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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School
Barbecue Pit

Tuesday, October 17, 1995 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Refreshments Served

Mayor/Council Committee

Reports

Ordinances and Resolutions

Citizens' Forum / Refreshments

Editor's Notes

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 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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**HAPPY
FIFTH
BIRTHDAY**

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE

FIFTH ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1995

**INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL
BARBECUE PIT**

FREE

**HAMBURGERS - HOT DOGS
CHIPS - COLD DRINKS - DESSERTS**

Refreshments will be served from 6 - 7 p.m.
and after the council meeting.

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PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

Time Flies When You're Having...

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

"Time flies when you're having fun!" "Ain't it funny, how time slips away?" "It seems like only yesterday..." All of these very familiar "old sayings" seem to apply to these last five years since the incorporation of the Town of Indian Springs Village. These have been very busy and very fast moving five years.

The town, which was incorporated by vote of the people on October 16, 1990, has nearly doubled in size since that fateful fall day. When the first edition of *The Village Voice* hit town mailboxes in April, 1991, the circulation was just over 400. We now print and deliver approximately 850 newsletters to citizens, county officials, and local businesses. ISV now has four of the top schools in our area within its boundaries; Indian Springs School, Oak Mountain Elementary, Oak Mountain Intermediate, and Oak Mountain Middle schools. And you can shop for less at an ISV shopping center, the only one in North Shelby County without city sales taxes.

The concept of Indian Springs Village was born from the vision and dedication of residents who did not want outside interests to have control over the destiny of this peaceful, serene, bedroom community. Self-determination on matters such as zoning, taxes, and commercialization were fundamental in the forming of this new municipality. These ideals have been preserved through implementation of town policies such as zoning ordinances and annexation. Because of the determination of Indian Springs Village residents and officials the community remains very much the same as it was five years ago.

Today, the town's appeal is more far-reaching than ever, with interested property owners in neighborhoods as far away as Meadowbrook, Sunny Meadows, Meadowood, and Little Ridge seeking information on how to annex into this unique community. This is largely due to the success of the town, which many outsiders predicted would never make it. Though ISV cannot accommodate all who inquire, their interest is appreciated and considered quite a compliment.

There is much to celebrate as the town embarks on yet another year. Please help commemorate the fifth birthday of Indian Springs Village by coming to the Fifth Annual Founders' Day event on the evening of the next council meeting, October 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the barbecue pit at Indian Springs School.. (See front page.) Come, bring a dessert to be shared by your neighbors, meet new friends, and enjoy an evening of food and fun, while enjoying a true sense of the community spirit which makes ISV and its citizens so special.

Oak Mountain Intermediate School Has Dedication Ceremony

Beautiful weather provided the setting for Indian Springs Village's newest school's dedication. The Oak Mountain Intermediate School (OMIS) building had been completed on the first day of school in August, but Principal Rickey Darby invited Dr. Norma Rogers, who helped pioneer the project during her term as Superintendent of Education, to officially dedicate the OMIS campus.

Mr. Darby, along with Assistant Principal Ann Cury and PTO President Sue Giles, welcomed Bill Sparks, Superintendent of Education, and Dr. Lee Doebler, President of the Shelby County Board of Education. Mr. Darby very graciously thanked all who had a hand in creating this fine facility: Tom Hunt, architect with Adams and Associates; Tome Doster, President of Doster Construction; Dr. Norma Rogers, former Superintendent of Education; Board of Education members Steve Martin, Cindy Forrester, Donna Morris, and Dr. Lee Doebler; and Hub Harrington, Mayor of Indian Springs Village. Mr. Darby gratefully acknowledged the cooperation and assistance of the faculty and staff of Inverness Elementary, Oak Mountain Elementary, and Oak Mountain Middle schools, presenting principals and assistant principals with engraved paper weights.

Haley Spates, a junior at Chelsea High School, entertained the audience with her performance of the song, "Love in Any Language." The consensus was that Haley is "Miss America" material.

Prior to Dr. Rogers' dedication remarks, Mayor Harrington surprised her with a plaque designating that the concrete tables and benches in the courtyard of OMIS had been given in her honor by the Town of Indian Springs Village. In her speech, Dr. Rogers remarked that this was the beginning of a "voyage" for the new school and its students.

Special Equestrians Benefit

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Special Equestrians, an organization which works with children who are handicapped, disabled or have special needs, will benefit from a special event at The Birmingham Race Course on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 & 29. There is a \$10 admission fee which includes a party and silent auction, as well as a Hunter and Jumper Equestrian Show. Tickets are available at the Carousel Tack Shoppe on Cahaba Valley Road, or at Massey's Coral, downtown Birmingham. For more information, please call Rita Mendel at 991-0007.

Shelby Athletic Association: Sports Are Alive!

"Less than 5 minutes from home to your child's game!" A dream is coming true for Cahaba Valley parents who are tired of driving their children long distances to their games.

The Shelby Athletic Association (SAA), a hard working group of volunteer parents, is developing P.E. and sports fields for organized sports at the Oak Mountain Elementary, Intermediate, and Inverness Elementary schools.

