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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, September 20, 1994
7:00 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.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Mayor Hub Harrington

Congratulations to Dorothy Carlisle and Rita Mendel! At long last their street corner, Mountain Vista, has a proper sign in place. The good ol' pothole crew is in the process of installing all of our new (matching, visible, and legible) street signs along Highway 119. The pothole crew has also been working diligently to patch and repair roads damaged by the tornado and the clean-up efforts. A special thanks to these dedicated, hardworking and most unselfish citizens. Thanks, too, to ISV resident Sammy Montalbano for the beautiful artwork and craftsmanship displayed in our new street signs, which compliment his original masterpieces, the ISV entrance signs.

The tornado clean-up work has finally been completed. Though the final invoices have not yet been received, the total cost to ISV will exceed that which had originally been estimated by the Federal Emergency Management Assessment. Consequently, once all of the outstanding charges have been paid, a second application for federal and state disaster relief will be submitted. We have every reason to believe that we will again be awarded 85% of our actual costs under these emergency programs.

Peyton Lacy is stepping down as Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, having held this position since the Board was founded. The town is very grateful to Peyton, who was also instrumental in developing our original zoning ordinances, for his efforts and for the many hours he has expended on our behalf, most of which have gone unrecognized. Peyton has graciously agreed to remain on the Board so that we might insure continuity and benefit from his experience and expertise. My personal thanks to Peyton for a job well done. The Chairmanship of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board now passes to Onnie Dickerson, who has accepted this appointment. I look forward to working with Onnie and to the continued good work and professionalism established during Peyton Lacy's tenure as Chairman.

As everyone is all too aware, the growth in our area has resulted in increased traffic and congestion on both Valleydale Road and Highway 119. In recent weeks there have been several near misses and other traffic incidents which have been brought to our attention. In response, I have been in contact with the Shelby County Sheriff's office and with the State of Alabama Highway Department. I have again been assured by the highway department that specific recommendations for improved safety will be forthcoming. Several ideas are currently being explored with the Sheriff's Department that should result in increased coverage for our area. If any of you have specific suggestions or requests, or have specific information that would be helpful in addressing the traffic situation, we welcome your input. Please give me a call (and please talk to the infernal answering machine), or come to the next council meeting. Thanks for your help.

Letter to the Editor

We Are Looking Good!

Thanks to everyone involved in getting the new street signs on Highway 119, from Julie Schenk, the artist, to the "put-up" crew. They look terrific!

All residents of our community should be very proud of how smoothly the town functions and how great it looks. Riding around now, just six months after that devastating tornado, and seeing the tremendous clean up and improvements, makes you very aware of how well this community works. We are very proud to be a part of it.

Rita and Jack Mendel
70 Mountain Vista St.

Special Equestrians Need Help

By Rita Mendel

Special Equestrians, Inc., a therapeutic horseback riding program for the disabled, is in need of volunteers. The program is located in our community on the campus of Indian Springs School and serves over 80 students with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities. Many of these riders require up to four volunteers each time they ride one of our very special horses.

If you would like to help us with this very worthwhile program, please give us a call and volunteer. No experience is necessary. All you need is a big heart. For more information, call 987-WHOA (9462).

Update: Shelby County Economic Development Council

By Councilwoman Patricia Crape

On Friday, August 19, I had the pleasure of attending the quarterly meeting of the Mayor's Leadership Conference of the Shelby County Economic Development Council. The purpose of the meeting was to allow community leaders to discuss their community's problems and concerns. A roundtable discussion of problem-solving for matters relating to commercial and industrial development in the county was the topic of the meeting. Being seated between Mayor Frank Skinner and Commissioner Larry Dillard could have made a squeamish person feel like a lost ball in high weeds, but not your always vocal councilwoman. When asked what problems ISV has, of course I had to tell the truth...NONE. Oh, the nuisance of usual traffic congestion was duly noted, and the disposition of the North Shelby Fire District was a hot topic. But, I frankly told the panel that ISV, though not interested in development of commercial entities within our borders, was nonetheless concerned about the development within the county and concerned that this development, where suitable, should enable the county to keep up with services for its citizens.

