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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Dining Hall
Tuesday, January 17, 1995 7:00 p.m.

Special Presentation to Honor
Probate Judge Thomas A. Snowden

Agenda

- Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- Ordinances and Resolutions
- 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

ISV Citizens Respond to the Needs of Others

Thanks to the outpouring of generous gifts from our community, the first Christmas sponsored by the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund was a wonderful success. Though I had hoped that more of our citizens would participate, those who did come forward gave most generous gifts, and, as a result, we were able to provide five families with a Christmas that will never be forgotten. Santa was able to fulfill almost every wish and each of the children was supplied with a new coat and several other items of clothing. Food was in abundance, and the project could not have been more rewarding.

Now that the holiday season is over, we must not forget these children and the other individuals living in our area who are in need of assistance throughout the year. It is our intent to work closely with the counselors at the Oak Mountain schools, so that when a special need arises, the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund (ISVCF) will be there to respond to the call. Those of us who delivered the food and gifts to these children were shocked at the sparse living conditions and absolutely desperate situations confronting many of these children. Though we cannot "save the world," I truly believe that it is the moral responsibility and God-imposed duty for those of us that have been materially blessed to come to the aid of those in and around our community who are less fortunate. This is particularly true concerning children who have done nothing to create their situation. For them we must provide hope for a brighter future. As long as these children can stay in the Oak Mountain school system, and receive quality education, their future is bright. I hope that we will all join together to help these children through their formative years.

Thank you again to all of those whose generous donations of time, food, as well as financial assistance (see related article p.2), made this initial program a great success. Please join us in working to make the year-round effort equally successful. Financial donations may be made by cash or check made payable to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund. If you wish your donation to remain anonymous, please so indicate.

As 1995 approached, all of us in Indian Springs Village hoped and looked forward to a calm new year. The purpose of our incorporation

was basically just to be left alone to our own devices and allowed us to prevent continued erosion of our zoning laws. It was quite apparent that many others in North Shelby shared this same view, as indicated by the overwhelming rejection of Hoover's annexation efforts by the residents of the Meadowbrook subdivision. Apparently stung by this overwhelming defeat in the straw poll, Hoover's imperialistic forces into Shelby County have taken a new approach. The City of Hoover rings in the new year by filing a lawsuit against the North Shelby and Cahaba Valley fire districts.

Through the litigation, Hoover is attempting to undermine the financial stability of the fire districts by removing annexed properties from the fire districts which have **always** served these properties. Should Hoover prevail in this action, their pyrrhic victory would be to the great detriment of Hoover citizens who would no longer receive services from the fire districts which are located closest to their properties and can provide much faster response in time of crisis. It is quite obvious that the thrust of the lawsuit is not to improve the welfare and safety of Hoover's citizenry, but to undermine the fire and emergency services of those of us who prefer to remain outside the Hoover city limits and to satisfy Hoover's insatiable lust for new lands. Hopefully, the courts will look favorably upon the vote of the electorate which established the fire districts and reject Hoover's attempt to undermine the security and welfare of the vast majority living within the fire district boundaries. Should the result of this litigation go against the fire districts, the financial basis upon which the fire districts were founded will be eroded. The long term adverse affect of this action upon all living within the jurisdiction of these fire districts is quite obvious. We will closely monitor the progress of the litigation and keep you advised of any future developments. If you have any comments or suggestions, please direct these to the North Shelby Fire District Board of Trustees. I am certain that they will welcome any constructive input.

North Shelby Fire District

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District will be on Tuesday, January 24, 1995, at NSFD Station #3, located next to the Meadowbrook post office. The meetings, which are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, are always open to the public. Interested parties are invited to attend.

"Thank You" from the Bottom of Fourteen Tiny Hearts

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Thanks to the many who donated so freely to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, 14 very needy children, and their five families, had a Christmas to remember. When city leaders contacted Oak Mountain Elementary School about helping "a family" for Christmas, we had no idea that we would be faced with a choice between five families with a total of fourteen children, ages 5 months to 10 years. As we poured over the lists supplied to us by counselors Mary Strickland and Barbara Cole, we could not decide which children's wish lists to fill. Should we take one family or two, and if so, who, if anyone, would help fulfill the dreams of those children that we did not choose? There were families whose children asked for food, and families whose children had no winter coats. There were children who said that any toy, even used ones, would make them happy. Our decision was a quick one---we will take them all.

