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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, November 19, 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 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

Riding down Indian Crest Drive from Arrowhead to Caldwell Mill you encounter a group of hills and sharp curves that tax the concentration of every driver. On a recent trip over this road it was noted that two ornate brick mailboxes had been totally demolished. In fact, at one location, the matching brick column on the other side of the driveway entrance was also wiped out. Although I did not see the cars that were involved it is obvious that a great deal of damage was inflicted to each vehicle.

The homeowner at the more damaged location quoted the driver, who was about 19 years of age, as saying speed was the cause of the accident. It was a small miracle that he was not seriously injured. The time was a little after midnight, certainly not an hour to be testing a car's ability to maneuver a difficult road. No alcohol or drugs were involved ... just plain speed.

Just this past weekend, I was working in the yard when a car passed, moving at such a high rate of speed that I was not able to identify it. Squealing tires could be heard as the car negotiated the curves. If a vehicle had entered the road from either a driveway or a side road, the consequences could have been very bad. This was during a bright, sunshine-filled day. The noise of speeding cars is common at night, particularly on weekends. It appears that we are tempting fate, with a disaster waiting to happen.

It is easy to say, "Well you know how those teenagers drive." And surely some of our young folks don't really comprehend what a speeding car can do. In my travels across the state I regularly see the white crosses and flowers denoting where some young persons have been lost because of disrespect to their vehicles. It would be sad indeed if this were to happen to one of our young villagers. If you have a young driver in your family please take the time to impress upon him or her the dangers to themselves, and to their fellow man, of a speeding car.

Let's not limit our thoughts to just the young folks. On occasion even the older folks forget to temper their impression on the gas pedal. It is better to arrive at your destination a few minutes later than to test your luck. And luck is the only thing you have going for you when speed overrules your good judgement. And don't forget to use your turn indicators. The sheriff deputies tell me that the cause of most of the accidents on Highway 119 (along with speeding) is the result of drivers not indicating early enough that they are going to turn. If you travel Cahaba Valley Road the skid marks are indicative of this ongoing problem.

If we are to expect our young drivers to do a good job, we older drivers will have to lead by example. As we move into the holiday season the hectic pace frequently speeds up our lives. Let's not let it speed up our cars. Every ISV citizen is important. We want to keep them with us for many years ahead.

Gun Discharge Strikes Child

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"Had this wound been 1/2 inch deeper, this child would be fighting for her life in a trauma unit." This was the conclusion of Children's Hospital pediatrician Dr. Carden Johnston regarding the grazing of 7-year-old Kerrie Carr's scalp by a bullet on October 9.

Kristy Carr (Mrs. James) of 5208 Old Mill Circle reported that on Wednesday, around 5:00 p.m., she and Kerrie and another daughter, 3-year-old Julie, were loading their van, preparing to pick up children for a neighbor. Blood gushed from Kerrie's head. Fortunately the scalp had not been penetrated. Julie remembered hearing a "pop," and five minutes later they found the bullet from a .22 handgun on the seat of the van, which was parked in the driveway of neighbors Peter and Debbie Adams.

After treating the wound, Dr. Johnston of Children's Hospital taped an interview with Kerrie and her mother concerning this very traumatic experience. A two-minute segment of the interview was shown on Channel 13's "Kid Check" portion of the 11:00 a.m. news on Wednesday, October 23.

It was a shock that my first call as editor of *The Village Voice* concerned the effect of a gun discharge. In May 1991 a questionnaire concerning environmental issues was distributed to ISV residents. Citizens were asked to mark "agree" or "disagree" to several statements including the following: "Discharge of firearms, except for self-defense, should be prohibited within the limits of ISV." More citizens agreed than disagreed -- the vote was 56:20. The matter has been discussed in more recent town council meetings. It is hoped, at least, that the person who discharged the .22 handgun in the vicinity of Old Mill Circle on October 9 is aware that his or her moment of carelessness resulted in a near-death experience for an innocent bystander.

Cookbook Committee Meeting

By Bee Little, Managing Editor

Become a part of the history of our town by attending the first meeting of the Indian Springs Village Cookbook Committee. The meeting will be held at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Sunday, November 24th at 3:00 p.m. We will begin brainstorming on the design, layout, and content of our cookbook. All ideas are welcome. Remember, you will not be expected to do any of the typing work -- that is taken care of. In the meantime, please keep those recipes coming. We still need many more for all classifications in the book. Please call Bee at 985-9988 for more information.

'Tis the Season for Giving

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Another holiday season is upon us. Soon our village will be aglow with beautiful sights and joyous sounds of happy families and children playing with the gifts left by Santa. But, not everyone's holiday will be so wonderful. There are several families with children who attend Oak Mountain schools who are presently living under less than desirable circumstances. For these families, even the barest of necessities do not come easily.

