



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

During the month of December there were two meetings conducted at our town hall which involved town council. The first was a mock council meeting whose participants were in the nine-years-of-age category. The second was our regular town council meeting, with normal business conducted along with the inclusion of special presentations and a forum of views from some of our residents.

The mock council meeting was attended by Boy Scout Pack #5, Den # 6 from Christ Church Methodist, den master Wayne Webb. This group of young men came with a sincere interest to learn about the workings of a town government. They were involved in qualifying for one of their merit badges relating to civic affairs.

Scaling down from federal to state to county, they were made aware of just what being a town involves. The act of governing and making rules and regulations is a part of a city or town's responsibility. They were aware that the previously-named agencies have precedence over cities and towns in governing powers.

We went through the proceedings of a regular council meeting. In order to demonstrate "virtual reality" the boys were asked to become mayor, council, and clerk, positions which they readily accepted with enthusiasm. There was not time to hold an election, so volunteers were accepted for the "mock" positions.

Zachary Rucker was "mayor," with Stuart Webb, Ben Birdson, Eric Hayes, and Brad Lightfoot being "council members." Dustin Moore, Gil Weingarten, and Jacob Rainey were "town clerk" and "citizens." To say that this was a lively and involved group would be an understatement. We even got out our town map and went over locations of familiar landmarks. Of course Movie Gallery was identified in a fraction of a second as was the nearby McDonald's.

Getting young people interested in government at such an early age was a rewarding experience in itself. From time to time we have had boy scout groups participate in ISV meetings and affairs. Thanks to the adults who take the time to work with these children, our leaders of tomorrow may well come from groups such as this scout troop. The boys said they look forward to coming to a regular town council meeting in the near future. As always, they and others are welcome anytime.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, January 21, 1997 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum

Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other villagers a means of communicating--it is a "voice." Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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Villagers Ensure Successful Tour

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Ticket sales for the Holiday Tour of Homes '96 in Indian Springs December 14-15 totaled \$8,527, and the co-chairmen of the event were anticipating more money in early January from late turn-ins. By comparison ticket sales for 1995, the first year this fund-raising event was held by the Friends of the North Shelby County Library organization, amounted to \$3,500 for the three homes on tour in Greystone.

The goal for sales this year set by Co-Chairmen Evelyn Smykla and Maleah Barton was \$5,000. It was because of the great enthusiasm and whole-hearted support of Villagers that the event was so successful, declared Ms. Barton. She commented that tickets were available at nearby branches of banks and local libraries. While many tickets were sold in advance at North Shelby County Library, most of the advance ticket sales occurred in Indian Springs -- at Neil's Pharmacy, Indian Springs Hairstyles, and the Carousel Tack Shoppe. Many Villagers participated in the tour, which also attracted residents from Jasper and from as far away as Demopolis and Mobile.

With four homes as impressive as could be found anywhere as a definite "draw," Mother Nature also smiled on us, added Ms. Smykla. Friday the 13th was a harbinger of the two days -- the skies were brilliantly blue and the air crisp. The four beautiful estates toured in this order were those of Jerry and Sherry McWilliams, 325 Indian Trail; Derrell and Cheryl Chamblee, 925 Valley View Road; Gary and Sharon Dennis, 795 Valley View Road; and Dr. Robert and Betty Slaughter, 2723 Cahaba Valley Road. The gracious homeowners were present at three homes, with Nancy Crowder, Hueytown, substituting for daughter Cheryl and husband Derrell. A business trip dictated their absence; they were showing quarter horses in Ft. Worth.

The co-chairmen had high praise for Art Johnson, captain of the van drivers, for his superb job of having the shuttle service to the four homes so well organized. "I was there at 10:00, expecting a crowd of waiting people, but everything was running smoothly," Ms. Barton quoted a bystander as saying as she ended her tour at the reception area of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. All operations continued well, even as a fifth van was pressed into service late Sunday afternoon to accommodate the tourists.

Of the 15 van drivers, 10 were from Indian Springs Village and added the personal touch of answering questions and pointing out unique features of the village. They were

Winston Boutwell, Onnie Dickerson, Harry Little, Dr. Larry Mackall, Jane Martin, Steve Nepa, Cappy Potter, Herb Robins, Ann Shoemaker, and Mayor Gene Weingarten.

Bee Little was the team captain for hostesses at the Chamblee home. Serving as hostesses with her were Jackie Johnson, Marion McWilliams, Gayle Craft, Liz McDougal, Dorothy Carlisle, Donna Grant, Mary Spencer, Nina Dekich, Olivia Weingarten, Sally Thompson, Ruth Locklin, Patricia Crapet, Brenda Pate, Cheryl Rast, Wanda Carter, and Lindsey Allison. Hostesses at other homes were Kathy Dudley, Frances Lewis, Margie Robins, Julie Schenk, Mildred Wyatt, Bobbie Aultman, Marge Dunn, Eleanor Bennett, and Rita Mendel. The remainder of the hostesses were volunteers from other areas in the NSCLibrary district, which includes Heatherwood, Inverness, Lake Purdy, Shoal Creek, Greystone (now in Hoover), and Meadowbrook.

