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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, May 19, 1998, 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

George W. Holcombe, Director of the Shelby County Environmental Department, Columbiana, has received the following message from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). This proclamation was issued in the ongoing effort to control and reduce the level of ozone in our county. Even during permissible periods of the year, open burning comes under very strict rules. Please contact George and the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District for instructions.

OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED IN SHELBY COUNTY MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Most open burning will no longer be allowed in Shelby County during the months of May through September, according to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

The prohibition is part of an ongoing effort to achieve attainment status for ozone in the Birmingham metropolitan area. Open burning is currently not allowed in Jefferson County during these months, considered the ozone "season" because of warm weather.

Ground-level ozone, sometimes called smog, is formed when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides react in sunlight. Though beneficial in the upper atmosphere, ozone is a respiratory irritant at ground level.

The open burning prohibited **includes** the burning of untreated wood, tree trimmings, brush or plant growth generated by clearing or maintenance of land and from construction and demolition operations.

The ban on open burning is necessary because the Birmingham area was declared in "marginal nonattainment" status for ozone standards in 1990. In addition to the health implications of failing to meet the standards, this designation could cause the loss of federal highway funds and hamper industrial growth until attainment status is achieved.

Other efforts to combat the ozone problem include the requirement for special types of gasoline to be sold in Jefferson and Shelby counties during the warmer months. Education programs are in place to encourage businesses and citizens to curb pollution, particularly during ozone alerts.

For more information on open burning regulations, call the ADEM Air Division at (334) 271-7861.

Easter Egg Hunt a Big Success

By Bee Little, Managing Editor

Preparations for the 5th Annual ISV Easter Egg Hunt began months prior to the big event. Patricia Crapet and Bee Little made sure that the prizes were ordered, donations secured, candy purchased, and eggs stuffed. The big job of coordinating the "stuffing" of more than 2,000 eggs with candy and prizes fell to a dedicated few. Olivia Weingarten championed the first day with helpers Pat and Cappy Potter, Connie Trammell, and Jamie Wood. Day two was headed up by Tricia Crapet, who was graciously assisted by Betty Michaels, Nora Boyett, Joan Youngblood, and Jennifer Rucker. The final stuffing was done by Nora Boyett, along with Bee, Harry, Jack and Davis Little. After the candy and toys were stuffed, Bee, Jack, and Davis numbered all the prizes and stuffed the grand prize numbers (approximately 400 of them) into the eggs. Goody bags to accomodate still more candy and prizes were assembled by Jack and Davis. All was finally ready for the big day!

Saturday was gorgeous, perfect weather for what was to be the best and biggest hunt ever. Although the event was not to start until 3:00 p.m., many Villagers were up early preparing for the day. Bee went to gather up the solicited prizes from local shops, while Tricia headed to Luster's Field to stake out the area by age groups. Assisting Tricia were Mayor Gene Weingarten, Paul Stephens, Sharon Dennis, Michael Crapet, Harry, Bee, Jack and Davis Little, and Ron Luster, who was cheerfully cutting grass atop his vintage Ford tractor. Excitement was in the air as the eggs were hidden by the eager volunteers. Ron and Sandy Luster brought tables to the field for prize distribution while Sandy generously provided hotdogs and drinks for the Easter bunny's helpers.

By 2:30p.m. Luster's Field was filling with children carrying colorful Easter baskets. Excitement was at a fever pitch by the time Mayor Weingarten called the festivities "to order." Prayer was offered by Ron Luster, with rules and instructions for the hunt being given by Tricia. After a couple of false starts by overly-eager children, the flag was dropped and the herd was off!

It did not take long for the lines to form for prize collections. Prizes were distributed efficiently by Sharon Dennis, Bonnie Murphy, Cathy Crapet, Jane Martin, and

Chris Martin. Tricia gave out the \$200 in prize money to the big winners, while drawings were held for the prizes donated by merchants.

Cleanup was swift and easy. Even though the attendance was the highest ever for this ISV event (approximately 150 children), everyone was considerate in picking up rubbish.

