



The Village Voice

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Mayor Hub Harrington

As the current legislative session draws to a close, I am pleased to report that our Shelby County delegation, Representatives Al Knight and Mike Hill, and Senator Bill Armistead, successfully protected the interests of ISV and all who live in the North Shelby area. As many of you are aware, bills were presented in the legislature by the cities of Hoover and Birmingham requesting annexation of various properties located in our community. These properties are not contiguous to the respective cities, and the annexation bills would have created small pockets of North Shelby property which would then have become within the corporate limits of those cities.

As these and other related bills worked their way through the legislature, it was erroneously reported in the newspaper that the legislature had passed the bills regarding the North Shelby properties. In actuality, the bills that passed were related solely to properties in Jefferson County which are contiguous to the City of Hoover. Our legislative delegation had vowed to fight remote annexations of property in North Shelby County and successfully did so. Bill Armistead personally called me on several occasions to advise me on the progress of the bill and confirm his resolve to see that this type of annexation did not occur.

As a result of the good work of our Shelby County delegation, no progress was made on the bills which would have allowed Hoover to annex Herdmont Farms on Highway 119 and Birmingham to have annexed Spain Park. Nevertheless, the newspapers continued misreporting of the bill's passage generated much unnecessary alarm. Our legislators have requested that the newspaper do a retraction. Thanks to Bill, Al, and Mike for representing us well in Montgomery.

School is quickly approaching, and our contributions to the ISV Children's Fund are growing. I wish to particularly acknowledge a generous contribution from Great South Construction Company, which is owned by my neighbors, Nelson and Jane Bailey. Several other contributions have also been made. However, before we can adequately provide back-to-school clothing and supplies for needy children in our area, additional funds are sorely needed as we expand our effort to include the new Oak Mountain Intermediate School (OMIS).

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Principal Ricky Darby and the entire staff of the Oak Mountain Intermediate School and congratulate them on the opening of this beautiful new facility in our town. We are very proud of the accomplishments of the Oak Mountain schools, and know that the Intermediate School will carry on this tradition of excellence. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Darby and his staff and offer our assistance to them.

The development of OMIS has given rise to the opportunity for the creation of community athletic fields on the school property. Several residents who live in proximity to the school have expressed concern about the design and use of the fields and the impact that the development will have on their properties. Rest assured that all those involved with the project are making every effort to address these concerns, and, at the same time, provide much needed recreational facilities for the community. If there are any specific concerns that anyone wishes to express, please let me know and I will ensure that this information is forwarded to the proper parties.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, August 15, 1995 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

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.

Address letters to the editor and appropriate news articles to: Olivia Weingarten, Editor, 1617 Indian Springs Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124 (988-5417). Newcomer information should be reported to Patricia Crapet (985-9205).

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Thanks, *Shelby County Reporter*

The Village is indebted to the *Shelby County Reporter* for the bright green paper tubes with INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE printed on the side. A large number of people had tubes installed by the *Reporter*; others obtained theirs at Neil's Pharmacy, or had them delivered by your editor.

Paper tubes are a great convenience to *The Village Voice* couriers. They are still available. You may go by Neil's or call your editor (988-5417) while this promotion is going on.

Congratulations

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Congratulations are in order, not once, not twice, but three times for Gerald and Phyllis Templeton of Old Mill Court who were blessed on April 27 with triplets. The premature babies, two girls and a boy, were born at Brookwood Hospital after a 28-week pregnancy instead of the normal 40-week gestation.

Alexandra Hope (Alex) weighed 2 pounds, 4 ounces at birth and came home from the hospital on July 5th. Madison Kate (Maddie) weighed an even two pounds and may possibly be home by press time. Connor Brown was the heavy-weight of the group at 2 pounds, 11 ounces. Connor still has quite a lengthy hospital stay ahead of him, but his Dad says he's one tough little fighter. Each day brings a new milestone in Connor's life. Daily visits from Mom and Dad, along with excellent medical care, are slowly but surely putting Connor on the path home.

We congratulate the Templetons on the first ever set of triplets in the town. Most importantly, we are sincerely hopeful for the time when they can all be at home together in ISV as one **big**, happy family.

Special Olympian Wins Medals

Sue Ann DeBoer, member of Shelby County Unified Bowling Team, won Gold and Silver Medals at the 1995 Special Olympic World Games in West Haven, Connecticut. The medals came in bocce, an event similar to bowling. She competed with 7,100 athletes from more than 140 countries. Sue Ann's picture appeared on the front of *The Birmingham News*, the sports page of the *Shelby County Reporter*, and on Rick Karle's Channel 6 TV sports news. Congratulations from the Village!

