



# The Village Voice

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall  
Tuesday, October 15, 1996 7:00 p.m.

### Agenda

- I. Founders' Day Cookout
- II. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- III. Ordinances and Resolutions
- IV. 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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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

In this fast-paced world of today, it is easy to overlook the accomplishments of those around us. We are pressed for time to do all the necessary things for our family, our church, our work, and the many other callings that have to be fitted into a 24-hour time frame. One of the most important responsibilities that must be included, and perhaps has become a little old-fashioned, is something we call paying our civic rent. This obligation to ourselves, and to our neighbors, is what makes the community ... and the community is what makes it all worthwhile. A visitor to our September council meeting, which contained a capsule version of our normal meetings, plus the swearing-in ceremonies, said, "I want to move to Indian Springs Village so that I can be a part of a group where anyone can be impactful."

One of the most positive accomplishments that we must acknowledge, is the hard work and initiative undertaken by a group of folks some six years ago. Out of an idea that was bantered around, came the organization and grass roots effort to form a new town. A town where people would be in a position to have a say about the growth and development of their community. While not everyone in the area was in agreement, this initial group moved ahead, did their homework and set the wheels into motion. The petitions were signed, the voting date was set, and the effort to convince a majority that this was the correct course was set into motion. The rest is history.

In later articles, I will endeavor to touch on all the folks who had a hand in the making of Indian Springs Village. But for now, one name has to be underscored as a benchmark -- Hub Harrington. I am not sure if Hub knew what all his new job as mayor entailed. Surely, he did not foresee some of the complex issues which have come under his gavel. Decisions, with the help of a dedicated town council, were necessary almost every town meeting. Most of the decisions went well. Some did not. But always, much thought and consideration went into the process. Our town has come from a tiny infant to a youngster, with a lot of growing up yet to do. Leadership has been the key, participation has been the recipe. Thanks, Hub.

Our Founders' Day council meeting on October 15th will be a good time to renew our goals for Indian Springs Village. It will also be a good time to seek new goals and secure ideas for achieving them. Of course, this will take the help, cooperation, and effort of many good people. One of my personal goals is to enlist the support of many more folks to participate and help our core group, which has been totally unselfish in working for ISV. We want YOU to be a "villager." As we celebrate under our new town pavilion let's all be thankful for being a part of what America is all about ... the community.

Don't forget to vote on November 5th. A president, vice president, senators, congressmen, judges, etc. must be elected. Every vote counts. Your vote may be the one that makes the difference. See you at the polls.

# Looking Back

By Ruth Goodwyn

As Indian Springs Village holds its sixth Founders' Day celebration, it seems timely that the town-appointed historian review our beginnings and achievements over the years.

The desire to preserve the nature and character of the Indian Springs area prompted concerned citizens to gather signatures necessary to petition for a referendum calling for incorporation. The new town of Indian Spring Village was established by a vote of the people October 16, 1990. The concerns of the petitioners and those who voted favorably in the election were the piecemeal annexations and commercial developments by neighboring cities, especially along Alabama 119, the main artery of the town. Also present was the nagging fear that the Shelby County Commission could not protect the area from unwanted encroachment. The U. S. Census listed 444 households and a population of 1,234 for the new town.

Residents elected their first mayor and five councilpersons on Tuesday, January 29, 1991--candidates who had supported the incorporation and had pledged running the town without additional taxes or changes in police, fire, and school services. At the first town council meeting February 26, 1991, the primary resolution passed concerned the founding of ISV, as well as establishing future goals of the town. "Preserve," "protect," "enhance," and "self-determination" were key words in the resolution, which the council expected to be fulfilled through community awareness and involvement.

To date the pledge of no new taxes has been kept, and ISV citizens have responded to the call for volunteers. At no compensation our elected officials and other dedicated villagers carry on the business of the town. Many serve as chairmen of various appointed boards and committees; a cluster of men self-named the "Pothole Crew" have concerned themselves with road repair and building projects; organized litterwalks and aluminum can collections are held monthly; *The Village Voice* has been published and home delivered monthly since April 2, 1991. Actions of officials and concerned citizens have halted encroachments on Oak Mountain State Park and other environmentally-damaging endeavors. After the Palm Sunday tornado of 1994 officials and volunteers

again answered the call--neighbor helped neighbor clean up the devastation. The Tree and Landscaping Cooperative for Indian Springs Village was formed to help reclaim the beauty of the town.

