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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council Committee
Reports

II. Citizens Forum

(Council meetings are scheduled for
the third 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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Third Annual July 4th Great Success

The Village tradition of celebrating, as a community Independence Day continued into its third year. Perhaps we Villagers feel a greater kinship to the early colonists because with our incorporation we declared our intention to avoid the domination of surrounding municipalities. The best revenge is living well. "They" said it couldn't be done, but we are now the locally debt-free, locally tax-free jewel of Shelby County.

It is only fair to say that the majority of us owe our unique status of financial independence through volunteerism to the efforts of the minority--in the conduct of town affairs as well as this picnic celebration of our township. While most of us slept, the Pothole Crew, whose fame is spreading beyond our borders, were at work at the barbecue pit that several of the members had built with their own hands on the grounds of Indian Springs School. Paul Stephens, ISV's Town Clerk and barbecue chef extraordinaire, presided over the ribs and chicken from 5 a.m. until 10 a.m., when he had to leave to make the drive to arrive at his family reunion in Indiana. Jim Wyatt worked at the grill from the early hour until noon when he came to the picnic area to serve plates. Bart Trammell was still at the grill when this reporter left at 2:30 p.m. Jim Boyett worked at the grill and also used his truck to keep the serving table supplied with barbecue. Comments from the diners ranged from wonderful to "better than Dreamland".

Some decorations committee members were hard at work Friday night, led by Sandy Luster, the chairman of the July 4 Celebration. Others gathered again at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, and the Indian Springs School entrance and the picnic grounds were made festively patriotic with bouquets of balloons and yards of bunting. In addition to Councilman Ron Luster and his son, Ron, Jr., helpers were Nora Boyett, Councilwoman Patricia Crapet, Councilman Art Johnson, Jackie Johnson, Deb Wagner, Olivia Weingarten, and Louise and Ellis White.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet was once again Parade Master, organizing the parade of antique cars and vehicles that began the drive through the Village at 10:30. The Mayor's choice of best vehicle in the parade was Doug McDonald's 1957 Chevy convertible. In return, Doug offered the mayor a ride in the parade! The most unique vehicle was Probate Judge Tommy Snowden's 1923 horseless carriage. The best decorated vehicle was Channing Phillips' pickup truck. Of special mention were Doug and Sandy

Hardin's 1940 Ford Coupe, Patricia Crapet's 1934 Ford Sedan, Ed Beck's classic Harley Davidson motorcycle, and Cathy Crapet's 1966 Camaro driven by her brother-in-law, Michael Crapet. Russ Allison of the ISV Zoning Board of Adjustments drove his commissioner wife, Lindsey, and State Representatives Al Knight and Mike Hill in his pickup truck. Other parade participants were Commissioner Don Armstrong of Wilsonville, Bobbie Aultman, L.J. Hollis, Kenny Hoomes, Rod Johnson, Joey Nadler, Norma Rogers, Judge Patti Smith, Janie and Bill Snider, Bob Steber, and Tom Wood.

Mayor Hub Harrington conducted a brief ceremony at the picnic area at 11:30. Village resident, Dr. Otis Brooks, gave an invocation. Villagers and their guests joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. On the backs of two beautifully decorated horses, Ben Hedrick and Kathy Mertz presented the flags. Ben and Kathy have cerebral palsy and have been trained by Special Equestrians, a therapeutic riding program for the handicapped. They were assisted by Ben's brother, Andrew.

Mayor Harrington's comments on the special debt-free status of Indian Springs Village were happily applauded as was the announcement that the picnic spot on the school grounds is now, by virtue of annexation, part of our town. Shelby County and ISV dignitaries were recognized. Attending, most of them for the third time, were Shelby County Probate Judge Thomas E. Snowden, Sheriff James Jones, Commissioners Don Armstrong and Lindsey Allison, School Superintendent Norma Rogers, State Representatives Al Knight and Mike Hill, Judge Mike Joiner, Judge Patti Smith, and Miss Shelby County. Miss Emily Bell is our current representative in the next Miss Alabama pageant. Allison, Rogers, Smith and Bell are all residents of Indian Springs Village.

