor Skinner to make the proposal and seems to be leaning favorably toward this proposal.

The Board of Trustees for the North Shelby Fire District meets regularly on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 25th, at 7:30 p.m. All interested parties are urged to attend.

-- Patricia Crapet

Elf Report: A Village Aglow

The magic of the holiday season was displayed in its usual manner in Indian Springs Village. The elves have reported to your editor that there were so many beautifully decorated homes that it was impossible to list them all.

It was wonderful to see that the tradition of decorating street signs in the Village with greenery and red bows has spread to even the remote corners of the town. The homes of Mountain Park residents all received compliments, especially those of Rowell and Rosemary Ashford, Mark and Lisa Bond, and Keith and Kay Krininger. The star on the Rasts' home on Foxfire Circle lit up the night sky. Speaking of lights, the McGregor home on Indian Crest Drive was surely mistaken for a runway for reindeer with its hundreds of multi-colored lights. Also lighting up the sky were the homes of the Watkins and Woods, also on Indian Crest; and the McGuires' on Cahaba Valley Road. As usual, the Cantavespre home greeted weary travelers with their giant lighted fir tree and gazebo. Traditional themes of greenery and red bows were abundant in Brookstone Estates at the homes of the Henry and Olga Campbell, Roy and Patty Connell, Joseph and Rebecca Colvin and Michael and Tricia Crapet. The newest addition to the Crapets' Christmas decorations were four large white reindeer, handcrafted by Michael himself. The home of Ralph and Carolyn Bodie on Wildwood Lane was charming, both by day and by night, with a mixture of greenery, bows, lights, Santa, reindeer, and snowmen. The elves have gone for now, but promise to be back next year.

Zoning Meeting Set

The following letter was sent to adjacent property owners of the subject properties listed below by Peyton Lacy, Jr., Chairman of the Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning Commission:

To Whom It May Concern:

The Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning Commission has been asked to approve a "plat change" involving lots 5 and 6, Indian Highlands Estates, by swapping two equal corners, each approximately 20 feet square, between these two lots. Under Alabama Code S 11-52-32 (1975) as amended, the Zoning and Planning Commission is required to hold a hearing and consider this plat change. You are entitled to notice of said hearing as a property owner or an adjoining property owner.

Please be notified that the Zoning and Planning Commission will meet at Indian Springs School on Monday, January 17, 1994, at 6:30 p.m.

ISV Emergency Task Force

The formation of the ISV Emergency Task Force is well under way. Several members of the community have volunteered to help their neighbors in case of a community emergency. The need for an organized group of volunteers came to the forefront last year when the great "Blizzard of '93" hit Indian Springs Village so hard. With the El Nino weather pattern still wreaking havoc across the USA, there is a good chance of another such snow storm before the end of the winter season. The task force will also help out in other emergency situations that would threaten the safety of the citizens of ISV, such as flood, high damaging winds, tornadoes, or wildfires.

The following people have volunteered for the ISV Emergency Task Force and will cover the following areas:

Indian Crest Drive

Group Leader - Paul Stephens 988-4672
Volunteers - Homer Coleman, Gene Weingarten
Jim Boyett, Herb Smith

Indian Trail

Group Leader - Jim Wyatt 988-0327
Volunteers - Gary Parker, Rusty Schenk

Valley View (Brookstone Estates)

Group Leader - Bart Trammell 988-0094
Volunteers - Harry Little, Marshall Gilbert,
Hub Harrington, Ellis White

Willow Ridge

Group Leader - Pat Tombrella 987-1489

Skyline Drive

Group Leader - Michael Bruno 985-9003

These fifteen volunteers will do their best to cover areas of the Village that are close to their assigned areas. This is a good start, but more volunteers are definitely needed, especially in the more heavily wooded areas, such as Indian Crest, Indian Trail, and Miller Circle all of which sustained massive damage from fallen trees last year.

If you would like to volunteer for the ISV Emergency Task Force, please contact Paul Stephens, who is coordinating the effort, at 988-4672, as soon as possible. Citizens are urged to save the list above in case of emergency. A directory of the ISV Emergency Task Force will be given out to all members for coordination purposes.

--Patricia Crapet

Town Council Highlights

December 21, 1993

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met in the ballroom of Indian Springs School at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 1993. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Hub Harrington, with Council Members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Stewart Dudley, and Art Johnson in attendance.

The minutes of the September, October, and November Council meetings were adopted as read by Town Clerk Paul Stephens.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet announced that revenues for the month were: beer taxes \$616 and road funds of \$1,000. Aluminum can recycling for the month was \$35. Interest was posted to the general fund account in the amount of \$63 and to the road fund for \$39. Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced that ISV account balances were \$26,000 in the general fund and \$16,255 in the road fund.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced that the audit of the town's books for the 1993 fiscal year had been completed and should be presented at the next meeting if the report has been received from the auditors. The cost of the audit, which is required by state statute, was \$1000.

Mayor Harrington introduced an amendment to the town's zoning ordinance. The change brought the zoning ordinance into compliance with the state statute requiring that the appeal process for the Zoning Board of Adjustment's decisions go through the Circuit Court system, and not through the Town Council as had been previously written. The ordinance amendment passed the council unanimously.

