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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, April 19, 1994 7 p.m.

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Resolutions or Ordinances
- III. Citizens' Forum

### 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

By Mayor Hub Harrington

We're still here. As you drive through our town, the signs proclaiming the entrance to Indian Springs Village stand erect and unharmed. Unfortunately, that can hardly be said for the rest of the town. Nevertheless, our town's symbol and the principles on which it was founded remain unscathed.

Indian Springs Village was incorporated for the purpose of preserving our community and its natural beauty from commercialization and other outside influences. A tornado is, however, not respectful of zoning ordinances. That which we fought to protect for many years from developers was, in a matter of minutes, ripped away by the winds of a tornado. The natural beauty and character of our community has been lost, but not forever. We will replant our trees. We will repair and rebuild our homes. We will all move forward together.

Neighbors have been drawn closer together by this tragedy and the need to support one another. Likewise, the town has been moved to enter into a spirit of cooperation with Pelham, Hoover, county, state, and federal governments. Offers of assistance from the cities of Pelham and Hoover were immediate, and were greatly appreciated. Ties and relationships have been formed which will carry us long into the future.

While we are all saddened by the collective loss that our community has suffered as a result of this natural disaster, our loss can in no way compare to the individual loss suffered by our friend and neighbor, Polly Graham, whose husband, Hayden, was killed in a tractor accident while clearing storm debris from his home. I know that I can speak on behalf of the entire community in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Polly and assuring her that she is in our thoughts and prayers.

As cleanup and recovery begins, we ask that everyone realize that these efforts will take some time. We have contracted with the City of Hoover who is graciously providing men and equipment at their cost. If needed, these crews will be supplemented by independent contractors. Based upon my numerous meetings with federal and state emergency assistance officials, we have been assured that 90% of the cleanup costs will be reimbursed by these agencies. We continue to work closely with these agencies and will keep you advised of any progress or changes that may occur.

Because ISV has been declared a disaster area, there are many potential grants, low interest loans, and other services that may be provided by state and federal agencies. I urge each of you to contact a public assistance officer to inquire about the wide variety of programs available to meet your particular needs. The FEMA Disaster Field office is located at 200 Chase Park South. Telephone 1-800-462-9029.

I wish to express my personal thanks to the many individuals who came to our aid during this time of need. I hesitate to mention specific names for fear of inadvertently overlooking some individuals, but feel that I would be remiss if there were not some recognition of the outstanding efforts expended on our behalf. During the early hours following the storm on Sunday night and Monday morning, countless individuals were performing invaluable services for their neighbors and friends. There are literally too many to mention, but your neighbors and friends know who you are, gratefully acknowledge your unsolicited assistance, and warmly thank you

for your efforts. While neighbors were helping each other, the community as a whole received much needed assistance. Sheriff Jones, his staff, and personnel worked many extra hours on our behalf, expending every effort to secure our neighborhood through the use of unmarked vehicles. This service was provided without many realizing the expanded police protection that we received. Likewise, there was an immediate response from the National Guard. We wish to express our thanks to Lt. Clark and his troops for providing ISV with necessary assistance and security. Chief Boutwell and the men of the North Shelby Fire District worked to clear roads and assisted in coordinating with the National Guard and other emergency services. Don Hughes, Alex Duchock, and especially George Holcomb and Randy Cole, all from Shelby County, provided crucial assistance throughout the early stages of the disaster and continue to do so. Yeomans work was performed by our own Lindsey Allison in her role as County Commissioner, with assistance from Commissioner Don Armstrong. Ignoring the severe damage sustained to her own property, Lindsey worked tirelessly to coordinate the disaster response from the county level. Most of this work was performed at Tricia Crapet's home, which operated as the tornado response command center. Having the only operable phone in the neighborhood, as well as automobile access to Highway 119, the Crapet home was the center of activity and at times our only link to the outside world. Tricia's kitchen table was open to federal, state, and county emergency personnel, county commissioners, engineers, emergency assistance directors, and road crews. Ever dependable Jim Wyatt, works each day from dawn to dusk coordinating cleanup efforts, to the point of chopping wood himself so that it would fit on the dump trucks. Each of these individuals has provided us with invaluable assistance. Our special thanks to these and the many individuals who have come to our aid and continue to assist us in every way.