Ruth Goodwyn, a member of the Friends of the Library organization, was responsible for making the home selections in Indian Springs; she is appreciative of the suggestions and other help from Patricia Crapet, Bee Little, and Sandy Luster.

Another factor perhaps effecting the success of the Home Tour was that the new North Shelby County Library, when built, will be more accessible to Villagers. The \$3 million facility, to be four times larger than the present cramped one on Highway 280, will be erected on the former Finch property on Cahaba Valley Road, about midway between Briarwood Presbyterian and Indian Springs school campuses. Friends of the Library are trying to raise most of the money through donations. For more information about the fundraising efforts of the library, you may call Fundraising Chairman Ron Livingston at 980-5512.

Library Benefit to Be Held

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Janet Hall of WBRC-Fox 6 and husband Frank O'Neal will emcee the Rotary Club's 6th Annual Gala on Valentine's Day with all proceeds to benefit the North Shelby County Library. The gala will be held Friday, February 14, 6:30 p.m., Sheraton Perimeter Park South Hotel, located at the interchange of I-459 and Highway 280.

The price is \$200 per couple for a steak dinner for two, plus other benefits. Tables for a maximum of five couples will be available at \$1,000 per table. Tickets are 80% tax deductible, and a maximum of 150 is all that will be sold. Each ticket holder has a one-in-three chance to win among the 50 prizes, including the prize of a one-week trip to Hawaii for two, all expenses paid. A silent auction will also be held. Call Evelyn Smykla, NSCLibrary, 980-5510, for additional information.

Town Council Highlights

December 17, 1996

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 1996 in the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided over the meeting with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

The minutes of the November meeting was adopted as written. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported the revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$685.23; building permits, \$785; aluminum cans, \$73.20; ISV Children's Fund, \$2,920; and road fund, \$786.65. The balance in the general fund was \$10,119 and the balance in the road fund was \$44,804.

Councilman Herb Robins reported on attending the Pelham Town Meeting with Gov. Fob James and the State of Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) officials. Councilman Robins was given a tentative time table for improvements along our section of Highway 119. Work on widening 119 from I-65 to Highway 31 will commence in August of '97 and could take from one to one and a half years, with a secondary bypass road to be constructed for temporary use. Highway 119 from I-65 to Caldwell Mill Road can probably be improved through adequate use of turn lanes, with these improvements currently in the 5-10 year plan. Improvements on Highway 119 from Caldwell Mill to Highway 280 are scheduled on the state's 15 year plan, with plans for the road to be widened to five lanes, including turn lanes.

The council unanimously adopted a set of rules for use of the ISV Town Hall and Pavilion. The mostly "common sense" rules will be posted outside the town hall and pavilion and a copy given to each user of the facility. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet will be in charge of scheduling all functions.

Villagers Respond to the Call

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

As before, ISV's citizens have responded to the needs of others during the holiday season. Cheerfully giving so that others might receive were: **Norma J. Johnston, Sandi Williams and her "Royal Oaks Ladies Bunko Club", Patty Smith, Robert and Judith Konecny, Dr. Larry Mackall, Bart and Connie Trammell, Jack and Verna Dean, Richard and Shirley Knight, Harold and Joan Youngblood, Terry and Dorothy Carlisle, Madeline Johnson, and Jo Ann Weatherly.** In all, \$2,920 was donated. Since the fund is not just for Christmas, but continues throughout the year to help provide money for school supplies and other school-related items, the children should be well taken care of during the balance of the '97 school year. (see letter, P.4)

Harrington and Luster Honored

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The December town council meeting was the the perfect time and place for Senator Bill Armistead to surprise two of ISV's former public servants and founding fathers. Former mayor, Hub Harrington, and former council member, Ron Luster, were honored with resolutions from the Alabama Senate recognizing two of ISV's founders for outstanding accomplishments. The two men were commended for their contributions, both personally and professionally, and for their vision, commitment, leadership abilities, and hard work in establishing ISV as a distinctive family-oriented community with the highest quality of life for its citizens. The resolutions went a step farther, noting Harrington and Luster for accomplishments of their respective careers and the magnitude of their public service work.

Accepting his resolution, the former mayor, who seemed quite surprised by the presentation, noted that the town and its existence was brought about, and has been sustained by, many volunteers who have worked side by side with the same vision in mind. Accepting for former councilman Ron Luster was wife Sandy, who was very proud to accept for Ron.

Santa's Elves, ISV Style

By Olivia Weingarten

As in previous years, Councilwoman Patricia Crapet contacted the counselor Mary Veal at the Oak Mountain Elementary School who supplied her with the names of fifteen needy children from the Oak Mountain schools. These children are from five different families.

