

# The Village Voice

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, June 21, 1994 7 p.m.

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Guest Speakers:  
Candidates for office
- III. Ordinances and Resolutions
- IV. Citizens' Forum

## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE ANNUAL JULY 4th CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JULY 4th!

Display the Flag in Front of Your Home

Antique and Decorated Vehicles

Drive Through the Village at 10:30 a.m.

Villagers' Parade Indian Springs School at 10:45 a.m.

**Villagers' Parade:** After the drive through the Village, antique and decorated vehicles will be joined at the entrance of Indian Springs School for a parade to the picnic site. Equestrians, villagers with patriotic pets (on leashes, please), cyclists, roller bladers, and others may join the parade at this point.

**Independence Day Ceremony:** 11:00 a.m., behind the dining hall

Invocation: Dr. David Freeman, Pastor, Indian Springs Baptist Church

Music: Disk jockey Ray Halvorson will be playing a combination of patriotic and popular music.

**Community Picnic:** Indian Springs School, lakeside behind the dining hall from 11:00 a.m. - until....

Barbecue served from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

**Arts and Crafts:** Talented villagers and members of the Shelby County Art Association will be displaying their wares.

**Fun and Games:** Moonwalk for children (wear socks), watermelon rolling, three-legged races, sack races for children and adults.

**The Return of the Dunking Booth:** Dunk the mayor and councilmen and any other volunteers for a slight fee.

**Food Concessions:** Barbecue Plate \$5 Adults \$2 Children under 10  
Plates will include barbecued pork or chicken, slaw, beans, buns, drink dessert, and watermelon. Hot Dog and Drink \$1

**Collector's Items:** Indian Springs Village Logo Tags \$3

**Recognition:** \*Best Decorated Vehicle \*Best Decorated Horse  
\*Most Patriotic Pet \*Best Decorated Bike  
\*Most unusual vehicle

### 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.

Address letters to the editor and appropriate news articles to: Olivia Weingarten, Editor, 1617 Indian Crest Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124 (988-5417). Newcomer information should be reported to Patricia Crapet (985-9205).

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# Preparation: Rain or Shine!

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

**Decorations Committee:** Call Sandy Luster (987-7918) to volunteer time, materials, and ideas. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

**Food Committee:** Barbecue chefs: Jim Boyett(988-0466), Paul Stephens (988-4672), Bart Trammell (988-0094) and Jim Wyatt (988-0327). Hot dog chefs are Gene and Olivia Weingarten (988-5417). Pastry chef Nora Boyett (988-0466) is in charge of recruiting villagers for the baking of cakes, cookies, and brownies to serve for dessert.

**Set-Up Committee:** Due to the tornado damage at the school, it is necessary for us to put up large canopies for shade. We need able bodies to help put them up. Please call Herb Robbins (980-9217) or Art Johnson (988-3217).

**Games Committee:** Lloyd and Deb Wagner (987-0236) are in charge of adult and children's games.

**Equestrian Activities:** Rita Mendel (987-1680) is in charge of lining up all horses for the parade. All horses will be dressed in their best patriotic attire. Special Equestrians will once again be a part of our ceremony.

**Drive Through the Village:** Parade Coordinator once again will be Tricia Crapet (985-9205). Participants will assemble decorated vehicles beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Winn-Dixie Marketplace parking lot. Sheriff James Jones and family will once again be the lead car with the North Shelby Fire Department bringing up the rear. Traffic will be coordinated by deputies of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. If you do not participate in the parade, plan to watch from your front yard. It is quite a treat.

**Location:** Lakeside at Indian Springs School behind the dining hall. Indian Springs school has been a gracious host for the last four years. As their guests, we should conduct ourselves in such a way that will insure our welcome on their campus for future events and activities. Park only in designated areas and not on any grass or in driveways. No swimming or alcoholic beverages are allowed on campus.

**Arts and Crafts Enthusiasts:** Local talent will be displayed at no charge for participants. Any artists or talented craftspeople are urged to bring their wares to the picnic. Contact Deb Gibson (987-1343) for details.

**Senior Citizens:** Any senior citizen needing a ride to the picnic may call Jean Owens (988-0014) or Ralph Bodie (985-4345).