Know that we are going to recover from the storm, and that we will become stronger for it. I leave you with a verse which appeared on the cover of Sunday's bulletin from Indian Springs Baptist Church: "At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail." Job 14: 7

## ISV Easter Egg Hunt a Success

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The first ever Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt was a rousing success! Loads of happy children frolicked through the tall grass and storm debris in Luster's Field looking for colorful eggs chocked full of toys, candy, and prizes. Easter egg hiders Bea Little, Gene Weingarten, Sandy Luster, Dwayne Kloewer, and Jenna Cochran had a field day being inventive Easter bunnies as Jenna's golden retriever, Chester, supervised the operation.

After a few words from Mayor Hub Harrington and a prayer led by Councilman Ron Luster, the Head Easter Bunny (me) gave instructions to the eager children. Then they were off! No time was wasted by even the smallest egg hunter, and it was not long before the children were collecting their bounty. Prizes included two boom box radios, compliments of Gene Weingarten, and various other Easter prizes such as visors, windsocks, coloring mats, head boppers, and stuffed animals. There were consolation goody bags for any children who did not win a prize. The 50 silver dollars went

quickly, with some children winning more than one. Four grand prizes of \$25 each were won by Heather Esneault, Jenny Johnson, Samantha Owens, and Shannon McGuire, who all ran quickly to the nearest Toys-R-Us! A wonderful time was had by all, and plans are definitely to make this an annual event for the town.

## Adopt-A-Mile and Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

The March 19th Litter Walk was attended by volunteers Jim Wyatt, Paul and Lola Stephens, Nora and Jim Boyett, Carl Stapleton, Margaret Roy, Virginia Rancont, and Emily McAdory. A special thanks to Virginia and Emily for overseeing the March Litter Walk.

The safety of the Adopt-A-Mile volunteers is always a primary consideration on any litter walk. With the storm debris, clean-up equipment and crews, rubberneckers, and other distractions diverting the attention of drivers along Highway 119, I thought it best to cancel the April litter walk. Instead, let's all clean up the litter in our own front yards and help our storm stricken neighbors who need help removing their debris.

Weather permitting, the next litter walk will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 8:30 a.m., at the Mormon Church parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road.

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, April 20th. Please place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway, opposite the usual BFI garbage before 8:00 p.m. Please use white or clear plastic bags and tie the top in a knot to help us quickly identify the cans from the trash.

On March 16, two trucks, one manned by Sharon Durbin and Jackie Johnson, the other by Gene Weingarten and Art Johnson, collected 139 pounds of cans. Sharon and Jackie were treated to the sight of a large group of deer grazing near Oak Mountain State Park. Thank you for your efforts and another good month of protecting the environment and conserving resources.

## A Letter to the Editor

On behalf of the men of North Shelby Fire District, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the many people in Indian Springs and surrounding areas who offered their help and support in the aftermath of the storm. The community spirit demonstrated during this time made all of us proud.

Sincerely,  
Winston M. Boutwell  
Fire Chief  
North Shelby Fire District

## North Shelby Fire District Update

The next meeting of the North Shelby Fire District is Tuesday, April 26, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. at Fire Station #3 next to the Meadowbrook Post Office on Highway 119. The merger proposal by the City of Hoover will be the main topic of discussion. A decision on the request by Hoover is expected to be rendered by the Board at this meeting. All concerned citizens are urged to attend.

# Town Council Highlights

## March 15, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met in the town hall of Indian Springs School at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 1994. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Hub Harrington, with Council Members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced that revenues for the month of February were: beer taxes, \$536; aluminum can recycling, \$119; insurance license fees, \$47; rezoning fees, \$305; and road funds, \$622. The balance in the general fund was \$59,909 with interest earned of \$212, and the balance in the road fund stood at \$18,229 with interest earned of \$48.

