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Indian Springs Village Town Hall
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Agenda

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

Editor's Notes

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ISV CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Sixth Annual Fourth of July Celebration for the Town of Indian Springs Village is now history. The weather was picture perfect, with the coolest temperature and lowest humidity for July 4th in years. A big thanks to those who attended for helping make this year's event such a success. Many hours of planning go into putting on this annual event. Those who volunteered their time, talent and resources need a congratulatory pat on the back for their efforts.

While much of the village slept, the campus of Indian Springs School was buzzing with activity. The barbecue pit was ablaze with the smell of hickory hanging heavily in the air. Barbecue chefs Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, Jim Boyett, and Herb Robins roasted the chickens ever so slowly, waiting for just the right moment to dab on Paul's secret sauce. In the six years since ISV has been holding the July 4th event, no one has been able to con Paul out of the recipe for his barbecue sauce. Now that's real job security!

Early on, a problem surfaced. The helium tank for blowing up the 500 balloons was no where to be found. After a two-hour search by Olivia Weingarten, Art Johnson, and Bee Little, it was discovered that the tank had not been delivered as promised. A quick call to Tricia Crapet, who was busy decorating the parade route with American flags, yielded several dozen flags which were used as substitute decorations. The decorating committee, headed by Jackie Johnson, worked feverishly on the alternate plan for decorations for the front entrance and picnic area. Jim Boyett set up the serving tables that he had made. Patt and Cappy Potter busied themselves setting up chairs and tables underneath the big canopy while Herb and Margie Robins pitched in to help cover them in festive red and white. Close behind, Buzz and Nelda Kelly with daughters Suzanne and Ruth placed festive centerpieces made by Nelda on each table. Councilman Ron Luster carefully hung bunting, and when finished, he, wife Sandy, Margie Robins and Bee Little hustled back and forth from the ISV Winn-Dixie filling balloons with helium. A big thanks to manager Norman Kennessey for helping in such short notice. Once again Gene Weingarten, who is in the food brokerage business, proved an invaluable asset by picking up food and supplies and making all the calculations and arrangements for the barbecue pork, slaw, and beans which was purchased at Richard's Barbecue on Highway 119.

At 10:00 a.m. parade coordinator Tricia Crapet, along with assistants Lindsey Allison and Dorothy Carlisle, began registration of decorated vehicles at the Winn-Dixie Marketplace on Caldwell Mill Road while Deborah Gibson handed out tee shirts to each registrant. Sheriff James Jones, wife Debbie, son Buck, and co-pilot Ron Luster led the way from the parking lot at approximately 10:35 a.m. The Shelby County Sheriff's Department did a splendid job escorting the largest Fourth of July parade in ISV history.

This year's parade saw many new faces. Dale and Linda Sitton, Stowe and Ann Shoemaker, Barry and Jane Martin, Buzz Kelly and daughter, Suzanne, David and Georgia Ann Boutwell, and Charlie and Linda Butler, all dressed up their late-model cars and trucks to join in the festivities. Other late-model entries included veteran paraders Bobbie Aultman and children, Joey and Benae, Andy and Wanda Carter, Mayor Hub Harrington, wife Kathryn and son Michael, and Shelby County Commissioner Don Armstrong and his wife, Virginia, who have never missed an ISV parade.

