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DIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
OWN COUNCIL MEETING
Indian Springs School Building Hall
Tuesday, December 20, 1994
7:00 p.m.
Agenda:
Mayor's Report
Reports
Ordinances and Resolutions
Citizen's Matter
Christmas Celebrations

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Mayor Hub Harrington

'Tis the Season for Caring: ISV Plays Santa to Needy Children

During this holiday season, those of us who have been fortunate enough to receive the blessings of prosperity hopefully will take a few moments from our busy schedules and reflect upon our good fortune. In so doing, we must remember that there are so many whose circumstances turn what should be a joyous season into one of hopelessness and despair because of the inability to fulfill the wishes and dreams of their children. Those of us who live in beautiful Indian Springs Village have a tendency to take for granted our lifestyle and the material benefits to which we have become accustomed. We often must struggle to keep these secular trappings from consuming the true spirit of this season.

So that in some small measure our community might maintain its focus on the spirit of giving, we have been in contact with the counselors of Oak Mountain Elementary School who have provided us with the names of several families in dire need of assistance. In one family, there are seven small children who have prepared their Santa wish list with the innocence and expectation that dreams do come true, especially in the season of miracles. Several of these children asked Santa for items not necessarily associated with Christmas, such as food and a warm coat. In resolving to help these families during this Christmas season, our awareness has been heightened, and we are establishing a system whereby Indian Springs Village can become a source of year-round assistance to our neighbors. We have established the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund for which year-round donations will be accepted. We hope that this fund will create a source of financial assistance and establish a network that will serve to meet the needs of children who attend the schools in our town and who are friends with our children. Because of the diverse nature of the community served by the Oak Mountain schools, the children come from a wide range of social and economic backgrounds. While this is not readily apparent to those of us in Indian Springs Village, the counselors and teachers at the schools are acutely aware of the serious needs of many children in our area. We intend to make a difference, not only during this Christmas season, but for the future. Your donations will be an investment in a child who otherwise would not have the chances for happiness that our own children so fortunately experience on a daily basis.

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 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 bring 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 January, 1994 edition should be submitted by Tuesday noon, January 3rd. 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.

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When you come to celebrate the season at our annual ISV Christmas Party at the December 20th Council meeting, please bring your cash donations made payable to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund. Those who will not be able to attend the party, or who would prefer to remain anonymous, please mail your donations to Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, Indian Springs Village, Alabama, 35124. We are also in need of canned goods and other non-perishable food-stuffs. Any donations of this type will be graciously accepted. As with every ISV project, all of the work performed will be done on a volunteer basis. No administrative fees or other costs will prevent even one penny of your donation from reaching the children that it is intended to benefit.

To implement our plan for Christmas, the K-Mart at Inverness Corners has graciously offered to provide ISV with a 10% discount on purchases. Since the town is tax exempt, when the sales tax savings is added to the discount offered by K-Mart, a 19% discount will be realized on all ISV Christmas purchases. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Inverness K-Mart and Manager, Mr. Robert Long, for participating in this program. It is now up to you, the citizens of Indian Springs Village, to make dreams become a reality. I know that if you will open your hearts for these children you will be rewarded with a blessing that comes only from unselfish, unrequited giving.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, tornado-free New Year. I look forward to seeing you at our December meeting for our annual holiday gathering, and a dose of Nora Boyett's famous ISV cookies.

Thanks!

A big thank you goes to Mrs. Willie Lagle for her donation to *The Village Voice*. As you know, our newsletter is subsidized entirely by donations from citizens of ISV and from the aluminum can recycling efforts of ISV residents and volunteers. Everyone's efforts and donations are always greatly appreciated.

F.Y.I. : Save on Taxes

Since Indian Springs Village does not charge sales taxes, any items that are delivered to your home from any merchant should be subject only to 6% sales tax. This includes such big ticket items as furniture, appliances, and building materials. To save up to 3% on your purchase, inform the merchant that there are no city sales taxes in your area.