Now, what should be our budget? How much should we allow for each child, each family? How much clothing, how many toys, where will we get the food? Where will the money come from? When, and where, should we do the shopping? It seemed that the questions were many and the answers few. Time was of the essence, with stores selling out of Barbie and Power Rangers by the minute. We had to move quickly, but we had no money yet. A faint echo of "ask, and you shall receive" seemed to whisper in the wind. "ISV's caring and sharing citizens will answer the call."

ISV's smart shoppers hit the Inverness K-Mart on Sunday night. For four hours, **Hub Harrington, Dr. Norma Rogers, Gene and Olivia Weingarten, Michael and Tricia Crapet, Bee Little, and Patti Smith** breezed through each aisle, carefully selecting toys, coats, dresses, jeans, shirts, socks, gloves, pajamas, undies, and other necessary items. Clearinghouse for the gifts was the Crapet home, where all gifts were sorted, boxed, and tagged. Helpful wrappers **Jackie Johnson, Bee Little, Madeline Johnson, Sandy Luster, Patti Smith, Tricia Crapet, Norma Rogers, and Olivia Weingarten** picked up their assignments and merrily transformed each package into a specially wrapped surprise. Deliveries on Christmas Eve morning were made by "Secret Santas" **Hub Harrington, Bart Trammell, and son, Scott**, in two fully loaded trucks.

The efforts put forth by the volunteers in this project were done as labors of love, all giving freely of their time and energy. This spirit of community caring, sharing and giving, is what makes Indian Springs Village such a special and unique place to live. This spirit was, and is, contagious, carrying over into other individuals' lives. In fact, the first donation received by the ISVCF was from an attorney at Hub Harrington's office, who jokingly quizzed our Mayor about his very long fax from OMES. When **Doug McWhorter** heard about the ISVCF, he wrote a check on the spot for the fund. State Farm agent **Dean Pappas** sent a donation after hearing about the fund from Jackie Johnson. Fellow realtors from the Hoover office of **Johnson - Rast and Hays Real Estate** responded to my plea for assistance. **Kerri Breeding, Terri Steinert, Nancy Weinard, Julie Colburn, Jerri Pare, Warren Fravert, Bill and Jean Hill, Peggy Goldschmidt, and Phyllis Jones** gave generous donations of cash and food items. Several agents in my office have approached me, offering to donate to the fund on a quarterly basis.

More food donations came from **Art and Jackie Johnson, Winston and Bobbie Boutwell, Michael and Patricia Crapet**, and Michael's father, **Joe Crapet**. ISV residents **Richard and Nancy Gallier** called to donate huge amounts of food from their food pantry, "**Love In Action**," a multi-denominational church food pantry and clothing source located off Highway 31 in Pelham. The Galliers came through with cases of canned vegetables, cereals, orange juice, fresh butter, and a turkey for each family in need of food. This act of love and sharing was especially helpful and most appreciated.

Villagers who have thus far responded with very generous monetary donations are: **Mr. and Mrs. James Woods, Pat and Diane Morton, Ann Whitehouse, Clyde and Faye Wood, Madeline Johnson, Patti Smith, Janet Byars, Jim and Nora Boyett, Ellis and Louise White, John and Rena Hauser, Rose Lipscomb, Quentin and Jackie Johnson, Ralph and Carolyn Bodie, Carl and Anne Stapleton, Jack Hughens, Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Del Vecchio, Jim and Mildred Wyatt, Lew and Nancy Rusinko, Herb and Margie Robbins, Jean Owens, Jerry and Sherry Mc Williams, Billy and Pam Longshore, Ed and Ruth Goodwyn, Paul and Lola Stephens, Art and Jackie Johnson, Winston and Bobbie Boutwell, Carroll and Patricia Potter**, as well as anonymous donors.

A special thanks goes to **Mr. Robert Long**, Manager of the **K-Mart** in Inverness Corners, for his assistance and for offering us the discounts on merchandise purchased for these children. The staff of K-Mart could not have been more helpful and were eager to make our shopping experience a pleasant one.

