



**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Indian Springs Village Town Hall  
Tuesday, May 21, 1996 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 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.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

By Mayor Hub Harrington

Last month I reported to Indian Springs Village that Lindsey J. Allison is running for re-election to the Shelby County Commission, District Seven. I am very pleased with her decision to seek re-election. In fact, I was one of many who strongly encouraged her to run for at least one more term.

I would like to take this time to return to memory lane with ISV residents concerning Lindsey's accomplishments. The most obvious improvements are the re-pavement of Indian Crest Drive, the improved and widened entrances to Highway 119, and the turn lanes and school warning lights at the Oak Mountain Intermediate School. Recently Lindsey proposed a lease plan where county workers and equipment could be utilized on weekends to improve town roadways. Proposals for these improvements are now being drafted.

Lindsey's worth as a commissioner never proved more valuable than in the days following March 27, 1994, when our beautiful town was devastated by a tornado. Within 24 hours, Lindsey had the county manager, public works director, county engineer, Shelby county EMA director, State EMA and FEMA representatives gathered around Tricia Crapet's kitchen table (the only residence with a working telephone) to discuss a course of action concerning the clean-up and re-building of ISV, as well as any funds available to assist in the effort. Within three days heavy equipment moved into the town and the clean-up began. Of personal enjoyment to me was the morning I was driving to work at 7:00a.m. and saw Lindsey with wet hair, slippers, and her toothbrush, standing atop a massive tractor, instructing the crew chief on how things needed to proceed.

I remind you of these things because Lindsey has given of her time and effort selflessly. She is a vital link between town and county government, having always been available to my requests and working tirelessly to meet the needs of our town. Lindsey continues to attend council meetings and keeps our citizens and our town officials informed on any and all issues, both county and state-wide, that might affect our community. Furthermore, Lindsey has had to deal with some of the most difficult problems facing any county: bond defaults, bankruptcy, unbalanced budgets, and no reserve monies. Yet, in the past two years the present commission, including our other commissioner, Don Armstrong, has placed the county on firm financial footing, substantially reducing the county's debt. The county has created, and now administers, some innovative road and park programs which can directly assist our town.

Indian Springs Village and Shelby County needs Lindsey for another term on the Shelby County Commission. I can not stress the importance of your vote enough. Tell your friends in Meadowbrook, Sunny Meadows, Meadowridge, and Hickory Ridge that we must re-elect Lindsey. She has been, and will continue to be, a good commissioner for all citizens of District Seven.

## Aim for Ames

By Trudy Skokel

Two teams from Oak Mountain Middle School and one team from Oak Mountain Intermediate School won the State Championship for their problem in the Odyssey of the Mind competition on Saturday, April 20, 1996. This entitles these teams to advance to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa, May 29-June 1, 1996, where they will be competing against other teams from the United States and many foreign countries.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition that challenges "thinking" ability much like the Olympics challenges "athletic" ability. The students work from October until March, and those teams that win their region advance to the state level where they compete against teams from other regions in Alabama. A win at the state level advances the team to the World Finals.

These teams consist of 21 students and five coaches. Four of the OMMS team members are residents of Indian Springs Village. They are: Michael Felix and Gavin Olsen, both of McGuire Road; Jenny Johnson, Indian Crest Drive; and Alex Skokel, Pawnee Drive. The other team members are: Mark Lee, Kim Johnson, Susan Adams, Kelly Cash, Jessica Brush, Jeris Burns, Erin Robbins, Shawn Sullivan, Mike Chilson, Justin Garr, Alley Jackson, Jordan Brush, Tate Heilpern, Casey Bethay, Meg Davis, Seth Green, and Zach Walton.

**Funds are a problem!** A lot of money is needed to send these students and coaches to Iowa for this chance-of-a-lifetime event. If you can help, please make your donation payable to Oak Mountain Middle School or Oak Mountain Intermediate School and mail C/O Trudy Skokel, 170 Pawnee Drive, ISV, AL 35124. For additional information call Trudy at 985-4065.

## The Village Voice Preserved

By Dr. Ruth Goodwyn

Sets of Vols. 1-5 (1991-1996) of *The Village Voice* are being distributed to institutions with archival departments which afford assurance of preservation and permanency. These institutions will be added to our mailing list to receive all future issues. One set is now at the Birmingham Public Library's Southern History Collection; two sets are being bound at Tuscaloosa Bindery--one for the Shelby County Historical Society Archives and the second for the Town of Indian Springs Village. A potential donor form for a fourth set has been filed with the registrar, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery.

