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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, June 17, 1997 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum
- IV. Jane E. Hampton, Principal, Oak Mountain Elementary School

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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SEVENTH ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE JULY 4th CELEBRATION

Friday, July 4th, 1997



**Display the Flag in Front of Your Home
Decorated Vehicles Parade Through the Village at 10:30 a.m.**

Picnic Location: Indian Springs Village Town Hall and Pavilion

Independence Day Ceremony: 11:30 a.m. at the Pavilion

Barbecue Lunch: Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

Music: A combination of patriotic and popular music played by disc jockey Ray Halvorson.

Fun and Games: Games for children including apple-bobbing, paddle-ball, watermelon rolling, and more.

Food Concessions: Barbecue plate \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 10 years of age. Plates will include barbecued ribs *OR* chicken, or a combo plate which will include some of both, cole slaw, baked beans, buns, drink, dessert, and sliced watermelon. Hot dog and drink \$1.

Available for purchase: Original design ISV tee-shirts, kelley green with logo, \$10; ISV emblem car tags, \$8.

Preparations for July 4th

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place #2

Decorations Committee: The decorations committee is chaired by Tricia Crapet (802-2753). Please call to volunteer time, materials, and ideas for making this first year at our new pavilion a special one. The decorations will begin going up on July 3rd and continue on the 4th, starting at 7:00 a.m. There is a lot of work to do, including dressing up the tables, blowing up balloons, and putting up bunting. **Any and all help will be appreciated!**

Food and Serving Committees: The torch has now been passed to Councilman Herb Robins and wife, Margie. This all important committee is in need of scores of volunteers to help serve the hungry masses. A group of approximately 30 volunteers are needed to serve in two shifts, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., respectively. Please call Herb and Margie (980-9217) to volunteer.

Barbecue Committee: Barbecue chefs once again this year are Paul Stephens (988-4672) and Bart Trammell (988-0094). The Pothole Crew has a "hankerin" for ribs this year. Please call if you would like to assist in the "cookin' of the chickens" and the "roastin' of the ribs."

Desserts: As always, village cookie-maker and queen of the pastries, Nora Boyett (988-0466) will be in charge of the village dessert shoppe! Please call Nora to volunteer to bring a dessert to share with your friends and neighbors. We need all the cookies, cakes, brownies, cobblers, and other homemade treats that you can bring. Please remember that the weather will be hot, so make sure that your offering can withstand the elements without melting.

Drive Through the Village: Parade Coordinator again this year is Tricia Crapet (802-2753). Participants will assemble decorated vehicles at the Winn Dixie Marketplace on Valleydale Road at 10:00 a.m. Sheriff James Jones and family will once again lead our parade. Chief Mike O'Connor and the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District will bring up the rear in the ever-popular, and very loud, fire truck. If you have never participated in the parade, please do. It is a real treat, especially for the children who will always remember this as an annual part of their July 4th festivities. Our 10 year-old-son, Joseph, has participated every year since age four and is looking forward to the July 4th, 2003 parade when he can drive himself! Personally, I can wait.

Parade Route: The parade will begin on the east side of the parking lot of the Winn Dixie Marketplace shopping center and take a slightly different route this year, heading south on Caldwell Mill Road, passing Willow Brook, turning right onto Highway 119, then onto Valley View Road, left onto Indian Crest Drive, circling Wildwood Lane and Highgate Hill, back to Indian Crest, left onto Arrowhead back to Highway 119, circling the block between Mountain Vista, Brookgreen Lane, and Indian Trail, and ending up at the ISV Town Hall.

Attention residents along the parade route: Please place an American flag on your mailbox or in your yard. This adds such a special touch to the route.

Parking Committee: This is a new committee this year since we do not have organized parking lots at the town hall. We need six volunteers to help guide the cars into their appropriate parking places. Please call Bart Trammell (988-0094) to volunteer.

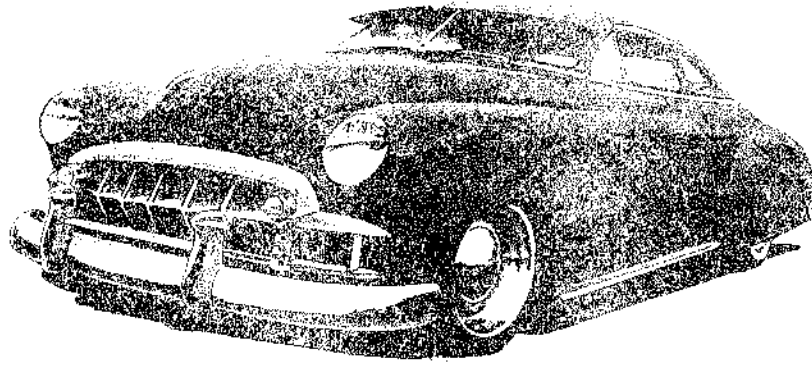
Games Committee: This is always a highlight of our July 4th picnic. Village children always come away with lots of prizes for participating in various old-fashioned games. We need volunteers to assist in these festivities. Call Tricia Crapet to volunteer.