ISV's garages and basements must indeed be hiding many automotive treasures. The village parade drew several antique and classic cars and trucks this year. **James Lynch** brought his classic 1970 Cutlass SX and **Jerry Smith**, along with kids, **Shelley** and **Jarrett**, drove their ever-so-hot red 1965 Chevy step-side pickup. However, those "Fix Or Repair Daily" (FORD) entries were greatest in number. **Skip Vanderwall's** beautiful bright red 1934 Ford sedan was driven by son, **Kevin**, who chauffeured his mom, **Pat**, **Charles** and **Jane Ellis** brought their classic 1966 Mustang, as did **Dale Brackhage**, who was the envy of all big-block engine fans with his 1969 Mach 1 Mustang. **Roy** and **Jane Speed's** freshly built '23 T-bucket Ford roadster made its debut at the ISV event and **Tom** and **Linda Kimbrough's** 1964 Thunderbird Landau looked as if it had just rolled off the showroom floor. **Michael Crapet** and son, **Joseph**, drove his latest acquisition, a 1936 Ford pickup which had arrived in ISV just 36 hours earlier from Poughkeepsie, New York. The truck was filled with hay and carried a full load including **Deborah Gibson**, **Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison**, **Judge Patty Smith**, and several of the judge's family members who managed to hitch a ride somewhere along Valley View Road. **Tricia Crapet** drove the the family's always dependable black 1934 Ford Fordor sedan, which they have owned for 23 years. The **Barry** family of Brookgreen Lane could just about have their own parade. **Danny Bell** drove father-in-law **Jack Barry Sr.'s** 1967 Camaro SS convertible, while Jack proudly drove his beautiful 1940 Ford coupe, which he has owned for over 40 years. (At home in the garage due to a lack of drivers was a beautiful champaign-colored 1935 Ford sedan as well as a sprint car.)

Rumble in the village! This year's parade was blessed by five flag-flying, made in America Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Veteran parader and proud Harley owner **Ed Beck** was joined by new paraders **Paul Scokel**, **Jack "Scooter" Barry, Jr.**, and **Mark West**. **Terry Carlisle** and son **Matthew** made their second parade in as many years.

Parade participants were greeted by the most enthusiastic roadside onlookers ever. Crowds formed at intersections, in drive-ways and on lawns where eager spectators waved Old Glory and cheered, especially at Willowbrook, Brookstone Estates, Indian Crest Drive, Wildwood Lane, Mallard Circle, Brookgreen Lane, Highgate Hill, and Fox Fire Circle. Many old friends like **Larry**, **Sue**, and **Sue Ann DeBoer**, **Dave** and **Pat Otto**, **Mary Guy**, **Cindy Michelson**, **Mark** and **Allison Calhoun**, **Chuck** and **Ruth Snow**, **Kelley Wertz**, and **Sandy Luster** were seen cheering paraders on. **Joey Nadler**, whose Harley was out of commission, watched enviously as his biking buddies passed without him. New friends were perched as well, but none so ready as **Leo**, **Susie**, **Lee** and **Kyle Cahalan** of Indian Trail, who waited patiently in their driveway for the parade, only to notice that it turned off their street one half block away. Sorry guys! Next year, ride with us! Upon entering Indian Springs School **Bill**, **Patty**, and **Ashley Weems** were on hand in their decorated golf cart. Other villagers on bikes and with patriotic pets joined the procession to the picnic grounds.

The festivities were opened by **Mayor Hub Harrington**, who reminded us that if it were not for the sacrifices of many, we might not be celebrating the independence and freedom that we as Americans enjoy. Special guests for the day included **State Rep-**

resentative Al Knight, **Shelby County Commissioners Don Armstrong** and **Lindsey Allison**, and **Sheriff James Jones**. French foreign exchange students **Elise** and **Renaud Vicente**, who are spending the summer with **Charlie** and **Linda Butler**, enjoyed their first July 4th celebration. The cousins, from Marseille and Anglet, drew for free barbecue plates from the list of parade registrants. Winners of the freebies were **Scooter Barry** and **Mark West**.

The natives were restless early, so with the chow line already forming, the volunteer servers took their places. This year's duties fell to **Herb** and **Margie Robins**, **Benton** and **Jean Baker**, daughter, **Anna Grace**, and her fiance, **Vince Gray**, **Linda Kloewer**, **Gene** and **Olivia Weingarten**, **Pat** and **Cappy Potter**, **Jamie Wood**, **Russ Allison**, **Mark** and **Kelly Phillips**, **Jackie Johnson** **Nora Boyett**, **Lola Stephens**, **Madeline Johnson**, **Connie Trammell**, and **Jean Owen**. **Rusty** and **Julie Schenk** and **Art** and **Jackie Johnson** took shifts manning the cashier's table, while **Onnie Dickerson** and **Deborah Gibson** hawked ISV tee-shirts.

