

# The Village Voice

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, November 15, 1994  
7:00 p.m.

### Agenda

Speaker: Kim Price, Editor  
*The Shelby County Reporter*  
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 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

If you haven't already heard, I am happy to report the results of the election for the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical Rescue District Board of Trustees. Incumbent Charles Waldrop easily out distanced his challenger Gary Wesler, garnering 3,968 votes to 2,264. In what must be considered an upset of well-known incumbent Larry Dillard, Jim Wyatt prevailed, with 3,302 votes to Dillard's 2,917. Wyatt had resounding victories in both the Indian Springs and Meadowbrook boxes, despite the fact that for a short period in the morning, the fire district voting was suspended because of a lack of ballots at Meadowbrook. No doubt, had the appropriate number of ballots been available, Jim Wyatt's margin of victory would have been much wider.

Congratulations to the candidates, and to those who worked diligently to ensure their election. I believe that we can all rest easier knowing that the Board of Trustees is made up of individuals who are interested in preserving the fire district, and thus continuing to ensure that we are provided with the excellent fire and emergency services to which we have grown accustomed.

Basic questions concerning duplication of services provided in newly annexed areas remain to be addressed. The simple solution to the problem is that when territory within the fire district is annexed by a surrounding municipality, the municipality need not duplicate these fire and emergency services. The municipality can contract for the continued performance of these services by the fire district. The municipality need not incur the unnecessary expense of building facilities, staffing personnel, or providing equipment, as these needs have already been met by the fire district. This solution would provide for the financial stability of the district and eliminate the unnecessary duplication of services. Any other proposal that would effect this end should also be considered.

Hopefully, the new board will be able to open a meaningful dialogue with all parties involved, and an amicable, satisfactory resolution will be reached. The results of this election should greatly facilitate that endeavor. The citizens throughout the fire district have sent a clear message that the stability of the fire district shall not be undermined by outside influences. It is this citizen involvement that has repeatedly served to protect our local community interests.

Congratulations to the citizens of the fire district upon exercising their right to elect quality trustees to the board. Again, congratulations to Charles Waldrop on his re-election and to Jim Wyatt as the newly elected member of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical Rescue District Board of Trustees. May the force be with you.

I would like to congratulate the T.L.C. board and committees for a job well. I would specifically like to thank Ginny Lusk, Virginia Rancont, Onnie Dickerson, and Patricia Crapet for going the extra mile to ensure that the project was a success. I hope to see everyone at Indian Springs School for the tree planting demonstration and sale on December 3.

# Babysitters Club Directory

Updated copies of the ISV Babysitter's Directory are available upon request by ISV residents. The directory has proven to be an integral part of many of ISV's busy parents' schedules. Call Councilwoman Patricia Crapet's voice mail, 802-2753, to request your free copy.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Alex and Debbie Costas of McGuire Road on the birth of their first child, a son, Charles Alexander, on September 30. Baby Alex bounced into Brookwood Hospital at six pounds and ten ounces.

## OMIS Groundbreaking

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

On Tuesday, October 25th, the Shelby County Board of Education held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Oak Mountain Intermediate School. Mayor Hub Harrington and I attended the ceremony, along with many other parents of students who will be attending the new school in the future. Participating in the groundbreaking was Superintendent of Education Dr. Norma Rogers and several members of the Board. The student population was represented by class presidents of the third and fourth grades from Inverness and Oak Mountain Elementary schools. These children, who had a "cool" time breaking some ground of their own for reporters, will be members of the first classes of fourth and fifth graders to attend the school when it opens in the fall of 1995.

## OMES Blue Ribbon Ceremony

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

A very proud Oak Mountain Elementary School held a recognition celebration on Friday, October 28th to commemorate their status as a Blue Ribbon School. OMES was one of only six Alabama schools selected by the United States Department of Education as premier schools excelling in the following areas: leadership, teaching environment, curriculum and instruction, student environment, parent and community support, student achievement, and organization vitality. Of the over 85,000 elementary schools in the country, just 276 schools have been chosen nationwide for this outstanding award.

Principal Evelyn Blake, teacher Judy Weismann, and Board of Education member Cindy Forrester were honored by President Bill Clinton at a White House ceremony in Washington, D.C., on October 7th, where they were presented with a flag which proclaims OMES's status as a national school of excellence.

# T.L.C. Goes for the Green

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

## *Nurseries Participate in Recovery Efforts*

The Tree and Landscaping Co-operative, Inc. (T.L.C.) is fulfilling its commitment to ISV residents to assist in the "re-greening" of our town. Enclosed in this month's issue of *The Village Voice* is an insert which guarantees ISV residents discounts of up to 25% for a limited time at certain local nurseries on plants, shrubs, trees, and other selected items. As stated on the insert, you must be a resident of ISV and you must present the coupon in order to qualify for the discount. Please support this effort by shopping with these merchants and letting them know that their participation is appreciated.