Mayor Hub Harrington read the recommendation by the ISV Planning and Zoning Committee for the rezoning of the property on Caldwell Mill Road for the proposed Cook's Pest Control Corporate Office building. Tommy Holcomb of Holcomb Wood Associates, landscape architects, once again presented plans and drawings for the proposed complex and answered questions. By statute, the ISV Town Council has to advertise the proposed zoning change for 15 days before voting on the issue. Mayor Harrington announced a special session for April 5, 1994 to decide the matter.

Mayor Hub Harrington presented a petition for annexation by contiguous property owners. The council voted unanimously to suspend the rules and thus allow for an immediate vote on the petition. The Council voted unanimously to accept the petition for annexation.

## Council Holds Special Sessions

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

A series of special sessions were held by the Indian Springs Village Town Council for the purpose of annexing properties contiguous to the town. The meetings, which were held on March 4, 16, 23, and 29 as well as April 5, 1994, were well attended by citizens of the town. The public notices for the meetings were posted on the Adopt-A-Mile signs on Highway 119.

The main objective of these special sessions was to annex properties which would eventually put Indian Springs Village contiguous to Oak Mountain Elementary and Middle Schools. The actions of the town were based on a request by the Shelby County Board of Education for the town to annex the schools so that they could be protected from being annexed by other municipalities that have school systems of their own. The town boundary became contiguous to the schools at the March 16th session. The first of many annexations of the school property was on March 23rd.

The Postal Service does not hold the patent on the slogan "Neither rain, nor snow, nor tornadoes, nor gloom of night...." (or

however it goes). It was business as usual at the March 29th special session. The meeting was held at Indian Springs School in the field by the guard station, with lighting compliments of Mayor Hub Harrington's flashlight. The storm damage to the school was quite severe, making it too dangerous to venture onto the campus.

A sizeable and concerned crowd greeted Mayor Harrington and Councilpersons Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley. (Councilman Ron Luster, who had collapsed earlier that evening with chest pains while working to clear storm debris, was undergoing tests at Brookwood Hospital. Luster has since been cleared of any serious health concerns by his physician.) Shelby County Commissioner and ISV resident Lindsey Allison was on hand to answer any questions regarding the county's plan of action for storm cleanup and disaster relief. General contractor Sam Irwin briefed citizens on things to be wary of when contracting out storm repairs. The information was then disseminated through the special disaster relief issue of *The Village Voice*.

On the agenda for the April 5th meeting was the rezoning of a parcel of commercial property on Caldwell Mill Road behind Winn-Dixie Marketplace. The request by Cook's Pest Control involved upgrading the current zoning from the classification of B-2, general business, to O & I, office and institutional. The council, upon recommendation of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, voted unanimously in favor of the rezoning.

Also on the agenda was the third of several annexations of the Oak Mountain Schools. The Council also acted on an annexation request by owners of the Monchus property on Highway 119, voting unanimously to suspend the rules, and unanimously to accept the petition for annexation of the 34 acres on Highway 119. Preliminary plans for the property are for a development of single family homes on plots of one acre or more.

As soon as official business was concluded, talks turned to the disaster. A suggestion to help expedite cleanup was for citizens who had trucks or trailers to take their debris to the amphitheater where a chipper is located. Also mentioned was the fact that there is no charge at the Shelby County landfill for storm debris. Fire department officials have okayed burning of debris, but **only natural debris from fallen trees. No structural debris can be burned.** Also, no structural debris will be removed from your curbside. Only natural debris, and only that which can be manually picked up. **Not stumps as tall as your house.** If you can't pick it up, don't put it on the curbside. Please follow the guidelines as was set forth in the special disaster edition of *The Village Voice*.

Councilman Stewart Dudley, a tax attorney and CPA, noted that many citizens may qualify for a casualty loss for income tax purposes. This is a rather complicated matter, but when thoroughly documented could possibly benefit you. There is an IRS publication #547, Nonbusiness Disasters, Casualties, and Thefts which outlines how to claim a casualty loss and how to qualify for one in a declared disaster area such as Indian Springs Village. Workbook #584 will be helpful in determining the loss. Once this is done, form #4684 will need to be filed. You can pick up the booklets and forms you need at the IRS office downtown at 500 22nd Street, South. As always, seek advice from your own accountant.

