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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 1998 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

### 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

Our town continues to modernize and update to keep pace with the changing times. We now have a telephone number that is posted on the bulletin board on the front porch of our town hall. When you access this number, you receive a message outlining the various persons and their responsibilities, along with telephone numbers where they can be reached.

A web site is being developed so that you can research all town records, regulations, ordinances, etc., through your computer. The number of inquiries by people seeking information about our town is increasing daily. We will continue to facilitate and speed up these requests.

An update on the "wild dog" situation. As of this date, no dogs have been captured. The tracker has made some adjustments in his program. We will continue to have him on duty until some disposition is finalized.

You know, ISV is a community of neighbors. Being a good neighbor takes some work, and a lot of thoughtfulness. Most of us have our family pets. If your pet is allowed to move about your area, it could be annoying to your neighbors. Just a little "plain old consideration" may be the answer to some comments that have been heard lately.

Another good neighbor situation relates to swimming pools. Our town does not have an ordinance regarding the fencing of a pool. With the number of little folks that we have living in ISV, surely good neighbors will properly secure their pools, so that a tragic accident could not happen.

Inquiries have been made regarding the two roads that lead to the rear of the new Oak Mountain High School, now under construction. Our town attorney has secured written agreements that these roads will never be used in any manner by the high school.

Now when you see all those Shelby County big yellow school buses every morning and every afternoon, remember to obey the law. When a school bus stops, all traffic moving in both directions must stop. Also, before and after a bus stops, be on the look-out for our little people. Yes, ISV people are all good neighbors.

## Christmas in October Bazaar

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Ladies Guild of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church will sponsor an arts and crafts sale on Saturday, October 3, at the Parish Center of the Church, 5514 Double Oak Lane. Hours of the sale are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

About 27 exhibitors' tables will be set up to display the jewelry, woodwork, monograms, Tupperware, embroidery, baskets of different sizes, bows, decorated and handmade clothing, and all kinds of Christmas decorations, including ceramics and needlework.

As assistant vice-president of the Ladies Guild, Kathy Monacelli of Skyline Drive is very much involved in the bazaar and anticipates a throng of shoppers.

## To All Art Lovers

By Betty Grady

Are you looking for some fine art for your home? Come to the Shelby County Art Association's Eighth Annual Fall Art Show at Inverness Corners on Saturday, October 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a variety of watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, as well as many other crafts.

## Next Recycling Is September 16

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday, September 16, and starts 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. Please place only aluminum in the bags, no paper or glass (or trash). For easy identification by our volunteers, place them near your driveway (household trash on one side and recycling on the other side). If we missed your pickup, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

Last month, the recycling volunteers were Margie and Herb Robins, Patti, Bill, and their daughter Ashley Weems, Sharon Durbin, Jackie Johnson, Jeremy Gaskins, and Art Johnson.

Recycling helps pay the printing expenses for *The Village Voice*. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

As always, volunteers are welcome, and needed. To participate in ISV's aluminum can recycling program, call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

## Town Council Highlights

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 18, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Gene Weingarten, with Councilmen Art Johnson, Herb Robins, and Stewart Dudley in attendance.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: \$33.67, motor vehicle licenses; \$1,745, building permits; \$938.84, beer taxes (highest figure ever for beer taxes--no doubt because of the severely hot weather), Marcus Cable, \$3,245.87; road fund, \$811.40. The balance in the regular fund is \$86,554.00; the road fund balance is \$74,596.00. It was noted that the town's fiscal year ends in one month and there are no outstanding debts.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that the number of aluminum cans recycled last month was probably a record high, and that Fire Chief Michael O'Connor had said the weather alert systems would be received in six to eight weeks.

Councilman Herb Robins commented on the "wild dog" situation, reported in last month's *The Village Voice* and elsewhere. The animal control specialist, Allen Burroughs of Tuscaloosa, hired after being recommended by a wildlife professor at Auburn University, has had no results in trapping the dogs and has re-baited the traps, set on the property of Dr. Max Davis. Dr. Davis has not seen the dogs since a golden Labrador retriever belonging to the son of Bill Swatek was killed by the pack that follow a trail across Bishop Creek at the base of Oak Mountain. The dog pack has a 5-20 mile range in the Oak Mountain State Park. Councilman Robins asked citizens to call him at 980-9217 should anyone see the dog pack or experience problems. Citizens were assured this was not the same pack of wild dogs reported a couple of years ago in the Valley View area.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented petitions for annexation from contiguous property owners Daryl and Deborah Wilson of Red Stick Road and James and Joan Gustafson of Copena Drive. After a unanimous vote to suspend the rules, the petitions were adopted unanimously. Mr. Wyatt commended Town Clerk Paul Stephens for keeping up with all annexations in an exemplary manner.