HAPPY FOURTH BIRTHDAY INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE!

Get ready once again for the annual event celebrating the founding of our town, Indian Springs Village.

This special Founder's Day Celebration will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 1994 before, during, and after the monthly Town Council meeting.

FREE

Hamburgers - Hot Dogs
Chips - Cold Drinks - Coffee
Desserts

Served from 6 - 7 p.m. and after the meeting

Make plans to attend now!

Bring your neighbor and your lawn chairs!

The festivities will be held at the ISV barbecue pl on the campus of Indian Springs School.

In case of rain, dining hall facilities will be available.

Town Council Highlights

August 16, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 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.

The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously adopted as written. Revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$720; building permits, \$525; aluminum can recycling, \$81.60; and road funds, \$650. After an expenditure of \$5,524.00 for debris cleanup, the balance in the general fund was \$50,106, with the road fund balance being \$21,705.

Mayor Hub Harrington announced the appointment of Onnie Dickerson to the ISV Planning and Zoning Board. Dickerson replaces Rose Lipscomb, who recently resigned her position on the Board. The Mayor announced that the Board would meet on September 12 to consider the application for rezoning for residential townhomes on Caldwell Mill Road behind Winn Dixie.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported having contacted the owners of the charity drop-boxes on Cahaba Valley Road across from the Indian Springs Baptist Church regarding the unsightly and unsanitary conditions of the drop site. The entities agreed to remove the boxes and debris from that location.

Now that ISV has several retail businesses within its town limits, the town will begin issuing business licenses. Mayor Harrington asked for volunteers to assist the town clerk's office with the task of collecting these license fees. Attorney Onnie Dickerson volunteered to set up and maintain the database for issuance of all business licenses, as well as to devise a form to use for the billing and issuing of these licenses.

Mayor Harrington reported having been contacted by the Caldwell Mill Homeowner's Association regarding annexation of those homes not currently in ISV. The annexation committee is working with the homeowners on this matter.

Mayor 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 of the council so as to allow for a vote on the petition. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Several petitions for annexation were presented to the council by Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt for residents in the Homestead subdivision that were not included in the initial annexation by the election method. The rules were once again suspended by unanimous roll call vote, with the ordinance passing unanimously in favor of annexing the properties in question.

ISV Zoning Boards Meet

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Indian Springs Village Planning and Zoning Board (P & Z) and the ISV Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) convened on Monday, September 12, 1994, at Indian Springs School to consider an application from the Harris Development Corporation for a zoning change. The property, located on Caldwell Mill Road south of Cook's Pest Control property and north of Dr. Warth's property, is zoned O&I (office and light industrial). Harris is seeking to change the zoning to R-T (residential townhomes) and to seek a variance to increase the number of units per cluster from two to six.

P & Z Board members present were Chairman Peyton Lacy, Onnie Dickerson, Chief Winston Boutwell, Herb Smith, Dr. Ruth Goodwyn, Fred Lewis, Bill Morrow, and Harry Little. Dave Engel and Mike Rutherford recused themselves from the proceedings. ZBA members present were Chairman Russ Allison, Ralph Bodic, Bruce Monical, Gerald Templeton, and Gene Weingarten.

The development, as presented to the boards, will have 50 units and be located on a 6.6 acre plot. There is a remote possibility of future townhomes on contiguous property if subsequent purchases of said properties are made. There will be 100 parking spaces in the development with a planned turn-around for school buses and fire trucks. A traffic study was done by an independent company and presented to both boards. The amount of traffic predicted was 21 additional vehicles during peak traffic times. The traffic consultant compared this to a "bucket of water going into an ocean".

The entrance to the development is narrow due to the small amount of road frontage on Caldwell Mill Road. The developer has plans to heavily landscape the entrance with trees, shrubs, and medians. Talks with the county highway department have resulted in the requirement of a right turn deceleration lane in the right-of-way, at the expense of the developer.