## Tragic Accident Claims Life

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Tragedy struck in Indian Springs Village early Saturday morning, April 2, when Hayden Graham, age 73, was killed while clearing storm debris from his front yard at 224 Jasmine Hill Road. Mr. Graham was attempting to remove a stump using a chain hooked to the rear of his tractor. The chain slipped, causing the tractor to flip over backwards on top of Mr. Graham. No one else was home at the time of the accident. Since ISV has been declared a disaster area by the federal government and Mr. Graham was removing storm debris, his death is considered a storm fatality.

The funeral was held on Monday, April 4, at Meadowbrook Baptist Church, with burial in Southern Heritage Cemetery. Hayden Graham is survived by his wife, Polly; three sons, Emris, Larry, and Charles; one daughter, Sue Anderson; and two sisters and a brother. His legacy also includes seven grandchildren.

In the few years that I had known Hayden, he was a good friend and a caring neighbor who was held in high esteem for his honesty and integrity. A man of few words, when Hayden spoke, it counted. His friendship will truly be missed.

## In Sympathy

By Dr. Ruth Goodwyn

Villagers extend sympathy to the family of Robert M. Tripp, age 51, of 35 Indian Forest Road, who died Saturday afternoon, March 12, at Carraway Methodist Hospital. Mr. Tripp had suffered a stroke the previous Thursday enroute home from the Birmingham airport, but had sufficient strength to park his car beside the road. There he was found and taken to Carraway.

The memorial service was held Tuesday afternoon at the Southern Heritage Chapel with several Villagers attending. Survivors include his wife, Marcia; two sons, Steve and Robert Woods, both of Alabaster; another son, Wayne, of Fayetteville, NC.; and a daughter, Lisa Marie, of Birmingham; also his mother and brother from Bozeman and Butte, Montana.

The Tripps moved to the Village two years ago from Montana via Charlotte, NC., and Alabaster. Mr. Tripp was the owner, president, and CEO of Document Solutions, Inc., located in Alabaster. Mrs. Tripp will continue the family's business with the aid of two of their sons.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to the family of Andrew "Andy" Kantargis, who passed away on his 69th birthday, Monday, March 21, at University Hospital. Mr. Kantargis, former owner and operator of restaurants Andy's and Andy's on the Green, suffered a heart attack while working at Niki's Restaurant.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 23, at Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral with interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Mr. Kantargis is survived by his wife, Maroula; three daughters, Toula, Nasia, and Andrea, all of Indian Springs Village; and one sister, Catherine Pelelos.

## In Appreciation

A big "Thank you" goes out to Max and Kris Davis of Cahaba Valley Road, and Tom and Joyce Wood of Indian Crest Drive, for their generous donations to *The Village Voice*. Their kindness and compliments are graciously appreciated. Printing costs for our community newsletter are funded by individual donations and from aluminum can recycling efforts. Any donations may be forwarded to Olivia Weingarten (988-5417) or Patricia Crapet (985-9205).

## Babysitters Club

The babysitters of Indian Springs Village are getting rich! At least that's what the parents of these fine young entrepreneurs report. It will be time for an update of the list next month, so any teenager who wants to share in the big bucks needs to call Patricia Crapet's voice mail (802-2753) to get on the list.

## Voter Registration

Once again, it is election time. The Shelby County Board of Registrars has asked that anyone who has not received a voter registration card in the last month to please contact their office at 669-3913. Many of the voter registration cards mailed out recently were returned to the registrars because of insufficient or old addresses. If you have not received a new card and you do not re-identify, you will be dropped from the voters list and will not be allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.

## The Village Voice a Hit

*The Village Voice* special disaster edition was so informative that county and state emergency management officials asked for 600 additional copies to be printed for distribution in other storm torn areas in North Shelby County. The newsletter was also distributed at the emergency shelter and disaster relief center in Pelham. Many calls have come in from Village residents and others who received the special edition complimenting the speed with which the issue was produced and the wealth of information it contained. Compliments to Councilmember Patricia Crapet, who wrote and produced the issue, for a job well done.

