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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, September 21, 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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Comments From The Council:

I was pleased to have been invited to attend "Alabama Open House" on Saturday, August 28th, at the historic Governor's Mansion in Montgomery. The day-long celebration was hosted by Governor and Mrs. Jim Folsom, Senate President and Mrs. Ryan deGraffenreid, House Speaker Jimmy Clark, and members of the Alabama Legislature were also open to the general public through admission tickets.

I was cheerfully accompanied on the journey by fellow Villager Brenda Pate of the Shelby County Planning Commission. The day was humid, hot, and breezy, but enjoyable nonetheless. Most of the festivities took place on the grounds of the mansion, complete with refreshments, live bands, and dancing underneath large canopies.

The tour of dignitaries was fairly impressive, with most of those from Shelby County being conspicuously absent, probably because of Bruno's Memorial Golf Classic. The only Shelby County officials that I could find were Commissioner George Dailey and Circuit Clerk Dan Reeves. The rest were mainly state representatives from surrounding counties. One highlight was meeting Governor Folsom's mother, a vivacious woman who was definitely the life of the party and greeted me as if I were an old family friend!

The tour of the Mansion was delightful. Visitors were not allowed to go upstairs where the living quarters are, but the downstairs area of the house was more than worth the trip. The entry foyer was breathtaking, with dual curved staircases ascending to the bedroom areas. The hardwood parquet floors of oak, cherry and mahogany have lovely inlaid patterns bordering the rooms, and the antique furnishings were quite nice. Especially interesting was the Victorian-style banquet dining room furniture. The Queen Anne chairs were handmade from Alabama wood with needlepoint seat covers displaying the different flags that have been flown over Alabama: Spanish, French, British, State, United States, and Confederate. The dining room chandelier has 1,368 Czechoslovakian crystals hanging from it. The parlor contains huge ornate French mirrors, which are called "Mirrors of Infinity" because they are hung opposite each other, and seem to go amazingly on forever. The First Lady Parlor was tastefully done as a music room in the front of the house, complete with a Steinway grand piano and portraits of many of the state's First Ladies. Of particular note were the portraits of the three Mrs. Wallaces, hung on separate walls.

This Mansion has not always been the Governor's Mansion. Originally built in 1907 for his bride by Robert Ligon, Mayor of Tuskegee and son of one of our Lieutenant Governors, for his bride, the 17-room home has six bedrooms and seven bathrooms. Neo-classical in design, it has Corinthian columns and exquisitely detailed trim and mouldings. When Mr. Ligon passed away in 1953, his wife sold the house to the state through contact by Big Jim Folsom for \$100,000. Mrs. Ligon's daughter lived in Washington at the time and had no interest in the house. The state then spent \$130,000 for renovations for Governor Persons to be the first to reside there. And of course our present Governor lived in the house as a child.

All in all, Brenda and I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Governor and Mrs. Folsom and appreciate their opening up their home to us.

-Patricia Crapet

New Horizons in Oak Mountain Park?

Most of us are familiar with Oak Mountain Park's Peavine Falls. Between the parallel ridges of Double Oak Mountain a creek flows southwest for several miles, turns abruptly upon itself to head northeast briefly, and then cascades 50 feet through a rocky gorge. These falls and their wild flowers have been favorites with generations of park visitors. If the area has had a problem, it has been crowds. Park plans for walkways to improve access and prevent further erosion require more money than has been available. Recently, however, there has been another kind of "erosion" in the area.

Late last July bulldozers and chainsaws bounced their way up the road to Peavine Falls. At the top, northwest of the Falls parking area, trees were felled and the ground was leveled: the city of Pelham had chosen this site for a 300 foot radio communications tower. The clearing of the site was completed at the beginning of August.

Thanks to the efforts of our mayor and others, actions were halted at this point. Everyone wants fire and police departments to have good radio communications, but since similar towers already exist a few miles away on 280, a location within park boundaries seems unnecessary. Oak Mountain State Park is a unique resource; it is the largest of Alabama's state parks, yet it is also one of the closest to a major urban area. We owe it to future

Alabamians to move slowly before allowing alterations of the park's natural attractions and beautiful skyline.