## It's Your Duty to Register to Vote!

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Once again "it" is upon us. Election time, which is usually welcomed with the same exuberance as a plague of locusts, is here again! In the true American spirit of casting your ballots, and so that you are afforded the right to complain the next four years to those who are elected, now is the time for ISV citizens to make changes in voter registration information.

In order to be eligible to vote in the coming elections, any new resident of the State of Alabama and/or Shelby County must register at least 10 days prior to the June 4, 1996, primary elections. Any address changes in the county must be received by the Shelby County Board of Registrars on or before May 24, 1996. If you are mailing in a new voter registration form, it must be postmarked no later than May 24 and received by the Board of Registrars before June 4th.

Registration forms are available at local libraries, banks, city halls, driver's license offices in Pelham and Columbiana, and the Board of Registrars Office in Columbiana. Absentee ballots can be obtained through the Circuit Clerk's office in Columbiana. For further information, call the Board of Registrars at 669-3913.

## ISV Represented at Meetings

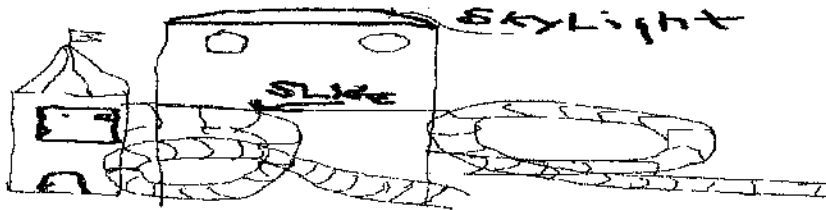
By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Councilpersons Patricia Crapet and Art Johnson, along with respective spouses, Michael and Jackie, represented ISV at a dinner/meeting hosted by Marcus Cable at Meadowlark Restaurant in Alabaster. The purpose of the meeting was to inform municipalities of new services that the cable company plans to offer to subscribers in the near future and to hear community needs from local municipal officials. Expanded channels plus additional pay-per-view channels was one of the upcoming changes noted by Marcus representatives. Some of the new stations will include ESPN2, CNBC, Cartoon Network and TNN. Improved customer service will be a high priority as well.

Mayor Hub Harrington and Councilpersons Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Art Johnson represented ISV at the second meeting of The Unity Roundtable of Shelby County. The luncheon, sponsored by Leadership Shelby County, was held on May 14, 1996, at Inverness Country Club. The topic of discussion was "Accessing vital information about your community through the Alabama Resource Center," which is located in Meadowbrook Corporate Park. Guest speaker was Griffin Lassiter. The "Spotlight" city for the month was Calera.

# For the Children of Indian Springs

About two months ago someone noticed that The Village had lots of children and *no playground* for them to inhabit. This inconsistency made it inevitable for someone to suggest that the community build one.



## **What we want to accomplish**

We want to build a community-constructed recreational facility of high quality in a short time and at an affordable cost.

## **How we can accomplish this**

Through a well-thought-out process that leverages the talent and cooperative spirit of the community. Such a project takes a lot of time, but the effort is shared and all the tasks don't have to be completed at once. One approach that has worked hundreds of times is the following:

### **1. Recruit core committee members**

These members that are committed to seeing the project successfully completed are absolutely essential to the success of the project. These committees will organize people and materials, and in general, make things happen.

### **2. Preparing for Design Day**

Design days are for the community-based kick-off events that give shape to the dreams of the children. That's right, the children design the facility by saying what they want to see in the playground. We (parents) ask the what-if questions and then really listen. All members of the core committees will be in place before the design day events. Reliable volunteers will have been recruited by the core committees to oversee other aspects of the effort.

### **3. Design Day**

Design day is a 12 hour day in which the dreams of the children, the skill of an engineer and artist, and the will of the community are molded into something tangible. Parents, teachers, children, school administrators, and community members meet, listen, and contribute their ideas on how to make the project a reality. Scheduling, fundraising, and how to achieve broad-based community involvement will be discussed in detail. The

engineers will prepare a preliminary design and present the design at a community wide meeting at the end of the day.