In 1994 our officials, in conjunction with the Oak Mountain schools counselors, established the Indian Springs Village Childrens Fund, which is totally dependent upon donations from members of our community. Each year the counselors provide ISV with a list of families and their needs. Each family is carefully screened by the school. **Every penny of every dollar donated goes directly to benefit these families.** The work is done by volunteers who are noted for squeezing the most out of each dime. In the past two years the ISVCF has been the sole provider for 28 children's Christmas, not including those villagers who chose to adopt whole families for the season. So far this year the counselors have identified six families with 18 children who have no means of providing for themselves, with the possibility of a few other families being added.

The purpose of the fund is to ensure that every needy family is supplied with food, that all children are clothed, and that their dreams and wishes to Santa come true. This will be the third year that ISV's citizens will be responding to the call. Please open your hearts today to those who are in need. Donations made by check should be made payable to the ISV Children's Fund and sent to Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, AL 35124.

Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

In Sympathy

The village extends heartfelt sympathy to Terry Harrison of Fox Fire Circle on the tragic and untimely death of her husband, Scott, age 48. New residents to ISV, Terry and Scott had been married less than two years. Mr. Harrison died October 10 while scuba diving in Lana'i, Hawaii, on vacation. The cause of death has yet to be determined. Mr. Harrison, a Vietnam War veteran and an avid pilot, was a manager for Hewlett Packard and a member of Highlands United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife Terry and stepdaughter, Danielle; a sister, Mrs. Delores Dulom of Sarasota, Florida; a brother, J. Baskin Harrison of Roanoke, Virginia; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

New Arrival

Congratulations are in order for Steve and Donna Swofford on the newest addition to their family, Mary Rachel. Rachel is now two months old and Mom Donna says she is working on sleeping through the night. The Swoffords have one son, Keith, age 6.

Welcome

ISV welcomes Richard and Mary Criss of Parkview Estates, who annexed their property into the town in August.

***First Annual
Indian Springs Village
Holiday Gifts, Arts, and Crafts Show***

**Indian Springs Village Town Hall
2635 Cahaba Valley Road
Saturday, December 7, 1996
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Talented villagers and others will be displaying
their beautiful handmade creations.**



**shoes
clothing,
silver jewelry,
antique lace pillows
Christmas ornaments,
angels, birdhouses and
birdfeeders, perfume bottles,
holiday decorations, Victorian
gifts and Victorian towels, pottery,
florals, gift baskets, mulling spices,
homemade jellies and pepper sauces,
picture frames, body and bath products.
All villagers are welcome to join in the fun.**

**For
more
information,
please call Donna Grant
987-5838**

Town Council Highlights

October 15, 1996

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

It was a festive and fun-filled evening at the grand opening of the ISV Picnic Pavilion, as Mayor Gene Weingarten took gavel in hand to preside over his first council meeting. The October 15, 1996 meeting, which was the 6th Founders' Day Celebration held in honor of ISV's incorporation, began a little past 7:00 p.m., while approximately 200 villagers were still feasting on hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the usual trimmings. Councilpersons Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet and Art Johnson were in attendance. Some special guests on hand to help ISV celebrate included Shelby County Commissioners Don Armstrong and Lindsey Allison, Sheriff James Jones, and Captain Chris Curry of the Sheriff's Department, and Judge Mike Joiner.

No official town business was conducted. Instead, Mayor Weingarten presented ISV's first and former mayor, Hub Harrington, with a key to the city that he had been so instrumental in forming and nurturing for the past six years. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet presented Hub with a bound copy of *The Village Voice* which included all issues during his terms of office. The councilwoman then introduced a comical David Letterman style "Top Ten List" of reasons why the ex-official did not seek re-election.

The evening was a roaring success thanks to all the villagers who attended the yearly event, especially those who brought delicious desserts to share with their neighbors. Special thanks goes to the "burger flippers" and "dog rollers," Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, and Jim Boyett. Helping to serve the masses were Lola Stephens, Connie Trammell, Cruce Cicio, and Jim and Nora Boyett. Thanks to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department for directing the traffic on Highway 119 and to parking attendants Dave Engel, Marshall Gilbert, and Michael Crapet, who did a splendid job packing the lot with the 90-plus vehicles. All remaining food was donated to the Shelby County Safehouse, a refuge for battered and abused women and children.

Pavilion Particulars

A big "thanks" to those who worked on the pavilion to help meet the deadline for our Founders' Day Celebration. Homeworks, Inc. was responsible for the structure, meeting their deadline promptly. Electrician Duke Farmer worked until the festivities started, completing his very laborous task effectively. Village brickmason Willie Grimes did a great job on building the barbecue pit, as did the "Pothole Crew" who built the 10-foot picnic tables. Thanks for everything!

Holiday Tour of Homes Tickets

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Tickets are now available in Indian Springs Village for the Holiday Tour of Homes December 14-15 to benefit the North Shelby County Library. Tickets may be purchased at the Carousel Tack Shoppe, Indian Springs Hairstyles, and Neil's Pharmacy, or they may be purchased at the NSC Library. Tickets are \$12 each and \$10 if bought in blocks of 10 or more.

