



# The Village Voice

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Oak Mountain Middle School  
Media Center  
Tuesday, September 19, 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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## NOTICE

DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT, THE  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1995 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
WILL BE HELD AT OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL IN THE MEDIA CENTER.

## TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS August 15, 1995

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 1995, in the town hall at Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$805; building permits, \$600; sale of ISV tee-shirts, \$18; aluminum can recycling, \$185.40; road funds, \$731; and donations to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, \$340. The balance in the general fund is \$16,606 and the balance in the road fund is \$31,100.

Jim Wyatt also reported that he had spoken once again with Jim Hollins of the State of Alabama Health Department regarding the sewage flow which seems to be springing from the trailer park on Highway 119 into Bishop Creek. Mr. Hollins stated at that time that neither his agency nor any other state agency could take action against the alleged polluters unless a specific location or septic tank was cited as being the origin of the infraction. Mayor Harrington reported that he has been in touch with experts in environmental litigation for suggestions of alternative means of having the perpetrators conform to acceptable environmental standards.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that renovations on the town hall were progressing. Due to extreme heat over the summer, progress has been slow. However, with the break in the heatwave, the pace of the renovations will pick up. Mayor Harrington announced that the Shelby County Sheriff's Department is looking forward to moving into their new substation, which will be located within the town hall.

Patricia Crapet also reported that the federal government is considering rescinding the mandated stormwater runoff monitoring of waterways. This federally mandated and unfunded act has cost the town of ISV a total of \$11,000 in a two-year period. Two-thirds of this amount for the monitoring of ISV's section of Bishop Creek is due and payable before September 30, 1995, with the balance due on the first of February, 1996.

## Welcome Newcomers

By Councilwoman Patricia Crape

Indian Springs Village extends a warm welcome to Dale and Ann Elliott, who have recently moved into their new home at 2014 Cahaba Valley Road. Dale, a cardiologist with offices at both Brookwood and Shelby Medical centers, and Ann, an attorney, were married last March. Together they have four grown children: Bart, Scott, and Kathleen Elliott, and Eloise Arnold. Eloise is a student at Birmingham Southern. At home with the Elliott family is Bubba, their black Labrador retriever.

The Willow Ridge community is busy welcoming Steve and Melinda Nepa, 175 Willow Ridge Drive, and John and Jan Neal, 141 Willow Ridge Drive. The Neal family includes three children: Casey, 16; Christin, 13; and Catilin, 10, while the Nepas have two grown children. Welcome to ISV!

## Meet the Chief

Your editor called Chief Michael O'Connor of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District to welcome him to our Village and invite him to our Town Council meeting. Chief O'Connor resides in Inverness with his wife, Nelle, formerly of Jasper, who is the niece of ISV residents Ed and Ruth Goodwyn. Daughter Laura, is a student at Jacksonville State University.

Chief O'Connor is a native of Long Island, New York. A firefighter and paramedic since 1976, he has been with the NSFD since January, 1982. He was promoted through the ranks to lieutenant, battalion chief, and then fire chief, upon the retirement of Chief Winston Boutwell. He has an associates Degree in Fire Science from Jefferson State Community College and has taken many additional classes in leadership and management. When asked to make an assessment of his new position, he said, "I am very fortunate to be Chief where the crew is well trained and the equipment is up to date and the community is informed and interested." He plans to continue the "really excellent job" of his predecessor.

### Shelby County Art Association

The Shelby County Art Association will hold its Fifth Annual Fall Art Show on Saturday, September 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on Highway 119 in Indian Springs Village.

The show will feature approximately 50 exhibitors, with free admission to the public. Please plan to attend and help support our local artists and craftspeople. For more information please contact Deborah Gibson (987-1343) or Rex Johnson (995-9409).

## Accolades

By Councilwoman Patricia Crape

Our thanks to Jim Boyett, for his continuous efforts to help make Indian Springs Village such a nice place to live. Jim was recently observed cutting the grass and maintaining the shrubbery around the ISV town signs on Highway 119. Jim's two-tone green Ford pickup truck can be seen on most any day of the week driving up and down the streets of ISV doing many different volunteer jobs. Besides keeping the grounds around our signs looking nice, Jim is a member of the famous (or is it infamous?) ISV Pothole Crew. Some of Jim's self-imposed duties have been filling potholes, cutting grass, cleaning up around the Town Hall, picking up litter along Highway 119, cooking barbecue, hamburgers, and hot dogs for ISV events, building tables, and assisting any neighbor who is in need of a helping hand. Thanks for all your dedication, Jim, and keep up the good work!