The "ISV elves" took the children's "wish" lists, which included dresses, sweaters, shoes, coats, socks, underwear, caps, earrings, watches, bikes, radios, dolls and strollers, bats, balls, and other items and went shopping for Santa. Wanda and Andy Carter, Jackie and Art Johnson, Onnie Dickerson, Larry Mackall, and I met at the K-Mart in Inverness Corners to shop. We loaded our purchases on Larry's sleigh (truck) and brought them home for wrapping. Pat and Cappy Potter, Wanda and Andy Carter, and Margie Robins wrapped packages for almost a week. Cappy delivered everything to the school for the parents and guardians of the children to pick up.

Shopping for these needy children from the Oak Mountain schools is a fine tradition that we have established and is a labor of love for ISV's elves. We feel blessed to have been able to make these children happy for the past three years.

ISV Cookbook Alert!

Villagers! Please note the enclosed flyer. It is now as easy as "pie" to put your recipes on the flyer. Simply fold, stamp, and mail to Bee. Please hurry. We need to get this cook book moving as soon as possible!

Next Recycling Is December 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, January 18. Please place bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:30 p.m., and please use white or clear plastic bags with the top tied with a knot.

On December 18, undaunted by forecasts of 2 to 4 inches of snow, four trucks manned by Sharon Durbin, Jackie Johnson, Patty and Bill Weems, Tod Adkison, Art Johnson, and Margie and Herb Robins collected 139 pounds of cans. Collections were off and probably due to the weather and lack of recycling reminders.

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

December Cold Cancels Clean-up

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

A morning low temperature of fifteen degrees caused the cancellation of the December 21st litter walk. Weather permitting, the next litter walk will be held on Saturday, January 25, at 8:30 a.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road.

If you would like to help our town maintain an uncluttered, litter-free atmosphere, come join your friendly neighbors at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall or take a few minutes during the upcoming week and remove any litter that is on your property. Please, won't you help? Call me at 988-3217 if you have any questions.

Historical Society to Meet

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The winter meeting of the Shelby County Historical Society will be Sunday, February 2, at 2:00 p.m. at the Shelby County Archives and Museum Building (old 1854 Courthouse), Columbiana. The speaker will discuss sites in Shelby County where Revolutionary War soldiers are buried, Dr. Tom O. Caldwell, Secretary, has announced.

Mrs. Nancy Butler, widow of the late Charles Butler, who was newly-elected president, will serve his term in office. She was the 1st Vice-President. She will introduce the speaker, Jeanne Bartlich, Regent of Shelby County's sole chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the David Lindsay Chapter. Residents of Brierfield in Bibb County near Montevallo, Mrs. Bartolich and her husband, Dr. Eugene Bartolich, is a professor in the College of Business, University of Montevallo.

Village Personals

Compiled by Ruth Goodwyn and Patricia Crapet

Villagers extend sympathy to Mrs. Kathryn A. Thomas, 350 Arrowhead Lane, whose husband, James L. "Pete" Thomas, passed away Friday, January 3. Mr. Thomas suffered from heart failure. He had worked as an accountant after his retirement from the Internal Revenue Service. He was a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and a Marine veteran of World War II. Visitation hour at Southern Heritage Funeral Home were on Sunday afternoon; the service was Monday, January 6 at 2:00 p.m., with burial in the adjoining cemetery. Other survivors are nephews Mike McClendon of Jasper and Larry McClendon of Forestdale; brothers-in-law Richard, Robert, George, and Ed August; and sister-in-law, Georgiann August.

The village extends a warm welcome to Kenneth and Diane Martin of 244 Indian Forest Trail. The Martins are former ISV residents who moved to Huntsville four years ago where Kenneth became the director of Space Camp at the Huntsville Space Flight Center. Kenneth is now a co-owner and founder of a new venture, Race Camp, which operates out of five of Nascar's super speedways, the nearest of which is currently Atlanta Motor Speedway. A similar set-up, only with "race" instead of "space" as the prime objective, the kids who attend camp are able to spend the nights in the "pit" area, talk to real grand national race car champions, and drive scaled-down versions of the super-speedway cars. (Sounds like something we lead-footed adults might be interested in!) While Kenneth keeps the "pedal-to-the-metal," Diane is busy redecorating and renovating their new home. Both are very happy to be back in their old neighborhood among friends and home where they can visit with their daughter and granddaughter, who live in Alabaster. Welcome home, y'all

A Letter to the ISV Community

We wanted to extend our thanks for your help in sponsoring five of our Oak Mountain Elementary, Intermediate and Middle School families this Christmas Holiday. It is individuals like you who have the needs of others foremost, and have made Christmas more special for someone else. Without the assistance of our area churches and community, we would not be able to help as many people as we do. God Bless You!!!

I want to express a personal holiday wish to all of you and your families. I am always amazed at the support we continually receive every Christmas.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Veal, Counselor

Attention! Found! Cellular phone found at the Town Hall during the month of December, please call Patricia Crapet's Voice Mail 802-2753.