Our town and county leaders have spent untold hours dealing with this crisis for the benefit of our citizenry. Our thanks and gratitude to Mayor Hub Harrington, Commissioner Lindsey Allison, Councilmember Patricia Crapet, and Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt for giving of themselves at great sacrifice to their own families, jobs, and storm losses.

## The Beauty of the Village

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Before the "big blow" we had planned an article complimenting several of the beautiful yards in the Village this spring. Our plan was to have driven about on Easter weekend seeking out those whose hard work had been rewarded with beautiful flora and fauna. Alas, even the best laid plans fall victim when nature wreaks havoc. I would, however, like to mention that previous to the storm, the yards of the Zondlos, Stovalls, Ostrowskis, Martins, Joneses, and Lopers, had never looked lovelier. With time, and a little TLC, we will all have our beautiful Village looking lovely again.

# Shelby County Board of Education Makes the Big Announcement

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

On Thursday, March 17, 1994, the Shelby County Board of Education announced its intention to annex Oak Mountain Elementary and Oak Mountain Middle Schools into the Town of Indian Springs Village, thus insuring that these schools would be safe from encroachment by surrounding municipalities, namely the City of Hoover. The formulation of this plan began about a year ago, when Mayor Hub Harrington was approached with the idea by Shelby County Superintendent of Education Dr. Norma Rogers. The Chairman of the ISV annexation committee, Jim Wyatt, worked tirelessly to help ISV and the Shelby County Board of Education achieve this goal through annexation of contiguous properties all the way to the border of the school grounds. The unanimous decision by the school board members to petition Indian Springs Village for annexation of the parcel was done at the Board's regular monthly meeting.

It was a proud moment indeed for the town of Indian Springs Village, town officials, administrators of both schools, and parents of students who were present to hear the announcement by Dr. Norma Rogers before a packed crowd in Columbiana. Mayor Hub Harrington, who was asked to address the crowd, graciously thanked the Board for their confidence in our town and for the cooperation of school administrators, PTO representatives, and parents of students who had helped spur the annexation movement by word of mouth to residents of the area. It took months of tedious work with individual property owners and many neighborhood meetings before the series of annexations was completed. The annexation of the parcel on which the schools sit was scheduled to be done in a series of special sessions beginning March 23, 1994, and continuing until all of the school property is annexed into Indian Springs Village. The annexations must be done by the "halfway" rule, since Pelham city limits are contiguous to the school property on its south side.

Also announced at the meeting was the intention of the Shelby County Board of Education to construct two new schools for the North Shelby area, both of which will also be annexed into Indian Springs Village as soon as negotiations are completed for the purchase of the properties. The Board's plans for the new schools are possible due to a successful refinancing of the current debt which is resulting in the ability of the Board of Education to issue new warrants.

The new Oak Mountain Intermediate School will be grades 4 and 5 and will be situated on approximately 25 acres in the Indian Springs area that is currently being negotiated. This school is another step in the Superintendent's and the Board's commitment to meet the needs of the residents of North Shelby County. The intermediate school will alleviate the overcrowded conditions at both Inverness and Oak Mountain Elementary Schools, which will then revert to grades K through 3, and will allow for future growth

in all of the schools. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1994, with completion by August, 1995. Mayor Harrington noted that residents of North Shelby County should no longer feel pressured into looking at annexation into local municipalities as a cure for crowded conditions in local schools. The best quality education for their children will be provided by Shelby County.

Funds are on hand for the purchase of property for a new Oak Mountain High School. Negotiations are underway for approximately 40 acres of land, also in the Indian Springs area, for the project. This facility will be built to address the future growth needs of the North Shelby County area. This project is still a couple of years away and will be financed through new warrants to be issued in the near future.

