



The Village Voice

Vol. 4, No. 5

Indian Springs Village, Alabama

August 9, 1994

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, August 16, 1994 7 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- 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.

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).

The *Village Voice* is published the second Tuesday of the month. Articles for publication in the September, 1994 edition should be submitted by Tuesday noon, September 6th. The editor reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication. *The Village Voice* will publish letters to the editor if space permits. Letters may be edited for length and other considerations; however, the meaning will be preserved. All opinions expressed are those of the authors of articles, unless otherwise indicated. All articles not attributed to other writers are written by the editor. Any opinions she expresses are her own and should not be attributed to the mayor or the council.

Editor's Appreciation to:

The donors who subsidize printing expenses
Patricia Crapet for circulation (985-9205)
Dr. Ruth Goodwyn for editorial consultation
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Ticia Crapet, Johnson - Rast & Hays for production

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Mayor Hub Harrington

After a false start we have begun the final storm debris cleanup. We had initially obtained a fixed price to perform the required work. When it came time to commence work the next week, the amount of debris had grown significantly. The fixed price was no longer relevant and we were compelled to rework our cost estimates. It now appears that the cost will well exceed the FEMA funds thus far received and that we will be making an additional application for relief funds once the work is completed.

Ever-faithful Jim Wyatt is once again coordinating the clean-up efforts. The main portion of the work should be completed by mid-August. Special equipment will be needed for some larger stumps, and these will be picked up after the smaller, more easily handled debris is removed. If you have special needs or problems with your storm debris, please give us a call. Thanks to all for your patience and continued cooperation.

You will be interested to know that we have received a request to rezone the property lying south of Cook's Pest Control on Caldwell Mill Road. The property is currently zoned O & I (preferred commercial office and light industrial). The request is to have the property rezoned to R-T (residential townhouses). Initial plans were to include property adjoining the Homestead subdivision as part of this residential development. The development as proposed does not create a residential buffer between Homestead and the present commercial area at the Valleydale/Caldwell Mill intersection. As proposed, the development also requests a variance from a maximum number of two units per cluster to a maximum number of six units per cluster. Though this proposal greatly increases the property's population density, townhomes, garden homes, and the like are usually the preferred buffer and transition from commercial to residential zoning. I urge all interested citizens to attend the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting and participate in the proposed rezoning. Advise committee members of your thoughts and feelings about the project. Only then will the development of our town truly reflect the wishes of its citizenry.

Another proposed addition to Caldwell Mill is a new high school, which is being planned by the Shelby County Board of Education. Numerous calls have been made to ISV officials concerning the con-

struction and location of the high school. Most members of our community have expressed great pleasure with the plans to build this school. Some of those who live in the area closest to the proposed site have expressed the opposite view. A small fraction of these callers have been irate and for some unknown reason credit ISV with the site selection.

Everyone should understand that the proposed high school is a project of the Shelby County Board of Education. To its credit, the Board has recognized the need for a high school to service the growing North Shelby County area. I personally laud this decision, and look forward to the creation of our truly "local" neighborhood high school. Site selection is one of the first steps toward reaching that goal. The Board has spent much of its time and resources evaluating possible sites in an effort to find the most suitable property to accommodate a high school. The Shelby County Board of Education selected the Caldwell Mill site and exercised its "power of eminent domain" to acquire the property.

If the high school is eventually built at this location, it would benefit us all for the property to be annexed into ISV. Thus the school property would be protected from unwanted annexation by Hoover or Birmingham. I would whole-heartedly support this action just as I actively sought to annex the Oak Mountain School property. That is, however, the **only** roll that ISV has with regard to the new high school. It will be a county school. ISV has no school system, and no need for one. The decision to build the school belongs **solely** to the county school board. The location of the school is to be decided **solely** by the school board. Questions regarding the school should be addressed to the Shelby County Board of Education, and I urge you to attend the Board meetings and make your suggestions and opinions known. It is my opinion that we desperately need a high school in our area. I trust that you all support the concept and the Board in this endeavor.

I'll Be Dog-Gone

By Councilwoman Patricia Crape

Oh where, oh where has Domino gone? Hub and Kathryn Harrington surely want to know. Domino is a white and black dalmation about one year old. Domino, who has been missing since August 5, is very friendly, and even at his young age has a reputation of being quite a ladies' man. If you have any information about Domino's whereabouts, please call the Harringtons at 987-2748.