A special thanks goes to Villagers Kevin and Becky Miller, who donated mounds of candy and an enormous Easter Basket that stood taller than most children attending the event. Also to be thanked are Benny Bliss, owner of Little Gatlinburg, for his donation of 50 WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) bracelets, K-Mart of Inverness for donation of a large Easter basket, Mr. Kennessey at our Winn-Dixie for the donation of three Easter baskets along with candy, and to Pets America for once again donating an adorable and sweet live bunny.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the 5th Annual ISV Easter Egg Hunt such a rousing success. Without our volunteers, who are always needed and welcome, our annual events would not exist. See you next year!

Next Recycling Is May 20

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The next aluminum can recycling is Wednesday, May 20. Recycling is always on the Wednesday night following the town council meeting. Please place your bagged aluminum cans near your driveway before 7:00 p.m. Our volunteers need to be able to identify quickly your recycling, so please use white, blue recycling or clear plastic bags and secure the top of each bag with a knot. Then for easy identification by our volunteers, put them on the opposite side of your driveway from your trash pickup.

In April our volunteers were Bob and Sharon Durbin, Margie and Herb Robins, Jackie and Art Johnson, Bill, Patti, and daughter Ashley Weems. ISV recycling continued on track during March and April with 640 pounds of aluminum collected from the village's recycling participants. As always, the proceeds from the town's recycling help pay the printing expenses for *The Village Voice*. Once again, your continued support of Indian Springs Village is always appreciated.

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

Town Council Highlights

March 17, 1998 / April 21, 1998

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced the following revenues: beer taxes, \$593; estate licenses, \$51.08; aluminum can recycling, \$192; and road funds, \$725.21. The balance in the general fund was \$92,776 and the road fund, \$70,638.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented a petition for annexation by contiguous commercial property owners Wrendon and Cindy Davis (Davis Plumbing and Design), 5560 Cahaba Valley Road. The rules were suspended unanimously to allow for an immediate vote on the petition, which passed by unanimous consent of the council.

Gerald Templeton, Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, announced results of the March hearing of final plats for subdivision of Lot 15, Indian Crest Estates, owned by Robert Grant, and 64 acres on Highway 14, owned by the Raughley family. Both parcels had received final unanimous approval from the board. The council voted unanimously to allow the subdivisions, as well as to allow for rezoning of the 64 acres from A-1, agricultural, to E-1, estate.

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Stewart Dudley, and Art Johnson in attendance. In the absence of Town Clerk Paul Stephens, there was no financial report given.

The annexation of the site of the future Oak Mountain High School was discussed and, pending completion of paperwork, will be done at the May meeting.

Randy Cole, Shelby County Highway Department, was in attendance to discuss proposed turn lanes for Highway 119. ISV has teamed up with Shelby County in an effort to determine where turn lanes are needed on Highway 119 from ISV to Highway 280. Enlarged aerial photographs showing 11 proposed intersections slated for this project were displayed. Five of the intersections are within ISV's town limits. Engineering studies will take approximately 12 months to complete, and the work, if and when it is commissioned, could take up to two years to complete.

An Invitation to Senior Citizens

By Olivia Weingarten

Would you be interested in meeting your neighbors for lunch? We have a very desirable place to meet for lunch and fellowship each month. Please plan to gather at the pavilion on the grounds of the Indian Springs Village Town Hall on Thursday, May 28, at 11:00 a.m. Plates, napkins, silverware, and drinks will be furnished, but please bring a dish to share.

Near Miss for Fire District

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

We can all breathe a sigh of relief! Another legislative session has ended and Shelby County Fire District legislation (the act which allows the existence of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District and others) survives another proposed amendment that could have threatened the financial security of our district.

For several years, members of the Shelby County legislative delegation have kept the board members of various county fire districts informed of any proposed legislation that would have allowed for removal of property annexed by adjoining cities with their own fire departments.

