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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, April 18, 1995 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
2. Ordinances and Resolutions
3. 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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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE SECOND ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 15, 1995

11:00 a.m.

(Rain date: Easter Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m.)



Luster's Field

(corner of Highway 119 and Indian Trail)

All children thru age 12
are invited to participate.

1000 stuffed Easter Eggs to be hidden!

(Bring your own basket.)

Two Grand Prizes of \$25

plus

Five \$10 prizes

plus a variety of other prizes and grab bags!

Bring a lawn chair and a picnic lunch!

The Easter Bunny Is A-Comin'

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

As you noticed on the front page of this month's newsletter, it is time for our annual Easter gathering. Last year's event came on the heels of the Palm Sunday tornado and afforded a happy time for the children as well as the adults who attended.

Please make plans to attend this year, as we have even more prizes and goodies than last year. All children through the age of 12 are welcome to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. There are money prizes for the children, radios, stuffed animals, and tons of other Easter toys. As last year, the festivities will be held at Luster's Field on Highway 119 at the corner of Indian Trail. Plan to celebrate by bringing a blanket and a picnic lunch to enjoy afterward while you socialize with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Help Wanted!

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Now is the time for all good community members to come to the aid of their fellow villagers. The Indian Springs Village Pothole Crew wants and needs you.

The four-man crew has had a couple of recent setbacks in the health department. Town Clerk and original crew member Paul Stephens is recovering from unexpected open-heart bypass surgery. Crew member Bart Trammell is likewise recovering from surgery for back problems.

The famous (or should I say infamous) Pothole Crew does most of the odd jobs in the town. Besides filling potholes, which is just a small part of the job, the crew has been known to check out drainage problems, socialize, build barbecue pits, socialize, haul off a few deceased animals, socialize, clear storm damage, socialize, renovate a 90-year-old house, and whatever else allows them to socialize with fellow villagers and each other. No experience is necessary, except that you must know how to socialize. To apply for the position, please contact Jim Wyatt at 988-0327. The pay is severely lacking, but the rewards (and the socializing) are great. Besides, what else do you have to do this summer?

ISV Home Goes Commercial

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

One of the loveliest homes in the village has gone commercial. The commercial activity crept into ISV and wound its way up Valley View Road during the wee hours of a crisp fall Saturday morning last October. What seemed like an army of men, women, trucks, trailers, and equipment began setting up their covert operation while the village was still shrouded in darkness. Accompanying the crew were two sheriff's cars and a school bus.

Slowly, waking villagers began pouring out onto the street to ponder what all the activity was about at the home of Roy, Patty, Tim and Todd Connell, 145 Valley View Road. The lovely white country home with its wrap-around porch and green roof was abuzz with busy people, much like a hive with bees. At one point the street was completely blocked and drivers were told to find another route to their prospective destinations. What could cause so much commotion in our small bedroom community? Commercialism!

Vasda Studios, a Birmingham-based production company, was making a new commercial for First Alabama Bank. The Connells' home was "just perfect" for the part, according to studio executives. The commercial was to be part of a new ad campaign by the bank. The hubbub lasted until mid-afternoon, when the last of the equipment was packed away.

The commercial first began airing last month. The "perfect" home, complete with its perfect family of mom, dad, two children catching the school bus, and a golden retriever running in the yard, looks fabulous. Next time you see a First Alabama Bank commercial on television, pay close attention, because ISV has gone commercial. Who knows? Commercials today, maybe feature films from Hollywood tomorrow!

ISV Resident in Art Show

Deborah Gibson of Foxfire Circle would like to extend an invitation to all villagers to view her artwork at the 1995 Spring Art Show for the Mountain Brook Art Association. The show will be on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Crestline School. Deb is a professional photographer and water colorist.

Town Council Highlights

March 21, 1995

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on March 21, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall of Indian Springs Village. In the absence of Mayor Hub Harrington, who was celebrating a 10th wedding anniversary with wife, Kathryn, Councilwoman Patricia Crapet presided over the meeting. Council members Ron Luster, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley were present.

In the absence of Town Clerk Paul Stephens there was no official financial report given. Councilwoman Crapet announced that there was approximately \$25,000 in the general fund and \$26,000 in the road fund.

Councilman Ron Luster reported on the highway department's efforts to widen the shoulders of Highway 119. The process is currently ongoing, with chert being added and packed along the sides of the road.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported on the progress of the renovations of the McClellan property recently purchased by the town. The cleanup of the grounds is proceeding. An old storm cellar has been demolished, along with an old storage barn, and storm debris from a year ago has been burned. A wall inside the house was removed to create a council chambers that will accommodate approximately 50 people. When the paneling and sheetrock was removed, beautifully preserved original wooden walls and ceilings were found. A committee to be in charge of the renovations will be appointed by Mayor Harrington at the next meeting.

Onnie Dickerson, chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, brought a recommendation from the board to the council to allow for the subdivision of the Dill property on Star Trek Drive. The Dill property is the only property on Star Trek that is in ISV. The covenants and restrictions for their Indian Crest Estates neighborhood had expired, and all neighbors had signed a petition allowing the subdivision of several parcels on the street. The Shelby County Planning and Zoning Board has already allowed the subdivision of the parcels that lie in its jurisdiction. The council voted unanimously to allow the division of 1.2 acres from the Dills' original parcel. Any parcels so divided must be no less than one acre.

