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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Wednesday, May 16, 1995 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Norma Rogers
Superintendent, Shelby Co. Schools

Agenda

Mayor/Council Committee
Reports
Ordinances and Resolutions
Citizens' Forum

Editor's Notes

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Mayor Hub Harrington

As most of you are aware, the cities of Hoover and Birmingham both have proposed legislation that would allow the annexations of property located in North Shelby County that is not contiguous to the existing municipal boundaries. Birmingham is attempting to annex the Spain Park property on Valleydale Road and Hoover is attempting annexation of the Herdmont Farm property on Highway 119. If this legislation passes it will be the beginning of a movement that would create a municipal checkerboard throughout Shelby County.

Apparently aware of the detrimental effect that this type of random municipal expansion would have on Shelby County, Representative Al Knight and Senator Bill Armistead have both pledged to oppose this legislation. We must, nevertheless, contact the other legislators and voice our concern over these bills (see list on Page 3). We must also pay close attention to the legislative agenda and monitor the progress of this legislation. Hopefully, there will be none.

On the home front, literally, the renovations of our town hall are running smoothly. At least as smoothly as any shoe-string budget construction project can run. Under the watchful eye of committee chair and councilwoman Tricia Crapet, the electrical work and interior restoration is well underway. Other committee members include Robert Grant, Sherry McWilliams, Dorothy Carlisle, Bee Little, David Smelcer, Deb Wagner, and Sandy Luster. Jim Wyatt, Paul Stephens and the rest of the Pothole Crew are working on the grounds and other "outdoor facilities." Needless to say, volunteers are welcome as we are very short-handed. The renovation and restoration project will be ongoing for quite a while. There will be plenty to do for everyone. If you are interested in being a part of this most worthwhile project, please contact Tricia on her voice mail 802-2753 or Jim at 988-0327 and let them know of your willingness to help and in what capacity you wish to participate.

It is anticipated that the Sheriff's Department will be able to begin occupying their substation at our town hall by the end of the month. The Sheriff is anxious to get set up in their new, though quite modest, quarters, and we are looking forward to establishing an ongoing presence of law enforcement in the heart of our town. This arrangement looks to be most beneficial to us all and we thank Sheriff Jones for his continued support of our town and for the outstanding services provided to our citizenry.

Easter Egg Hunt a Big Success

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

If you have prizes, they will come! And come they did to the Second Annual Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt.

Throngs of eager children descended on Luster's Field in pursuit of colorful plastic eggs packed with candy, trinkets, prizes, and money. The search for eggs was over in a flash, with many smiling faces crowding around the prize table to see what had been won.

Top winners of the day, winning \$25 each, were **Rebecca Cagle** of Mountain Park Drive, and **Katie Dunlap** of Heatherwood Forest. Prizes of \$10 each were awarded to: **Ashley Anglin**, Woodfern Drive; **Sean Mullins**, Old Mill Cove; **Christy Joiner**, Old Town Circle; **Travis Richards**, Oakmont Terrace; **Abbey Baker**, Hollow Log Lane; **Jason Osterbuhr**, Willow Ridge Drive; **Austin Bond**, Mountain Park Drive; **Ben Friday**, Mountain Park Circle; **Wade Joiner**, Old Town Circle; and **Ross Prichard**, Signal Trail. **Mandy Murphy** of Hollow Log Lane and **James Weldon** of Cahaba Valley Road won mini boom-boxes, donated by **Gene Weingarten**.

Many thanks go to those who helped make Saturday such a special day for ISV's children. Without the help of our volunteers, events such as this one would not be possible. The tedious task of hand stuffing over 1000 eggs went to **Bee Little** and **Phyllis Templeton**. The Hoover office of **Johnson-Rast and Hays** donated the white stakes which **Gene Weingarten** used to divide the field into the various age groups. Helping with the efforts of hiding the eggs were **Bobbie Aultman**, **Tricia Crapet**, **Sandy Luster**, **Bee Little**, **Ruth Snow**, and **Olivia Weingarten**.