Ray Halvorson of Alabaster was responsible for the sound system and microphones for the ceremony and the background music for the picnic. He announced the children's games and kept the crowd informed about the order of events during the day. The egg-in-spoon race was won by Kim Johnson (girls) and Joseph Crapet (boys). Ben Friday won the watermelon roll in the children's division and his dentist father, Dr. Ken Friday, won the adult event. Winner of the Council watermelon roll was Mayor Harrington. For the benefit of those of us who did not witness the excitement, the kids rolled with their hands, but the adults had to use their heads!

The barbecue line formed in short order with Fred Lewis acting as chief cashier. Taking turns serving and doing whatever was necessary for smooth service were Jim Wyatt, Jackie and Art Johnson, Louise and Ellis White, Lib and Herb Smith, Pat Hanson, Debra and Lloyd Wagner, Gene and Olivia Weingarten and their son, Walter, and friend, Susan Gamble.

Presiding at the dessert table was Nora Boyett, who was responsible for persuading the best dessert chefs to contribute to our feast. In addition to a huge supply of donuts of every variety contributed by Eunice Huntress, there were cakes, cookies and brownies brought by Jackie Johnson, Louise White, Faye Wood, Joyce Wood, Lib Smith, Rita Mendel, Cathy Dudley, and Delores Gilbert.

Mildred Wyatt conducted a sale of souvenir ISV T-shirts, visors, and car tags, the most popular item, while across the way, Deborah Gibson had seven other artists join her in showing their wares in a lakeside art show. Deborah is a photographer who also works in oils and watercolors. Other watercolorists were Holly Watley and Grady Barrow. Susan Loper and Opal Montgomery displayed their oils. Ralph Novak displayed his glass blowing and oil painting. Betty Grady showed acrylic paintings and Mary Louise Beck displayed ceramic/mixed media sculptures for wall display.

Ruth Goodwyn, ISV historian, made some progress in identifying the past participants in Village events in her photograph collection contributed to over the years by LaVerne Ramsey and Deborah Gibson.

After most of us had gone on home to do chores, attend other weekend events, or settle in for family time, the indefatigable few cleaned behind us. Three hundred people had been served, and all the food had been completely consumed or bought to take home. Over \$1,000 had been collected, but expenses had not been tallied. However, no one was concerned whether there had been a profit or a loss. The Village had lived up to its reputation for being unique.

--LaVerne Ramsey

Appeal For Volunteers

The Special Equestrians, a therapeutic riding program for the handicapped, is operating its volunteer program on the Indian Springs School grounds. Villager Rita Mendel (987-1680 or 991-0007) and other volunteers need help--materials and labor--while the group is

refurbishing an old barn that the program needs to use. The two children who rode as flag bearers in the ISV July 4 program have cerebral palsy. Ben Hedrick has severe disabilities from cerebral palsy, while Kathy Mertz, the other rider, is mildly affected. No special equestrian abilities are necessary to help with children in this program. If you could volunteer some time on a regular basis or help get the barn ready for use, call 987-1680 or 991-0007.

--LaVerne Ramsey

LETTER FROM THE POTHOLE CREW

The Pothole Crew has two new members, Bart Trammell and Marshall Gilbet. We are proud that Marshall's health has improved and he is able to do the things he likes to do.

Special thanks go to Homer Coleman and his company for donating the material for the top of the barbecue building. His interest in Indian Springs has been shown in various ways. The Pothole Crew wants to give special thanks to him.

I want to give thanks to Jim Wyatt, Jim Boyett, Bart Trammell, and Marshall Gilbert for their hard work and interest in helping in the construction of the barbecue pit and with the 4th of July picnic. The Pothole Crew also want to thank each one that helped in the 4th of July events.

