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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, March 19, 1996 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Mayor/Council Committee Re-
ports

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 no charge by volunteer couriers.

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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE THIRD ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 6, 1996

11:00 a.m.

(Rain Date: Easter Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m.)

HAPPY EASTER



Luster's Field

(corner of Highway 119 and Indian Trail)

All children through age 12 are invited to participate.

2000 stuffed Easter Eggs to be hidden!

(Bring your own basket.)

Two Grand Prizes of \$25

Five \$10 Prizes

plus a variety of other prizes.

Bring a lawn chair and a picnic lunch!

Help Wanted!

By Bee Little

Since last year's ISV Easter Egg Hunt was so well attended, we have doubled the number of eggs to be hidden this year to 2000. This means, of course, that we have 2000 eggs that have to be stuffed with candy and toys. Volunteers are desperately needed! If you would like to volunteer for egg-stuffing, please meet at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19th and Thursday, March 21st. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Volunteers are also needed to help set up on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Bee Little at 985-9988 or Tricia Crapet's voice mail, 802-2753. We need your help to make this another successful ISV event. And remember, no experience necessary. We offer on-the-job training.

Keep Those Recipes Coming...

By Bee Little

We are still in the process of collecting original recipes for the future Indian Springs Village Cookbook. Don't miss the opportunity to have your favorite recipes included in your community's first published cookbook.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please call Bee Little at 985-9988. Send your recipes to: Bee Little, Village Cookbook, 867 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, 35124. All proceeds from the cookbook will go toward projects and improvements to the Town Hall and grounds.

A New Position For the Mayor

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Congratulations to Mayor Hub Harrington on his appointment to the Board of Trustees of the North Shelby County Library District. Hopefully, the needs of the far-western part of the district will now be heard and attended to with this appointment and the fact that Ruth Goodwyn has agreed to serve on the Friends of the NSC Library Board.

Mayor Harrington's has opened a new law office in Inverness at 22 Inverness Center Parkway, Suite 160, Birmingham, Alabama, 35242. The telephone number is 408-0048, or fax, 408-0041.

It's That Dog-Gone Time Again

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Spring has sprung and along with it has come the usual home-made "missing posters" on town trees and telephone poles announcing the unfortunate disappearance of family dogs. According to a recent Channel 6 report, several pure-bred dogs were reported to be missing in the Chelsea area. Many of these dogs were taken from fenced yards while still others have had their chains cut or stakes completely taken out of the ground.

The motive behind this type of "dog-napping" is usually to acquire animals to be sent to puppy mills where they will be used, and abused, in mass breeding programs. There is also speculation that some of these loving pets are sold to research facilities for experimentation, where a most unpleasant fate awaits them.

According to the report, the thefts have moved north and are currently being reported in Alabaster and Pelham, which are, of course, not too far from ISV.

Two years ago several of ISV's beloved pets were stolen from their own yards and, sadly, never seen again. If you value your four-legged family members, please make sure that they are as safe as possible, especially when they are at home alone. If you notice anything suspicious report it to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

Oak Mountain Elementary News

Registration for kindergarten students and students new to Oak Mountain Elementary will be Tuesday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 20, 1996. Kindergarten students must bring immunization forms, birth certificate, social security card, and proof of residence. For information, please call the school office at 980-3630.

The All Ages Spring Into Art Festival will be April 20, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be refreshments as well as 15 hands-on art activities and carnival games.

P.T.O. meets on April 29, 1996, at which time absentee ballots will be available for the vote on the school tax, which will not be on a separate ballot, but will be a part of the June Primary. Other items on the ballot will be the hospital tax and county commission election.

Town Council Highlights

February 20, 1996

by Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town of Indian Springs Village met at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hub Harrington presided, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Gary Dennis and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$609; ISV Children's Fund, \$350; aluminum can recycling, \$298; and road funds, \$748. Utility taxes from Alabama Power were \$39,143.16, and from Alabama Gas, \$10,460.89. Onnie Dickerson presented checks totaling \$565 for license fees for 1996 on businesses located in ISV. After a mortgage payment of \$15,000 on the Town Hall, and final installment of \$3,000 to Shelby County on the monitoring of Bishop Pelham Creek for the Federal Clean Water Act, the balance in the general fund was reported as approximately \$34,000 and the road fund balance was \$36,227.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that the annual audit of the town's books had been completed and that everything was in order per state requirements. The only thing cited by the auditor as being inappropriate was that a few checks had been signed by the two clerks instead by one clerk and one councilperson. This practice was apparently only in force for emergency purposes, and henceforth all checks will be properly signed by the appropriate parties.

The council voted unanimously to adopt the subdivision regulations that are currently in force in Shelby County. A committee is being set up to review the regulations and amend or change if necessary to fit the needs of Indian Springs Village. Members of the committee are Russ Allison, Onnie Dickerson, Robert Grant, Hub Harrington, and Art Johnson.

Councilman Gary Dennis has been in contact with an architectural firm in California that designs community playgrounds. The concept behind these designs is for the community to solicit donations of materials and funds for the project, with citizens supplying the free labor for the construction. Councilman Dennis saw one such project in Fairhope, Alabama, which is said to be very impressive. More details will be forthcoming.