Patty Weems of Indian Trail brought petitions signed by all residents of Indian Trail asking the council for road signs to be erected denoting a speed limit of 30 mph maximum as well as no outlet, children playing, or dead end signs. The

residents are consistently plagued by speeding vehicles. The council approved unanimously the purchase of the signs. Since Indian Trail is a county road, the county will have to give permission for the speed limit change. The council voted to allow the change, based on county approval.

ISV Newcomers

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Indian Springs Village extends a warm welcome to new resident and neighbor Terry Merryman of 5301 Mountain Park Drive. Does the name sound familiar? Well, it should. Terry is one of the new co-anchors on the evening editions of Channel 13 News.

Leaving Mountain Park Drive are Virginia Rancont and Emily McAdory, who are relocating to their new home in Greystone. Staunch supporters of ISV from the beginning, Virginia and Emily are certainly not departing without having left their mark on the town. As an original member of the ISV Environmental Committee, Virginia was the founder of the ISV Adopt-a-Mile program. She and Emily participated in litter walks for four years. Virginia was also a member of the T.L.C. for ISV Committee, helping forge the efforts to re-green ISV following the Palm Sunday tornado last year. Emily was one of the original couriers for *The Village Voice*, delivering Skyline Circle and the Mountain Park neighborhood for four years. The volunteer efforts of these two ladies will be sorely missed.

Dr. Norma Rogers Vies for State Superintendent Position

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Current Superintendent of Shelby County Schools and ISV resident Dr. Norma Rogers is currently being considered for the position of State of Alabama Superintendent of Schools. Her term as Shelby County Superintendent expires in June.

There are 47 candidates for the state position. Thirty-eight candidates are from other states such as California, Colorado, Louisiana, Florida, and New York. Dr. Rogers is one of only nine candidates from within the state of Alabama who are vying for the job. The selection process by the state board could possibly take as long as a year.

Dr. Rogers has served Shelby county's educational community for over 25 years in the capacities of teacher, principal, and superintendent. Her qualifications certainly rival that of any of the other candidates for the state position. We wish her luck in this endeavor and all others.

ISV Aluminum Can Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

Wednesday, April 19, is the next date for aluminum can recycling collection. Please place bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:30 p.m., opposite the normal Waste-Away garbage pickup. For easy identification, please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied in a knot. Recycled plastic grocery bags are also excellent for your smaller loads.

On March 22, ISV vehicles manned by Sharon Durbin, Jackie Johnson, Gene Weingarten, Art Johnson, and Margie and Herb Robbins collected 289 pounds of cans. A big "thank you" goes to Tom Oster of Willow Ridge Drive for his big load of cans. It seems that Tom was touting the efforts of ISVers to a friend who was all too happy to donate to the cause.

Currently, we only recycle aluminum cans, and do not accept steel cans, glass, or plastic bottles. Thank you for your cooperation.

The ISV Recycling Program funds our community newsletter, *The Village Voice*, and is a team effort. The primary reason for the program's success is the individual efforts of each of our "environmental superstars." The Mayor and the Town Council are very grateful for your individual collective efforts. Keep up the good work. You have done an amazing job.

Adopt-A-Mile Is April 22

By Councilman Art Johnson

The March litter walk was attended by three new Adopt-a-Milers with a strong sense of community involvement. They are Cheryl Rast, daughter Amy Rast, and Tom Adkinson. Welcome to the ISV litter walk crew. With the "experienced" help of Jim Boyett and Art Johnson, this small contingent had a *huge* impact on the litter along Highway 119, left by uncaring and unthinking motorists.

Don't let the litterbugs win. Your next opportunity to join the fight against the "evil litterbugs" will be Saturday, April 22, at 8:30 a.m.. The Adopt-a-Mile crew meets in the parking lot of the Mormon Church on Cahaba Valley Road. If you cannot attend, please take a few minutes during the upcoming week and remove any litter that is on your property.

Won't you help? All you need to bring is a pair of work gloves. I look forward to seeing you. Call me at 988-3217 if you have any questions.

Villagers Soon to Return

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Since the Palm Sunday tornado, it has been a long, hard year for many of us. The work associated with cleanup and restoration of our homes and properties has been tedious and stressful, as well as costly. But for two families, Charles and Danna Waldrop of Arrowhead Lane and Frank and Croce Cicio of Valley View Lane, the year has seemed endless. Their homes were completely destroyed by the twister, and the families have been displaced ever since.

We are all aware of what a hassle it was to hire contractors to replace our roofs and broken windows, and how hard we all had to work to clean up the natural debris on our properties. Nonetheless, the rest of us should count our lucky stars that at least we still had a roof over our heads, even though it might have been leaky, when we went to bed that Sunday night.

The homes of the Waldrop and Cicio families are now in the completion stages, with final touches being applied this week. In a few short days our exiled neighbors will return to ISV. It has been a long time coming and we wish them well.

Accolades

An appreciative "thank you" goes to Roy Connell and Bart Trammell for their consistent efforts to keep the entrance to Brookstone Estates and the first two blocks of Valley View Road litter-free and well-groomed. Roy is doing the job solo while Bart recovers from surgery.

The Village Voice welcomes new courier Lisa Bond of Mountain Park Circle. Lisa has volunteered to assume responsibility for the route previously delivered by Emily McAdory. Thank you, Lisa, for your willing assistance.

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.