In 1997 a great sense of urgency was felt by several legislators because of the location of a major new industry in the City of Calera and the Shelco Fire and Emergency District. This and any other industry so located would be obligated to some city taxes and an annual fire district fee. The legislators wanted to exempt the industry from fire dues, thus motivating legislation which was advertised in the *Shelby County Reporter*. The bill, in summary, would have allowed for any commercial/industrial entity built after January 1, 1997, to be removed from the fire district at no cost to the company. Further, the language in the bill suggested that residential entities could be removed without any pay-out provision.

After many hours of lobbying by Chief Michael O'Connor, Jim Wyatt, former chief Winston Boutwell, and others, the bill was "killed" by Representative Al Knight in the last days of the session. There is our sigh of relief. But not for long. Next year a new bill will be introduced. Generally, all such amendments to the legislative act would have the particular effect of threatening the financial viability of our district.

It is of the utmost importance to Villagers to pay close attention to the details of any legislation involving any county fire district, as it could impact our fire district as well.

ISS Pop-Out Fair Is May 16

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Villagers are welcome to participate in the festivities at Indian Springs School on Saturday, May 16, at the traditional Pop-Out Fair, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday is also Alumni Day and the date of a nearly-new book sale.

The Pop-Out Fair, which features carnival-type activities, is planned by Indian Springs School students and will include food sales and rides of various sorts. Most of the activities will be held in the dormitory circle and in the gymnasium.

Also beginning at 11:30 will be the book sale in the gym, which will last until 2:00 p.m. Sponsor of the book sale is the Parents Association. Collections for the sale began in February; donations will be accepted even after the sale commences. Workers will accept paperbacks and hardbooks but request no used textbooks or magazines. Tax-deductible forms will be issued to donors. Volunteers are welcome, and if you can help, call Muff Johnston at 969-3167.

In association with Alumni Day concerts by both students and alumni will be held in the gym 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The traditional event is free, but there will be charges for the rides, food for sale, and for books purchased. The proceeds will be given to a charitable cause selected by Indian Springs students.

Quilters Guild to Show Quilts

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Quiltfest '98, the 11th quilt show of the Birmingham Quilters Guild, will be July 18-19 at Oak Mountain Middle School. Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 - 5:00 on Sunday.

Many beautiful quilts made by members of the Birmingham Quilters Guild will be shown as well as those which are part of a travelling quilt show. The mission of the Quilters Guild, a non-profit organization now in its 20th year, is to promote the love of quilts, encourage and preserve the art of quilts and quilting, and contribute friendship, knowledge, and encouragement to others.

Heritage Book Deadline Extended

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Family history articles are being received by the Shelby County Heritage Book Committee for Volume 58 concerning Shelby County. Each household is entitled to 500 words and one photograph. If your family was in Shelby County prior to 1890, you may submit an article of 1,000 words and two photographs.

The next thrust of the Committee is developing the topicals, or articles on histories of churches, clubs, organizations, businesses and groups. Included in the volume will be tribute, memorial, and business advertisement pages. Questions can be referred to Ruby Payne (669-6075) or John Walker (822-0591). The deadline for any and all articles, whether family history or topical, has been extended to May 31, which is the deadline also for pre-ordering *The Heritage of Shelby County, Alabama*.

Ready for World Tournament

By Trudy Skokol

Two teams from Oak Mountain Middle School and two high school teams comprised of students from several Shelby County high schools will be representing Alabama at the World Finals of Odyssey of the Mind. This competition will be held in Orlando, FL, May 26-31. These students will compete against other teams from all 50 states and 21 foreign countries.

Four students are from Indian Springs Village: Megan Moon and Alex Skokol of Pelham High School, Jeremy Gaskins, Oak Mountain Middle School, and Bethany Scott, who attends Indian Springs School.

Odyssey of the Mind is a worldwide creative problem-solving competition that challenges thinking ability much like the Olympic competition challenges athletic ability. The students work from October until March on their long-term problems.

The cost of sending four teams to Orlando will be \$18,000. Students are selling Cow Chip Bonanza chances to raise funds for their trip. The Cow Chip Bonanza tickets are \$5. each or 5 for \$20. for a chance to win \$1,500. This event will be held at Oak Mountain Middle School on Saturday, May 23. You do not have to be present to win. For more information call Trudy Skokol at 985-4065.