Special thanks to those who had the best, as well as the worst, job -- prize distribution. There were approximately 300 numbered prizes to give to the sometimes over-zealous children. This was mission was handily accomplished by a crew of experienced child managers: **Patty Weems**, **Dorothy Carlisle**, **Bee Little**, **Michael** and **Tricia Crapet**, and **Gene** and **Olivia Weingarten**.

Last, but not least, thanks to all of the families who participated in the event. We appreciate your attendance and look forward to seeing you next year.

A Fond Farewell

There was a mixture of joy and sadness as neighbors met at the home of Olivia Weingarten to wish a fond farewell to Joyce Wood, who is moving along with her husband, Tom, to Linkside at Greystone. Joining Olivia and Joyce were longtime friends and "walking buddies" Aletta Lowe, Marion McWilliams, Jean Owen, and Madeline Johnson. These ladies are a familiar sight to early morning villagers, having walked the streets of Brookstone together for several years.

Allan and Jamie Wood, son and daughter-in-law of Joyce and Tom, will live in the Wood's house on Indian Crest Drive with their four-year-old son, James Allan, and one-year-old daughter, Haden. The younger Wood family now lives in Homewood.

MORE Help Wanted!

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

For those of you who did not apply for positions on the Pothole Crew, (and there are *plenty* of you out there), do we have a job for you? You bet!

Now that our annual Easter function has come and gone, we are setting our sights on the next big ISV event. **The ISV Fifth Annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic Celebration** is just around the corner. For those of you who have attended this event in the past, you know that eight weeks is not much time to get this annual extravaganza organized. For those of you who have not attended our annual celebration, then you are in for a serious "good time."

Not only are ISVers extremely patriotic, but we know a thing or two about how to chow down! But there is a slight catch. We are in need of *mucho voluntarios!*

Feeding the multitudes takes a lot of work. Due to folks having moved and some who have been a bit under the weather, there are several committees that are very short-handed this year. We are particularly in need of experts in the field of "cuisine de barbeque todo noche", or cookin' th' meat all nite, as it is known in these parts.

If you want the experience of a lifetime, please call my voice mail 802-2753 and leave your name and number. If you can't cook, no sweat, we have plenty of other jobs for you.

Town Council Highlights

April 18, 1995

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on April 18, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Gary Dennis present.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens gave the financial report, stating that revenues for the month were: building permits, \$325; beer taxes, \$502; with the general fund balance being \$24,010. The road fund garnered revenues totaling \$684, leaving a balance of \$27,747.

There was a status report of the reimbursement by Federal Emergency Management Assessment (FEMA) for monies spent on debris cleanup from the tornado of one year ago. According to FEMA officials, ISV's application for reimbursement is in the auditing stage, as is that of most entities in Shelby County, including that of the county itself. This process is lengthy due to the governmental agency's having hired all new auditors in the middle of the application processing.

Citizens in attendance asked Mayor Hub Harrington to write a letter of support to the Shelby County Commission regarding their efforts in opposing an application to the City of Birmingham to allow a topless bar to move into a family-oriented shopping center near Inverness on Highway 280 (see copy of letter, p.3).

Councilman Gary Dennis is researching ordinances from other parts of the country that are environmentally restrictive and abate noise. The most thorough ordinance is from Mountain View, California, where a five-lane highway that cuts straight through the city is considered the most scenic in the country. The ordinance requires that there be layers of green belts between the highways and homes along these roadways. This helps prevent noise pollution to surrounding neighborhoods and provides visual attractiveness to those living in the area as well as those passing through. There is also a very strict sign ordinance attached. Councilman Dennis is hoping that there is some information in the ordinance to assist our town if and when Highway 119 has to be widened.