The most popular section by far was the dessert table. As always, ISV's best cookie, cake, and pastry chefs sent their best recipes for the hungry, sweet-toothed villagers to feast upon. Though several desserts were brought by villagers who were not identified, a great variety of goodies were brought by **Linda Kloewer**, **Margie Robins**, **Aleta Lowe**, **Connie Trammel**, **Madeline Johnson**, **Olivia Weingarten**, **Jean Owen**, **Lib Smith**, **Louise White**, **Eunice Huntress**, **Jackie Johnson**, **Frances Lewis**, **Mary Bowman**, **Ruth Goodwyn**, **Jean Baker**, **Julie Schenk**, and **Nora Boyett**. **Terry Wells'** sheet cake decorated with an American flag was in keeping with the patriotic flavor of the day and **Lola Stephens'** home-baked angel food cake was indeed heavenly. **Tricia Crapet's** chilled banana pudding was refreshing for a hot summer day. Of the three desserts brought by **Betty Michels**, her jam cake with caramel icing was quickest to go. Last, but certainly one of the favorites, was once again **Cheryl Rast's** home-baked blackberry cobbler. Cheryl hand-picked the berries and delivered the piping-hot, fresh-from-the-oven dessert on her way to a family gathering out of town. Now that's dedication! (Rumor has it that threats were made if Cheryl did not produce the cobbler!)

"Let the games begin" was the cry from the small-fry of the village before most adults had even finished their barbecue plates. **Bee Little** gathered the pint-sized "olympians" lakeside for some spirited competition. Assistants **Jenny Stovall** and **Tricia Crapet** helped with watermelon rolling, apple-bobbing, bubble blowing, and three-legged races. **Becky Stovall** exhibited her skill in paddle-balling much to the envy of the kids who entered that contest. Everyone was a winner and each child left with several patriotic prizes to take home.

Ralph Bodie single-handedly kept the garbage cans emptied and the grounds picked up during the picnic. **Herb** and **Margie Robins**, **Jim** and **Nora Boyett**, **Gene** and **Olivia Weingarten**, and **Art** and **Jackie Johnson** pitched in to fold up the tables and chairs, and make sure that the Indian Springs campus was returned to its neat and clean appearance.

In all, it was a perfect day for a true, small town celebration of our nation's, and our community's, independence.

[Contributions by Nora Boyett, Dorothy Carlisle, Jackie Johnson and Olivia Weingarten.]

We Need Your Help!

We need 10 to 12 interested people
who will be committed
to making the playground
for Indian Springs Village happen.

If you are interested, please contact
Sharon Dennis (982-9119)

or

Bee Little (985-9988)

We can do this with YOUR help!

Town Council Highlights

June 18, 1996

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Town of Indian Springs Village met at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hub Harrington presided, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Gary Dennis in attendance.

Councilman Gary Dennis presented a copy of a noise abatement ordinance to the council for review. The concept behind an ordinance such as this is to require natural buffers which help block noise from traffic and commercial entities. This would be helpful if Highway 119 were ever to be expanded to four or five lanes.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt and Shelby County Emergency Management director George Holcomb had walked Bishop Creek and its tributaries from Indian Springs Village to the interstate accompanied by a representative from Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). Wyatt reported that the creek is completely blocked in more than one place, with log jams, silt, and other debris from the 1994 Palm Sunday tornado as well as debris from other storms that have occurred since then. The areas that are blocked are in the county, and not in ISV or Pelham, who both paid to have the creek cleaned out within their corporate limits after the tornado.

Jim Wyatt presented several petitions for annexation of contiguous properties to the council. Upon review the petitions, which included Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, were tabled until confirmation from the Catholic Diocese that the petition has been properly authorized.

The council voted unanimously to allocate a maximum of \$2,600 for repairs and renovations to the back porch of the town hall. The porch, which has rotten support columns and decking, will be re-done to match the front and side porches and a wheelchair ramp added.