T.L.C. for ISV Fulfills Pledge

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Tree Sale and Distribution a Success

Neither rain nor the SEC Championship football game could daunt the Tree and Landscaping Co-operative for Indian Springs Village from distributing over 1,000 trees to residents of ISV and to Indian Springs School. On Saturday, December 3rd, under raincoats, ponchos, and umbrellas galore, crowds of villagers "stormed" Indian Springs School to purchase seedling trees which the T.L.C. had arranged to provide to the citizens in an effort to assist in the re-greening of Indian Springs Village.

Lee Laechelt, of the Alabama Forestry Service, was on hand for a tree planting demonstration as well as to answer any questions villagers had about the varieties of trees that were available for purchase. The bare-root trees, ranging from one to five feet in height, were available for \$1, with several varieties offered, such as Shumard oak, white oak, redbud, loblolly pine, red maple, bald cypress, and dogwoods. T.L.C. Board members Onnie Dickerson, Ginny Lusk, and Patricia Crapet assisted in the distribution efforts, with Joseph Crapet as cashier.

There have been several calls since the sale from citizens who were unable to attend but wanted to purchase left-over trees. Unfortunately, since the trees were bare-root seedlings, timing for planting was critical (within 24 to 48 hours) and any trees not purchased were donated to Indian Springs School for immediate planting. Tree planting season runs through February, and if there is enough demand, the T.L.C. will consider another tree sale after the first of the year. The T.L.C. wishes to thank Mr. Norman Kennessey, Manager of Winn-Dixie's Valleydale Marketplace, for providing plastic bags for villagers to put their seedlings in. A big thanks also to all those who participated in the T.L.C.'s first program for their help and support.

Plant and Tree Give-away

T.L.C. Board member Ginny Lusk still has several varieties of seedling trees and small shrubs to give away. Ginny has various small shrubs as well as chinaberry, redbud, and catalpa seedlings that she is willing to share with villagers who need them. Please call 988-0299, preferably after a good rain so that the ground is soft, and Ginny will be happy to dig them up for you.

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Town Council Highlights

November 15, 1994

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on November 15, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington was absent, but was suffering from laryngitis. The meeting was called to order and moderated by Councilman Ron Johnson. Other council members in attendance were Patricia Crapet and Art Johnson.

Councilman Luster introduced a petition for annexation of the contiguous property of Sal Maniscalco on Smokee Trail. The rules were suspended to allow for a vote on the petition, which passed unanimously.

Councilman Luster announced that a status report on ISV's roadways will be ready soon. The roads are being checked for any needed maintenance, repairs or improvements that are necessary.

Ho Ho Ho, Here We Go

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Christmas elves have once again been in touch with *The Village Voice* to confirm their yearly visit to the village to check for outstanding Christmas decorations. The elves have made their preliminary inspection and report that the Christmas spirit in ISV is running even higher than usual. There seem to be even more decorations this year than ever before. Extra space will be given to the elves this year to mention as many of the village's "best decked" homes as possible.

Sign Ordinance Reminder

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Please remember that Indian Springs Village has a sign ordinance which prohibits signage along roadways, on trees and telephone poles, and at street corners. Political and real estate signs are allowed on properties only by the permission of individual property owners, and never in the right-of-way of the public road. Open house directional signs are allowed on weekends. Please inform your realtor that signage placed illegally will be removed by our sign removal crew.

T.L.C. Coupon Update

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Please add The Garden Shop to the list of participating nurseries on the T.L.C. discount coupon. The Garden Shop had agreed to be included on the coupon prior to publication, but was deleted due to an error by the T.L.C. Board of Directors. Steve Hanna, owner of The Garden Shop, has graciously agreed to honor your coupons upon presentation at their nursery, which is located at 5485 Highway 280.