He spoke of the complaints of citizens on Timber Hill Road concerning the parking on both sides of the road at the Joseph S. Bruno Montessori Academy by parents waiting for school to let out. Retired Chief Winston Boutwell said the double parking was an additional hazard because a fire truck could not drive through the congestion in case of an emergency. Speeding in ISV, not only on Highway 119 but also on Indian Crest, Indian Trail, and behind Our Lady of the Val-

ley Catholic Church was discussed; all of these traffic problems pointing to the need for holding traffic court in ISV.

Jane Martin, spokesperson for the Zoning and Planning Board in the absence of Chairman Gerald Templeton, told of the need for a telephone directory that citizens could call to find out who to contact for building permits and other business. A 2 1/2 minute announcement would give this information, and the number would be published under "city" and "Indian Springs Village" in the BellSouth directory blue pages. This would be an announcement system and not a message machine. The request was granted. A September meeting of the Zoning and Planning Board will be held Tuesday the 8th, 7:00 p.m.

In lighter moments, Bart Trammell wanted to know if ISV garden club members could take over the duties of tidying the town hall by grooming the plants and doing light outside housekeeping chores? A brief and good-natured skirmish of the sexes ensued, when cries of "Well, what about the men?" were heard. The final word was from the men, when ladies were reminded that the men cut the grass and keep up the grounds surrounding the town hall. It should be remembered that Bart Trammell is a member of the "Pothole Crew," dedicated to such tasks and to road repair, is also a barbecue chef at our annual Fourth of July celebration, and serves on the Zoning and Planning Board.

Dick Lyman had commented earlier that a "welcome new resident" type of letter should be sent to new ISV citizens when annexations were made. The new citizens should immediately see their names in Town Council Highlights in *The Village Voice*, but this was another worthy suggestion. Are there volunteers willing to accept this and town hall upkeep responsibilities? If so, please contact the mayor (987-1876) or any councilperson.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: The official Indian Springs Village telephone number as of Friday, August 21, is 982-1755. Already this number has been called; interested parties having obtained it via directory assistance.)*

## Third Annual ISV Holiday Arts and Crafts Show Is Scheduled

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2*

Due to the number of local arts and crafts shows already scheduled for October and November, the ISV Holiday Arts and Crafts Show has been moved to Saturday, December 5. **All villagers are urged to participate**, either as exhibitors or just by attending to support your neighbors. Plans are for the event to grow and become increasingly successful on a yearly basis. If ISV is to have a successful event, villagers must lend their support. For more information or to sign up as an exhibitor, please contact Donna Grant at 980-8063.

## VOLUNTEERS

*(Source: "Dear Abby" column)*

Many will be shocked to find,  
When the day of judgment nears,  
That there's a special place in Heaven  
Set aside for volunteers.  
Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools,  
Where there are no committee chairmen,  
No yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,  
No library duty or bulletin assembly,  
There will be nothing to print and staple,  
Not one thing to fold and mail,  
Telephone lists will be outlawed.  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
And rare treats fit for a king.  
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few  
And work for all they're worth?  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,  
And not once volunteered on Earth.

## Refrigerator Is Needed

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

Terry Johnson, daughter of Paul and Lola Stephens of Indian Crest Dr., has befriended an indigent family in Alabaster who need a refrigerator. Both father and mother in this family are unable to work for health reasons--she is diabetic and suffers frequent comas; he was severely injured in an accident. They have two children, a boy in the first grade and a girl in the fourth grade. Terry and her husband Steve, who have three children, have tried to improve the indigent family's circumstances. Terry's sister, Paula Crawford, was home in the Village recently from Seattle. While here she and Terry bought necessary school supplies and outfitted the two children in clothing. Does a Village family have a used but in good-working-condition refrigerator they could give to this needy family? If so, please call Paul or Lola Stephens, 988-4672.

## ISV Cookbook Update

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2*

The Indian Springs Village Cookbook has been a little more difficult to put together than was expected. We have a good number of recipes, and quite a variety, some of which do not fall into standard categories. In the past few months we have been searching for a publishing company to work with us, both effectively and affordably. We have narrowed it down to two companies, both of which are located out of state. We hope to have reached a decision by the end of the month, after which publishing should commence.