"Five-year contracts for development and use with the four area schools and Asbury United Methodist Church guarantee our kids will have a place to play," said Dick Grimes, SAA President. "Now we're trying to mobilize the local residents and merchants to support us!"

Evidence of that support comes from a recent agreement with the Birmingham Coca-Cola Bottling Company to become the soft-drink vendor at all SAA events. "With a combination of financial and product support, Coke demonstrates its belief in the value of this market and the future of this group," Grimes said.

"This area is a jewel from a business and residential perspective," Grimes went on to say. "We are actively seeking more corporate visionaries like Coca Cola to support us now in this germination stage. I guarantee they'll stay with us through our mature development and we won't forget them! Our success means their success. We now have access to at least six locations in the Cahaba Valley corridor and you'll see Coca Cola signs at every one of them. And I'm sure there are other visionaries in the business world, too! How many other businesses out there would like our community feeling grateful to them?"

"Fall Ball is a great success story!" says Bob Troncale, President of the new Oak Mountain Youth Baseball & Softball. "Over 250 players signed up, and we're expecting 500 - 600 in the spring!" He assures us, "Baseball will definitely be here for the spring!"

"A major part of our success comes from our affiliate, the Oak Mountain Baseball and Softball Association," confirms Grimes. "Having 250 kids sign up means there is a huge local need for what they're offering. We're also looking for a football or soccer club to affiliate with us, too. Our access to a large part of the limited space around here will assure a football or soccer club room to play. Since their seasons won't overlap baseball very much, we can meet a wide range of local sports needs."

Cindy Grimes, Dick's wife and project manager for their first major fundraising event, invites everyone to the SAA First Annual Fun Saturday, October 21, 9:00 - 5:00 at Oak Mountain Intermediate School.

"There's something for everyone," she says. "A baseball card collectible show; a silent and live auction that includes a Jet Ski, round trip airline tickets, sports memorabilia, and more; two bands; a radar gun and baseball throw; photographs from Matt Dunigan, Prince Wimbley, and Lamonde Russell; food; and a lot of exciting things! Bring your Mastercard or VISA."

The SAA has raised nearly \$60,000 to develop two multi-purpose fields behind the Oak Mountain Intermediate School. They will be used for P.E. classes during the day and baseball in the evening. After these fields are lighted and a concession stand is built, efforts will focus on working with the staff at Oak Mountain Elementary to develop their P.E. and sports potential, too. Depending on local and corporate financial support, parallel work will also occur at three area churches who are interested in SAA development of their property for local sports.

Call Dick Grimes at 991-9615 for more information about the SAA or Bob Troncale at 991-9672 for news about spring baseball registration.

Town Council Highlights

September 19, 1995

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on Tuesday, September 19, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the media center at Oak Mountain Middle School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting with council members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, and Art Johnson present.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$715; building permits, \$996; sale of 100 tee-shirts, \$36; donations to *The Village Voice*, \$25; donations to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, \$100; and road funds, \$774. The balance in the general fund was \$4,500, with the balance in the road fund being \$32,000.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported having made a trip to Calera to speak personally to the Federal Emergency Management Assessment (FEMA) officials regarding the reimbursement of funds due to the town from the 1994 tornado clean-up. Officials told Wyatt that the funds would be forthcoming within the next month. Approximately \$18,000 is owed to ISV for this reimbursement from FEMA.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that approximately \$100,000 was paid to Shelby County for ISV's part of the monitoring of Bishop Creek for the Federal Clean Water Act. The balance due is \$3,000 which will be paid February 1, 1996, upon receipt of the utility taxes.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the town project will not be completed until the reimbursement from FEMA is received. The project has been slowed due to the anticipated summoning of the monies owed for the monitoring of Bishop Creek.

Copies of the ISV proposed budget for the 1995 - 96 fiscal year were given to council members and the town clerk. Copies of the budget were also on hand for those who attended the meeting to look at if they so desired. The budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented several petitions for annexation by contiguous property owners. The petitions were from property owners in Windwood, Willowbrook, Parkview, and on Valleydale Road (see Announcements, next column). The council unanimously voted to amend the rules so as to allow for an immediate vote on the petitions. The petitions were adopted by unanimous consent of the council.

ISV Annexes Fire Station

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town Council eagerly acted on a petition by the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District (NSFD) for annexation of Fire Station #1, located at 4617 Valleydale Road, into Indian Springs Village. The petition, signed by NSFD trustees Martha Geyer and Sally Cox, was the crowning element of a thirteen parcel annexation which included properties in the Willowbrook, Windwood, and Parkview subdivisions.