Mayor Voices Citizens Concern

A Letter to the Shelby County Commission

Dear Commissioner Leon Archer,

At our recent Town Council Meeting, many citizens voiced concerns over the proposal that is presently pending before the City of Birmingham to permit topless dancing in the Highway 280 corridor. I was asked by the citizens of Indian Springs Village to write to you on their behalf and voice their opposition to allowing this type of activity to be located in North Shelby County. Though it is understood that the ultimate jurisdiction with this matter rests with the City of Birmingham, I trust that you will make our position known to the appropriate authorities, and take immediate action to dissuade the City of Birmingham from permitting this unwanted encroachment into Shelby County.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,
Hub Harrington
Mayor

Note: Copies of the letter were sent to Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison and to Mayor Richard Arrington.

Contact Your Legislators!

(See Mayor's Message, Page 1.)

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ISV Aluminum Can Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

Mark your calendars! The next scheduled date for collection of recycled aluminum cans is Wednesday, May 17. For ease of identification, please place your bagged aluminum cans on the other side of your driveway from the normal Waste-Away garbage collection. Please use white, clear, or blue plastic bags and secure the top with a knot. The twist ties can easily slip off, thus spilling the cans.

On April 22 the three ISV vehicles operated by **Sharon Durbin, Jackie and Art Johnson, Margie and Herb Robbins, and Gene Weingarten** collected 238 pounds of cans.

Statistically, about 50% of all beverage cans come from recycled aluminum. Thanks to you, the many ISV recyclers, for your participation in the program. ISV recycling is a success!

Adopt-A-Mile Is April 22

By Councilman Art Johnson

With tornado and thunderstorm watches active early Saturday morning, our Adopt-a-Milers were watching the weather radar closely. However, the emergency sirens wailed shortly after 8:00 a.m. with radar showing a front approaching the ISV area. At that point the only question was when, not if, it would start to rain. I want to thank **Hubert Joiner** (who looks fully recovered from back surgery) and **Jim Boyett** for going the extra mile and cleaning up the litter along Highway 119 when the weather improved later in the week. Thanks also goes to **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** for cheerfully volunteering to take over one of our two miles, adopting the mile from the church to Bishop Lane.

The next litter walk is on Saturday, May 20, at 8:30 a.m. The Adopt-a-Mile crew meets in the parking lot of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 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 own property.

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

Accolades

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

A round of applause goes to **George Johnson** of 90 Valley View Road for assisting in the continuous cleanup efforts of Valley View Road and the entrance to Brookstone Estates. George has been mowing and cleaning both sides of the road by his home since he and wife Bertie moved to ISV.

Tattle-Tales

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Since the advent of "fast food alley" on Highway 119 between I-65 and Highway 31, Indian Springs Village has become a drop-off of sorts for fast food trash of all shapes, sizes, and varieties. Valley View Road seems to be a magnet as well, drawing this and other types of litter such as aluminum cans, bottles, and containers of differing varieties. Just this month, your ever-observant councilwoman spotted a Pelham Water Department truck depositing a Dr. Pepper can on this street. I knew without a doubt that the careless worker was not purposefully donating to our ISV Recycling Program. So, with car phone in hand the incident, complete with truck and tag number, was immediately reported to the Pelham Water Works, who seemed glad to have the information, promising to pass it on to the proper supervisors. I pointed out to the PWW that this is not the sort of image that they or the City of Pelham wishes to project.

This should also be true of our own neighborhoods. We should want to project a good image to those who pass through our town. Contrary to popular belief, the litter on our roadsides is not necessarily from "passers-through." Unfortunately, some of our own citizens trash their fellow neighbors' properties. Next time you or someone you know thinks of being a "Don't Bee," (as in Romper Room's "Don't be a litterbug"), whether here in ISV or elsewhere, think twice. It won't hurt for that trash to ride in your car for just a little longer so that it can be disposed of properly. Let's try to put our ISV Adopt-a-Mile crews out of business by being more litter-conscious.

REWARD \$1000

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