Townpeople discussed the proposed playground, pavillion, and walking track for the town hall grounds. Prices from contractors for a paved walking track averaged \$11,000. Townpeople in attendance were in favor of a track, but wished to explore an unpaved, packed track, or natural trail, which would be considerably less expensive. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to oversee the buildings and grounds of the town hall, and to assess and prioritize any new or existing projects. Mayor Harrington will make the appointments at the July meeting.

The council voted unanimously to hold the municipal elections for the Town of Indian Springs Village at the town hall on Tuesday, August 27, 1996, with the polling hours established as 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The voting will be by paper ballot, and will be hand counted.

Dr. Ruth Goodwyn presented a bound copy of the first five volumes (five years) of *The Village Voice* which was bound at the

Tuscaloosa Library Bindery. Shelby County Archives and Museum in Columbiana is placing a bound set in its archives. A third set has been placed with The Birmingham Public Library, Southern Collection. A fourth set is ready to be sent to a state library.

Onnie Dickerson presented the town with a beautifully framed and matted original deed and survey of the town hall. The historical documents will be displayed henceforth in the meeting room at the town hall.

New Faces for Old Places

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Like flowers in spring, new faces are popping up all over Indian Springs Village.

The village wishes to extend a warm welcome to Gene and Nina Dekich, who now reside at 441 Valley View Road, formerly the home of Rick and Linda Benson. Gene and Nina come to us from the Vestavia area, where they lived for 25 years while raising two children, Steve, now a doctor practicing in Auburn, and Diane, who lives in Mobile. They are most proud of their five grandchildren. Gene, who enjoys golfing, is with Provident Insurance Company. Nina, a born shopper, teaches aerobics and is the librarian for her church. The Dekichs were officially welcomed to the Brookstone neighborhood at the block party last month.

Scott and Terry Harrison, 36 Fox Fire Circle, have recently come to the village from Alabaster. Scott and Terry are employed by competing companies, Hewlett-Packard and LexMark. The highly competitive couple are quick to tell you which of their employers manufactures the best printers. Terry has one daughter, Danielle Stiles, and one grandson, Cameron, who live in North Carolina. Scott and Terry are busy remodeling their new digs, formerly the home of John and Shirley McGuffey.

The village warmly welcomes Leo and Susie Cahalan, who now reside at 400 Indian Trail. The Cahalan clan, including sons Lee and Kyle, come to ISV from Vestavia. Leo is the owner of Top Fabricators, a countertop manufacturing company in Leeds, and enjoys gourmet cooking. Susie enjoys having a husband who enjoys cooking. Lee, 21, and Kyle, 19, are students at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Kyle will be spending most of the summer in England, while Lee works a double shift keeping mom Susie from thinking about her far-away offspring. The Cahalans have one dog, Poco, and a charming parrot named Cruncher, who chatters constantly. Visitors to the Cahalan home quickly learn which side of the "Iron Bowl" fence they are on, since one of Cruncher's favorite lines is "Roll Tide". Leo and Susie have become avid equestrians and will be bringing their three beautiful horses, Santo, Baron, and Sebastian, home to Indian Trail as soon as the new fences are erected.

The village sends a fond farewell to Jack, Barbara, and David Hughens, formerly of 400 Indian Trail. Jack, who built the home 36 years ago, and was one of the first residents of the Indian Springs Ranch area. We wish Jack and Barbara well as they make their home in Alabaster.

Litter Walk and Can Recycling

By Councilman Art Johnson

A successful litter walk was conducted on June 22 by volunteers Jim and Nora Boyett, Councilman Gary Dennis, his wife, Sharon, and son, John Ball, and neighbor, Jack Little, son of Harry and Bee Little, and Art and Jackie Johnson. Good citizenship has begun early for these two soon-to-be first graders, who seemed to enjoy their work. Coffee, cake and donuts were served at the completion of the litter walk.

