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## EIGHTH ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE FOURTH of JULY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 4, 1998

### INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Tuesday, June 16, 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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Display the Flag in Front of Your Home

Decorated Vehicles Parade Through the Village at 10:30 a.m.

**Picnic Location:** Indian Springs Village Picnic Pavilion

**Independence Day Ceremony:** 11:30 a.m.

**Barbecue Lunch:** Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.  
( no food served before 12:00 noon )

**Music:** Provided by disc jockey Ray Halvorson, who will be playing a mixture of patriotic and popular music.

**Food Concessions:** Barbecue plates \$6 for Adults, \$3 for Children age 9 and under. Plates will include barbecued ribs or chicken, or a combination of both, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks, and homemade desserts. Hot dog, chips, and drinks \$1.50, with surprize trinket for children.

**Available for Purchase:** ISV Tee-Shirts, kelly green with logo, \$10 and ISV car tags, \$8

# Preparation for the Celebration

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

**Decoration Committee:** This year's decorations committee is chaired by Tricia Crapet. Please call 802-2753 to volunteer your time, energy, materials, or ideas. The decorating will begin the morning of the 4th, starting at 7:00 a.m. There will be a lot of work to do, including blowing up helium balloons, dressing tables with festive patriotic decorations, and putting up the red, white, and blue bunting. Help is needed and will be greatly appreciated!

**Food and Serving Committee:** Once again, Herb and Margie Robins are the co-chairs of this committee. Please call them (980-9217) to volunteer your assistance. Approximately 26 people are needed to man the serving lines and ticket booth for two shifts, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a vastly important committee to serve on and is a great way to see old friends and neighbors and meet new ones!

**Barbecue Committee:** Barbecue chefs are Paul Stephens (988-4672) and Bart Trammell (988-0094), as always. Please call either one to volunteer for this committee. Their secret sauces for the barbecue and hot dogs are reason enough to help with the cookin'! So far, no one has been able to "borrow" the secrets from these tight-lipped fellows, but who knows, maybe this year one of them will slip!

**Desserts:** My personal favorite committee is the one that is always chaired by Nora Boyett (988-0466). As in all previous years, the delicious home-made desserts will be made and supplied by citizens of the village. Cookies, brownies, cakes, cobblers, and many other wonderful sweet delicacies will be available for your consumption. We expect a large turnout this year, so it is important that desserts be supplied in a record amount. We may be in trouble if Rick and Bubba come, so bring extra. Call Nora to register your entry!

**Drive Through the Village:** Parade Chairman is Tricia Crapet (802-2753). Participants are asked to assemble their decorated vehicles on the east side of the Winn-Dixie Marketplace parking lot on Valleydale Road at 10:00 a.m. Sheriff James Jones, wife Debbie, and son, Buck, will lead the parade, just as they have every year. The firefighters of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District will bring up the rear. The parade is

an ISV tradition. If you have never participated, don't miss out this year. You will be in for a real treat!

**Parade Route:** The parade will begin at the Winn-Dixie parking lot and head south of Caldwell Mill Road, passing Willowbrook and the Oak Mountain Intermediate School, turning right onto Highway 119, then onto Valley View Road, left on Indian Crest Drive, circling Wildwood Lane and Highgate Hill, left on Arrowhead Lane, right on Highway 119 to Mountain Vista, Brookgreen, and Indian Trail, back to Highway 119 and into the ISV Town Hall grounds. Watch the fun from your own front yard or come on down to the town hall for the grand entrance. Either way, you are assured of quite a display of patriotic spirit!

**Parking Committee:** We need six or more volunteers to assist in parking cars at the town hall. Please call Bart Trammell (988-0094) to volunteer. Parking will be a little crowded this year due to the construction of the walking track and the planting of new trees and grass seed on the back half of the property. Please park only where parking is designated. Carpooling to the picnic is suggested when possible.

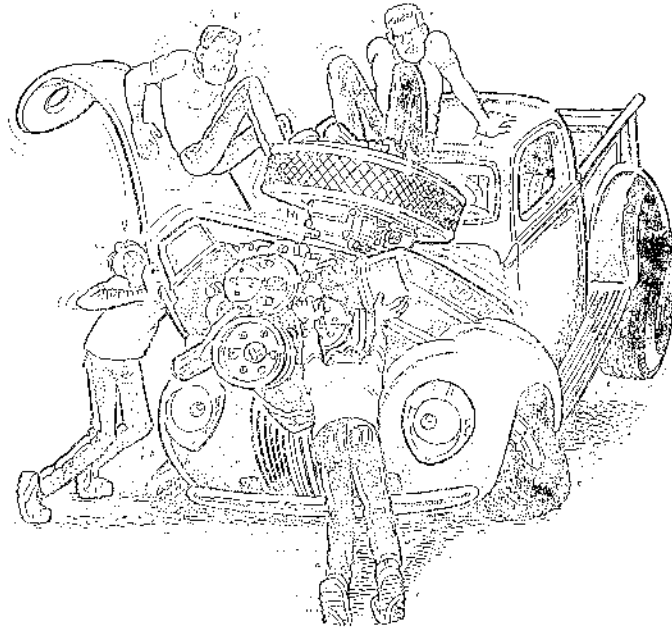
**Location:** The celebration will be held on the grounds of the Indian Springs Village Town Hall at the Picnic Pavilion. Visitors and guests should conduct themselves appropriately. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on municipal property.