# Bringing the Garden Indoors

By AMS

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our guest writer, who prefers the use of AMS instead of her name, is highly recommended by local gardeners for her knowledge in this area.)*

As we enter September, we know that fall and winter can't be far behind with the promise of cooler days and nights. We see the small changes all around us. The leaves are not as green as before and some are even beginning to change to yellow, orange, and red.

This is my favorite time of the year, with Mother Nature in full production, with all of those breath-taking colors throughout our yards and on nearby hillsides.

We who live in Indian Springs Village are so fortunate to be surrounded by hills and valleys that soon will be a riot of color to challenge any artist's palette.

Our minds begin to take stock of what is needed, before the first touch of frost arrives to take away the beauty of the annuals we have been enjoying all summer long. We browse through catalogs, or the local garden center, for bulbs for forcing on a sunny window ledge. If we prepare soon enough, we will be able to enjoy daffodils, narcissus and more, in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A low bowl with a layer of gravel and a little water just below the surface will do fine for most bulbs. By placing them on top of the gravel their roots can reach down for the moisture they need.

Don't forget the beauty an African violet can bring on a dark or rainy day to brighten the spirit. They are available in so many colors; you can't go wrong with any of them. Just remember, they don't like wet feet.

There is one outdoor plant that only begins to come up out of the ground in September; in fact, a few surfaced in my yard in late August. This is the Arum lily. It is one of the oldest plants known to man. It looks like a variegated caladium, with its green and white leaves that stay until the heat of summer drives it back under ground until the next fall. They will do well planted in the yard, or in pots by your front door.

This is the time of the year to begin to cut back and harvest the herbs you have been tending so carefully all summer long. Cut them early in the morning while the oils and flavor are still high in the plant. They can be tied in bunches and hung in a cool dry place, away from the sun, to dry. I have always enjoyed hanging them from the old pine beams in my kitchen until they are needed.

When our children were all still living at home and in school, often we would have parties for their different age groups. Upon one such evening I happened to overhear one teenager ask, "Are those marijuana plants hanging up there?" At that moment I learned the meaning of one kind of generation gap.

So, take a little time and prepare so you can get the most out of a glorious fall!

# Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn and Patricia Crapet

## In Sympathy

Villagers extend sympathy to Jacqueline (Jackie) Johnson, 1019 Alpine Way, in the passing of her husband, Quenton, age 79, on August 31 after a long illness. He was a member of the Indian Springs First Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 3 at 2:00 p.m. at Southern Heritage Chapel with burial at Elmwood cemetery. Visitation hours were at the funeral home on Wednesday evening.

The couple's two children are deceased. Other survivors include two sisters-in-law, Virginia Johnson of Thorsby and Gladys Johnson of Birmingham and several nieces and nephews.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome these Villagers who have been here a couple of months, Roger and Elizabeth Eastman of 104 Indian Forest Road. The Eastmans previously lived in Louisville, KY, but after her mother passed away in February there was little reason to remain in Kentucky. A sister who lives at Altadena South off Caldwell Mill Road persuaded them to seek a home in the Village. Elizabeth was the contributor of delicious banana pudding at the Fourth of July celebration. She has since had shoulder surgery at HealthSouth, from which she is recuperating and is undergoing physical therapy.

## New ISS Teacher To Present Recital

Alina Voicu, who has just joined the faculty of Indian Springs School, will give a recital in the campus Town Hall (fine arts center) Thursday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m. Villagers are welcome to attend. Doctoral candidate and holder of the Master of Music degree, she will be the pianist for the school's concert choir, in charge of piano instruction, and co-ordinator of instrumental music performances in ensemble. Ms. Voicu recently won the Chautauqua Music Festival Concerto competition in New York and has won music competitions throughout the United States and abroad. Ms. Voicu will also teach private piano lessons on the Indian Springs School campus.

## Local Artisan to Participate in Annual Festival

Donna Grant has been chosen to be an exhibitor by the jury committee of the 10th Annual Jubilee Festival. The annual event is sponsored by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the city of Daphne and its businesses. Mrs. Grant will be displaying the jewelry that she handmakes out of English Chinz china, as well as other types of handmade jewelry. Crowds of 35,000 are expected. The caliber of artwork and craftwork has marked the festival a prestigious event. The festival is September 12 and 13 on Main Street in Daphne. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.