Memorabilia: Dr. Ruth Goodwyn (988-0896), town historian and editor of *The Village Voice*, will be on site with her ISV archives scrap book. Please stop by to share any pictures that you might have of past ISV events that you would like to donate to the archives. Especially needed are pictures from all three swearing-in ceremonies, especially the first one, and any from the ISV Easter egg hunts. Newspaper clippings on village events or villagers in the news are also welcome.

Location: This year's festivities will take place for the first time at the ISV Town Hall and Picnic Pavilion. In past years Indian Springs School has been the location of the event and has been a more than gracious host. We now have our own wonderful facility and are very proud this year to be able to utilize it fully.

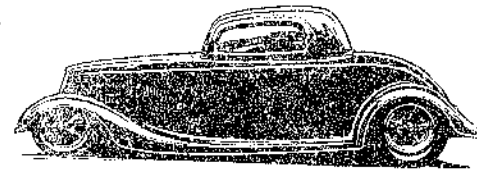
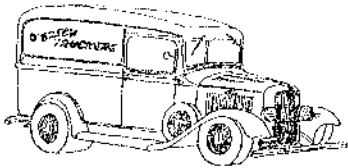
Post 4th Clean-Up Committee: After all the feasting, socializing, and playing, there is still a good bit of work to be done. All happy trash collectors are invited to stick around afterward for just a few minutes to make sure our grounds and facilities are in spic-and-span condition. Besides, it will help work off a few of those extra calories consumed during the day!

TIME TO GET "MOTOR" - VATED!



SEVENTH ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH, 1997



**"Ladies and Gentlemen,
Start Your Engines!"**

*Knock the dust off that old antique, classic, jalopy, junker, motorcycle,
or any vehicle that rolls, decorate it with some patriotic charm,
and run on down to the Winn Dixie Valleydale Marketplace.*

Free Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Parade: Begins promptly at 10:30 a.m.

*Be the envy of onlookers as crowds cheer when you cruise by
in your festively decorated vehicle on your way to enjoy t
he best barbecue around!*

Display your patriotic spirit as you cruise the Village on July 4th!

Town Council Highlights

May 20, 1997

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 1997, at the Indian Springs Village Picnic Pavilion. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council persons Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

The minutes of the April meeting were adopted as written. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported regular revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$682.33; utility taxes from Shelby Cable, \$6,977.48 for 1995 and 1996; building permits, \$328.83; copies of ordinances, \$50; miscellaneous revenue, \$32.51; Birmingham Racing Commission, \$756; and road fund, \$680.32. The balance in the general fund was \$64,584, with the largest expenditure for the month being the town's liability insurance, \$1,250. The balance in the road fund was \$49,029.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that the contract to pave Deer Mountain Circle, Rockford Road, and Signal Trail had been let and that the winning bid was from Dunn Construction at a cost of \$26,600. The bid was obtained through Shelby County which included our needs in the county package that was advertised for bid. This process allows ISV to benefit from a discount by being included in a much larger road package. According to a spokesperson from Shelby County's Highway Department, the work will be performed hopefully by the end of summer. Councilman Robins calculated all roads within the town and found the following: there are 51 roads in the town; roads which are the responsibility of the town equal 13.87 miles; private non-dedicated roads measure 1.58 miles; Shelby county roads measure 5.89 miles.

Four students from Oak Mountain Middle School addressed the council and townspeople regarding their impending trip to the national competition of Odyssey of the Mind (OM). The students were Mike Felix, Alex Skokel, Megan Moon, and Erin Robbins. OM coach Larry Felix also spoke on behalf of the students, who had come to solicit donations for their trip to the competition.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported that the grounds committee had determined that their first priority should be the proper grading and landscaping of the property before any additional projects such as walking trails or playgrounds are begun.

Onnie Dickerson presented the council with a proposal to amend the ISV license fee ordinance, as well as a proposal for an implementation of an impact fee for developers of future subdivisions within our town limits.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented two petitions for annexation of contiguous property owners: Don Keith, 4713 Red Stick Road, and Michael and Lucy Schley, 1095 Copena Drive. The council voted unanimously to waive the rules to allow for a vote on the proposed annexations, which also passed unanimously.

Calligrapher Has Winning Entry

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Ann Erickson, calligrapher, 699 Miller Circle, has a winning entry in the National Postal Museum's Graceful Envelope & Pushing the Envelope contest, which celebrates the fact that an envelope can be more than a mailing wrapper--it can be an artist's canvas.

A copy of her unique envelope has been on display since May 23 at the museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. The museum, located at 2 Massachusetts Ave. N.E., houses and displays the nation's postal history and philatelic collections and other exhibitions. The exposition of envelope art, featuring 102 hand-crafted envelopes chosen from more than 500 entries, will continue indefinitely. This is the third year artists and calligraphers were invited to create envelopes featuring calligraphic art on a stamp-related theme. Mrs. Erickson chose the colorful Utah stamp depicting a natural rock bridge as the motif for her entry, which is among high-ranking winners housed in a special case.