Participating in a litter walk is a wonderful way to keep our town's thoroughfares litter free and a fine way to exercise good citizenship. Please volunteer. You are invited to join us on Saturday, July 20, at 8:30 a.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall located at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road.

Mark your calendars! The next aluminum can collection is Wednesday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. For easy identification of your recycling by our volunteers, please place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway, across from your weekly Waste-Away garbage pick-up. Please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the top tied with a knot. If you use dark colored bags, please tape a white piece of paper with ISV written in large letters on at least one of the bags.

In June three trucks manned by volunteers Sharon Durbin, Gene Weingarten, Margie and Herb Robbins, and Jackie and Art Johnson collected 293 pounds of recyclable aluminum. In addition to our volunteers, I wish to thank Mike Rutherford for the use of his pickup truck. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead. If you have any questions, please call me at 988-3217.

Missing Pets

By Dr. Ruth Goodwyn

Pixie, an grey, brown-eyed Siberian Husky belonging to Warren and Lynn Andrews managed to escape her pen at 161 Pawnee on Monday, June 24th. The gentle female has not reappeared and is the subject of signs posted at intervals in the village. The very anxious Andrews request a call at 988-0734 or 877-7674 if Pixie is found by anyone in the community.

A ten-week-old white Pomeranian/Shih Tzu mix is missing from the home of Angela and Jim Chambers of 1565 Indian Crest Drive. Please call 403-0010 if you find Sammy.

Olympic Soccer on the Way

By Councilman art Johnson

If you plan to attend an Olympic soccer match at Legion Field you may want to avoid parking at the stadium and take the Max Shuttle instead. Due to corporate hospitality tents, there will be only half the normal parking spaces available. Each space will be at a premium and there will be no RV parking allowed. The shuttles will be from downtown area to the stadium and will run every five minutes starting two hours before game time and running until ten minutes before kickoff. For more information, call 521-0101.

Comments From the Commish

By Shelby County Commissioner Lindsey Allison

As your newly re-elected Shelby County Commissioner from District Seven, I am very appreciative of all of the support I received from the Indian Springs Village community. Clearly, Indian Springs played a crucial part in the results of the June 4th primary. I look forward to working hard for District 7, Indian Springs Village, and Shelby County during the next four years. If I can be of assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call me at my office, 991-6367, or at home, 985-7179.

Accolades

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

A big "thank you and keep up the good work" to George Johnson and Roy Connell of Valley View Road for their ever-diligent upkeep of the entrance to Brookstone Estates and the roadside across the street from their homes. Their latest manicuring job was especially appreciated by those participating in the annual Fourth of July Parade, which always travels Valley View Road. Thanks for being good neighbors.

The Village Voice welcomes new couriers Bonnie Murphy of Hollow Log Lane, the new courier for the Homestead subdivision, and Linda Sitton, of Woodfern Drive, the new courier for Indian Highlands. Thanks for volunteering! We appreciate your support.

Best Wishes to the Happy Couple

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Best wishes are in order for Ron Luster, Jr. and his bride, the former Amy Marie Edwards, who were wed on the first of June at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Homewood. Congratulations to Ron and Sandy Luster of Indian Trail, who are closer than ever to being empty nesters. Three down, and one to go! Don't worry. The grandchildren have taken up where the children have left off. Most days you can find Sandy with one on each hip, happily immersed in "grandmotherhood."

Bye-Bye Birdie

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

The Saturday morning of the monthly litter walk, Nora Boyett and Jackie Johnson opened the town hall to set up the refreshments for the Adopt-a-Mile volunteers. Upon their entering the kitchen, it was quite evident that some quick clean-up had to be done before hungry volunteers could be refreshed. It seems that a "little birdie" had visited upon every surface in the house, leaving little "gifts" behind much of the time. After a morning of cleaning roadsides, the volunteers spent the rest of the day cleaning house. Through necessity, mama bird has now been shut out of the town hall. Art Johnson blocked the dryer vent "doorway" and carefully moved the nest and eggs to a tree outside. Hopefully, mama bird will locate the nest and continue her motherly duties.