## *Tree Planting Day Scheduled*

The T.L.C. has ordered 2,000 seedling trees for sale and distribution on December 3, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. on the campus of Indian Springs School. The trees, which will range from three to five feet in height, are Shumard oak, redbud, and Virginia pines. There will be a nominal fee of \$1 for each tree, which is just to offset the cost of the trees and shipping. The oaks are very hearty by nature and are one of the most colorful varieties in the fall. The Virginia pines are low-growing Christmas-tree style trees and are excellent for use in screening for privacy.

Along with the tree sale will be a tree planting demonstration by Larry Quick of the Auburn University Extension Center. Mr. Quick, who has been a close consultant of the T.L.C. since the Palm Sunday tornado, is looking forward to helping the town in its restoration efforts by teaching proper planting procedures for our trees and shrubs and answering questions. Indian Springs School has graciously volunteered to host this tree planting demonstration and distribution day for the citizens of Indian Springs Village.

## *Plant and Tree Give-away*

T.L.C. Board member Ginny Lusk has offered to share some of her many trees and shrubs from her home at 131 Auburn Road. Ginny has various small shrubs as well as chinaberry, redbud, and catalpa seedlings that she will share with needy villagers. Please call 988-0299 after a good rain and Ginny will be happy to dig in the dirt for you. In the meantime, if any other villagers who have large tracts of land or who know of anyone who would like to host a plant dig, either in or outside of ISV, please call Ginny for scheduling.

# Tree and Landscaping Co-operative, Inc.

## *The Re-Greening of Indian Springs Village*

As promised, the Tree and Landscaping Cooperative, Incorporated (T.L.C.) proudly presents the citizens of Indian Springs Village with some much-needed and long-awaited discounts from several local nurseries. In this effort to assist in the "re-greening" of Indian Springs Village and help expedite recovery from the Palm Sunday tornado, these nurseries have enthusiastically agreed to extend special discounts during the fall and winter planting season to citizens of ISV.

In order to qualify for these discounts, you must present the coupon below when purchasing items from the merchants listed on the coupon. **PLEASE KEEP THE COUPON!** Do not turn the coupon in at any nursery. Do not lose the coupon. There will not be any extra coupons distributed. This coupon is **NOT** to be reproduced, expires February 28, 1995 and is **NOT** transferrable to any persons who reside outside the town limits of Indian Springs Village.

The Bearer of this coupon is a citizen of

### **The Town of Indian Springs Village**

and is entitled to the following discounts on plants, shrubs, trees, and selected merchandise at the vendors listed below.

Dobbs Garden Outlet	3195 Cahaba Valley Road	25% off
Myers Nursery	2935 Highway 31, South	25% off
Wayside Nursery	2247 Pelham Parkway	25% off

This coupon expires February 28, 1995

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Identification may be required.  
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# Town Council Highlights

October 18, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The weather was terrific, and for the fourth time in as many years, townspeople feasted on birthday cake to celebrate the fourth birthday of the Town of Indian Springs Village. The Founder's Day Celebration began at 6:00 p.m. at the barbecue pit built by ISV volunteers on the campus of Indian Springs School. After a great meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts, and all the trimmings, Mayor Hub Harrington called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley.

Several special guests and long-time supporters of ISV were on hand to wish the town well: Probate Judge Tommy Snowden, Sheriff James Jones, Shelby County Commissioners Don Armstrong and Lindsey Allison, NSFD Fire Chief Winston Boutwell, as well as candidates for state Senate, Bill Armistead and Walter Owens, and candidates for NSFD trusteeship, Charles Waldrop and Jim Wyatt.

Sheriff Jones announced that the Shelby County Sheriff's Department has been allocated enough revenue by the Shelby County Commission for ten new deputies and cars. Sheriff Jones attributed much of this support by the commission to our two commissioners, Don Armstrong and Lindsey Allison. Sheriff Jones also announced that due to this support a new permanent sheriff's station will soon be located in North Shelby County, possibly at Highway 119 and Highway 280.

The town council unanimously adopted the budget as it was published in the October issue of *The Village Voice*. The budget estimates that ISV will be "in the black" at the end of fiscal year 1995 by approximately \$37,000.

The town council took the recommendation of the ISV Planning and Zoning Board and did not allow the rezoning of six acres on Caldwell Mill Road from O & I, office and light industrial, to R-T, residential townhomes. The council vote was 5 against the rezoning with one abstention by Councilwoman Patricia Crapet.

In the spirit of Founder's Day, Mayor Harrington introduced a petition for annexation of contiguous property owned by Melba Richardson of 145 Cherokee Trail. The rules were suspended unanimously so as to allow for a vote on the petition, which also passed unanimously.

Councilman Ron Luster reported having met with Gary Ray of the State of Alabama Highway Department. Mr. Ray discussed the status of Highway 119 over the next 10 years. Highway 119 from I-65 to Highway 31 is scheduled to be widened within the next two years. Turn lanes at the county roads, subdivisions, Highway 14, and the schools on Highway 119 are on the drawing board for within the next year. Proposed for the highway department's five to ten year program is the widening of Highway 119 to five lanes. The first segment to be five-laned will come from Highway 280 toward I-65 for approximately two miles. Next will be the remainder of Highway 119, depending upon traffic flow in the coming years.