Mrs. Erickson belongs to a local calligraphy guild which would welcome new members. Interested persons may call her at 980-8311.

Coloring Contest for "Owlbert"

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The North Shelby County Library is sponsoring a summer coloring contest to color the recently named mascot, "Owlbert Einstein," a member of the library's team to raise money for a new library in the Indian Springs area.

The cartoon owl, named by Laura Kapp, a second grader at Oak Mountain Elementary School, is raising awareness in a creative way about the library's campaign among area school children. Laura's winning entry was one of 500 submitted by eight area elementary schools.

The winner of the summer coloring contest will receive a \$50 savings bond provided by *The Shelby County Reporter*. Copies of the contest coloring sheet can be obtained at the NSC Library and must be returned by Friday, July 18. The contest winner will be announced Saturday, July 26, at the end of the Summer Reading Program celebration at SKATES 280 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Villagers who are members of the library campaign's team are Mary Sue McClurkin, chairman of General Gifts division, with help from team captains Gene and Olivia Weingarten.

To date the campaign has raised 30.96 percent of its goal of 2.4 million. The money will be used to construct a 22,750 sq. ft. building on Highway 119 less than half a mile from Oak Mountain Middle and Elementary schools. Full of technological advances, meeting rooms and separate sections targeted toward ages and interests, the new structure will be four times larger than the current library at 7030 Meadowlark Drive off Highway 280 S.

Next Recycling Is June 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The next aluminum can recycling is Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.. Please place your aluminum cans in white or clear plastic bags and secure the top of each bag with a knot. Then for easy identification by our volunteers, place them on the other side of your driveway from your normal Waste Management collection. If we missed your pickup, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

Last month volunteers Bill and Patti Weems and daughter Ashley, Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, Cappy Potter, and Jackie and Art Johnson collected 190 pounds of aluminum cans. Also, thanks to Mike Rutherford for the loan of his truck.

Aluminum facts.

In 1996 a total of 1,969 million pounds of aluminum cans were recycled. This amounted to 62.8 billion cans, and the percent of aluminum cans recycled was 63.5. Recycling save energy. For example, in 1993 the amount of energy saved was equivalent to 19.3 million barrels of oil.

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

June Litter Walk - June 21

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The May Adopt-a-Mile was postponed due to the Memorial Day holiday. The June litter walk will organize at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Cahaba Valley Road at 8:30 a.m, June 21.

This is the seventh anniversary of the Indian Springs Village Adopt-a-Mile program. What a difference these seven years have made. I believe there has been a 50 to 75 percent decrease in the amount of litter picked up now, as opposed to when the program began.

I look forward to seeing you at the next litter walk. If you cannot attend, please spend a few minutes removing any litter on your property. Thank you for your continued support of this, as well as all of the other ISV programs.

Village Personals

Compiled by Ruth Goodwyn, Bonnie Murphy, and Patricia Crapet

Congratulations

Benjamin Barton (Benjy) Thomas, who has always excelled in scholarship, leadership, and service, graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Friday, June 6. He was awarded the degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering and computer science with a minor in biomedical engineering. His parents are Bob and Jo Thomas, 1975 Cahaba Valley Road. It will be remembered that Benjy campaigned actively for the town's incorporation while a student at Indian Springs School and has continued to be involved in the town's and the school's activities while a student in Massachusetts.

Get Well Wishes

Jennie Pittman, wife of Bill Pittman, is recovering at home, 450 Arrowhead Lane, after having open heart surgery over two weeks ago. Her surgery was a triple bypass. Jennie had no prior warning signals concerning a heart problem. She is now able to take short walks daily.

Ray Woodard, Indian Springs School's soccer coach, who suffered an aneurysm recently, comes home on weekends and expects to be dismissed soon from Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital. He and his wife, Mary, live at 160 Deer Creek Circle on campus.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Debra and Tim Nelson of the Homestead neighborhood on the birth of their son, Jared Barnett Nelson. Jared was born on Wednesday, April 16th at Brookwood Hospital, weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces.

Welcome New Villagers

Indian Springs Village extends a warm welcome to Jack and Joyce Lynch, who now reside at 2628 Buckboard Road in Homestead. Jack is retired from Providence Hospital in Mobile where he was employed by the Daughters of Charity for 25 years. Joyce is a former school teacher. We are happy to have them as new neighbors.

Volunteers

The Village Voice welcomes Bonnie Murphy as our new "roving reporter" for the Homestead neighborhood. If anyone from Homestead has any news to report, please call Bonnie at 991-9306.

A big "thanks" goes to Willie Grimes, Marshall Gilbert, Brian Stauss, and Joel Robertson, who have cheerfully volunteered to keep the grounds of the town hall cut and manicured this summer. They are doing a great job! All of us appreciate their efforts and commend them for their community spirit.