#### **4. Preparing for Organization Day**

About two months typically pass between design and organization days. These two months are spent fundraising, recruiting more volunteers, locating tools and materials, and refining the original design

#### **5. Organization Day**

Two to six months before construction begins another day of meeting between the site foreman, engineering firm and committee members takes place. Final design will be reviewed and confirmed. All loose ends will be tacked down, mis-understanding removed, and agreement reached on what remains to be done.

#### **6. Getting ready to build**

Make a list.... Check it twice...

Project coordinators will work with checklists to make sure that we've done the following:

- Prepared the site properly
- Collected and organized materials and tools
- Signed up all the volunteers we'll need
- Properly prepared ourselves for workers to arrive

#### **7. Construction Day**

When this day arrives we'll change a drab piece of real estate into a field of dreams. Each one of us will put some sweat in and get something wonderful out. You'll feel a sense of community that may have escaped you until this day. We'll build this with our bare hands, and I'll bet that you will never be able to drive by town hall again without looking to see if a smiling child is on the way down one of the slides that you helped put there.

#### **Get involved; make it happen**

Indian Springs Village has agreed to donate the property on which to build a playground, BUT... the community is (literally) going to build it. We can do it. Hundreds of communities across the country have successfully tackled this same kind of project.

We need 10 to 20 core committee members to begin this process. Contact any council member for further details or call 982-9119 (Sharon Dennis).

# Town Council Highlights

April , 1996

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town of Indian Springs Village met at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hub Harrington presided, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Gary Dennis and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$579; building permits, \$802; aluminum can recycling, \$187.60; ISV tags, \$40; and road funds, \$743.89. The balance in the general fund was reported as approximately \$34,264 and the road fund balance was \$37,840.

The council agreed for the Town of ISV to become a member community of the Alabama Telco Credit Union. This will allow any citizen of ISV to become a member of the Credit Union and utilize their members-only services. This will not make ISV citizens exempt from doing business with other financial organizations.

The council voted unanimously to fund a natural resources project at Oak Mountain Elementary School which will monitor water and soil in the wetlands area behind OMES and along Bishop Creek above and below the school. The county-wide project is done in connection with Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Each municipality with a participating school has agreed to pay \$200 for the special monitoring kits.

Indian Trail residents were in attendance to express concern about flooding along Highway 119 and Bishop Creek. The creek has flooded twice this year due to heavy rains, once forcing closure of Bishop Lane and Indian Trail as well as one lane of Highway 119. Residents voiced concerns that further commercial and residential development, both up and down stream from ISV, could worsen the problem in the future. County and state officials will be contacted by residents and town officials.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that funding in the form of a grant from the county is available for playground and/or park development by municipalities and schools. The grants would give 25% of the total cost of a project to the town. Application forms need to be filed by August 16, 1996.

## A Letter to the Editor

I thought the issue of using *The Village Voice* newsletter for one's personal agenda had been settled a couple of years ago when our Mayor and myself had discussions about the real reason we have a newsletter.

The very front of *The Village Voice* outlines its purpose, which is to inform the citizens of Indian Springs Village of matters of government affecting its citizens.

Now we have our Mayor, Hub Harrington, using the newsletter for his political agenda. He is endorsing Lindsey Allison for Shelby County Commissioner using *The Village Voice*. I have also heard rumor that he is also her campaign manager. His wife is the ISV city attorney. Where does all of this end with so many conflicts of interest and personal and political agendas?

I believe Mr. Harrington owes the citizens of ISV a public apology for using the newsletter for his endorsement of a public official. There are many of us who will be watching to see if this is forthcoming. We have no objection to Mayor Harrington being political if he so wishes, however, he must not use his position to support and endorse other political candidates in our newsletter.

J. Louis Workman  
71 Mallard Circle

*\*Editor's Note: For the record, Lindsey Allison informs The Village Voice that her co-campaign chairpersons are Denton and Alice Arledge, Meadowbrook residents. Kathryn Sumrall Harrington informs The Village Voice that she serves Pro Bono (without compensation) as the attorney of record for the Town of Indian Springs Village. The Village Voice welcomes Letters to the Editor, including those endorsing candidates for public office.*

## In Sympathy

The village extends deepest sympathy to the family of Nancy Lee Gallier, 830 Valley View Road, who passed away on April 29, 1996, at the age of 61. She was active in "Love In Action" Benevolent Ministry, and a member of Metropolitan Church of God. She is survived by her husband, Richard, Indian Springs; daughters, Devvie McCravy of Charleston, South Carolina, and Candis Greenlee of Vestavia; sister, Janice Peres of Little Rock, Arkansas; and two grandchildren.