**Post 4th Clean-Up:** As with all things in Indian Springs Village, clean-up is a volunteer activity. After all the food has been consumed and the socializing is over, there is still work to be done. Trash must be bagged and decorations removed, so please stick around long enough to help out. Plus, this will be a great way to burn off those excessive calories from the dessert table.

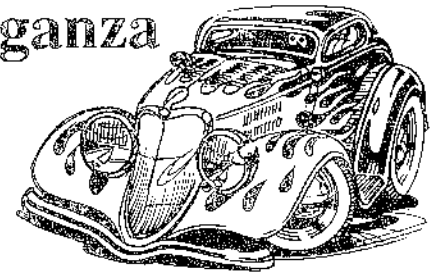
**The Indian Springs Village Eighth Annual Fourth of July Picnic Celebration would not be possible without the help of the volunteers who will assist on the above listed committees. This is our largest event each year, and we need many Villagers to participate in order to continue to make this event as successful as it has been for the last seven years. Please pick a committee that interests you and call the chairperson to offer your much-needed services.**

Thank you, and see you there!

"GET 'CHA MOTOR RUNNIN'!"



The Eighth Annual  
Indian Springs Village  
Fourth of July Parade Extravaganza  
*Saturday, July 4th, 1998*



*"Head on down the highway"*  
to the Winn-Dixie Marketplace on Valleydale Road.

Decorate your antique, classic, chopper, junker, jalopy, or clunker  
with some patriotic charm and meet us for our  
annual drive through the Village.

**ANY VEHICLE THAT RUNS QUALIFIES FOR THE FUN!**

Free Registration: 10:00 a.m.  
Parade: Begins promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Be the envy of your neighbors as they cheer when you cruise by  
in your festively decorated vehicle on your way to the best eatin' in town.

Put on your best red, white, and blue patriotic face  
and cruise through the Village to celebrate the Fourth of July!

# Town Council Highlights

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2*

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with Council members Herb Robins, Gary Dennis, and Art Johnson present.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$673; building permits, \$302; Shelby Cable license fees, \$872; and road funds, \$755. The balance in the general fund was \$88,608 with the road fund balance being \$72,406.

The following candidates for office were present and addressed townspeople: candidates for Circuit Judge, John Bahakel and Dan Reeves; for State Representative, Al Knight and Mary Sue McClurkin; for Superintendent of Education, Rosemary Liveoak.

Marty Whitener of Alltell Cellular addressed the subject of a 190 foot tower proposed for the Davis Plumbing property on Highway 119. Kenna Newman of Grafton Properties said that their company plans to apply to build an unobtrusive cell tower structure approximately 90 feet tall on Indian Crest Drive close to Caldwell Mill Road. The Alltell tower has been through the zoning process and was granted a variance at the May 12th ISV Zoning Hearing. The Indian Crest tower has not yet been approved. Both companies have okayed the placement of weather alert sirens on the towers.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that a federal grant has been acquired for one of the three weather alert sirens that are proposed for our area. Additional funding is being sought for the other sirens.

Councilman Herb Robins announced the completion of the walking track. He thanked Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, and Jim Boyett for their assistance in the project. A big thanks goes to Vulcan Materials for their donation of the limestone for the track. Villager Brian Stauss was instrumental in securing this donation for ISV. Gary Dennis thanked Dave Engel for his assistance in seeding the grounds and Michael Crapet for use of his farm implements.

A petition for the annexation of the property on which the Oak Mountain High School will be built was

presented to the council for a second time. The petition was adopted unanimously. Also annexed by unanimous consent was the property of Scott and Jan Arledge on Copena Drive. The Arledges' property is contiguous to the Oak Mountain High School property.