A big "thank you" goes to Harold and Joan Youngblood, 1530 Indian Crest Drive, for their generous donation to our community newsletter, *The Village Voice*. The newsletter is a complimentary service of the Town of Indian Springs Village and is totally funded by the ISV Recycling Program and donations from our citizens.

Who was that litter-picker-upper spotted on Indian Crest Drive down by Caldwell Mill Road on Sunday afternoon, September 10th? Clad in a white tee shirt and khaki colored shorts, this lone and thoughtful gentleman did not miss a scrap of paper as he canvassed the entrance to our Indian Crest neighborhood carrying his heavy, trash-laden garbage bag full of fast-food trash, soft (and not-so-soft) drink containers, and other such paraphernalia. Thanks for your help.

## Congratulations

Villagers share in the pride of Harold and Joan Youngblood, 1530 Indian Crest Drive, upon the graduation of their son, Bradley, who received his Masters Degree in engineering science and mechanics from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia. Brad is a 1987 graduate of Pelham High, 1992 cum laude graduate of Auburn University, with a B.S. degree in aerospace engineering. He is currently employed with Westinghouse Corporation in Pensacola, Florida.

Congratulations also to Christine Otto of Wildwood Lane for having achieved the high honor of being named to the Dean's List at Vanderbilt University for the spring semester. Christine had to maintain a grade point average of at least 3.5 to be considered for this honor. Christine is enrolled in the School of Engineering and is a sophomore this fall. Proud parents are David and Pat Otto.

## Ground-Breaking Ceremony Held

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet and Councilman Art Johnson assisted Ralph H. Cassell, President, Birmingham regional executive office of Compass Bank, and Jerry Fox, Vice President, Compass Bank, shovel the first mounds of dry, dusty soil for the branch of Compass Bank at the corner of Valleydale Road and Caldwell Mill Road.

Ms. Gilda Coker, Regional Marketing Officer, arranged the groundbreaking ceremony which included Ted Doster, Doster Construction, Charlie Murphy, Doster Project Manager, and Ralph Brasher, excavator.

Representatives of the bank called attention to the fact that this is the fastest-growing area in the state and, according to a recent national survey, is the 16th fastest-growing area in the United States. This will be the third branch of Compass Bank in Shelby County. The office is expected to be in operation within three months, barring unforeseen weather difficulties.

Frank Reardon, Vice President of Administrative Services for Compass Bank, also in attendance, was excited about this branch since he resides in Sunny Meadows.

## Villager Makes Hole-In-One

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

August 22nd began as just another hot day on the golf course for Roy Duncan, of 383 Brook Green Lane. Roy made a beautiful hole-in-one on one of the prettiest par 3 holes at Woodward Golf and Country Club in Bessemer, where he and wife Betty are longtime members. According to Roy, the best thing about this shot was that he was able to view the ball actually rolling into the cup. This is the third such achievement for Roy in his lifetime. We congratulate him and hope he shoots many more in the future.

## ISV Children's Fund

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Indian Springs Village Children's Fund (ISVCF) is working with counselors Mary Strickland and Barbara Cole from Oak Mountain Elementary (OMES) and Intermediate (OMIS) Schools in an effort to assist needy children with the purchase of their yearly school supplies.

Thanks to donations from ISV citizens, school supplies were purchased for 12 children who attend these schools. The total amount for the supplies was \$425.50 and was paid to OMES and OMIS, where all the necessary supplies were purchased.

We are grateful to Michael and Donna Bruno of Skyline Drive for the donation of several hundred pencils which Donna solicited from her employer, Headstart Hair Care Salons. These pencils will serve these and probably many other needy children well in the coming months.

Thanks also goes to Patricia and Carroll Potter of Foxfire Circle and James and Barbara Wood of Caldwell Mill Circle for their very generous donations to the ISVCF.

Absolutely **100%** of all monies donated to the ISVCF goes directly to benefit these children. There are **no administrative costs** associated with the fund. Counselors from OMES, OMIS, and Oak Mountain Middle School supply the needs and names directly to the ISV town council. Supplies are purchased from the schools, while clothing and other items are bought by ISV volunteers who have been provided with a specific list of needs by the counselors.

It seems that everytime you pick up a paper, turn on the television, or pick up the phone someone is in need of a donation to a worthy cause. There are many organizations that need assistance, but none so close to home as those which have a direct bearing on the lives and education of children in our own community's schools. The education of our children today will help to insure their futures, as well as ours, tomorrow. Please help continue serving the needs of local children by contributing to the ISVCF.

