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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

### Agenda

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

### Editor's Notes

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE ANNUAL JULY 4th CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Indian Springs Village celebrated the Fourth of July in style, despite some gusty winds and some rain from tropical storm Alberto.

Preparation for the annual event began weeks ago, while the Village was still reeling from the effects of the Palm Sunday tornado. There were some additional factors to consider when the organizational committee met to assess the needs of the citizens who would be attending this year's event. One main concern was that the picnic area had been ripped to pieces by the tornado, and there were no shade trees left to provide the usual much-needed relief from heat or rain. With this in mind, the committee determined that renting canopies was the only way to go.

The set-up committee, co-chaired by **Herb Robbins** and **Art Johnson**, began their tedious work early Saturday morning. Erecting six large canopies is no simple task, but the job was completed in three hours by enthusiastic workers who included **Art, Herb, Gene Weingarten, Jim Boyett, Jim Wyatt, Lew Rusinko, Alan Jackson, Bart Trammell** and **Allen Trippeer**. **Nora Boyett, Jackie Johnson**, and **Tricia Crapet** placed the canopies and hardware so that the crew could get the job done without having to worry about such trivial details.

On Sunday afternoon the clean-up crew, complete with a supply of paper towels, brooms, and cleaning supplies, took the dining hall by storm (literally). No surface was untouched, as **Olivia Weingarten, Nora Boyett, Jackie Johnson**, and **Tricia Crapet** worked their fingers to the bone cleaning while **Sandy Luster, Kathryn Harrington**, and **B. J. Skinner** transformed the dining hall into a place of patriotic charm with countless decorations provided by **Marilyn Seier**. Outside, the canopy repair crew of **Ron Luster, Hub Harrington**, and **Ed Skinner** worked in the rain to reposition a fallen canopy.

Meanwhile, the secret sauce was being concocted under lock and key by Town Clerk **Paul Stephens**, who has refused year after year to reveal the secret recipe for his famous sauce. Rumor has it that the ingredients are quite intriguing.

At 10:00 p.m., with the sauce in hand, the Pothole Crew began their vigilant all night job of cooking the pork butts. **Paul Stephens**, head chef, was assisted by **Bart Trammell**, **Jim Boyett**, **Jim Wyatt**, and **Lloyd Wagner**. Lloyd confided that he had almost coaxed the secret sauce recipe out of Paul, but ran out of beer before Paul spilled the beans. Meanwhile, bean chefs **Rusty** and **Julie Schenk** were busy cooking the baked beans.

Monday morning, 7:00 a.m. the decorations committee, headed by **Sandy Luster**, met to begin the beautification of the grounds of Indian Springs School. In charge of blowing up hundreds of helium balloons were **Jackie Johnson**, **Deb Wagner**, **Deb Gibson**, **Olivia Weingarten**, and **Tricia Crapet**. Hanging the bunting and balloons was done by **Ron Luster**, **Art Johnson**, **Herb** and **Margie Robbins**, and **Sherri McWilliams**. By the end of the morning the picnic area was a colorful array of patriotic red, white, and blue.

Meanwhile, at the new Indian Springs Village Marketplace shopping center, **Tricia Crapet** was lining up the effervescent group of parade participants. There was quite a variety of vehicles in this year's parade. The most unusual was **Harry** and **Bee Little's** dump truck, fully decorated and loaded with rocking chairs, hay, Uncle Sam, and a lifesize cut-out of John Wayne. The truck, appropriately nicknamed the Tornado Express, was one of the vehicles used in the immediate aftermath of the tornado to help clear the streets of ISV. The oldest vehicle in the parade was a 1928 Ford Model A two door sedan owned by **Thomas Bryant**. **Bob** and **Benjy Thomas** made it the fourth year in a row by having their 1974 VW Thing in the parade, as did **Michael** and **Tricia Crapet** with their black 1934 Ford four door sedan. **Commissioner Don Armstrong** and wife **Virginia** are also batting 1000, having attended all four ISV parades. Best decorated vehicle this year was the 1965 Ford Galaxy 500 convertible entered by **Bobbie Aultman** and **Dorothy Carlisle**, who were also dressed for the part in patriotic garb. The **LeFoy** family also came dressed in their favorite July 4th outfits and sporting nice decorations on their vehicle. **Justin** and **Laurie Phillips**, also outdid themselves in decorating their red pickup truck. But, what's a parade without motorcycles? Harley-Davidsons, of course. **Ed Beck**, **Joe** and **Joey Nadler**, and **Bob Steber** all drove their shiny "American dreams," with flags unfurled. These "easy riders" have made it two years in a row for the parade.

