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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 1998, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Picnic Pavilion

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum

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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.

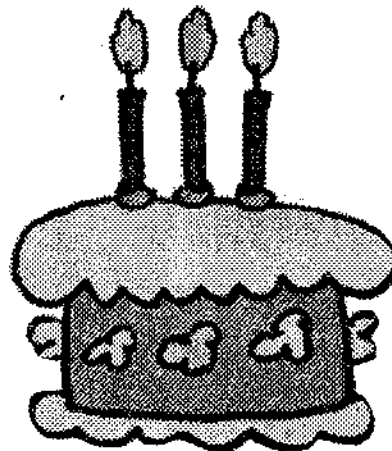
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HAPPY EIGHTH BIRTHDAY INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE



Founders' Day Celebration

Tuesday, October 20, 1998
at the Indian Springs Village Picnic Pavilion

FREE

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks and Home-Made Desserts

Come celebrate the founding of your town
with family, friends, and neighbors!

Food served from 6:00 p.m.

Town Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

~Bring a dessert to share~

A Message From The Mayor

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

October is the month that we celebrate Founders' Day, the birthday of Indian Springs Village. Is it possible that eight years have slipped past? Our volunteer spirit was kindled during the many meetings and discussions that took place, working out the details to form a new town.

Petitions had to be drawn up and signed. Communicating the details and philosophies of the proposed town was a huge task. There were many "foot soldiers" who knocked on neighbors' doors and/or attended countless meetings: Ron and Sandy Luster, who hosted the meetings, Hub and Kathryn Harrington, Ruth and Ed Goodwyn, Gary and Rhonda Dennis, Tricia Crapet, Dr. Peter Peacock, Stewart and Kathy Dudley, Jim and Mildred Wyatt, Julie Wyatt, Rusty Schenk, Paul and Lola Stephens, Jim and Nora Boyett, Fred and Frances Lewis, Herb and Lib Smith, Lindsey Allison, Benjy Thomas, Ralph Bodie, LaVerne Ramsey, Nick and Kay Glenos, Mike Rutherford, Dave Engel, Mary and Haskins Bowman, Rita Mendel, Phyllis and Bruce Monical, Dorothy Carlisle, Betty Michels, and Judy Lamb. (Hope I didn't leave out any names.)

On October 16, 1990, the vote was held at the fire station on Caldwell Mill Road and Highway 119. Out of 1,115 residents, 622 voted. The majority prevailed by almost 100 votes. The area incorporated covered some two and a half square miles. Subsequent annexations have increased our town to approximately 2,000 Villagers. And our growth in new homes has been phenomenal! People like the looks and feel of Indian Springs Village. The southwest and southeast corners of Valleydale and Caldwell Mill are in our town, providing a healthy mix of business within our predominately residential community.

The volunteer spirit remains stronger than ever. Our mayor, town council members, clerk and assistant clerk, editor, couriers--all responsible for the production and distribution of *The Village Voice*, the "Pothole Crew," building inspector, Zoning & Planning chairman and members, Board of Adjustment chairman and members, recycling volunteers, all volunteers for social functions like the Fourth of July and Founders' Day celebrations and our Easter Egg Hunt--ALL are unpaid volunteers. Our city has never imposed any tax. As long as we can keep our volunteer spirit burning bright, no taxes will be needed. Thanks to each of our volunteers.

Notification of the Founders' Day celebration will be found in this newsletter. Mark your calendar and come enjoy the hamburger/hot dog supper at the prettiest BBQ pavilion in Alabama. Bring a dessert to share, and chat with your neighbors. Pat those volunteers on the back. And stay for just a few minutes after supper for our regular town council meeting. Remember, this is your town!

Historical Society to Meet

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Dr. Tom Caldwell, Recording Secretary, has announced that the Shelby County Historical Society will meet Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 p.m., old 1854 Courthouse (Museum and Archives Building), Columbiana.

In other matters of interest to Shelby Countians, the *Heritage History of Shelby County, Alabama*, has been proofread by the book committee and publisher's consultants and will be printed in time for distribution prior to Christmas. The book may still be ordered, but at a higher cost than the original price, by writing the Shelby County Heritage Book Committee, P. O. Box 515, Columbiana, AL 35051.

Drive Safely

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

A Sunday drive through the village took a dangerous turn when a family that lives on Indian Crest Drive was forced off the road by an irresponsible driver. The black jeep was traveling west at an excessive speed on Indian Crest Drive in an area of twisting and winding turns and had crossed the center line, most likely in an attempt to keep from running off the road. The family's car narrowly missed hitting a road sign and trees. While there was no physical damage to the family's car, all occupants of the car were quite shaken, including some small children.