The town's population has increased by approximately 40 percent in about 850 households and the area is now estimated to encompass approximately 2 1/2 square miles, due primarily to annexation requests. About 80 homes of the Homestead Subdivision on Valleydale Road were annexed at homeowners' requests, along with commercial property, in May 1994. The town now has 19 businesses. At the August 1996 town council meeting 29 pieces of property were annexed, including homes, two churches, and two private schools. Plans were announced the same month by the North Shelby County Library for a new building on Cahaba Valley Road.

Three new Shelby County public schools have been built in the town, which welcomed the annexation of Indian Springs School, a private school, in 1992. At Indian Springs School town council meetings had been held since 1991 and town-sponsored Fourth of July and Founders' Day celebrations have been held annually on the grounds of the school. Indian Springs Village officially opened its own town hall December 17, 1995. Located on 3.3 acres at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road in the heart of the village, the town hall is a renovated 100-year-old home formerly owned by the McClellan Family. In addition to being the location of monthly town council and other meetings, the town hall houses a Shelby County Sheriff's Department Substation and is the site also of many social gatherings. The annual ISV Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the grounds of the town hall beginning in 1997. The Pothole Crew is supervising the construction of a barbecue pavilion on the grounds, and plans are underway for the construction of a children's playground. Future plans being considered are for a multi-purpose ball field, as well as a natural walking trail.

*The Birmingham News* featured ISV town officials among the top newsmakers of 1992. Newsworthy were the commitment not to raise taxes, successful efforts of protecting the town from commercialization, and the work of volunteers. The *News'* commendation could be repeated. We have survived and progressed. But as in articles of this type and commencement addresses, the usual conclusion will be followed here: that we cannot rest on achievements; we ever will be challenged and thus must keep constant vigil.

# Town Council Highlights

## September 17, 1996

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2*

The Town of Indian Springs Village met at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Tuesday, September 17, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over his last town council meeting, with council members Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Gary Dennis and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$792.69; road funds, \$826.51; the balance in the general fund was \$36,500 and the balance in the road fund was \$42,400.

Mayor Harrington introduced Pete Clemens, a candidate for election to the board of trustees for the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District, who spoke to townspeople regarding his "pro-fire district" position as well as the present problems faced by the district with Hoover. Mayor Harrington urged all townspeople to vote for the candidates who are dedicated to preserving the fire district. Besides Clemens, the incumbent candidates who are dedicated to this position are Sally Cox and Martha Geyer. Present trustee Russ Allison is not seeking re-election, having already served for nine years.

## Swearing-In Ceremony

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2*

Shelby County Judge Patty Smith, and ISV resident, performed the first-ever swearing-in ceremony performed at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. A standing-room-only crowd witnessed councilpersons Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Stewart Dudley take the oath of office for their third consecutive terms, and Art Johnson for his second. Relatives, friends, and neighbors snapped pictures of newly-elected mayor, Gene Weingarten, and councilman, Herb Robbins, as they took their first steps into the realm of public service.

After the eventful ceremony, the meeting adjourned to a reception at the dining hall at Indian Springs School. Mayor Gene Weingarten and his wife, Olivia, hosted the catered evening as a "thank you" for all who supported the candidacy of Mayor Weingarten, as well as the town council.

## Tour of Homes Focuses on ISV

*By Ruth Goodwyn*

The Indian Springs area, described in the *Wall Street Journal* as a "lush hillside enclave of mansions," will be focus of the annual Holiday Home Tour of '96 this December 14-15, sponsored by the Friends of the Library organization of the North Shelby County Library.

The four estates featured on the tour are those of Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Chamblee (Cheryl), 925 Valley View Road; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Folmar (Debra), 3094 Cahaba Valley Road; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McWilliams (Sherry), 325 Indian Trail; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Slaughter (Betty), 2723 Cahaba Valley Road. These owners have graciously agreed to having their homes on tour for this fund-raiser.

All proceeds from the tour will benefit the North Shelby County Library. The library announced plans in August to move from its present site on Highway 280 near Lloyd's Restaurant to a new building on a 5-acre location on Alabama 119 near Oak Mountain Middle and Elementary schools.

Tickets will be available November 1 at \$12 each and at \$10 if bought in blocks of 10 or more. On tour days the price will be \$15 each. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Neil's Pharmacy, Indian Springs Hairstyles, and the Carousel Tack Shoppe.

A member of the "Friends" Board, your editor has been working with the Holiday Home Tour Committee since last June.

## Calling All Cooks

*By Bee Little*

Calling all closet gourmet chefs! It is time to get serious about our ISV Cookbook. We need a core committee to work on this project. The computer and typing work is already delegated, but we need help with the content and design of our book, as well as the gathering of those fabulous recipes so well hidden behind ISV's closed doors. We have received some great recipes, but still need many more. Please send you specialty to: Bee Little, Managing Editor, 867 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124. Call me at 985-9988 if you would like to be a part of this project.