## ISV Recycling and Litter Walk

By Councilman Art Johnson

The next aluminum can collection is Wednesday, May 22. Please place bagged aluminum cans near your driveway, opposite the normal Waste Management collection before 7:30 p.m. Please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the tops secured with a knot.

In April volunteers Margie and Herb Robbins collected a trailer load of cans from the Homestead area while Sharon Durbin, Gene Weingarten, and Jackie and Art Johnson collected 262 pounds of recyclable aluminum cans from the other neighborhoods in the village.

Please recycle only aluminum and aluminum cans. We cannot accept steel cans, glass, or plastic bottles at this time. If any bags have any of these items mixed in with the aluminum cans, we will not be able to accept them. Watch for recycling reminders along Indian Crest Drive, Highway 119, and both entrances to Homestead.

**The May Litter Walk is being re-scheduled a week earlier than normal due to the Memorial Day weekend. It will be on Saturday, May 18th.**

The official April Spring Cleanup was on April 20 and thanks to the thoughtfulness of our town "Litter Walk Champions", Nora and Jim Boyett, who picked up a half-mile section of roadside prior to the official Litter Walk, we made quick work of the litter on Highway 119. It was also obvious that many ISV citizens caught the spirit and did their part to remove the unsightly litter throughout the town. The road gang of April 20 included Jim and Nora Boyett and Art and Jackie Johnson. Coffee, cake and donuts were served at the completion of the litter walk.

If you like what you don't see, bring your work gloves, slip into an orange vest, and stroll for 30 minutes to an hour with some caring neighbors. You'll enjoy the fellowship and love the special glow of community pride when the job is done and there is uncluttered green framing our main thoroughfare.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, May 18, at 8:30 a.m. at the ISV Town Hall on Cahaba Valley Road, and for refreshments afterward. If you have any questions, call me at 988-3217.

## July 4th Just Around the Corner

The Sixth Annual Fourth of July Picnic and Parade will be here sooner than you think! Please call Olivia Weingarten (988-5417) or Tricia Crapet (802-2753) to volunteer for one of the many committees. All help is appreciated, and needed!

## Town Hall Work Day

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Spring certainly sprang at the Town Hall Work Day, which was held on April 20th. In attendance for the day, which ended early due to tornado watches and warning sirens blasting, were Art and Jackie Johnson, Jim and Nora Boyett, Betty Michaels, Jim Wyatt, Neil Damron, Herb Smith, Bart Trammell, Paul Stephens, and landscape architect, Jim Loper.

Several conflicts, including the opening day of Shelby County Athletic Association, the Auburn University A-Day game, and some local art shows kept many people away.

Spirits of the hearty volunteers were undaunted, with a lot of work being done in a short time. The ladies washed windows, cleaned floors, and did general house-keeping, while the gents performed those manly tasks of cutting grass, filling holes with dirt, and cutting down brush along the wet weather creek. Neil Damron began preparation of the multi-purpose ball field with his tractor and various implements. Jim Loper landscaped the front and sides of the Town Hall with shrubs and hydrangas, as well as lending use of his bob-cat to the work crew for various other chores.

For those who were unable to attend, fear not. Another work day will be planned for late summer.

## Where Are the Children?

By Dr. Ruth Goodwyn

Samuel Otterson Jones IV of 189 Choctaw Lane will graduate from the University of Alabama School of Medicine at its Honors Convocation May 19. Upon graduation from the U. S. Air Force Academy in 1992, 2nd Lt. Jones was one of 12 in his class to be awarded Air Force scholarships in medicine.

As a foreign elective during his senior year at medical school in Birmingham he chose a radiology rotation, completed at the Hadassah University Medical Center at 'En Kerem, Jerusalem. He remained overseas to tour Egypt and Turkey before returning home in time for graduation. In June Sam will enter the University of Maryland, Baltimore, to begin work in internal medicine. He is the son of Leta S. Jones and Samuel Otterson Jones III.