## Here We "Grow" Again

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Indian Springs Village is growing again. At the September council meeting, 35 property owners were accepted into the town by their petitions for annexation of their contiguous properties. These property owners, who were not sought out by Indian Springs Village for annexation, worked diligently on their own to acquire the necessary signatures and do the required paperwork for petitioning the town.

These newest citizens of Indian Springs Village are from the following areas: **Valley View Road**, Rick and Linda Benson; **Miller Circle**, Sidney and Kathleen Atchison, John and Rena Hauser, Patrick and Judith Chitwood, Harold and Linda Gilkerson, and Janet Newton; **Indian Forest Trail**, Robert Goodworth, Van and Mary Sue McClurkin, James and Frances Dow, Winston and Jackie Frederick, Herman and JoAnne Yarbrough, Jerry and Constance Shivers, Gary and Kathy Moon, Winonah Hay, Douglas and Linda Holland, John and Shirley Ward, John Michael and Elizabeth Alosi, William and Betty Ponder, William and Jane Dow, David and Jo Roy Donaldson; **New Hope Mountain Road**, Jack and Susan Carter, Barry and Janice Dyer, William and Linda Lewis, Michael and Jenette Rafetto, Robert and Nell Jacks, Brian and Linda Loper, George and Nancy Edwards, Norman and Shirley Church, Gary and Elaine Evans, Samuel and Margaret Chesnut, Dwight and Rosalind Griffin, Joseph and Anita Marino, Phillip and Toni Calma, Thomas and Linda Kimbrough, and Alan and Carolyn Lafourcade.

The officials and the citizens of the Town of Indian Springs Village sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and interest shown for our town as evidenced by the monthly annexation requests received by ISV from surrounding neighbors. This display of confidence in our community, its many volunteers and public officials serves to continue to boost community spirit and helps to maintain the quality of life that exists in our neighborhoods.

# October Litter Walk Rained Out

By Councilman Art Johnson

Heavy rains and lightning between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. on October 22 caused the October Adopt-a-Mile to be canceled. We will try again this month.

Litter and unsightly illegal signs appear to attract more of the same. One piece of paper or one sign appear to turn into mountains of paper and forests of signs if left unattended. To rid our town of this unsightly clutter the first thing that must happen is for the citizens NOT to tolerate it. The second is that people who do litter should be fined. Please come forward and donate about an hour during November to help maintain the beauty of our community and end the unsightly clutter of road litter.

You can make a difference in your community. Help your town maintain its natural, litter-free atmosphere. Join us on Saturday, November 19, at 8:30 a.m. at the Mormon Church parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road. All you need to bring is a pair of work gloves.

## ISV Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

Two newly-annexed neighborhoods made significant contributions to the Indian Springs Village recycling success in October. The Homestead neighborhood contributed approximately a pickup load of aluminum cans, and numerous individual homeowners in the Indian Forest Trail area made their inaugural contributions.

On Wednesday, October 19, volunteers Gene Weingarten, Herb Robbins, Sharon Durbin, and Jackie and Art Johnson collected a record-setting 358 pounds of aluminum cans from dedicated recycling villagers. This will be hard to top in November, but ISV's environmental enthusiasts will give it a good try. The continuing success of ISV's recycling effort goes to every citizen who participates. A sincere thanks and welcome go to those new neighbors who have joined the crusade.

To recycle, please place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway opposite the normal BFI garbage before 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16th. Please use white or clear plastic bags and the tops tied in a knot. Watch for recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrance to Homestead on Wednesday.

# REWARD

## \$1000

To be paid to any individual providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for, or engaged in, any acts of vandalism in the Town of Indian Springs Village.

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

## Miss America Gets Key to ISV

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

A beam of starshine visited Oak Mountain Middle School on Friday, October 14, 1994. A radiant Heather Whitestone, Shelby County's very own Miss America, came, saw, and conquered every heart as she spoke of the trials and tribulations of growing up hearing impaired.

Mayor Hub Harrington, Councilman Ron Luster, Town Clerks Paul Stephens and Jim Wyatt, and myself were there to present Heather with the first ever key to our town. The beautiful mahogany key, hand made by ISV sign maker and villager Sam Montalbano, had the signature deer engraved in the handle of the key. Goose bumps were on every person there as Heather walked into the gymnasium, as the crowd cheered and the OMMS band played a special arrangement of "There She Is, Miss America." Mayor Harrington's turning to me, saying, "...and she can't even hear this..." brought tears to my eyes, along with the revelation that I had never before comprehended what having this disability really meant.

After Heather reached the stage, her beauty, though quite evident, was far from the most endearing of her qualities. The sincerity and enthusiasm with which she spoke was an inspiration to us all. The message she delivered to the student population of "Anything is possible. You CAN do it. Don't let anyone discourage you from your dreams" was received loud and clear by everyone in attendance. At the end of the program, the OMMS choir sang an original composition written for Heather by music director called "Catch a Rising Star."

Miss America, Heather Whitestone, a rising star in her own right, leaves a shining example for all to follow.