## Litter Walk Is October 19

*By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4*

On September 21, we had our monthly litter walk along our other major thoroughfare, Indian Crest Drive. Your Indian Springs Village Adopt-a-Mile road crew removed the unsightly litter left by unthinking motorists along Indian Crest Drive. Nine 40 gallon bags of litter were removed, and revealed once again was the unspoiled beauty of our town along the crest. We again welcome Mary Louise and Ed Beck who joined us for the second time, and thank them for volunteering. Regular volunteers Jim Boyett, Aleta Lowe, Jean Owens, and Jackie and Art Johnson also participated.

If you like what you see along our main roads, or rather, what you don't see, bring your work gloves to the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Cahaba Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 19, slip into an orange vest, and stroll for about 45 minutes with some caring and friendly neighbors. You'll enjoy the fellowship, and you'll love the special glow of community pride when the job is done.

Please help us keep ISV free from litter. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday. If you cannot attend, please take a few minutes and remove any litter that is on your property. Call me at 988-3217 if you have any questions.

## ISV Recycling Is October 16

*By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4*

ISV recycling volunteers Tommy Gaskins, newly-sworn-in Mayor Gene Weingarten, and Councilman Herb Robins, Herb's wife, Margie, and Jackie and Art Johnson collected 279 pounds of cans on September 18. Newly-annexed villagers on Double Oak Lane and Parkview Circle are now participating in the ISV recycling program. This area has wasted no time becoming involved. The monies collected by selling the aluminum cans is donated to help fund *The Village Voice*. In addition to our volunteers, I wish once again to thank Mike Rutherford for the use of his pickup truck.

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, October 16. Please place your bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:30 p.m. To help us identify your recycling please use a white or clear plastic bag with the top tied in a knot and place it on the other side of your driveway from your normal Waste Management pickup. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Ask not what your town can do for you ... I'm sure we all know the next line of John F. Kennedy's famous quote. Imagine a town full of volunteers. Many villagers have answered the call, but we need more and more of our town's citizens to step forward, assist our neighbors, and give something back to the town. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at 988-3217. There are many "jobs" in the town that require volunteer help; recycling is just one of them.

## A Letter to the Editor

Though I have retired from public office, I would like to encourage my fellow villagers to continue our support of someone who has been a very indispensable ally in Shelby County government. Republican Don Armstrong, our current county commissioner for the south side of Highway 119, is running for re-election for District 9. Don has been our county commissioner for the past two terms and has proven to have been invaluable to the county, his district, and to our town. Our ongoing support of Don will insure that ISV's voice will continue to be heard at the county level. On November 5th please let your voice be heard by voting for Don Armstrong for county commission.

Hub Harrington  
291 Valley View Lane

## Village Personals

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2*

### In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with Marian Langner of Brookgreen Lane on the passing of her husband Clyde, age 70, on Sunday, September 8. A long-time villager, Mr. Langner's legacy includes four children, Clyde B. Langner, Jr. of Greenville, SC, Steven W. Langner, Glenn A. Langner, and Cindy Culpepper, all of Chelsea; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Langner is also survived by brothers Willian, Ernest, and Oliver, and a sister, Lucille Owen.

The village extends sympathy to Pat Tombrella of Willow Ridge Lane on the death of his mother, Josephine C. Tombrella, age 76, on September 14. Mrs. Tombrello is also survived by son Samuel and daughter Linda Musso, two grandchildren, and one sister, Angie Ariella.

### Accolades

A big thanks goes to villager David Smelcer for his help in designing and drawing the new barbecue pavilion and pit. Though extremely busy with his home design business, David took time to work out the particulars with the Pothole Crew so that the construction could be completed in time for our Founders' Day celebration. David also did a rendering of the town hall soon after its purchase. We appreciate his invaluable assistance and look forward to working with him on future projects.

### Here, Doggie

Chad and Rob Grant are looking for their 5 month old black lab mixed puppy, "C. J.", who is missing from 41 Foxfire Circle. C.J., a female with white socks on her feet, has been missing since Saturday, Septmeber 21. Please call mom Donna at 987-0387 if you have seen the family pet.

**HAPPY SIXTH BIRTHDAY**  
**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE**

Please join in the fun at the  
**SIXTH ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY**  
**CELEBRATION**

to be held on  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1996**

at the newly-constructed  
**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE**  
**PICNIC PAVILION**

**FREE**

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

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

*Please bring a dessert to share with fellow villagers.*

*Remember to bring a lawn chair and PLEASE observe parking rules.*