On each tour day tickets may be purchased for \$15 each at the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints on Highway 119, which will serve as the site for parking, ticket purchase (should you be a procrastinator), and shuttle service by van to the homes to be toured. The homes are those of Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Chamblee (Cheryl), 925 Valley View Road; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Foimar (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. Several villagers have volunteered to be hostesses at these homes for this event and will be given an opportunity to preview the homes on Friday night after a party at Lindy B's. Volunteers for hostesses and other positions connected with the home tour are still needed. Please call Evelyn Smykla at the NSC Library, 995-9931, if you can assist these two days.

The times of the tour are Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The tour is sponsored by the Friends of the Library organization of the North Shelby County Library, which will be re-locating on Cahaba Valley Road in proximity to Oak Mountain Middle and Elementary schools. Pictures of the estates featured on the tour will be published in forthcoming issues of *The Birmingham News*, *Shelby County Reporter*, and other local newspapers. Anyone desiring additional information may call NSC Library, 995-9931.

It's Your Resource To Use

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Your town now has some very interesting and usable resources available for town residents at no charge. As citizens of Indian Springs Village you may utilize our town hall and picnic pavilion for your business or social purposes.

The town hall and pavilion have already been the site for several different meetings and events. Special Equestrians, Cahaba Oaks Homeowners Association, and the Boy Scouts Council have used the town hall several times. Other uses have been for a book signing and organizational meetings for committees and businesses in which ISV residents are involved. Future events scheduled are a baby shower, arts and crafts show, committee meetings, business meetings, birthday parties, and an after rehearsal dinner under the pavilion.

For more information or to reserve these facilities for your use please call my voice mail at 802-2753.

Next Recycling is November 20

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

On October 16 ISV recycling volunteers Sharon Durbin, Herb and Margie Robins, Gene Weingarten, and Jackie and Art Johnson collected 248 pounds of cans. Some top recyclers last month include the Farris on Indian Ridge Drive, the Joiners on Cahaba Valley Road, the Flynn, Morrises, and Lowes on Indian Crest, the Carters on New Hope Mountain Road, the Rasts on Fox Fire, the Calhouns on Valley View, and the Satterwhites on Skyline Circle.

The main reason for ISV's recycling success is the continuing efforts of the town's recyclers. This team effort by our citizens helps fund our community newsletter, *The Village Voice*. Thank you for your accomplishments.

The next collection date for aluminum cans is Wednesday, November 20. Please place your bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:30 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling please use a white or clear plastic bags with the top tied with a knot. 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.

Next Litter Walk is November 23

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

In the campaign against litter in Indian Springs Village, many unsung heroes daily police their own road frontages. These include Darlene and Jerry Vines and their black Labrador, who have been spotted cleaning up Indian Crest Drive near Caldwell Mill Road. Who has not spotted Jim Boyett removing cans and trash on both sides of his stretch of Highway 119? Former Councilman Peter Peacock was also seen last week picking up his section of Highway 119. If you travel village roads early enough, you've seen morning walkers scoop up more than their fair share of roadside litter. Many good citizens routinely wage their quiet campaigns, sharing the goal of clean and uncluttered ISV roadsides.

The litter walk for the month of November will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 23. Bring your work gloves to the Indian Springs Village Town Hall, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, slip into an orange vest, and stroll for about 45 minutes with some caring and friendly neighbors. You will enjoy the fellowship and feel the special glow of community pride when the job is done.

Won't you help? 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.

A Letter to the Editor

After a year of residing in Indian Springs Village, it is still unclear to me the official status of ISV in the state. Every government agency I have dealt with in moving to Alabama does not recognize Indian Springs Village as a legitimate address; in fact, the Post Office also says we live in Pelham. Can you clear this issue up for me as to whether I live in Indian Spring Village or Pelham?

Sincerely,
Arthur Spencer
845 Valley View Road

Each of us has probably been annoyed that when you say you live in Indian Springs Village someone invariably says "WHERE?" Indian Springs Village is its own separate township, incorporated on October 16, 1990 by a vote of the people and governed by our own elected mayor and town council.

Due to our small size and the fact that we do not have a postal branch within our town limits our mail is delivered by the Pelham Post Office as it once was delivered by Helena's. Thus we must share a zip code with the City of Pelham. This causes confusion and aggravation for many of our villagers. Take heart villagers -- WE ARE NOT PELHAM! Thanks to the efforts of our first mayor and council the U. S. Postal Service DOES recognize Indian Springs Village and we are listed in the National Postal Directory. Several street names in Pelham and ISV are the same. Valley View Drive is just one of them. Definitely use Indian Springs Village or Indian Springs, Alabama on your correspondence. This is correct.

You may also notify BellSouth to change your phone book listing to Indian Springs thanks to Bart Trammell who notified them of their error. Call BellSouth at 557-6500 (option 4) to request this change for the 1997 phone book. There is no charge for the change.

You may also change your driver's license to Indian Springs Village thanks to Gary Dennis who, several years back, refused to leave the Pelham license renewal office without having a proper ISV address. After a couple of hours and several phone calls to some government entities, Gary reached then Judge of Probate Tommy Snowden, who informed the license office that Indian Springs Village is indeed official!

So, to answer your question Art, you definitely live in, and have the full use of, **Indian Springs (Village)**.

Bee Little, Managing Editor