There is no excuse for exceeding the speed limit to the point where a vehicle cannot be properly controlled. Excessive speeding saves very little time in the long run, at best cutting only a minute or two off of traveling time locally. (An extra 10 miles per hour will only save you 10 minutes on a one hour trip.)

When combined with recklessness, this irresponsible behavior in a residential neighborhood could result in tragedy. Certainly enough mailboxes, deer, and pets have met their individual fates at the hands of those who speed through our residential streets. Our village is full of children and adults who use our sidewalk-less streets to walk to and from a friend's house or to jog and bicycle.

Please be careful as you drive through our town. Human lives are far too precious to risk in the trivial pursuit of just being in a "hurry."

Town Council Highlights

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on September 15, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at 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 reported the following revenues: beer taxes, \$821.43; aluminum can recycling, \$306; and road funds, \$777.65. The balance in the general fund was \$87,391, and the road fund balance was \$75,589.

A petition for the annexation of property contiguous to the town was presented. The commercially zoned property, 5201 Caldwell Mill Road, is located at the corner of Caldwell Mill Road and Valleydale. A new CVS Pharmacy is scheduled to be constructed on four parcels of land at this location. Dwayne Sharpe of Sain and Associates was in attendance as a representative of the property owners. The council voted unanimously to suspend the rules, thus allowing for a vote on the petition, which also passed unanimously.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported on the progress of the official Indian Springs Village website. Councilman Dennis has browsed the internet and viewed many websites of other municipalities, both locally and nationally, and has several ideas regarding making the site as informative and interesting as possible. A mission statement, as well as town policies on commercialization and zoning will be included, as well as copies of *The Village Voice*, ordinances, and resolutions. Maintenance of the site will be done initially by Gary's computer software company through their website.

Derrick Hopkins, a representative from Copena Drive, approached the council regarding having the easement for Tecumseh Lane, a stubbed in road off of Copena, abandoned for a neighborhood park to be built and maintained by the residents of the neighborhood. There have been concerns that the road could be opened for a rear service road to the new Oak Mountain High School. The residents of Copena Drive have offered to form a homeowner's association which could assess dues from homeowners in the neighborhood to keep up the property should it be decided that the easement could be abandoned. Liability insurance, if needed, would also be the responsibility of the neighborhood association.

Gerald Templeton, Chairman of the Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning Board, presented the mayor and council with copies of the newly drafted subdivision regulations. Subdivision regulations define all standards and requirements of any developers of residential or commercial properties within the boundaries of the town. These requirements pertain to many critical issues, including drainage, easements, paving of streets and gutters, and improvement bonds. The council will review the regulations as submitted by the board and offer any amendments or changes at the next meeting. Before the regulations can be adopted, they must be published locally. Since the regulations are quite lengthy, publishing could be quite costly. The council will investigate the most cost-effective method of publishing.

School Opens Town Hall

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Indian Springs School will welcome the community to its new Town Hall October 25 at 4:00 p.m. with the performance of the School Choir under the direction of Dr. Tim Thomas. Refreshments will follow and tours of the new facility, located on Woodward Drive near the newly-renovated Dining Hall.

Completed this September, the \$5 million building contains a 500 seat concert hall, a 300 seat theater, rehearsal and support spaces, a multipurpose room, a student lounge, classrooms, and a new computer facility for students. The Town Hall takes its name from the town hall concept of student governance, which has characterized the school since its founding in 1952 on Cahaba Valley Road in what was then an isolated area.

The facility will be used for lectures, performances, theater programs for younger children, meetings, and other activities that engage the broader community. A tradition of excellence, the choir program at Indian Springs School involves over 50 percent of the student body and will be featured in the opening celebration. The Indian Springs School drama program currently produces 10 plays each year under the direction of Charles Ellis. The first production in the new theater, *You Can't Take It With You*, will be performed November 12, 13, and 14. You may call the school for ticket information.

On Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. the Alabama Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform in the concert hall, at no charge. For information call Joan Plemmons, 252-9241.

Some Villagers may have already seen the interior of the new Town Hall. On October 11 the Alabama Symphony Orchestra performed for an enthusiastic crowd; a recital was held last month by Alina Voicu, pianist for the choir and in charge of piano instruction. Marcy Jefferson, Director of Development, and Doug Jennings, Headmaster of the school, extend a special invitation to Villagers to attend the formal opening on October 25.