**Parade Route:** This year, because the Village has grown so much and has extended its boundaries to the Valleydale area, we will begin our parade in the parking lot of the Valleydale Marketplace shopping center. The parade will head south on Caldwell Mill Road, passing Willowbrook, turning onto Highway 119, then onto Valley View, Indian Crest, Wildwood, Highgate, Arrowhead, Indian Trail, Brookgreen Lane, Mountain Vista, and back onto Highway 119 and into the entrance at Indian Springs School. Watch the fun from your lounge chair in your own front yard or head on down to the school for the grand entrance! Either way, you'll have a blast!

## Oak Mountain Elementary Named a National Blue Ribbon School

By Evelyn Blake, Principal, OMES

Oak Mountain Elementary School has been selected by the U. S. Department of Education for national recognition as a 1994 Blue Ribbon School. As principal of OMES, I believe that the school was selected for this award because we are successfully achieving the school mission of providing developmentally appropriate educational experiences in a child-centered environment. Some examples of this are the individualized classrooms, the pilot program of inclusion, the fine art reproductions and student-made art, and the "Four Corners of the World" geographic/science lab. I also credit the school staff, parents, and community for a strong commitment of providing the best for the children.

In order to receive this honor, nominations are submitted to the State Department of Education, which then selects the entries to be considered for national recognition. From the entries made by states, a panel of experts selects schools which will receive site visits for further consideration. After the site visit, the committee determines whether or not schools should receive national recognition. Selections are based on leadership, teaching and student environments, curriculum and instruction, parent and community support, and organizational vitality as well as test scores, student attendance, and school, staff, and student awards.

Dr. Louise White, an educator from Washington D.C., visited the school and community on April 21-22. During her visit she met with students, teachers, parents, central office staff, board members, and community leaders. After making a thorough review of the school, she reported her findings to the selection committee, which named Oak Mountain Elementary a National Blue Ribbon School. I will be attending a special ceremony, along with other representatives of the school, in Washington D.C. this fall to receive our blue ribbon flag from the President of the United States.

## Help Wanted!

Courageous volunteer needed to deliver the Highway 119 route of *The Village Voice*. The route has approximately 40 deliveries. Please call Olivia Weingarten (988-5417) or Patricia Crapet (802-2753) for information.

# "MOTOR" - VATION

## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE STYLE



### The Fourth Annual

## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

# *FOURTH OF JULY PARADE EXTRAVAGANZA*

### *MONDAY, JULY 4, 1994*

Ladies and Gentlemen

**"START YOUR ENGINES"**

Decorate your antique, classic, jalopy, or junker  
with some patriotic charm,  
and roll on down to

The Winn-Dixie Valleydale Marketplace

**ANY VEHICLE THAT RUNS QUALIFIES!**

*Free Registration:* 10:00 a.m.

*Parade:* Begins promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Be the envy of your neighbors as crowds cheer when you cruise by  
in your festively decorated vehicle on your way to chow down on the  
Best BBQ around!

Show your true colors, Red, White, and Blue  
as you cruise through the Village to celebrate the Fourth of July!

All entrants will receive choice of ISV tag, T-shirt, visor, or cap just for participating.  
(One per entry, please.) Contact Tricia Crapet (802-2753 Voice Mail) for information.

# Town Council Highlights

May 16, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 1994, in the town hall at Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting with Council members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

Several candidates for local and state offices addressed issues and invited questions. Patricia Fulmermeister, candidate for Probate Judge, and Tommy Snowden, current Probate Judge and candidate for the Senate in District 14, spoke about concerns on the local level.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were beer taxes, \$648 and road funds, \$601. The balance in the general fund was \$31,841, with the road fund balance being \$18,870. Expenses for cleanup were \$11,375 for cleanup of Bishop Creek, \$6,965 for dump truck rental, and \$5,854 for contracts with the City of Hoover for manpower and machinery to assist in the cleanup. Approximately 85% of the latter two amounts will be reimbursed to the town from FEMA in the near future.

Russ Allison, chairman of the ISV Zoning Board of Adjustments, discussed a request for a variance of five feet, front and rear, for a house being built by Dr. Buck on Highway 14. The lot is small, approximately 117 x 128, and had been zoned E-2 previously by the county, whose restrictions would have allowed for the construction without a variance. The board voted unanimously to grant the variance because of the circumstances involved.