The other twelve property owners who requested annexation were: Samuel and Barbara Fletcher, 4927 Windwood Circle; Charles and Alice Matthews, 4931 Windwood Circle; Robert and Theresa Sprain, 4930 Windwood Circle; Cecil and Joyce Laney, 4950 Windwood Circle; Aubrey and Jo Free, 4938 Windwood Circle; A. L. and Lara Trammell, 4942 Windwood Circle; Timothy and Janice Barton, 2564 Willowbrook Circle; Grey and Jane Till, 2563 Willowbrook Circle; Walter and Patricia Allen, 2559 Willowbrook Circle; Doug and Jackie Sweet, 2555 Willowbrook Circle; and Scott and Janet Brock, 2551 Willowbrook Circle. Also annexing into ISV were Michael and Linda Cencula of 5538 Parkview Circle, which is behind Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. This is the first annexation of a property in the Parkview neighborhood.

The town and its citizens welcome and congratulate these property owners upon their annexations into ISV. We look forward to meeting you at future town meetings and events.

New Arrival

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Congratulations to Robert and Donna Grant, 21 Foxfire Circle, on the birth of their daughter, Victoria Elizabeth. Born at St. Vincent's Hospital on Monday, September, 11, 1995, at 10:30 a.m., Victoria, who is named after Robert's grandmother, weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 3/4 inches in length. Victoria is loaded with dark hair and has long legs, an attribute most likely inherited from her tall father. Brothers Chad, age 15, and Rob, age 6, are looking forward to having a little sister around the house - that is, until she gets old enough to monopolize the bathroom!

Villagers Are Celebrity Parents

Jack and Rita Mendel of Mountain Vista had a pleasant surprise when they returned from dinner on September 10th. Their son, Michael, had left the acceptance speech for his first Emmy award on their answering machine. Michael won as the producer of the Fox series, *The Simpsons*, in the category of Animated Programming (One Hour or Less). He has been with *The Simpsons* since the show first aired and worked his way up to producer last year, winning several Emmy plaques along the way as a contributor. Mom Rita says that occasionally she recognizes a bit of Mendel family humor in some segments of the show. Michael grew up in upstate New York and attended Syracuse University.

Litter Walk Is October 21

By Councilman Art Johnson

I wish to acknowledge the many gracious villagers who take a few minutes each week to join the crusade against litter by removing litter from their own yards and neighborhoods. In September Clyde Wood was spotted picking up litter along Indian Crest. But there are also many other dedicated volunteers who remain anonymous, at least for now. Another "volunteer" was spotted near Foxfire removing litter from Indian Crest Drive.

The official Adopt-A-Mile crew on September 23rd consisted of Lee Hayes, Cheryl Rast, Jim Boyett, and Art Johnson. They made quick work of the task, primarily because Jim Boyett had single-handedly picked up more than half way the previous day.

Please help our town maintain uncluttered, litter-free road ways. Join us in 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 October. Won't you help? All you need to bring is a pair of gloves.

ISV Recycling Is October 18

By Councilman Art Johnson

In September Indian Springs Village recyclers collected a total of 388 pounds of aluminum. Our "all volunteer" recycling crew on September 20 was Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, Gene Weingarten, and Jackie and Art Johnson. In addition, special accolades go to Mike Rutherford for the use of his pickup. Gene pulled double duty, as usual, making two trips to the recycling center in his truck bulging with aluminum cans.

The next scheduled date for collecting recycled aluminum cans is Wednesday, October 18th. Please place your bagged aluminum cans on the driveway opposite the normal trash pick-up before 7:30 p.m. Please use white, clear, or blue plastic bags with the tops tied with a knot.

Please help by recycling. Your contributions do make a difference. For example, the energy saved from just one recycled aluminum can will run the average TV for over five hours. If you have any suggestions to increase recycling in ISV, or would like to volunteer, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

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In Sympathy

Dorcie Goodwyn, Vestavia, sister of Villager Ed Goodwyn, passed away September 20 at HealthSouth, where she had been hospitalized for a few days following a long illness. A graduate of Berry College, Rome, Georgia, and Peabody College, Nashville, Miss Goodwyn taught English for 23 years at Woodlawn High School prior to retirement. Previously she taught at Walker County High, Jasper, where she was Ruth Goodwyn's ninth grade teacher. Services were held September 23 at Johns-Ridout's Elmwood Chapel with interment at Elmwood cemetery.

Town of Indian Springs Village Proposed Budget 1995 - 1996

Expenditures

Mortgage	\$15,000
Dues	700
Insurance	4,000
Office Equip. & Supplies	1,000
Professional Fees	1,000
Recording Fees	1,000
Maps	1,000
Utilities	3,000
Printing	1,200
Service Charges	50
Federal Clean-Water Act	10,000
Fourth of July	2,500
Founder's Day	1,000
Easter Egg Hunt	500
Repairs and Maintenance of Streets	2,500
Donations	1,000
Total Expenditures	45,450

Revenues

Utility Tax Receipts	40,000
Licenses and Permits	2,000
Taxes from Pro-Rata Shares	15,500
Interest Income	750
Fourth of July Revenue	1,500
Village Voice Donations	200
Aluminum Can Recycling	1,000

Estimated Revenues	\$60,950
Minus Estimated Expenses	45,450

Excess Revenues \$15,500*

*Revenue does not include anticipated reimbursement from FEMA of approximately \$18,000.

*Portions of excess revenues and / or FEMA funds to be allowed for capital expenditures at town hall.

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