Also thanks to the maintenance supervisor, Wayne Roberts, and his personnel of Indian Springs School for their help and to George Kurtts, Contractor, for his generosity.

--Paul Stephens, Clerk

Next Litter Walk July 24 at 8 a.m.

They saw the litter, and it was ugly. On June 19, seven Villagers met at the Mormon Church parking lot, rolled up their sleeves, and attacked the litter on Cahaba Valley Road. Within an hour the litter was gone and all villagers could once again feel pride as they drove along Highway 119.

We were happy to welcome Spencer Roy to the crew this month. Spencer joined his father, Jim Roy, and other regulars, Jim Wyatt, Emily McAdory, Herbert Joiner, and Nora and Jim Boyett. I want to especially thank Emily McAdory for running the June Litter Walk in my absence.

--Art Johnson

Aluminum Collection July 21

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday July 21. Please bag aluminum cans and before

8 p.m., place the plastic bags (white or clear if possible) on the driveway opposite Thursday morning's BFI pickup. Please note that crushing cans is not necessary, but it saves space and the recycling center pays a premium for crushed cans.

On June 23 Gene Weingarten's pickup was bulging with the 238 pounds of aluminum cans collected by the Indian Springs Village "all volunteer" recycling crew. Truck #1 with Sharon Durbin and son, David, and Truck #2 with Gene Weingarten and Art Johnson drove through the streets of the town collecting the cans villagers had placed on the curb. The two loads were combined, and later Gene drove them to the recycling center.

Facts:

- * 250 pounds of flat aluminum cans saves 1 cubic yard of landfill space.
- * The energy saved from just one recycled aluminum can will run the average TV for 3 hrs

Assuming 27 cans per pound, 6,426 cans were collected, and this saved enough energy to run the average TV for 19,278 hours or 2.2 years.

If you have any suggestions to increase recycling in Indian Springs Village, or would like to volunteer, please call Sharon Durbin at 988-5966 or Art Johnson at 988-3217.

INTO THE 21st CENTURY

People have been talking about the environment for years, and most of us have a nagging feeling we should do something--but what?

You can be careful not to litter, but is that enough? You can separate recyclable items (e.g. aluminum cans, newspapers) from our solid waste stream. But is that enough? Recycling does not mean just putting waste into a box on a curbside, or taking material to a recycling center and dumping it into a bin. That's not really recycling. For true recycling to occur, the collected materials must come full circle--they must be reprocessed and manufactured into new products.

Developing markets and increasing the demand for recycled materials are crucial and often overlooked components of successful recycling programs. If we are to make an impact toward saving forests and reducing garbage, we must, as consumers, push for greater use of postconsumer recycled materials. When consumers support a recycled product, manufacturers will respond.

Recycling is a three-step process of reusing resources by:

1. Collecting recyclable materials.
2. Reprocessing recyclable materials to manufacture new products.
3. Buying and using products made from recyclable materials. Buy recycled whenever possible.

--Art Johnson

ISV On The Move

"If you build it, they will come" seems to be the catch phrase for the status of our continuously growing town. Much like the "Field of Dreams", our town of dreams has become a reality that is constantly being built on. The latest additions to our town reflect the growing appeal of ISV as a community in charge of its own destiny and committed to its citizens.

Ten more contiguous property owners were welcomed through annexation to our community last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGregor of Indian Crest Drive, Liz McDougal of Valley View Lane, as well as Curtis and Paulette Jones and Barry and Jane Martin of Miller Circle have all caught the ISV community spirit.

The purchase of 76 acres on Highway 119 by the City of Hoover for a school and park has spurred interest in ISV from other neighborhoods in our area as well. Joining our community from Windwood Circle (east of Caldwell Mill Road) are Benton and Jean Baker and James and Jeanette Crane. Along Caldwell Mill Road we welcome Inez Bailey, John and Marian Dinan, Claude and Jeanette Fulmer, and Sammy and Ann Montebano.