## A Letter to the Council and Citizens of Indian Springs Village

We wanted to express our appreciation for your generous donations to assist our students in need. The needs continue to rise each year, and we have to work harder to help these individuals. You make it possible to do so. The funds you provided were used for supplies that will suffice the remaining year. We thank you!

If we can return the favor in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Blake, Principal

Mary Strickland, Counselor

Oak Mountain Elementary School

**Oak Mountain Intermediate School  
Dedication and Open House  
Sunday, October 1, 1995  
From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Show your support for our children's school by making plans to attend this important event.

For more information call OMIS  
980-3670

## Litter Walk Is September 23

By Councilman Art Johnson

The official Adopt-A-Mile litter walks for July and August were canceled due to the hot weather. I want to thank the many villagers who took a few minutes to join the "un-official" litter walk and remove litter from their own yards and around their neighborhoods.

I also wish to acknowledge the gracious letter Marilyn Warth sent to the editor last month thanking the Indian Crest Litter Walk crew. This crew consisted of Olivia Weingarten, Aletta Lowe, and Jean Owen.

Maintaining an attractive, litter-free town is for the benefit of us all. If just a few prospective "buyers" are turned off by unsightly litter and look elsewhere, it could lower demand and the selling price of all the homes in our neighborhoods.

If you would like to help our town maintain an uncluttered litter-free roadside, I invite you to join us at the parking lot of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Cahaba Valley Road. The Adopt-A-Mile crew meets at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to be with us in September.

Won't you help? All you need to bring is a pair of gloves.

## ISV Recycling Is September 20

By Councilman Art Johnson

In August, Indian Springs Village recyclers collected a total of 337 pounds of aluminum. Special thanks go to the residences of Homestead, the Brakhages on Old Mill Court, and the Yarbroughs on Indian Forest Trail for their generous contributions. They win our "top recyclers" awards for August. We welcome a new recycling volunteer, Tom Adkison, to our team. Our volunteers on August 16 were Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, Tom Adkison, and Jackie and Art Johnson. And last, but surely not least, Gene Weingarten, who got the cans to the recycling center.

The next scheduled date for collecting recycled aluminum cans is Wednesday, September 20. Please place your bagged aluminum cans at the curb near your driveway before 7:30 p.m. Please use white, clear, or blue plastic bags with the tops tied with a knot.

## It's Not Just for Kids Anymore

By Councilman Art Johnson

Recycling has grown up. Once a fad in the early 1980's, it has now become an important part of U.S. economy. Americans now recycle 24 % of their waste, up 13 % from seven years ago.

Powerful demand for recyclable materials, such as paper, aluminum, and plastic, has finally developed. Paper mills and other manufacturers, hungry for recycled materials, are pushing up the prices for these materials to record levels, dramatically improving the economics of recycling. For solid waste companies, the rise in commodity prices has benefited the whole industry.

In the early 1990's, recycling was viewed as a negative for solid waste companies because it diverted wastes from their highly profitable landfills. Now the recycling business for some companies is almost as profitable as its collection businesses. For example, recycling is now approximately 10 percent of the business for both Browning Ferris and WMX Industries. Many smaller companies expect to double their recycling business in the next couple of years.

## Letter to the Editor

We would like to thank all our neighbors, friends, and relatives for attending our open house on Sunday, August 20, 1995. Our family is deeply appreciative for the big celebration to commemorate our homecoming to Indian Springs Village after nearly a year and a half of being displaced due to the tornado of March, 1994. Having lived here for 25 years, we love all our ISV neighbors and are thankful that with God's blessings we are now neighbors once again. Thanks to you all for your support and friendship during this trying time.

Sincerely,  
Frank and Croce Cicio and  
Mother, Josephine Tomburella  
114 Valley View Lane

## In Sympathy

The town is saddened by the death of one of its long-time residents, Dr. Charles Raymond Warth, of Indian Crest Drive. Dr. Warth passed away on August 17, 1995, at the age of 79.

Dr. Warth practiced as a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine for over 40 years. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America for over 15 years, was a Mason, and served with the military in the United States Navy during World War II.

Dr. Warth is survived by his wife, Marilyn Bostle Warth; daughters, Carolyn Johnson Titone and Cheryl Johnson Hawkins; three grandsons, three brothers, and one sister.

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