No doubt you have seen your friends and neighbors listed here. Join them by helping us continue this worthwhile and very important project. No donation is too large or too small. Send your donations to Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, ISV, Alabama, 35124.

Our sincere appreciation to those who helped make the dreams of fourteen innocent children come true.

Town Council Highlights December 21, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on December 21, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the dining hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$617; TLC tree sale, \$725; aluminum can recycling and other donations to *The Village Voice*, \$204; and road fund, \$630. The balance in the general fund was \$14,557 and the balance in the road fund \$23,750.

The council voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the Alabama Beverage Control license for the sale of beer and wine at the Coosa Mart on Highway 119 to the new owners of the business. The new owners have been very cooperative in cleaning up the property and in removing the neon and other lighted and portable signs from the premises.

Mayor Harrington presented two petitions from contiguous property owners for annexation into ISV. The rules were suspended to allow for a vote on each property. The property of Olivia Brashier on Cherokee Trail was annexed unanimously, as was the property owned by the Shelby County Board of Education where the new Oak Mountain Intermediate School is located.

After the meeting was adjourned, villagers enjoyed Christmas refreshments.

ISV Aluminum Can Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

The next aluminum can collection is Wednesday, January 18th. Please place bagged aluminum cans near your driveway, opposite the normal Waste-Away garbage pickup, before 7:30 p.m. Please use white or clear plastic bags with the tops secured with a knot. Last month we had a few bottles and steel cans included in our pickup. The recycling center that we use does not accept steel cans, glass, or plastic bottles. We do appreciate your efforts, but please, aluminum cans *only*.

In December volunteers Margie and Herb Robbins (with their little dachshund providing moral support) collected a trailer full of cans from the Homestead area. Volunteers Gene Weingarten, John Hauser, Sharon Durbin, and Art Johnson collected cans from the other neighborhoods in the village. The total December collection was 327 pounds.

ISV recycling grew substantially in 1994, almost doubling the August - December average of 160 pounds per month in 1993 to an average of 300 pounds per month the latter part of 1994. On behalf of the Town of Indian Springs Village, I applaud your recycling efforts. Please take a deserved bow, and keep those cans coming.

Adopt-A-Mile Is January 21

By Councilman Art Johnson

The January Adopt-A-Mile is scheduled for January 21. If you would like to help, please join us on Saturday, January 21, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting place is at the Mormon Church parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road. All you need to bring is a pair of work gloves. Please come and help maintain the natural beauty of our town. You can, and do, make a difference.

REWARD

\$1000

To be paid to any individual providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for, or engaged in, any acts of vandalism in the Town of Indian Springs Village. Any and all information will be held in the strictest of confidence.

In Sympathy

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Indian Springs Village extends sincere condolences to Olivia and Gene Weingarten upon the death of Olivia's father, Curtis Dailey. Mr. Dailey, 89, and a lifelong resident of Dallas, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 1994, after a long illness. Other survivors include daughter Anne Warren, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Jasmine Hill Road resident, Jane Faulkner, in the loss of her husband, James Hardin Faulkner, 73, who passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 1994. Judge Faulkner was a retired Alabama Supreme Court Justice, having served on the court from 1972 until 1986.

Judge Faulkner had a long and illustrious career as an attorney and judge. He attended San Diego State College, graduated from the University of Alabama, from the University of Virginia. He practiced law in Birmingham and was a former Recorder's Court Judge and City Attorney for the City of Montevallo. He served with the U. S. Treasury Department, was a trust officer with Birmingham Trust National Bank (now SouthTrust Bank), and was an instructor for the American Institute of Banking.

Judge Faulkner was a native of Louisville, Mississippi, and a highly decorated veteran of World War II. While in the U. S. Army Air Corps he flew 51 missions in the Middle East, Europe, and Asia, receiving the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the Greek Military Cross, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Tags Still Available

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

I know you have seen them. They are everywhere you turn. They catch your eye at grocery stores, the Galleria, video stores, fast food and five star restaurants, on highways, biways, and country roads - the limited edition ISV automobile tag! At \$8, a great gift for a loved one, neighbor, or a neat treat for yourself. You know when you pass a car with one of our tags that you are passing a kindred soul who knows how great life is in the village. Pick one up Neil's Pharmacy, The Carousel Tag Shop, or at the next town council meeting.