-Graeme and Anne Wilson

Nocturnal Citizens

Indian Springs Village is proud of our peaceful, uncluttered atmosphere which is so conducive to the animal life that co-habitates with us. For many, a late evening or early misty morning visit from some of our "nocturnal citizens" is a pleasurable experience. Any late night drive through ISV will surely guarantee you an encounter with some of our treasured deer. Unfortunately, these encounters often end with the deer becoming a hood ornament for a speeding vehicle.

ISV is looking into acquiring "Deer Crossing" signs for Highway 119, to increase driver awareness of the wildlife in our area. Hopefully, many of these accidents can be avoided if drivers will be more cautious.

-Patricia Crapet

Litter Walk Set For Saturday, Sept. 25

During the recent Bruno's Memorial Classic, many golf fans traveling I-65 were routed down Highway 119 to get to Greystone Country Club. Those fans were treated to the unspoiled beauty of Indian Springs Village and without the unsightly clutter of road litter. This was due to the efforts of ISV Adopt-A-Mile volunteers on August 21.

A familiar face, former Indian Springs Village town councilman, Dr. Peter Peacock, assisted Eleanor Bennett, Robert Cross, Jackie and Art Johnson, Emily McAdory, Virginia Rancont, Margaret Roy, Paul Stephens and Jim Wyatt.

If you would like to help your town maintain its natural, litter-free atmosphere, you are invited to join us Saturday, September 25, at 8 a.m.. The assembly place is the Mormon Church parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road. All you need to bring is a pair of gloves.

-Art Johnson

Aluminum Can Collection - Wednesday, September 22

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, September 22. Please use white or clear plastic bags with the tops tied in a knot.

On August 18 the Indian Springs Village recycling crews collected 142 pounds of cans. Truck No. 1 manned by Jana Clark and Jason Durbin and Truck No. 2 by Gene Weingarten and Art Johnson drove the streets of the town picking up aluminum cans recycled by dedicated villagers. ISV scores again for the environment. Another "well done" and "thank you" to all the recycling participants. Keep up the good work

Please use the following guidelines:

Aluminum cans only - no steel cans. Aluminum cans are primarily used for drink cans. Steel cans are usually other cans such as those used for vegetables, soup, beans, sardines, and canned meat.

No bottles.

No paper products

-Art Johnson

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Donna and Robert Grant moved in to their beautiful new home at 21 Foxfire Circle this month. They have two sons. Chad attends Riverchase Elementary and Rob goes to pre-school at Briarwood.

Shelby Registrars Seek Voter Updates

The Shelby County Board of Registrars needs to update information on voters with post office boxes, route numbers or highway addresses who have had ZIP code changes - especially those in the Indian Springs Village area who recently changed from the 35080 to 35124 codes.

Voters who fit into that category are asked to notify the board as soon as possible by calling 660-3913 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The board needs the information to send letters to voters about changes in elections.

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS August 17, 1993

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 17, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall of Indian Springs School. Presiding over the meeting was Councilman Stewart Dudley, with council members Patricia Crapet and Art Johnson in attendance.

Since there was not a quorum present no official business was conducted.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that aluminum can recycling garnered \$40.00 for the month. Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt announced the following revenues for the month: beer taxes \$748.17, road funds \$647.93, and building permit fees of \$277.29. The balance of the general fund was \$25,760.00, with the road fund balance being \$13,476.00.

Councilwoman Crapet announced that the deadline had passed for any legal appeals by Contel Cellular regarding the denial of the variance for the cellular transmission tower. Contel representatives had spoken with town officials, who confirmed that the issue would not be pursued by the cellular carrier.

Councilwoman Crapet reported that many area residents had become interested in being annexed into Indian Springs Village. Recent press coverage of Hoover's acquisition of the Hurdmont Farm property on Highway 119 has fueled a great amount of concern for those residents in North Shelby County who are close to our town. Councilman Stewart Dudley stated that he would be meeting with a group of interested area residents later that week.

-Patricia Crapet



**HAPPY
THIRD
BIRTHDAY**

**INDIAN SPRINGS
VILLAGE!**

Indian Springs Barbecue Pit

FREE

-HOT DOGS - COLD DRINKS
- COFFEE - DESSERTS

Served 6 - 7 p.m. and after the council meeting
OCTOBER 19, 1993

Please bring your lawn chairs!
MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND NOW!