With **Sheriff James Jones**, wife **Debbie**, and son **Buck** in the lead and the **North Shelby Fire Department** bringing up the rear, the parade wound through the town for about thirty minutes, passing small "revue stands" all along the route. Those cheering and waving from yards and street corners enjoyed goodies thrown by some of the parade participants.

Upon arriving at Indian Springs School, the vehicle parade was joined by the "Villagers on Parade," including several horses from Special Equestrians, a therapeutic riding program for handicapped individuals. Special Equestrian riders were **Kathy Mertz**, **Kelli McMahan**, and **Raina Gentry**, along with her volunteer mom, **Jan Gentry**. Other volunteer equestrians were **Mallory** and **Kristen Smith**, **Rita** and **David Mendel**, and **Tom Mulroony**, who graciously braved the rain to hold the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor Hub Harrington** conducted a brief welcome ceremony at the picnic grounds, with **Dr. David Freeman** of Indian Springs Baptist Church giving the invocation. Among dignitaries at the event were State Representative **Al Knight**, Shelby County Sheriff **James Jones**, Superintendent of Education, **Dr. Norma Rogers**, County Commissioner **Don Armstrong**, and candidates for Senate, **Bill Armistead** and **Walter Owens**.

This year's food line began quickly, with generous portions of barbecue and accompaniments being served by **Lloyd** and **Deb Wagner**, Lloyd's parents, **Bill** and **Marian Wagner**, **Jackie Johnson**, **Lola Stephens**, **Jean Owens**, **Gene** and **Olivia Weingarten**, **Pat Tombrello**, and **Nora Boyett**. Head Cashier, **Herb Smith**, raked in the money while hungry villagers feasted. The desserts were especially plentiful this year, with more villagers than ever bringing their best baked goods.

When the children tired of the Moonwalk, the adults took a turn and gave the kids a real show on how not to be a gymnast. **Mayor Hub Harrington** and others took turns in the dunking booth. **Lloyd** and **Deb Wagner** held minnow races for the kids, with no one leaving without prizes donated by **Gene Weingarten**.

The picnic ended once again a rousing success, with all but a few beans being eaten by the ravenous crowd. For the fourth year, the Town of Indian Springs Village had celebrated the independence of our nation and of itself on our most patriotic of holidays.

# 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, June 21, 1994, in the town hall at Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting with Council members Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

Bill Armistead, Republican candidate for the state Senate in District 14, was on hand to discuss issues, his platform, and answer questions.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$659.33; building permits, \$50; sale of ISV tags, \$32; and road funds, \$666 for May, and \$662 for June. The balance in the general fund was \$25,842, with the road fund balance being \$20,604. Expenses for the month were \$2,287 for dump truck rental for storm debris removal, \$1,000 for a donation to Oak Mountain Middle School, \$2,962 for street signs and \$53 for recording fees. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet announced that a check for \$19,125 had been received from FEMA for reimbursement of some of our storm cleanup expenses. The recycling effort garnered \$74, which goes to fund *The Village Voice*.

Mayor Hub Harrington announced that the last couple of annexations for Oak Mountain Schools had been done out of order. The Mayor said that it would not affect the annexation of the school, since it was the portion of the property in front of the school that would need to be re-annexed in proper order. However, two of the annexations would have to be redone. The rules were suspended by unanimous roll call vote in order to allow the council to act on the annexation ordinance. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Mayor Harrington announced that Indian Springs School is working with BFI to get recycling dumpsters for the school. ISV has been invited to utilize the dumpsters once they are in place, so that citizens can recycle other items such as glass, plastic, and paper. Councilman Art Johnson will be in charge of organizing the pick-up effort.

## OOOPS!

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

At the May Council meeting, the council voted unanimously to make a \$1,000 donation to Oak Mountain Middle School for playing fields on the premises of the school. Village resident Mike Rutherford, who is in the OMMS Booster Club, which is in charge of raising the money, made the request for the donation. This information was unintentionally left out of last month's Council Highlights article.