Accolades

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

A great big "thank you" goes to Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison for lobbying the Shelby County Highway Department successfully for the paving of Indian Crest Drive. Indian Crest, also known as Shelby County Road 366, was not slated to be paved for quite some time. Since the road was in such bad condition, Commissioner Allison requested an inspection by Shelby County Engineer Randy Cole. Mr. Cole was happy to oblige after viewing the poor condition of the road. Commissioner Allison is also responsible for having had erosion-prevention measures taken by the county on Valley View Road, where previous torrential rains had eroded a drainage ditch so badly that main water lines were exposed. Keep up the good work, Commissioner Allison.

The grass is always greener on the other side, especially at the site of the future town hall. But who is responsible for cutting this grass? Townsfolk noticed that the grass was being cut regularly, but no one would own up to having done the good deed. It took some skillful detective work to spy Hubert Joiner atop his vintage red and gray Cub Cadet tractor getting the job done. Mr. Joiner has been personally responsible for cutting the grass at the town hall all summer. Not exactly the best way to beat the heat. Thank you, Mr. Joiner, for your contributions to our community.

Donations for the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund (ISVCF) have started coming in. A well deserved "thank you" to Patty Weems and Nelson and Jane Bailey's company, **Great South Construction**, for their generous donations to this worthwhile cause. We appreciate your willingness to help local children who are in need. Others who wish to contribute may bring your donations to the next council meeting or send them to Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, Alabama, 35124. Make your checks payable to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund.

The staff of the *The Village Voice* wishes to thank Robert and Regina Cross for their generous donation to our community newsletter. Since the only subsidy for the newsletter is through private donations and the proceeds from ISV aluminum can recycling, all donations are always appreciated.

Letter to the Editor

Greetings! Dr. Warth and I want to thank the Litter Walk crew on Indian Crest Drive. It is much appreciated, especially as we are physically unable to assist. Also the new green Village Voice mail box is an attractive addition. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Marylin Warth

Town Council Highlights

July 18, 1995

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on June 20, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with council members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, and Art Johnson present.

The minutes of June meeting were adopted as written.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$830; Birmingham Racing Commission, \$832; July 4th food proceeds, \$1638; tee-shirt sales, \$628; and road funds, \$792. The balance in the general fund is approximately \$19,700 and the balance in the road fund is \$30,264.

Mayor Hub Harrington reported that the Alabama Emergency Management Administration (AEMA) has requested additional documentation for the extra expenses occurred by the town from cleanup of storm damage from the Palm Sunday, 1994, tornado. These documents, which have now been sent to AEMA, must first be processed by the Montgomery agency before the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) can refund our expenses.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported that he has personally inspected Bishop Creek at checkpoints from Oak Mountain Lakes, where the creek originates, to Bishop Lane. The creek is clear at various points between these two sites until it passes the trailer park on Highway 119. Jim Hollins of the Alabama Department of Public Health has been contacted and stated that the matter will be looked into. The trailer park has been known to have been in violation of specific health ordinances in the past. Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison, who was attending the council meeting, suggested that residents along the creek, as well as town officials, write to either Mr. Hollins or the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) with complaints. Commissioner Allison stated that best results for quick action in such complaints are usually obtainable when ADEM can show that a substantial file has been established.

For the second month in a row, the subject of a proposed firearm ordinance has been discussed. Several complaints from residents in the Willow Ridge and Indian Crest areas regarding the random discharge of firearms by what appears to be teenagers has heightened concerns in these neighborhoods. The council will look into various firearm control

ordinances currently in use in other local municipalities. If any type of ordinance is to be proposed, it will first be published in *The Village Voice*, then discussed in full at a council meeting before a vote on the issue is held.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt introduced three petitions for annexation into the town. Jerry and Jeanette Minor of 2572 Willowbrook Circle, Joe and Patricia Vizzinia of 2475 Willowbrook Circle, and James and Sharon Smith of 4505 Valleydale Road are all contiguous to ISV's current town boundaries. The council waived the rules unanimously so as to allow for a vote on these petitions. The motion to adopt these petitions passed unanimously.

Scout Leader Cheryl Rast announced that there are several Boy Scouts who are seeking their Eagle Scout status. These scouts are in need of community service projects which will constitute 80 to 100 hours each to meet the requirements for Eagle Scout. The scouts have expressed an interest in helping the Town of Indian Springs Village by assisting in projects concerning the new Town Hall. Some suggestions were that the scouts could build picnic tables, prepare a tot-lot playground, help with landscaping, or even assist in working on the building itself by doing some painting and other needed chores. If any Boy Scouts are interested in helping with these efforts, please contact Cheryl Rast at 985-0730.

Welcome Home

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

You just can't keep folks away from Indian Springs Village. When they leave, they just can't wait to come back! Returning to the Village for a repeat, and hopefully permanent, stay are Michael and Joyce Zito, formerly of Valley View Road, and Robert (Bubba) and Sharon Byrd, formerly of Miller Circle. Both families moved from ISV within the last couple of years, but have found their way back home just like E. T. found his. The Zitons and the Byrds are now calling Cahaba Oaks home. Welcome back to the Village!