Newcomers - New Neighbors

The Village Voice enjoys welcoming our new neighbors to Indian Springs Village. Members of our community are always eager to meet and greet newcomers to the town. Due to lack of phone numbers and information, it is difficult for your editor to contact our new residents unless you or a neighbor call. A notation on the front of our newsletter suggests that newcomer information can be submitted to Councilwoman Patricia Crapet (985-9205). You may also call me at 988-5417, as I would love to talk with new citizens of the town.

In Sympathy

The village extends sincere sympathy to the family of Fannie Matson McWilliams, age 88, who passed away at the home of her son, Thomas, Jr., on February 12, 1996. Though her home was most recently in Fairview Nursing Home, she had been with her son and daughter-in-law, Marion, for ten months. She was a native of Talladega County and had lived in Birmingham for 70 years. She is survived by one son, one grandson, Thomas, III, and one granddaughter, Leigh, of Birmingham.

Where Are the Children?

By Dr. Ruth Goodwyn

Lynn, youngest daughter of Warren and Lynn Andrews, 161 Pawnee Drive, is now working in New York as Personal Photographic Assistant to Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Eddie Adams, whose work has appeared many times in national publications such as *Life* magazine and on television. Lynn attended Auburn University and University of Alabama at Birmingham and expects to graduate from UAB the spring quarter. Daughter Elizabeth-Lee, a University of Alabama graduate, lives in Homewood where she is Corporate Personnel Assistant for Regions Financial Corporation, the holding company for First Alabama Bank. Elizabeth-Lee is presently taking courses through the American Institute of Banking and will be awarded a general banking degree in May. This fall she will begin work toward a master's degree in business administration.

Editor's Note

We all delight in the accomplishments of our village children and would like to share this information through *The Village Voice* by making this a regular feature of the newsletter. Please share this information by calling me at 988-5417 (or fax to the same number) or by putting the information in my mailbox at 1617 Indian Crest Drive.

ISV Recycling - March 20

By Councilman Art Johnson

On Wednesday, February 21, volunteers Margie and Herb Robbins, Sharon Durbin, Gene Weingarten, and Jackie and Art Johnson enjoyed the spring-like temperatures and collected 204 pounds of recyclable aluminum.

Americans consume 99 billion cool drinks in aluminum cans per year, according to the Aluminum Association, which represents the American aluminum industry. In 1994 aluminum cans recycled totaled 64.7 billion. That is a 65 percent recycling rate, or almost two out of three aluminum cans sold in the United States. This is up from 17 percent just 20 years ago.

Recycling programs such as ISV's reduce the amount of waste going to landfills, preserve natural resources, and save energy. For example, it takes 95 percent less energy to make a new aluminum can out of recycled aluminum products than it takes to make one out of bauxite ore.

You may already know the energy saved by recycling a single aluminum can is enough to light a 100-watt light bulb for 7 1/2 hours or run a television for three hours. You may not know that the energy savings in 1994 were enough to light a city as big as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for six years.

Finally, there is one more reason to recycle aluminum cans if you live in Indian Springs Village. The proceeds from the aluminum can recycling program go to help pay for the cost of publishing and printing *The Village Voice*.

To recycle, place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway, opposite the normal Waste Management collection, before 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday night, March 20th. Please remember to use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the tops tied with a knot. This enables our volunteers to clearly identify the recyclables from the garbage.

Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Indian Crest Drive, Highway 119, and at the entrances to Homestead.

Thanks, ISV, and keep up the good work!

March Litter Walk

By Councilman Art Johnson

The February Adopt-a-Mile was well attended by volunteers Tom Adkison, Cheryl Rast, Alleta Lowe, Jean Owens, Madeline Johnson, and Jim and Nora Boyett.

Special "thank you's" go to these volunteers, who are responsible for the success of the Adopt-a-Mile program. Tom Adkison made sure that the supplies and sign-in sheet were at the Town Hall on Saturday morning. In addition to cleaning up around the Town Hall, Nora Boyett baked fresh cookies and make coffee for volunteers to enjoy. Madeline Johnson, Alleta Lowe, and Jean Owens removed litter from Indian Crest Drive. Cheryl Rast, Jim Boyett, and Tom Adkison made a one mile stretch of Cahaba Valley Road cleaner, and therefore more beautiful for all villagers and passers-by. Olivia Weingarten provided delicious donuts for participants. I personally thank you all for your tireless efforts and dedication.

If you would like to help Indian Springs Village maintain its natural, litter-free atmosphere, you are invited to join us on Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting place is the Indian Springs Village Town Hall at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. All you need to bring is a pair of gloves.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help with the litter walk or refreshments, please call me at 988-3217.

Upcoming Events

By Councilman Art Johnson

Make plans to join thousands of Alabamians for the annual "Don't Drop It On Alabama" statewide Spring Clean-up which will be held April 20-27. Indian Springs Village will support this effort by participating in our Adopt-a-Mile program on April 20.

Take part in one of the nation's largest and most successful clean-up events. Join the official ISV clean-up crew, or recruit a neighbor and clean up one of your neighborhood streets between April 20 and 27th. Help insure that every street in the town is kept free of litter and blight.