## Last Storm Debris Pickup Is Scheduled for July 25

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The town will make the last pickup of storm debris on Monday, July 25th. If you have any tree debris that you wish to have picked up you must place it at curbside by this date so that the work crews will clean it up. If you do not have your storm debris at curbside by Monday, July 25th, it will **not** be picked up at a later date. It will then become the responsibility of each household to dispose of their own debris. Please do not put at curbside any debris other than natural storm debris. Other types of structural debris will not be picked up. **Once again, Monday, July 25th is the last pickup day.**

## Help Wanted Plea Answered

Courageous volunteer Kevin Colburn has heeded the call of *The Village Voice*. Kevin wasted no time in volunteering to do the Highway 119 route which has approximately 40 deliveries. Our thanks to Kevin for the help. If any of you would like to volunteer to deliver our community newsletter, please contact Olivia Weingarten at 988-5417. We don't have any "openings" as such, but I am sure a couple of our couriers could probably use a break now and then.

## ISV Babysitters Directory

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The renowned Indian Springs Village Babysitters Directory has been updated and is ready for you! The directory has fourteen eager and experienced babysitters who are waiting for your call, and your money. If you need a copy of the directory, call Patricia Crapet's voice mail at 802-2753 and leave a message.

# A Message From The Mayor

By Mayor Hub Harrington

A special thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the 4th of July Celebration a memorable event for the rest of us. The Pothole Crew and their able-bodied assistants stayed up all night preparing a bountiful feast that was graciously served by our neighbors. We are particularly grateful to our newest citizens from Homestead who helped erect the canopies that protected us from the rain and heat. In spite of the weather, a good time was had by all. If you were unable to be with us this year, please make plans to attend next year's festivities and join in the fellowship which develops and strengthens our community spirit.

At the most recent council meeting, there was much discussion about the development, both present and future, of Highway 119. There seems to be some who are of the opinion that through its officials and agencies the town can prevent any and all development not only within our boundaries, but in surrounding areas as well. This is certainly not the case, nor has it ever been so.

Prior to incorporation we were at the mercy of outside influences and the surrounding municipalities who annexed property for the sole purpose of rezoning the property for commercial use. Any opposition to this course of action was presented on an individual, issue-by-issue basis, the most notable being Stewart Dudley's personal civil lawsuit against the City of Hoover and the Campbell Ridge development (now Indian Highlands). Through Dudley's unilateral actions the Alabama Supreme Court struck down Hoover's use of the "long lasso" annexation technique and returned the property to Shelby County, where subsequent rezoning hearings were held. Ultimately Dudley prevailed, and the property which Hoover had rezoned to quarter-acre lots was returned to its original one-acre zoning. The subdivision is now being developed in accordance with that zoning with beautiful homes being constructed. These homes, and more importantly the individuals who have moved into the area, have become a vital part of our town.

I relate this singular episode as an example of what incorporation has allowed us to accomplish without a continuum of expensive protracted litigation. We can now rest, assured that the zoning will be enforced and that property will be developed in accordance with that zon-

ing. We cannot prevent a property owner from developing his land at all. We can, however, ensure the development is regulated by reasonable zoning restrictions. This we have done. Since incorporation, there has been no rezoning within our town to permit the commercialization of residential property. There has been no rezoning that would allow for an increase in population density. All of the current development in the town is in strict accordance with the zoning and planning regulations that existed at the time of our incorporation. We can do no more than this.

All of us wish that the population of ISV and the entire North Shelby County area would cease to grow. I am sure those of us who moved here ten years ago wish that additional growth had not followed. Those who moved here twenty years ago most likely feel even stronger about this issue. Each would probably like to have closed the gate behind them and been the last to move to what was at that time "the country." It is only natural, however, that the character and beauty which brought us to live in this area would also attract others.

Incorporation will allow us to control our destiny, at least within constitutional limits which protect one's interest in his own property. We have thus far been able to maintain the residential nature of the community and ensure that development is controlled and properly meets the existing zoning requirements.

The town officials and the members of the various boards have at all times remained true to this commitment. We are also committed to protecting areas beyond our borders. This we cannot do alone. All of us must participate in the Shelby County Zoning and Planning Commission meetings. If you have an interest of individual concern, bring it to the attention of town officials and personally attend council and commission meetings. The preservation of the character of this community is for the benefit of us all. This must, therefore, be a continuing effort. If it is important to you, please participate.

## Here, Kitty-Kitty

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Karen Watkins is missing one lost fraidy-cat, white in color, with some orange around her paws. She answers to the name of Scarlett. One-year-old Scarlett took a hike during a recent thunderstorm. Please call Karen at 987-1506 if you have any information about her kitty.