

# The Village Voice

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, March 21, 1995 7:00 p.m.

### 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 two 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

By Councilman Ron Luster

### Status Report on Highway 119

A number of our townspeople are understandably concerned about what is going to happen to our main town artery, State Highway 119, otherwise known as Cahaba Valley Road. The following is a brief summary of what the State of Alabama Highway Department has projected immediately and the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) has in long-term plans.

**Currently underway:** The shoulder is being widened on each side of the road to provide a base to allow increasing the paving from 24' 0" to 28' 0". The first step, the cherty clay base, you have seen. For those of us who maintain the right-of-way slopes: yes, the boulders will be put back on the slopes, as has been done in some areas already; then the slopes will be covered with top soil and seeded.

**Near term (0 - 5 years):** Resurfacing (paving) Highway 119 will begin in mid-April to early May with the addition of two feet of paving on each side. Striping will maintain the 12' 0" lanes we presently have, but the two new feet of paved shoulder on both sides of the road will be a much needed safety feature.

At present, the traffic volume on Highway 119 is in excess of 7,000 vehicles per day. Additional turn lanes may be done at the schools (Our Lady of the Valley, Briarwood, and Oak Mountain schools). This is a possibility, not definite. From a safety standpoint, I hope this will be done.

Nearer home, the little turn lane at Arrowhead Lane may be extended for better transition. This work is called for in the 0 - 5 year plan of the BRPC.

**6 - 10 Years:** From I-65 to Highway 14 additional lanes are to be constructed. The plan calls for two to five lanes, which will probably result in three lanes with concrete curbs and gutters through Indian Springs. There are some positive aspects to this: there are funds available for beautification. We may be able to add shrubs and bicycle paths if we work on getting the money.

On a personal note, I do not like the thought of widening Highway 119 for any reason, and certainly not for trucks. However, even if we could exclude trucks, what would we do about our cars? How can we provide safety for our families, which is our foremost priority?

I will keep you apprised of future developments.

## ISV Boys Seek National Title

By Carolyn Groom

The Pelham High School Track Team's 4 x 800 meter relay team became state champions this year with a time that broke the old record by 16 seconds. This performance ranked them No. 6 in the United States, is unofficially the fastest time in the Southeast thus far this year, and qualified this team for the National Indoor Track and Field Championships to be held this month in Syracuse, New York.

The members of this team include: seniors Mac McMeans and Greg Groom; junior, Bryn Elton; and sophomore, Matt Brown. Groom, Elton, and Brown are all residents of Indian Springs Village. Their coach, Jason Daggett, also has an ISV connection as a coach at Oak Mountain Elementary School.

The trip to the track meet in Syracuse will not only allow this team to compete nationally with other top teams, but will get these gifted athletes exposed to more than 200 college and university scouts from across the country, who will be offering athletic scholarships to talented track and field competitors. Coach Daggett has stated that all four members of the team are major college prospects. Our team will not only be representing our town, Pelham High School, Shelby County, and the Birmingham area, but will represent the entire state of Alabama, as well.

Sadly, there is no funding for this trip available from the school. At a cost of over \$500 per athlete, plus coaches and chaperones, this trip is a real financial strain on both families and the track program. They are looking for support from individuals, businesses, and civic groups from the area.

Any financial assistance that could be given would be a blessing to all involved in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Any donation is tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Pelham Track and Field, Syracuse. Checks or cash donations can be sent to Carolyn Groom at 140 Skyline Circle, Indian Springs, Alabama 35124.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

## Shelby Athletic Association

By Onnie Dickerson

On March 7, 1995, a meeting was held at the Oak Mountain Middle School by the Shelby Athletic Association, Inc. The 1995 President, Dick Grimes, explained to an audience of 30 people that the purpose of the group was to communicate funding needs to the community in order to develop needed multi-purpose athletic fields. The 15 members of the Board of Directors have staggered three-year terms, therefore five new directors, Craig Hyde, Mike Rutherford, Pat Llewelyn, Ken Taylor, and Jim Jordan, were elected to three-year terms.