Mayor Harrington discussed the Cahaba Oaks subdivision on Highway 119 and a request by Dr. Robert Slaughter, who owns 16 acres adjacent to the new subdivision, to put in a connecting street so that his property can be developed into four large residential estate lots. The 16 acres is not in the town of ISV, but the proposed connecting road is. Mayor Harrington asked the council to vote on the connecting road as a recommendation for the ISV Zoning and Planning Board to go by. The council voted 3 to 1 in favor of allowing the road, with a "no" vote from Councilwoman Patricia Crapet. Mrs. Crapet contended that the 16 acres should be annexed into the town before the road is approved.

The council voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerks to survey the streets of ISV and send notices to property owners who are in violation of town ordinances prohibiting junked cars and unsafe or unsanitary conditions on their properties. All property owners will be duly notified and given time to perform the cleanup. If the property owners do not take action within the allotted time, the town will perform the work and send a bill to the property owner.

Mayor Harrington presented a petition for annexation of contiguous property. This was the sixth annexation petition in a series for the Oak Mountain School properties. The rules were suspended by unanimous roll-call vote to allow for consideration of the petition, which was adopted unanimously.

Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison addressed the problem of parks in the North Shelby area. The commission plans in the near future to hire a Park and Recreational Director, thus establishing a governmental agency for the commission to include in an annual budget. Mrs. Allison stated that there are resources, both private and through the business sector, that can be utilized through coordinating efforts with the county and local sports associations, such as the North Shelby Athletic Association that Mayor Harrington is forming.

Shelby County Commissioner Larry Dillard spoke at length regarding the disposition of the North Shelby Fire District, of which he is a trustee. Mr. Dillard gave the history of the district, discussed its financial stability, and summarized what he thought the legal ramifications would be of not taking a closer look at a merger with the City of Hoover.

## Homestead Annexation a Reality

By Herb Robbins

An election was held on May 24, 1994 in the Homestead subdivision to determine if the majority of Homestead, along with some adjacent properties, including the Valleydale Marketplace complex, would be annexed into Indian Springs Village. Owners of 79 of the 88 residences in Homestead had previously signed petitions requesting annexation into ISV. It is anticipated that most, if not all, of the nine residences not included in the annexation will request annexation soon.

The election was the culmination of months of work for several Homestead residents, and what a finale it was! The voter turnout was over 80% and when the votes were tabulated, the annexation passed by 100 to 1. The one dissenting vote was cast in error by a resident who thought he was voting against annexing into Hoover (and in a way, he was!).

Homestead residents were not only trying to block Hoover from future annexation of properties adjacent to Homestead, but also trying to protect our neighborhood from the encroachment of commercial development. Homestead residents have gone before the Shelby County Planning and Zoning Commission seven times in the last four years to oppose petitions for rezoning residential properties adjacent to Homestead for commercial use. We believe the true quality of a town or city is in the quality of its neighborhoods. We feel that ISV is committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life and integrity of residential areas. Thanks for allowing us to become part of your town, neighbor!

## Shop 'til You Drop... For Less

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Now is the time for all good men and women to heed the need to shop! Support your local Indian Springs Village merchants, and save tax dollars. Grab your wallet, check book, and credit cards and head north to ISV's new commercial tax base. Never mind that we have no taxes, sales or otherwise. We still get a cut from their utility bills! So spend your money where you can get the most for your "no tax" dollars and your town can get a little booty from the utility companies to save for rainy days.

## Accolades

An appreciative "thank you" goes to Madeline Johnson of Valley View Road for her generous donation toward the printing of *The Village Voice*. Donations pay a large part of the printing bill for our community newsletter, whose circulation has grown from an original 450 copies to a whopping 750 copies. Our sincere thanks to all who donate funds as well as recycle aluminum cans for this effort.

## Welcome Newcomers

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

After months of remodeling and redecorating, Henry and Olga Campbell moved into their home at 145 Valley View Road, only to be met almost immediately by the tornado on Palm Sunday. The Campbells come to ISV via Columbus, Mississippi. Henry is the Vice-President for the Southeastern region of Wheelbrator Technologies, a recycler of industrial non-hazardous waste. Olga, of Peruvian heritage and a former teacher, is now a full-time volunteer at Our Lady of the Valley School where their two sons, Boyd, 12, and Henry, 9, attend school.