Developers stated that the two and three bedroom units will have fireplaces and that firewalls will be built between each unit for protection. The pre-construction proposed list price for the townhomes would be from \$120,000 to \$135,000. The profile of potential purchasers was stated as being young professionals and empty nesters.

The ISV Z & P has given developers and adjacent property owners until September 19 to supply additional comments or information for consideration by the board. The Board will meet for a work session on September 19 to draft a report on their findings and make a recommendation to the ISV Town Council, which will vote on the zoning change at the September 20 meeting.

Adopt-A-Mile is September 24

By Councilman Art Johnson

Now that the cleanup of storm debris is finished, it is time for us to resume our Adopt-A-Mile program. If you would like to help your town maintain its natural, litter-free atmosphere, you are invited to join our fun group of dedicated picker-uppers on Saturday, September 24, at 8:30 a.m. Our meeting place is the Morman Church parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road. All you need to bring is a pair of work gloves. Come meet some of your friendly neighbors and take an hour's break from your busy Saturday schedule to help beautify ISV. Your reward? A satisfying feeling of accomplishment and the making of new friends.

ISV Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

August was another record month for Indian Springs Village Recycling. We reached a new milestone by collecting 294 pounds of aluminum cans. Another "well done" and "thank you" to all the recycling participants. This success is due to the individual efforts of every ISV citizen who, instead of throwing an aluminum can away, rinsed it, and then bagged it. A big "thank you" goes to recycling newcomer Rita Gaskins and regulars Sharon Durbin, Art Johnson, and Gene Weingarten, who contributed their time to collect the cans. Special thanks also go to David Durbin and Gene Weingarten for taking the cans to the recycling center.

To recycle, place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway, opposite the normal BFI garbage, before 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday night, September 21st. Please use a white or clear plastic bag and tie the top in a knot. This helps our volunteers quickly identify the cans. If we have missed picking up your cans, please call me at 988-3217 and I will personally make sure your cans are included in this month's recycling effort.

The Big One -- Nifty Fifty

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Congratulations to Clyde and Faye Wood of Indian Crest Drive, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The Woods, who are big supporters of ISV, were married during the time of World War II on September 2, 1944, in Corpus Cristi, Texas. We wish them well and hope they have many more anniversaries.

Cruisin', ISV Style

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

There was plenty of shoop-shoop, doo-wop, and rama-lama-ding-dong in ISV on the last Saturday of August at the Jack's Hamburgers in ISV's Valleydale Marketplace. Antique and custom cars from near and far gathered for the first official "Cruise-In" ever held in Indian Springs Village. Beautiful cars from the "good old days" were on display while owners, enthusiasts, and just plain folks mingled around eating burgers and fries as a disc-jockey spun oldies but goodies from days gone by.

Similar events take place at specific locations in the Metro area each Saturday night from April through October. The ISV Jack's will now be the site of a cruise-in on each fourth Saturday of the month. Each event is sponsored by a club or group of individuals. Door prizes from area merchants are given away, with tickets sold for \$1 each. At the end of the night, a drawing is held and all proceeds from the sale of tickets are given to the winning ticket holder. Over \$200 was given away at the August ISV cruise-in.

Take a chance, literally, and come on down to the ISV Jack's on Saturday night, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., September 24. Bring the family and show the kids what it was like back in your good old days, when gas was 20 cents a gallon, hamburgers were a dime, and cars were made out of steel instead of plastic.

Accolades

Many thanks to ISV residents Robert and Donna Grant of Foxfire Circle for their work on the entry columns on their street. Robert, who is a homebuilder by profession, used his time, energy and resources repairing the partially destroyed wall at the entrance to Foxfire Circle, just to have it torn down within hours by vandals. Not to be deterred, he immediately repaired the wall again. Thanks to the Grants for being so neighborly.

North Shelby Athletic Association General Public Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 1994
7:00 p.m.

Oak Mountain Middle School
Discussion of future plans for the Association