## A Letter of Thanks

How can we possibly say a big enough "Thank You" for your support in sending the Elvin Hill Music Company to Washington D.C.! People like you were so generous that we exceeded our goal. All children desiring to make the trip will now be able to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Your contribution has allowed you to share in making dreams come true. Many thanks to Indian Springs Village and the town council.

Many thanks,  
Ann Head,  
Principal

(The donations received for the Elvin Hill Music Company were \$385, which were hand delivered on March 16 to the school by Councilperson Patricia Crapet.)

## ISV Planning & Zoning Board

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Indian Springs Village Planning and Zoning Board met on Monday, March 14, 1994, at Indian Springs School to consider a request to rezone a parcel of commercial property. The meeting was the first rezoning case heard by the Board. Chairman Peyton Lacy presided over the meeting, with committee members Mike Rutherford, Harry Little, Bill Morrow, Ruth Goodwyn, Winston Boutwell, Herb Smith, and Fred Lewis in attendance.

The parcel in question was a 5 acre plot located directly behind the Winn-Dixie Marketplace on Caldwell Mill Road. The property was zoned commercial, but was split in half with two zonings, B-2 and O&I, for the one parcel. The request was for a change to singular zoning of O&I on 3 1/2 acres fronting Caldwell Mill Road.

After considering all factors in the rezoning request and with no opposition from neighboring property owners, the Board, in private deliberations, recommended approval of the zoning change to the Indian Springs Village Town Council.

## Little Dog Lost

Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone? Well, if your little dog is a red pomeranian, he is homesteading at Don and Mildred Johnson's house. Please call 988-0396 to claim your pup!

# TLC FOR ISV

## TREE AND LANDSCAPING COOPERATIVE FOR INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

By Kathryn Sumrall Harrington

Our trees are being carried away in trucks; our lawns are being pulverized by skidders. The beauty of our main thoroughfare, Cahaba Valley Road, has been devastated. Whether their property was damaged or not, every resident of our town must feel sadness and a sense of loss as our natural beauty is seen everyday leaving our town on log trucks.

As our Mayor said at the first town meeting following the tornado, "This town was not formed just for the here and now, but for the future; ours, our children's, and their children's."

The **Tree and Landscaping Cooperative for Indian Springs Village (TLC for ISV)** is being formed for the purpose of reclaiming the beauty of the property upon which our individual homes rest, patching the gaping wounds where our beautiful trees have been torn from the earth, planning the future of our individual lawns and gardens and common community areas and re-establishing the natural beauty of our town.

In preparation for the first meeting, designed to officially organize **TLC for ISV**, I have met and talked with a number of experts in the fields of ornamental horticulture, forestry, the National Tree Trust, and other local experts in landscaping. These individuals included Gary Gurlog, the director of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Mr. Gurlog was generous enough to meet at length with me and provide a wealth of information on resources available. He has also graciously accepted my invitation to be among the first speakers to address our organization. He has advised that he would be delighted to come to Indian Springs Village and speak to the members of **TLC for ISV** as soon as our organization is up and running. The other individuals I have talked with have been equally helpful and very encouraging.

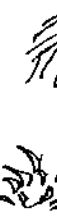
The purpose of the cooperative will be to obtain and provide information and to pool resources in order to acquire at low cost and perhaps, in some instances, no cost, trees, shrubs, seeds, and plants for our individual properties and community properties. The information I have initially obtained concerning this goal has been encouraging and will be of interest of all our residents.

The organization will be formed as an ongoing cooperative. While initial concerns will focus on our immediate needs for storm reclamation, long-range goals for public and private tree and landscape planning will be part of the Cooperative's goals and objectives.

The **TLC for ISV** needs young, old, male, female, green thumbs, brown thumbs, and all thumbs. The only necessary qualification for membership is that you breathe and love to look at the natural beauty of our community.

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FIRST MEETING OF TLC FOR ISV AND ENCOURAGED TO BECOME A PART OF GIVING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT A HELPING HAND.**

**THE FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1994, AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE HOME OF DR. AND MRS. MAX DAVIS, 2930 CAHABA VALLEY ROAD. YOU MAY CALL KRIS DAVIS FOR DIRECTIONS AT 988-0760.**



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