Robert and Judith Konecny from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, are now calling 1265 Indian Crest Drive home. Robert is employed by Astralloy Technologies and Judith, a homemaker, manages the hard part! They have one daughter, Katherine, age 10, who attends Oak Mountain Elementary School.

## Let Someone Else Do It

By Councilman Art Johnson

And someone else **has** done it - for an astonishing three years! But, a spirit of rebellion is sweeping through Indian Crest, Mountain Park, Willow Ridge, and other neighborhoods that have furnished manpower to keep Highway 119 clean and green. Disheartened by the failure of most residents to participate in monthly litter-walks, many of our most loyal workers have chosen to apply their efforts nearer their own homes. Beginning with last month's litter-walk, volunteers have the option of working on Indian Crest or Highway 119. The crew on May 21st included regulars Jim and Nora Boyett, Art and Jackie Johnson, Herbert Joiner, Emily McAdory, Virginia Rancont, Margaret Roy and Paul Stephens.

Let it be said that Nora and Jim Boyett, with a nearly perfect attendance record, are a shining example for a thusfar dismal showing. They keep 119 swept clean of litter from their house to Arrowhead Lane, and attend monthly litter-walks. For the last year and a half, Herbert Joiner has also provided much needed leadership. Jim Wyatt also has a near spotless attendance record for three years. Other loyal volunteers include Eleanor Bennett, Alleta Lowe, Jean Owens, Jim Roy, Carl Stapleton, and Lola Stephens.

It must also be said that only the residents of TSV can decide: will their roadways continue to have an Adopt-A-Mile program, or will it wither for lack of interest? Vote with your presence (or

absence) at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 25 at the Mormon Church parking lot. Please bring a pair of work gloves.

## Villagers Set Recycling Record

By Councilman Art Johnson

May was another record month for Indian Springs Recycling. Villagers reached a new milestone by collecting 264 pounds of aluminum cans. This is a 32% increase over last month and a 37% increase of the three month average in just five months. Congratulations to all the recyclers who made this achievement possible. Volunteers Jana Clark, Jason Durbin, Art Johnson and Gene Weingarten collected the cans within the Village.

To recycle, place your bagged aluminum cans (**no steel cans, please**) near your driveway opposite your normal BFI garbage before 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22. Please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied in a knot. This will help volunteers quickly identify the cans.

## VOTE! It Is Your Responsibility

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Congratulations on a job well done in the primary election. According to the office of the Shelby County Board of Registrars, the primary election drew an average of just under 30% of the registered voters in Shelby County. Beat 12 Box 1 at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which is the box that most of ISV votes in, has 2350 registered voters. According to voting records, 1117 people voted in Beat 12 Box 1 in the primary election, or approximately 48%, above the average for the county. Normally, ISV residents have about a 75% voter turnout for elections, which certainly helped pull up the percentage for our box.

June 28th is the runoff election for those candidates who did not receive a 50% majority of the vote. Historically, runoff elections draw fewer voters than primaries or general elections. However, it is important to remember that the candidates that you support rely on your votes just as much during the runoff as they do at other times. Just because your candidate may have received 49% of the vote in the primary and is therefore in a runoff does not mean that he or she is a certainty for election. Your support is still needed.

If you think there is a possibility that you may not be able to vote on June 28th, you can apply for an absentee ballot. Call the office of the County Clerk Dan Reeves at 669-3760 and ask for an application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. You have until June 23rd to mail the completed application back to the clerk's office, who will then mail your absentee ballot to you. The completed ballot must be received by the clerk's office no later than election day, either by U.S. Mail or hand delivery. **No ballots will be accepted for hand delivery by anyone other than the person who is the voter.** In other words, if your family is headed for the beach, and everyone has filled out an absentee ballot, you must all jump in the car and head for Columbiana for the hand delivery of your ballots: a good argument for mailing the ballot.

If you don't vote, don't complain! Remember, having the ability to vote is not just your right, it is your responsibility.