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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, August 17, 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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Message From The Mayor

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has recently decided upon the very difficult question of whether a cellular telephone antenna should be installed at the corner of Caldwell Mill Road and Indian Crest Drive. This was the first time that the Zoning Board of Adjustment has been called on to perform its appointed duties. Under the chairmanship of Russ Allison, the board held two public meetings to ensure that they had all of the necessary information and input from the community upon which to base their decision. Based in part upon the opposition to the project expressed by the community, the board ultimately declined to grant the variance, and **the application for the cellular antenna was denied.**

The Board's decision was difficult because the antenna was intended to be placed on property owned by long-time area residents and new Indian Springs citizen, Dr. C.R. Warth. Dr. Warth has long been interested in our town and has always shown interest in serving the residents of our community and the surrounding area. When Dr. Warth consented to allow his property to become the site for the cellular antenna, he did so with only the best interests of his neighbors and his community in mind. The paltry sum which Dr. Warth would have received from the proposed lease would in no way have compensated him for the true value of the property on which the antenna would have been located. Instead, as he has always done in the past, Dr. Warth offered the use of his land for the benefit of our community. His sacrifice would have allowed us to receive more improved mobile phone service than is presently available.

The members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment were called upon to weigh the benefits that might be gained against the long-term effects of granting the variance. From the statements made at the hearings and the petitions and other correspondence submitted to the board, it seemed that the majority of our citizens preferred to forego the improved cellular phone service in favor of maintaining the pristine character of Indian Crest. I firmly believe that this greatly influenced the final decision made by the Board. I am convinced that all board members gave this question their utmost attention and did their very best to consider every aspect of the issue.

One of the most important things to be remembered from this event is that a controversy that affected Indian Springs Village was decided by Indian Springs Village. The recent board meetings exemplify the reasons for incorporation and for the existence of our

town. The vast majority of the people who have commented to me concerning the board action have expressed their pleasure with the result. I suggest that we should also be most pleased with the procedure and with the thoughtful, dedicated, and responsible individuals who implemented the procedure.

The system worked. It will continue to do so as long as we all participate in the decision-making process. While we may not always agree on every issue, decisions will, nevertheless, be made in accordance with the wishes of the community as a whole. This is as it should be, and is the foundation upon which the ISV community spirit is based. The land-hungry surrounding municipalities which do not understand this simple concept have recently caused an upsurge in the number of inquiries we have received concerning annexation into our town. We should be proud that others are interested in becoming a part of what we have created in this community, and I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to play a small part in this adventure.

I look forward to seeing each of you at future town council meetings and other activities. Please, come and participate --and don't forget to bring your neighbor.

--Mayor Hub Harrington

Shelby County Schools Recognized As Leaders In Education Reform

Over the past two years the team effort by school staffs, students, parents, lay citizens, and business communities has made great things happen for *quality education* in Shelby County. Some of the accomplishments include facility renovations, Head Start, community education, a county-wide technology plan, DARE programs, ROTC programs, tobacco-free campuses, a greater Shelby County Education Foundation that provided \$10,000 in grants, reading recovery programs, grants from the business sector totalling over \$90,000, multi-cultural programs, schoolmaster programs in all schools, opportunity success summer school, and much more.

The Vincent schools made headline news as being the first in Alabama to pilot the revised calendar. Schools opened there July 12th, and these students will complete a 9-week (45 day) term. They will then take a three-week break before returning for the next 9 week term. Their next three-week break will be during the Christmas/New Year holidays and the spring break

season. Their last day of the 1993-94 school year will be the same as that of other schools throughout the county with a summer break of approximately 6 weeks instead of the usual 12 weeks.

On August 23rd all other Shelby County schools will begin another exciting year! The classrooms and campuses are inviting and spirits are high. I plan to continue the commitment and accept the challenge to enhance the education program to prepare each student in Shelby County to be successful in our quickly changing society.

--Superintendent Norma Rogers Shelby County 1993-94

School Calendar

Aug. 18 (Wed.)	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 19 (Thurs.)	Teacher Work Day
Aug. 20 (Fri.)	Teacher Institute
Aug. 23 (Mon.)	School opens - Full day
Sept. 6 (Mon.)	Labor Day - Schools and offices closed
Oct. 15 (Fri.)	Professional Development - No students
Nov. 3 (Wed.)	Early dismissal - Students released at 1 p.m.
Nov. 11 (Thurs.)	Veteran's Day - School and offices closed
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday- School and offices closed
Dec. 1 (Wed.)	Early dismissal - Students released at 1 p.m.
Dec. 20-31	Christmas Holidays - Offices open on select days
Jan. 3 (Mon.)	Schools re-open
Jan. 14 (Fri.)	First semester ends - 90 days
Jan. 17 (Mon.)	M.L. King Birthday - School and offices closed
Jan. 18 (Tues.)	Teacher work day - No students
Jan. 19 (Wed.)	Second semester begins
Feb. 2 (Wed.)	Early dismissal - Students released at 1 p.m.
Feb. 28 (Mon.)	Inclement weather day - First to be used
Mar. 2 (Wed.)	Early dismissal - Students released at 1 p.m.
Mar. 28- Apr. 1	Spring Break - Schools and offices closed
Apr. 6 (Wed.)	Early dismissal - Students released at 1 p.m.
Apr. 29 (Fri.)	Inclement weather day - Second to be used
May 26 (Thurs.)	Schools close at 3 p.m. - Graduation
May 27 (Fri.)	Teacher's work day - No students

Variance is Denied

The ISV Board of Adjustment recently held hearings and denied a variance request by Contel Cellular of Birmingham. The application requested a "special exception" variance for the service. The proposed tower was to be on the property of Dr. C.R. Warth and would have been off Indian Crest Drive near the intersection of Caldwell Mill Road. By a four-to-one vote, the variance was denied. Contel Cellular has until September 12, 1993 to file an appeal in the Circuit Court of Shelby County.