Ken Scheinert, past President, reviewed the accomplishments of the last year. To date, six fields have been contracted for by the association: one field each at Inverness Elementary and Oak Mountain Elementary, and two fields each at Oak Mountain Intermediate School and Asbury United Methodist Church. Hopefully, these fields will be available for use by fall or next spring for both soccer and Dixie Youth Baseball.

It was felt that many volunteers are needed for the fund raising that will be needed to accomplish these goals. It was expressed that \$20,000 to \$40,000 per field would be needed to bring these facilities up to specifications of the athletic groups.

Robert Hall, a representative of Dixie Youth Baseball, explained that the need was great and already here. Since many of the surrounding communities have closed their doors to North Shelby County children, the Cahaba Heights Youth baseball group has become severely overcrowded. There has been a suggestion that this group expand into North Shelby, creating northern and southern divisions. This would be the most cost-effective way to create the leagues necessary for tournament play in our area. In order to accomplish this, Dixie Youth Baseball must have at least four baseball fields in our area by next spring, with two being lighted. This estimation is based on 500 to 600 children that are currently from North Shelby but playing in other community leagues. These children will likely be prohibited from playing in these leagues in the near future because of the overcrowding.

Anyone interested in volunteering time and energy should plan to attend the next meeting, which will be announced by flyer through the schools, or call Ken Scheinert at 991-3901.

# Town Council Highlights

February 21, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on February 21, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting with council members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Gary Dennis present.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported revenues for the month were: ISV Children's Fund, \$50; beer tax, \$694; sale of ISV tags, \$8; aluminum can recycling, \$358; and road funds, \$750. Yearly utility taxes were received, with \$26,185 from Alabama Power, \$9,907 from Alabama Gas, and \$4,071 from the Pelham Water Works. This resulted in a balance in the general fund of \$49,996 and the balance in the road fund was \$25,364.

Onnie Dickerson presented three petitions for annexation by property owners contiguous to ISV's town limits: Ted and Lisa Martin, 471 New Hope Mountain Road; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sitton, 8002 Woodfern Drive; and Devere and Betty Bond, 8006 Woodfern Drive. The council voted unanimously to suspend the rules for each annexation, thus allowing for an immediate vote on the petitions. All three properties were annexed by unanimous vote of the council.

The council voted unanimously to amend the zoning ordinance of the town to exempt town property from the provisions of the ordinance. According to the League of Municipalities, all cities and towns have this provision in their ordinances. Since ISV initially had no properties, it was not originally included in the ordinance.

The council voted unanimously to allow execution of the documents to purchase the McClellan property.

## Town Closes on McClellan House

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

ISV is now the proud owner of the McClellan property, located at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. Our thanks to the many citizens who have called to express their enthusiasm and volunteer their services. We will be in touch! "Thank you's" go to Onnie Dickerson for acting as closing attorney, free of charge, and Bob Blain Surveyors for surveying the property, also at no charge. Robert Grant, a well-known homebuilder who lives on Foxfire Circle, has volunteered his services as overseer on the remodeling project. Look for improvements daily, as clean-up has already begun!

## Indian Springs Paper Tubes

The survey conducted by the town concerning the installation of paper tubes with the ISV logo by the *Shelby County Reporter* has been completed. There were 170 requests for the paper tubes. We have ordered a few extra tubes. If you were not called and would like a paper tube, please call the editor at 988-5417.

## In Sympathy

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The community of Indian Springs Village extends its deepest condolences to the family of Forrest Homer McElmurray, 425 Indian Crest Drive, who passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 20, 1995, at the age of 54. Mr. McElmurray suffered a massive heart attack while driving on Highway 119 near Mountain Vista, where he lost control of his vehicle.

Mr. McElmurray, a Georgia native and retired from Bell South, was Boy Scout Commander in the Shelby District and Chairman of Troop #551 of Meadowbrook Baptist Church. He had held various jobs in scouting for the last eight years. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; son, Bret; and daughter, Tracy.

Condolences from our community also go to Charles and Danna Waldrop of Arrowhead Lane on the passing of Charles' mother, Elizabeth Rogers Waldrop, age 83. Mrs. Waldrop, who passed away on Friday, March 3, 1995, is also survived also by grandchildren Paige Elizabeth and Brooke Waldrop.