TLC for ISV

By Councilwoman Patricia Crape

The Board of Directors for the Tree and Landscaping Cooperative for Indian Springs Village (TLC, Inc.) met on Tuesday, August 2, at the home of board member Onnie Dickerson. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers of the Board and to review the by-laws for changes suggested by board members. The officers elected are President, Kathryn Harrington; Vice-President, Dr. Norma Rogers; Secretary, Onnie Dickerson; and Treasurer, Art Johnson. All elections were by unanimous decision of those members in attendance.

With planting season for trees soon to be upon us, the Board of Directors decided to expedite and simplify matters by contacting several local nurseries to ask for discounts for members of the TLC. One nursery that has been contacted was very receptive to giving members a discount of up to 40% store-wide on any items purchased. The TLC is working to establish an across-the-board discount with these nurseries for a specified length of time, hopefully to last through tree planting season which ends March 1. The TLC hopes to have this plan implemented early enough for Villagers to place orders for trees and shrubs as early as October. Further details of the plan will be announced next month.

Along with your copy of *The Village Voice* you have received a 17 page color booklet entitled *Trees for Alabama Homes*. This booklet, which is a publication of Alabama Power Company, contains a wealth of information on trees that are native to our area and our state, as well as information on planning, planting, and caring for your trees. Our thanks to Ginny Lusk for arranging for the booklets to be picked up for distribution to everyone in our community.

Lost and Found

By Councilwoman Patricia Crape

Tool lovers everywhere be on the lookout for an expensive, special Porsche wrench, engraved C. Snow, lost somewhere in the vicinity of 585 Valley View Road. Chuck Snow lost the wrench when it fell off the bumper of his car. Also, the Snow family wanted whoever lost the very sharp, green arrows with black markings to know they have been found in front of their house, close to the front door. Please call Chuck or Ruth at 988-0010 if you have any information on either of the above items.

Town Council Highlights

July 19, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 1994, in the town hall at Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting with Council members Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Art Johnson present.

The minutes of the June meeting were unanimously adopted as written. Revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$789; Birmingham Racing Commission, \$877; zoning application fees, \$366; emergency management reimbursements from the State of Alabama for storm debris cleanup, \$3,335; and road funds, \$666. The balance in the general fund was \$42,600 with the road fund balance being \$20,912.

Mayor Hub Harrington introduced the new map of the Town of Indian Springs Village. ISV has not had an official updated map since the original map was done for incorporation. The map was updated by Carto-Craft, which does all the official maps for Shelby and Jefferson counties and several local municipalities. The maps were necessary in order to show our jurisdiction to the utility companies for tax purposes, as well as to update various county entities, such as Emergency Management, 9-1-1, and building inspection and permit departments. The map also serves to show our various zoning classifications within the town's corporate limits. The map can now easily be updated to allow for any future annexations or zoning changes.

Mayor Hub Harrington introduced a petition for annexation of the next section of the Oak Mountain School properties. 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.

Two petitions for annexation by contiguous property owners, Jack and Winona Miller, 95 Cherokee Trail, and Kevin and Cheryl Colburn, 140 Miller Circle, were introduced by Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt. The council also voted unanimously to suspend the rules, thus allowing for a unanimous vote to adopt the petitions.

Condolences

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town of Indian Springs Village wishes to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Representative Mike Hill, his wife Carol and their family in the loss of their son, Jon Michael Hill, 16, who was killed in an accident on Highway 280 on Thursday, July 28.

Jon Michael was driving to his summer job as a lifeguard at the Inverness Country Club when his car collided with an Alabama Power Company utility truck hauling a trailer carrying several utility poles, ranging in length from 35 to 55 feet. The utility truck was reportedly crossing Highway 280 from Old Highway 280 when the accident occurred.

In his short life, Jon Michael attained many significant achievements. Respected, admired, and loved by relatives, friends, teachers and students, Jon Michael was a junior at Shelby County High School, where he was an accomplished tennis player on the SCHS Tennis Team, as well as a very gifted artist. He was listed in the *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and was a member of the Beta Club.