--Russell Q. Allison, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

AROUND OUR TOWN

Samford University law professor Brad Bishop is Gov. Jim Folsom's new legal adviser for the next 12 months. Bishop, who has special expertise in contract law, municipal courts and laws relating to shoplifting, lives in Indian Springs, Valleyview Drive, and has taught at Samford for 20 years. Samford has granted Bishop a leave of absence to take the Folsom administration job. Bishop, who was voted Professor of the Year by Cumberland students in 1991, will return to campus every Wednesday to teach one class.

Preston Jackson of BE&K Engineering was awarded the Chairman's Award for Excellence in Service by the Alabama Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Jackson lives on Valleyview Lane.

NEW NEIGHBORS ARRIVE AT INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

A warm welcome to Doyal and Barbara Marks of 5308 Mountain Park Drive, formerly the home of Nick and Bernadette Marino. The Marks come to the Village from County Club Highlands in Hoover, and have three daughters, one granddaughter, and one grandson. The Marks were "turned in" by nose neighbor, Emily McAdory.

NEW ANNEXATIONS INTO INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

Indian Springs Village continues to expand its boundaries through annexation of contiguous properties. The latest petition for annexation was voted on by the Council at the July 20th meeting. Joining the ranks as newest Villagers are James and Gail Williamson, who reside at 40 Miller Circle. ISV sincerely welcomes the Williamson family, and we appreciate your interest in the community.

If anyone is interested in annexing into ISV, please call Jim Wyatt at 988-0327

In Sympathy

Indian Springs Village sends deepest condolences to the family of Madison C. Richards. A long-time resident of Cahaba Valley Road, Mr. Richards passed away on July 20th at the age of 82. Survivors include a son, Fredrick Richards, and a daughter, Lynda Wilkes. Mr. Richards' legacy also includes six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

-Patricia Crapet

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JULY 20, 1993

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday July 20, 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 Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

Mayor Harrington announced that negotiations with the Resolution Trust Corporation had resulted in a decision by RTC to release the bond for the paving of the streets in Indian Highland Estates. Since part of the subdivision is in the town and part in the county, the contract for the paving will be bid by Shelby County. The side street that was to have turned off Woodfern will cease to exist. The streets have not yet been dedicated to either ISV or Shelby County.

Mayor Harrington has written letters to the Justice Department protesting the reapportionment plan for Shelby County. This action was taken at the request of, and in cooperation with, the Shelby County Commission. The Joe Reed Plan would dilute Shelby County's legislative strength by combining districts with some in other surrounding counties. The county would therefore not have the ability to control its own affairs without outside interference.

Councilman Ron Luster has been appointed by Mayor Harrington as ISV's representative to the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet announced the following revenues for the month: beer taxes \$800.00, road funds \$655.10, and aluminum can recycling

\$65.00. Assistant Clerk Jim Wyatt reported the balance of the general fund -as \$26,120.10, with the road fund balance being \$13,496.15. Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented one petition for annexation into Indian Springs Village by a contiguous property owner. (See Annexation article). A motion to waive the rules to allow for a vote by the council was moved by Councilman Luster and seconded by Councilman Dudley. The roll call vote to suspend the rules was unanimous. The council unanimously adopted the ordinance annexing the petitioned property.

Mayor Hub Harrington recognized Boy Scout Troop #538 from Asbury Methodist Church. Scoutmaster Al Chance introduced Scouts Chris Chance and Matt Stokes, who were working on various citizenship badges. Scout Stephen Bennett from Troop #254 was also present to work on his citizenship badge.

--Patricia Crapet

Litter Walk Set Aug. 21

On a warm July 24, eight Villagers let their actions speak for them. After a few minutes of friendly chit-chat, they invested about an hour of their busy time to make all citizens of Indian Springs Village feel pride in our litter-free town.

We would like to give a warm welcome to another newcomer and to the newest member of the "Adopt a Mile" team, Robert Cross. Robert joined neighbors Nora and Jim Boyett, Jackie and Art Johnson, Virginia Rancont, Margaret Roy, and Jim Wyatt.

If you would like to help our town maintain an "uncluttered", litter-free atmosphere, we invite you to join us at the Mormon Church on Cahaba Valley Road on August 21. Assemble time during the summer months is 8 a.m. Will you help? Call 988-3217.

Aluminum Collection Aug. 18

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, August 18. Place bagged aluminum cans at the curb near your driveway before 8 p.m., and please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied with a knot.

On July 21, the ISV recycling crews collected cans. Our two trucks, manned by Sharon Durbin and Jackie Johnson in one and Gene Weingarten and Art Johnson in the other, drove the streets of the town, picking up the aluminum cans recycled by dedicated Villagers. A "well done" and "thank you" to all the recycling participants.

--Art Johnson