Chief Winston Boutwell Retires

The Heatherwood Country Club was the setting for the retiree party of North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District Chief Winston Boutwell. Friends, family, and co-workers of Chief Boutwell were on hand Sunday, July 16th, for the festivities. Chief Boutwell received many parting gifts and momentos, a favorite being a fishing rod and tackle. Chief Boutwell and wife Bobbie plan to continue to live in ISV, be active in community affairs, travel, and of course, go fishing.

Litter Walk Postponed

By Councilman Art Johnson

In one of her movies, Marilyn Monroe sang about "a tropical heat wave," and in the summer of 1995 the South has experienced one. Temperatures have risen daily into the mid 90's and above. Due to the extended heat wave, heat indexes above 100 degrees, and the health of our Adopt-a-Mile volunteers being paramount, the July 22 litter walk was canceled.

The August litter walk is also canceled. I am going to be out of town August 19 and most likely the heat wave will still be with us. Join us for the next litter walk in September. Please take a few minutes during the upcoming weeks and remove any litter that is on your property.

The participation in the litter walks has continued to decline. In order to continue our efforts to keep Indian Springs Village "clean and green" we are going to have to have more of your help (or community involvement). This has been a good and useful endeavor and I would hate to see it ended because of lack of interest. Please plan to be with us in September.

ISV Recycling Is July 19

By Councilman Art Johnson

July's 280 pounds were below last month's record of 398 pounds, but if a few more town residents recycled like the following residents we would surely set another record. Special thanks go to the Ottos on Wildwood Lane, the Duncans on Brookgreen Lane, the Mistralis on Willow Ridge Drive, the Joneses on Miller Circle, and the Allardes on Cahaba Valley Road for their generous contributions. They win our "top recyclers" award for July. Our volunteers on July 19 were Margie and Herb Robbins, Sharon Durbin, Gene Weingarten, and Jackie and Art Johnson.

Apparently there is some confusion about our collection dates. We have had one or two villagers put out their aluminum cans a week before or after our normal collection date. ISV Recycling collects on the Wednesday following the third Tuesday of every month (or the night after the Town Council meeting).

The next date for collecting recycled aluminum cans is Wednesday, August 16. Please put your bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:30 p.m. opposite Thursday morning's Waste-Away pickup. It helps our volunteers if you use white or clear plastic bags with the tops tied with a knot. Recycled plastic grocery bags work real well for the smaller loads. Just remember to tie a knot in the top.

At last month's town council meeting, we sold aluminum can crushers for \$10. We still have a few left. Kids (and adults) love to use them! Please call Gene Weingarten (988-5417) or Art Johnson (988-3217) to place your order.

Recycling Prices Soar

By Councilman Art Johnson

Statistics show that since May 1993, the prices paid for recycled aluminum and used clear glass containers has jumped 78 percent. Over the same period, the cost of old newspapers has skyrocketed by 1,338 percent. This was not always the case. Between 1990 and 1993 the supply of recycled materials exceeded demand. As a result, prices paid for recyclables declined precipitously. During the past two years, however, demand has increased and even surpassed the supply. For example, between 1990 and 1994 more than 85 new paper mills using recycling technology were built in the United States. Today, many companies are eager to get as much used paper as possible from these new mills.

Volleyball Team Needs Support

By Stephanie Nordyke

You may have heard that the Pelham High School girls volleyball team has won the Shelby County Tournament for seven straight years, but did you know that they are considered to be one of the top programs in the Southeast? After many consecutive appearances in the State playoffs, they achieved a GA State Championship in 1993 with a three-year combined record of 195 wins and 34 losses. This prompted invitations last year for the team to attend two of the most prestigious national ranking tournaments in the country. They competed against teams from coast to coast and finished in the silver rounds at both of these tournaments, with one player being named All-American.

This coming season the team will play over 70 matches competing in tournaments across four states, including return appearances at the national tournaments. Due to the tremendous cost this incurs for the girls, they are asking their local communities for financial help. Our Indian Springs community is home to three of the varsity players. These girls will greatly appreciate any amount of support our community can give. Your donations will be tax deductible with checks being made payable to Pelham High School Volleyball. They can be mailed to one of the following Indian Springs player's home addresses: Brooke Waltrip (daughter of Charles and Dana), 325 Arrowhead Lane; or Janice and Rebekah Nordyke (daughters of Jay and Stephanie), 395 Valley View Lane.

Let's get behind these girls as they go and represent not only ISV, but also the finest that our state has to offer. Their season begins Labor Day weekend, so please don't delay in your response.

New Job for Dr. Norma Rogers

Mack Freeman and David Hand, principles of McCauley Associates, are happy to announce that Dr. Norma Rogers, former Shelby County Superintendent of Education, will join this firm as the Vice President of Marketing. She will direct the marketing efforts of McCauley Associates for educational, medical, recreational, and other projects. Dr. Rogers continues the commitment for quality education, believing that all children can learn when individual differences are taken into account.

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