Mayor Harrington presented a petition for annexation into Indian Springs Village by contiguous property owners Russell and Janet Stanley of 345 Miller Circle. The council voted unanimously to suspend the rules in order to immediately vote on the petition. The vote to suspend the rules was approved unanimously. The petition for annexation also passed the council unanimously.

After the meeting was adjourned, as in previous years at Christmas-time, citizens feasted on hot cider, soft drinks, and delicious home-baked goodies supplied by Nora Boyett, Olivia Weingarten, Patricia Crapet, Sandy Luster, Jackie Johnson, Ruth Goodwyn, and Connie Trammell.

--Patricia Crapet

Council Holds Special Session

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village held a special session on Wednesday, December 29, 1993 at 5:30 p.m. at the library of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with Council Members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

The emergency meeting was called by Mayor Hub Harrington at the request of the Alabama Department of Transportation. The purpose of the meeting was to resolve to enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation and with Alabama Power Company for the installation and maintenance of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 119 and Caldwell Mill Road. The signal was under construction and ready for power to be hooked up when the special session was requested by Gary Ray, District Engineer for the State of Alabama Department of Transportation. The town will not be responsible for installation costs, but will be responsible for the monthly power bill, estimated to be approximately \$20 per month for the signal. The town will also be responsible for normal maintenance of the signal. The council voted unanimously to enter into the agreement.

-- Patricia Crapet

Last Adopt-A-Mile Rained Out

The Litter Walk on December 18 was rained out. Weather permitting, the next litter walk will be held on Saturday, January 22, at 8:30 a.m. at the Mormon Church parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road.

If you would like to help our town maintain an uncluttered, litter-free atmosphere, come join your friendly neighbors. All you need bring is a pair of work gloves.

-- Art Johnson

Aluminum Can Recycling

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, January 19. Please place bagged aluminum cans next to your driveway before 8 p.m., and please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied.

On December 22, two trucks manned by Sharon Durbin and Jackie Johnson in one and Gene Weingarten and Art Johnson in the other, collected 222 pounds of cans.

Recycled cans save landfill space. Aluminum is produced from bauxite, which is strip mined, and requires 20 times as much electricity and causes 20 times as much pollution as an aluminum can.

--Art Johnson

Recognition

In appreciation for their countless hours of dedicated service, I would personally like to recognize the couriers who deliver *The Village Voice*. Delivered by hand, in cars, on bikes, on foot, and even on horseback, our town newsletter makes its way to your door reliably every month with the help of these committed volunteers. Our sincere thanks for their continued efforts!

Jim and Nora Boyett	Spring Garden / Alpine
Dorothy Carlisle	Brookgreen Lane Mountain Vista
Rusty and Julie Schenk	Indian Trail / Signal Trail Deer Mountain / Rockford
Ed Goodwyn	Choctaw / Pawnee Indian Forest / Auburn Arrowhead Lane
Ralph Bodie	Wildwood / Highgate Hill Mallard Circle
Bruce and Phyllis Monical	Willow Ridge
Emily McAdory and Deb Wagner	Mountain Park Skyline Circle
Kathy Monacelli	Skyline Drive
Olivia Weingarten and Aleta Lowe	Indian Crest Drive Foxfire / Star Trek Old Post Road
Mike Rutherford	Caldwell Mill Bishop Lane
Lynda Bedgood	McGuire Lane / Road
Betty Rivers	Old Mill Court and Circle
Bart Trammell	Valley View (Brookstone)
Eleanor Bennett	Cahaba Valley Road
Betty Bond	Indian Highlands
Polly Graham	Jasmine Hill Road
Jean Baker	Windwood Circle Caldwell Mill Road
Jane Martin	Miller Circle

-- Patricia Crapet

Babysitters Club Directory

Demand for the Babysitters Club Directory has been good. By now, several of the teenagers on the list should be striking it rich through junior entrepreneurship! I have decided to update the list quarterly so that other interested teenagers can join the club. Babysitters who wish to be on next quarter's list need to call the number listed below.

The directory is available only upon request. Anyone who wishes to have a copy of The Babysitters Directory should call Councilwoman Patricia Crapet's voice mail at 802-2753 and leave a message. There is no charge for the directory.

--Patricia Crapet

Profile: Friend of the Village

When your editor moved to the Village one of the first people she became acquainted with was Neil Damron of Neil's Pharmacy. Neil is not a resident of the town (although he would like to be), but he has contact with many of our citizens. The friendly, neighborly manner with which he treats everyone seems well worth noting.

Neil came to Birmingham from Cincinnati, Ohio, to enroll at Samford University, where he later attended pharmacy school. He and his wife, the former Kathy Evans, were married in 1971. After graduating from Samford University, he interned at Decatur General Hospital in Decatur, Alabama, after which he spent a year and a half in Fort Worth, Texas.

Neil returned to Alabama, landing a position at a Big B drugstore in Pelham. In June of 1979 he founded Neil's Pharmacy in its current location on Cahaba Valley Road.

Neil is an active Giddeon, speaking to groups on invitation. He and his family belong to the Metro Church of God.

Baseball is a very important element in the Damron family. Neil coached little league for eleven years including his two sons, Paul and Mark, among his players. The team is sponsored by the American Legion Post 138. Neil is also a collector of baseball memorabilia. The Damrons, who live on Caldwell Mill Road, have the best yard in the neighborhood. Everyone congregates there to play ball.

Thank you, Neil, for being a friend of the Village