Sympathy is also extended to Jim and Mildred Wyatt of Indian Trail upon the death of Jim's mother, Mary Wyatt, of Jemison. Mrs. Wyatt, age 88, passed away early in the morning on Monday, February 20, 1995. She is also survived by her husband, Edgar Wyatt, and two daughters, Jackie Glass and Joy Surret.

## In Appreciation

It would be hard to express the feelings I had when I saw the beautiful flowers sent by villagers of Indian Springs in sympathy on mother's passing. All of you must surely know how much everyone in this town means to me and I most sincerely appreciate your expressions of kindness. How fortunate we are to have a small town with such a big heart.

Sincerely,  
Jim Wyatt and Family

## ISV Aluminum Can Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, March 22nd. Please place bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:30 p.m., opposite the normal Waste-Away garbage pickup. Please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied with a knot.

On February 22nd the three ISV vehicles, manned by David Durbin, John Hauser, Margie and Herv Robbins, Gene Weingarten and Art Johnson, collected 244 pounds of cans. Our old record of 358 pounds, set in October, 1994, still holds. A "well done" and "thank you" to all recycling participants.

## Adopt-A-Mile Is March 25

By Councilman Art Johnson

Four involved town citizens, Aletta Lowe, Jean Owens, Olivia Weingarten, and Art Johnson attended the February litter walk. Since the state had just picked up litter along Highway 119 two days prior to the litter walk, everybody headed up to Indian Crest Drive to remove unsightly litter, left by unthinking motorists. One of our dedicated Adopt-a-Mile volunteers, Hubert Joiner, is recovering from back surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Indian Springs Village is able to perform town functions by using volunteers. The benefits for the town are obvious. There are also benefits for the volunteers. Where else can you collect such a return on an investment of only one hour? Some of the rewards for community involvement:

- \* a strong sense of community togetherness
- \* personal pride in a civic duty well performed
- \* miles of clean and uncluttered roadways

The next opportunity for you to reap the rewards of volunteering will be Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 a.m. Meet in the parking lot of the Morman Church on Cahaba Valley Road. If you cannot attend, please take a few minutes during the upcoming week to remove any litter on your property.

Will you help? I look forward to seeing you at the litter walk. Call me at 988-3217 if you have any questions.

## The Village Voice Delivery Update

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

It has come to our attention that on occasion copies of *The Village Voice* are not being received by some villagers. Neil's Pharmacy on Highway 119 has offered to keep extra copies on hand each month. If you do not receive your copy, please drop by Neil's or call me on my voice mail at 802-2753.

## Villager Celebrates 80th Birthday

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Doris Hubbard remembers when the Charleston was a dance, and not just a town in South Carolina. Doris can prove it by the fact that she brought the house down by winning the Charleston contest at her 80th birthday party, hosted by her daughter and son-in-law, Gertie and Frank Jones, of Indian Crest Drive. The Roaring 20's theme of the party was played out to the hilt, with dressed-to-the-nines flappers and gentlemen, music from days-gone-by, and poster-sized family pictures from yester-year adorning the walls. Fifty-five guests, including many from out-of-town, were present to celebrate with the birthday girl.

## Congratulations!

Friends and neighbors extend wishes of continued success to Michael Bruno of Skyline Drive on his recent promotion to manager of Brunos at Inverness Corners. Michael has been the manager of Food World in Southlake for the past few years.

## ISV Child Needs Help

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Six-year-old Patrick Mistral of 141 Willow Ridge Drive recently suffered severe second and third degree burns on his legs and hands in an accident at home. He is in Children's Hospital where he will remain for several more weeks undergoing numerous skin grafts. The Student Council at Oak Mountain Elementary is holding a penny fund-raiser during the month of March. It would be most helpful if you would consider sending as many pennies as possible for the Mistral family. You need not roll the pennies, as the students will do this for you. Cash donations are also acceptable. Make checks payable to OMES Student Council and mark for Patrick Mistral. If you would like to send something other than money, videos or books-on-tape are two items that Patrick's parents said he would like. Send your donations for Patrick to Oak Mountain Elementary. If you are unable to get your donations to the school, please send or bring them to me and I will get be glad to deliver them to the school on your behalf. My voice mail number is 802-2753. This family needs your help.

### REWARD \$1000

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*Any and all information will be held in the strictest of confidence.*