Gerald Templeton, Chairman of the Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning Board, presented preliminary and final plats for the subdivision of property belonging to Albert Pacifico on McGuire Road. The plat was accepted unanimously by the council. Also submitted for approval was an application for rezoning of property owned and occupied by Davis Plumbing and Design of Highway 119 from A-1 to M-1. This zoning exempts the property to the specific uses that are now in effect and allows for the installation of the Alltell tower. Marty Martin, town engineer, is presently re-writing ISV's subdivision regulations. These regs will be submitted to the ISV Zoning and Planning Board at the July 14th meeting. There will be no zoning meeting in June.

## A Message From the Mayor

*By Gene Weingarten, Mayor*

Our town attorney, Russ Allison, prepared the following comments. Please observe our town regulations **before** initiating any construction projects.

Several issues continually come before the town and have caused our residents problems. The first deals with building permits. Our zoning regulations require that before any building can be built, a building permit must be applied for and issued by the town. This applies if someone is building a garage or adding on to their basement. **The application must contain information on location, size and dimensions of the proposed building, etc. No construction can begin until a building permit is issued.**

The second area that has caused confusion among some residents pertains to restrictive covenants. A city or town cannot enforce restrictive covenants. On a number of occasions citizens have come to the council or the town attorney requesting some action be taken against a homeowner for a violation of a covenant. The law in Alabama provides that a restrictive covenant is a personal right of the homeowner and runs with the land. **A restrictive covenant can be enforced only by the landowner and cannot be enforced by a city or town** whose only obligation is to enforce its zoning regulations.

## Next Recycling Is June 17

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The next recycling night is Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00 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, the ISV recycling volunteers were Margie and Herb Robins, Bill and Patti Weems and daughter Ashley, Sharon Durbin and Jackie Johnson, Tom Adkison, and Art Johnson.

In March and April Indian Springs recyclers recycled 640 pounds of aluminum cans. This matched the January and February totals. If we can collect just 720 pounds in May and June, we would have an amazing 2,000 pounds in six months.

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

### Aluminum facts.

In 1997 alone, 2,052 million pounds of aluminum cans were recycled. This was 66.8 billion cans and the per-cent of aluminum cans recycled was 66.5.

### Volunteers Needed

The recycling program has grown steadily over the past six years and continues to grow. The ISV recycling program is a volunteer community project, and new volunteers are needed to meet the expanding volume. We need volunteers to collect aluminum cans for approximately one hour per month on the Wednesday following the Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting. We also need standby volunteers to fill in for regular volunteers. Recycling teams work in pairs, one driver and one person to pick up the cans and place them in the back of the pickup or trailer. Volunteers with a pickup or trailer are especially needed. To volunteer, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

## Announcement

**The Indian Springs Village Walking Track is now open!** The crushed limestone one-quarter mile track is behind the pavilion on the back half of the property.

## Village Personals

Compiled by Bonnie Murphy and Patricia Crapez

### New Arrival

Congratulations to Sandy and Alan Jackson of Homestead on the birth of their second daughter, Lauren Danielle. Little Lauren, who already has a sister, Brooke, was born at Brookwood Hospital on Tuesday, May 19th, weighing eight pounds.

### Accolades

Duke University recently implemented the 1997-98 Talent Identification Program (TIP) which offers outstanding 7th grade students the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT tests, normally administered to college-bound high school students. TIP serves to identify verbally and mathematically gifted students prior to high school enrollment. Nearly 77,000 of the ablest 7th graders in 16 southeastern states were invited to participate in the program. Of approximately 2,100 qualifying students, only six from Shelby County obtained national recognition, all of whom attend Oak Mountain Middle School. Two of these special students, Matthew Gregory and Jeremy Gaskins, reside in Indian Springs Village. The Grand Recognition Award Ceremony was held at the campus of Duke University, in the Duke Chapel, on June 1, 1998. Matthew is the son of John and Claire Gregory of New Hope Mountain Road, and Jeremy is the son of Tommy and Rita Gaskins of Willow Ridge. Congratulations to our outstanding students.

### Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary

Paul and Lola Stephens of Indian Crest Drive celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29th. Their three daughters, Diane, Paula, and Terry, had planned a wonderful surprise trip for the couple, sparing no expense. Unfortunately, their celebratory weekend had to be postponed when it was revealed that Lola needed emergency surgery. All is now well, with Lola recuperating at home. Hopefully, Paul and Lola will be able to go on their much-deserved trip in the near future. We wish them both many more happy and healthy years of wedded bliss.

### Congratulations

A most-deserved "well done" is sent out to all of our high school seniors who have just graduated from high school. Whether they become independent college or university scholars or enter the work force immediately, we wish them all great success.

## Seniors to Meet for Lunch

The ISV Seniors will meet for lunch on Thursday, June 25, at 11:00 a.m. at the ISV picnic pavilion. Bring a dish and enjoy fellowship with old friends and new.