Jon Michael is survived by his parents, Mike and Carol Hill; a sister, Hayden; a brother, Hunter; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hill and Mrs. Evelyn Hathcock; and great-grandmother, Mrs. Dessel White.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established the Jon Michael Hill Memorial Fund to benefit the Shelby County High School art department. Memorials can be sent to the Shelby County High School, 101 Washington Street, Columbiana, Alabama, 35051.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Judy Dill in the loss of her mother, Grace Benton McWhorter, 85. Mrs. McWhorter, who lived in Indian Springs Village until moving to a nursing home, passed away on July 31 after a long illness.

Other survivors include two other daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Bozeman, and Mrs. Patricia King, and a son, Ronald A. McWhorter. Besides her children Mrs. McWhorter left a legacy of 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

June Adopt-A-Mile

By Councilman Art Johnson

A warm welcome was extended to three new Adopt-A-Mile volunteers: John and Sandy Brex, who live on Miller Circle, and Carol Philen. After signing up for either Highway 119 or Indian Crest Drive, the two groups separated and then proceeded to remove the unsightly litter from our roadway rights-of-way. The Cahaba Valley Road crew included Carol Philen, Jim and Nora Boyett, Art and Jackie Johnson, Herbert Joiner, Carl Stapleton, Paul Stephens, and Jim Wyatt.

Indian Crest Drive from Valley View Road to Caldwell Mill Road was beautified by John and Sandy Brex, Alleta Lowe, Emily McAdory, Jean Owens, Virginia Rancont, and Jim and Margaret Roy. Alleta and Jean got a big head start on the other volunteers; they started picking up before 8:00 a.m.

Because so many of us have been preoccupied with our individual storm clean-up and because the town is presently working to complete the debris removal, we elected to forego the July and August litter walks, and to resume in September. Hopefully the weather will begin to cool and we will have a pleasant time together. To improve the safety of our volunteers on Highway 119, we will be getting signs and flags, either from the state, or they will be furnished by ISV.

The litter walk was one of the first programs started by the citizens of the newly formed Town of Indian Springs Village. The litter walk program exemplified the essence of the volunteer spirit upon which ISV was founded, i.e., working together to serve the greater good of the community. We have had a dedicated group that has participated in the litter walk since it first began. New friends have been made as others have joined.

With the addition of Homestead and the intersection at Valleydale and Caldwell Mill Roads, we are considering expanding the litter walk to include this new area. This we cannot do without adding new volunteers. We also need reinforcements to come to the aid of our core group of workers. Please come forward and donate just an hour or so a month to help maintain the beauty of our community. We really need your help, and we certainly cannot expand the program without it. Please call me to volunteer your services for the September litter walk and look for the announcements on the Adopt-A-Mile signs.

ISV Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

Indian Springs Village extends a welcome to all our newly-annexed citizens in the Homestead and Oak Mountain neighborhoods. Indian Springs Village has a curbside Aluminum Can Recycling Program organized and run by volunteers. The long-term goal of our recycling program is ultimately to have a contractor, such as BFI or another recycling vendor, provide a comprehensive weekly curbside collection of household materials. Currently it costs more money to collect recycled items than is recovered from the sale of those items. Currently ISV collects only aluminum cans, and the proceeds from the sale of the recycled cans helps to pay for the printing of *The Village Voice*.

On Wednesday, June 22, volunteers Gene Weingarten, Jackie Johnson, Art Johnson, and David Durbin collected cans from dedicated villagers. We didn't break any records last month, but I am happy to report we had a sizeable increase in new "first time" collections, and we are looking forward to getting the new neighborhoods into our recycling program.

On Wednesday, July 20, we welcomed Herb Robbins to the ISV recycling team of volunteers. Herb will be organizing the effort to get recycling started in the Homestead neighborhood. Other July volunteers included Sharon Durbin, Jackie Johnson, Gene Weingarten, and Art Johnson.

To recycle, please place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway opposite the normal BFI garbage before 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17. Please use white, clear or blue plastic bags and tie the top of each with a knot. This will help volunteers quickly identify the cans. Please observe the following ISV recycling guidelines:

- *Aluminum cans only. No steel cans.
- Aluminum cans are primarily drink cans.
- Steel cans are usually those containing vegetable soups, sardines, and other canned meats.
- *Please rinse cans before recycling.
- *No bottles, paper or plastic products, please.

If you have any questions about recycling in ISV or would like to start recycling, please contact me at 980-3217.