ISV Recycling Is October 21

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

ISV recycling volunteers, Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, Jackie Johnson, Bill, Patti, and Ashley Weems, Tom Atkison and Art Johnson collected 560 pounds of cans on September 16. On behalf of the town, we all "thank you" for your continued participation. You can and do make a difference. Remember, recycling saves energy. Tossing away two 12-oz. aluminum cans wastes as much energy as pouring out a 12-oz. can of gasoline. And that's not all, neighbors. The money raised from recycling helps to pay the cost of publishing *The Village Voice*.

The next aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, October 21. Please place your bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:00 p.m. To help us easily identify your recycling, please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the tops tied in knots and placed on the other side of your driveway from your trash pickup. Recycled plastic grocery bags are also excellent for the smaller contributions. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Recycling Volunteers Needed

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

The recycling program has grown steadily over the past six years and continues to grow. The ISV recycling program is an all-volunteer community project, and new volunteers are needed to meet the expanding volume. We need volunteers and standby volunteers to collect aluminum cans for approximately one-half hour per month on the Wednesday following the Indian Springs Town Council meeting. Recycling teams work in pairs, a driver and a person to pick up the cans. We also need a volunteer with a pickup truck to tow the recycling trailer to the town hall on Wednesday afternoon, and back to the recycling center on Thursday. The recycling center is near the Meadowbrook Post Office on Highway 119. To volunteer, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn and Patricia Crapet

Welcome Newcomers

John and Patsy Strozier recently moved from Birmingham to Arrowhead Lane, where they got a "bigger yard to mow," according to John. Married only five months, right after returning from their honeymoon they rode around, looking for something "farther out." Both had homes to sell, tasks now almost completed; they have met new neighbors and are happy with the area, even though it means additional miles to commute each day. Patsy works for A. C. Legg, Inc., and John is Vice-President of Strozier Construction Co.

In Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Max and Kris Davis upon the death of Kris' father, Rollie C. Kilgore, also a resident of Indian Springs Village. Mr. Kilgore passed away on Friday, October 8, 1998 at home.

Mr. Kilgore was a native of Des Moines, Iowa and attended Drake University. A former sergeant in the Eighth Air Force, his plane was shot down over Germany during World War II. He was a prisoner of war for 11 months, surviving the Death March across Germany. He was a veteran of the Des Moines Police Department and a past President of the Iowa Transportation Association, retiring from the trucking industry prior to locating in Indian Springs Village.

Other survivors include wife, Shirley Rae Kilgore, three more children: Terri Kilgore Smith, Patricia Ellison, Matthew C. Kilgore, as well as eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Shades Valley Lutheran Church, Southern Heritage Funeral Home directing. Any memorials should be made to the Shades Valley Lutheran Church.

In Memoriam

A descendant of Col. Issac Johnson, one of the earliest settlers of the Cahaba Valley, Mrs. Addie Johnson Smith, age 88, of Indian Springs Village passed away Sunday, October 4. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, at Rideout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home with burial at Elmwood Cemetery. The family received friends Monday evening at Southern Heritage. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Theron Smith.

Mrs. Smith was born and raised in this area and until two years ago lived with nieces Mary C. Martin and Jean C. Pryor of 161 Highgate Hill. A victim of Alzheimer's disease, she was a resident of Cook Springs Village at the time of her death. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pelham. Other survivors are nephews Rollin Johnson of Alabaster and James Thomas Johnson, Jefferson County, nine great nephews and nieces and 18 great great nieces and nephews.

Congratulations

Likely one of the youngest in the United States to achieve the highest rank in scouting, Ben Friday was notified eight days after his 13th birthday, August 13, that he would be given that distinction. The award was bestowed at an Eagle Court of Honor by Scoutmaster R. J. Fischer of Troup 254 on Sunday, October 11, 3:30 p.m. in the chapel of Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

Ben is the son of Dr. Ken and Carolyn Friday, 5323 Mountain Park Circle. He is an eighth grader at Briarwood Christian School, where he is a member of the junior high cross-country team. He also loves to write, draw, and read. A Boy Scout for about two and a half years, he completed the project of repairing and altering 60 copper downspouts at his church, as part of the requirements to achieve the Eagle rank.

Accolades

Villagers once again demonstrated their generosity in responding to the plea in last month's *The Village Voice* concerning the Alabaster family in need of a refrigerator. Not only was a refrigerator donated but many Villagers gave cash contributions which purchased, among other items, a much-needed stove.

A grateful thanks goes to Phelan Webb, of Cahaba Oaks, for her efforts in sprucing up the yard at the town hall. Phelan trimmed shrubs and straightened up some of the landscaped area in front of the house. Phelan is interested in starting a village garden club which would be in charge of planting and maintaining areas at the town hall. More information will come in future issues of *The Village Voice*.