All of this activity strengthens our enthusiasm and keeps our Annexation Chief Jim Wyatt very busy. If you or a neighbor have any questions regarding annexation into the Village, please call Jim at 988-0327. He will be glad to hear from you.

--Patricia Crapet

MANY THANKS

Words of appreciation go to Jack and Rita Mendel of Spring Garden Street for their thoughtful donation to help fund *The Village Voice*. As everyone knows, our community newsletter is funded by individual donations. Our circulation is up, but so are our printing expenses. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helps support our efforts. Keep those donations coming!

--Patricia Crapet

In Sympathy

Our condolences to Hardy and Deb Gibson in the loss of Deb's father, Doug Rooks, age 73. Mr. Rooks, who lived in the Bluff Park area, passed away June 18th after a brief illness.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kristi Austin received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, May 15, 1993. Kristi is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Duncan Austin, Auburn Road. She reported for work on May 17th for her first position as Graphic Artist/Illustrator.

WELCOME NEW COURIERS

The Village Voice welcomes three new couriers to our illustrious group of volunteers. Betty Rivers, who has taken the baton from Sandy Conley, will be delivering to Old Mill Circle and Old Mill Court. Jane Martin will distribute newsletters to Miller Circle. Jean Baker will deliver to Windwood and parts of Highway 29 (Caldwell Mill). Both Jane and Jean are newly-annexed Villagers, and have wasted no time in taking an active role in our community. Thanks to all of our cheerful volunteers, who are willing to donate their time and energy to the effort of keeping the citizens of ISV informed.

--Patricia Crapet

Zoning Board of Adjustments Holds First Meeting

The Indian Springs Village Zoning Board of Adjustments met for the first time on Wednesday, June 30, 1993, in the library at Indian Springs School. The purpose of the meeting was to hear an application from Cellular One for a proposed transmission tower to be installed on Indian Crest Drive.

After hearing the cellular company's presentation and listening to questions and concerns raised by townspeople in attendance, the board voted to postpone a decision pending further more-detailed information to be supplied by Cellular One. The next hearing will be on Wednesday, July 28, 1993. (See notice of meeting).

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 15, 1993

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, June 15, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School. Presiding over the meeting was Mayor Hub Harrington, with council members Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

The minutes of the May meeting were adopted as read by the Town Clerk Paul Stephens.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet announced the following revenues for the month: beer taxes \$692.73, road funds \$620.00, and donations to *The Village Voice* \$25.00. A check was received for the first time from the Birmingham Racing Commission for \$351.17, which is the ISV's pro-rata share of the proceeds from betting at the Birmingham Race Course. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported the balance of the general fund was \$25,700.00, with the road fund balance being \$11,473.00.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented ten petitions for annexation into Indian Springs Village by contiguous property owners. (See Annexation article).

A motion to waive the rules to allow for a vote by the council was moved by Councilwoman Crapet and seconded by Councilman Dudley. The roll call vote to suspend the rules was unanimous. The council then adopted unanimously an ordinance annexing the petitioned properties.

--Patricia Crapet

There is a four-minute limit per person for statements to the Board.
There is no limit for questions and answers regarding the issue.

Persons desiring to speak to the issue must sign up prior to the hearing.
at this time.
Any protests or objections to the above-referenced application will be heard

This will serve as notice to all interested parties.

The Indian Springs Village Zoning Board of Adjustments will reconsider
this application on Wednesday, July 28, 1993, at 6:30 p.m. in the
Town Hall located on the campus of Indian Springs School.

Contel Cellular of Birmingham, Inc., has applied to the Indian Springs Village
Zoning Board of Adjustments for a special exception use and variance
from the restrictions set under the Indian Springs Zoning Ordinance
in order to erect a 165-foot monopole antenna facility on the property
of Dr. C.R. Warth on Indian Crest Drive near the
intersection of Caldwell Mill Road.

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