NSFD Trustees Sworn In

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

North Shelby Fire Station #3 was the site of the swearing in of newly-elected board of trustee members Charles Waldrop and Jim Wyatt. The two Indian Springs Village residents were sworn in by another ISV resident, Judge Patricia Smith, at the regular monthly meeting of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District in November. The meeting was attended by the families and friends of the trustees, as well as several NSFD firefighters. We congratulate these dedicated citizens for stepping forward to serve the North Shelby community.

No Hunting in the Village

It is not unusual to observe deer and other animals in our Village, but you should admire them for their beauty and head to your hunting club to shoot! Hunting rifles and other guns, as well as bow and arrows, present a lot of danger to our villagers and their pets. Please hunt only in legal hunting areas.

State Representatives Sworn In

The Honorables William Armistead, Mike Hill and Al Knight were sworn in to their respective offices on November 21, 1994. We extend congratulations to them and invite each one to share in the exercise of government at our town meetings.

Christmas Cheer Is Served!

Holiday refreshments will be served at the December 20th Town Council Meeting. Come enjoy the best secret recipes of ISV's famed dessert chefs! Join your neighbors for a cup of cheer to celebrate the season.

Christmas Beautification Week

By Councilman Art Johnson

The Saturday following the town council meeting falls on Christmas Eve, so instead of the normal litter walk, I am asking every household in the village to take a few minutes during the next week and remove any litter that is on your property. Let's take pride in spotlighting our beautiful community during the Christmas season by not having any unsightly litter spoil our town's natural beauty.

In November Alleta Lowe and Jean Owens stepped forward and volunteered to remove litter from Indian Crest Drive. Hubert Joiner and Art Johnson helped remove the unsightly clutter of road litter along Cahaba Valley Road. The efforts of these dedicated villagers really made a difference in the appearance of our community.

ISV Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

ISV recycling continued on track during November. We are continuing to pick up new households throughout the community. For example, there was a very large pickup at homes in the newly-annexed New Hope Mountain Road area. Thank you for participating in the ISV Recycling Program and helping your town and the environment.

On Wednesday, November 16, volunteers Gene Weingarten, Herb Robbins, John Hauser, and Jackie and Art Johnson collected 250 pounds of aluminum cans from village recyclers. If you haven't started recycling, please consider making a New Year's resolution to do so. ISV's Recycling Program is a community project and our sincere thanks go to those neighbors who have joined the crusade.

To recycle, please place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway opposite the normal BFI garbage before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21. Please use white or clear plastic bags with the tops tied in a knot. Watch for our recycling reminders posted on Wednesday at the entrance to Homestead and on the Adopt-A-Mile signs on Highway 119 and Indian Crest Drive.

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.

Trends in Recycling

WasteWise: Reducing, Recycling, and Reusing

The Environmental Protection Agency has a new voluntary WasteWise recycling program. Throughout the program, companies commit to take action in preventing waste, collecting materials for recycling, and increasing the purchase or manufacture of recycled products.

New York City Exhibit Showcases Recycled Products

At the New York City Fashion Institute of Technology an exhibition showcasing products made from recycled articles indicates recycling is at a crossroads. Many of the products on display are more political statements than real merchandise. The show seems to suggest "If you make it, they will buy it." The show is full of concept pieces such as a rubber trench coat with spark plug fasteners (which weighs as much as a couple of tires) and a suitcase made from gasoline cans. These products have two things in common: they aren't pretty, and they don't really work.

As recycling graduates from do-gooder gestures to a profitable business, it enters a new phase. The exhibit demonstrates that it is savvy manufacturers who are pointing the way toward what is possible. They are making goods that, like diet food, look and taste like the real thing. With this success, an initial glut of recycled material is now turning into a valuable commodity. Office waste paper that sold for \$15 a ton a little over a year ago, now goes for about \$85 a ton.

Free Material on Recycled Products

The American Plastics Council offers *Shop Recycled!*, a free guide to buying more than 200 recycled plastic products including lawn and garden furniture, toys, office supplies, and clothing. For a copy, call 1-800-2-HELP-90.