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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1999 7:00 p.m.

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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A Message from the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

The following article on Court Appointed Special Advocates (C.A.S.A.) of Shelby County, "A child's voice in court," was prepared by Beth Chapman. Our thanks to Beth for her tireless work in the C.A.S.A. volunteer organization.

C.A.S.A. of Shelby County

C.A.S.A. of Shelby County is a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains volunteers to go through court proceedings with dependent (oftentimes abused and neglected) children. It is our mission to insure that these children have a competent, caring, volunteer advocate appointed in their judicial dependency proceedings.

C.A.S.A. volunteers are appointed by the juvenile court judge, Indian Springs resident Patti Smith, Presiding District Court Judge of Shelby County. The C.A.S.A. volunteers investigate the case at hand, recommend a course of action to the judge, explain the court's findings to the child, and monitor compliance with court orders and/or progress toward established goals. C.A.S.A. is a child's "voice" in court. Our ultimate goal is to help protect the best interests of the children we represent.

C.A.S.A. recently held their first ever fundraising event, a Roast of House of Representatives member Mike Hill of Shelby County. The event not only provided fun and laughter, but also produced \$32,000 for C.A.S.A. It was a huge success and a fun-filled evening that will be remembered for years to come by all those who attended.

Mike Hill, a thirteen-year veteran of the Alabama House of Representatives, was repeatedly teased and ridiculed, all in the name of charity. He was the brunt of many jokes thrown his way by the evening's roasters: his wife, Carol, Kim Price, Representative Blaine Galliher, Beth Chapman, and Indian Springs' own Lindsey Allison and Patti Smith. Former State Senator Butch Ellis was the Roastmaster for the evening. Ellis's and the roasters' comedy routines kept the audience in suspense and stitches all evening long. The event had a sell-out crowd of 250 in attendance.

Over the past three years there have been 1,600 reports of child abuse and neglect in Shelby County, affecting 2,300 children. C.A.S.A. can only assist as many children as we have members. For this reason we are in constant search for good volunteers. If there is only one case of child abuse and neglect reported in Shelby County, that's one too many. We need more C.A.S.A.'s to help these children.

C.A.S.A. volunteer training classes are beginning in late September. For more information on how you can become involved in C.A.S.A., please call Beth Chapman at 985-8753.

The C.A.S.A. Board of Directors wishes to thank Mayor Weingarten and the Indian Springs Town Council for their kindness in allowing us to use the Town Hall for meetings and volunteer functions in the past. It's a wonderful contribution to a good cause.

Town Council Highlights

August 17, 1999

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 17, 1999, at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, and Art Johnson present.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as written. Revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$891; motor vehicles, \$278; Charter Communications Cable, \$3,688.69; aluminum can recycling, \$321.80; and road funds, \$812. The balance in the general fund was \$122,061, and the road fund balance was \$86,771.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that the town is currently meeting with Shelby County officials regarding disposition of the roads in Indian Springs Village. The town and the county are making a determination as to which roads fall under maintenance for each entity. A recent state statute addresses this question, but leaves some aspects open to interpretation. ISV officials have contacted the Alabama League of Municipalities for assistance in the matter.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the deadline for submitting recipes for the ISV cookbook would be sent to the publisher by the end of August. A publication date will be announced after hearing from the publisher.

Councilman Art Johnson asked for volunteers for the recycling program. This very successful program, which pays for the printing of our community's newsletter, *The Village Voice*, has been in effect since August 19, 1992. In order for the program to continue to be successful, volunteers, especially those with pickup trucks, are needed.

ISV Cookbook Needs YOU

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The ISV Cookbook needs your recipes! Okay, I know. The deadline was August 10th, right? Yes, but the publisher has reviewed our "collection," and has requested that we ask for MORE recipes. Seems we haven't quite enough recipes from enough different townspeople.

If you have NOT sent in any recipes, or have sent in only a couple, please send them quickly to Bee Little, 867 Valley View Road, ISV 35124. Or even better, please e-mail them to either "bceafp@aol.com" or "tcrapet@realtysouth.com". Please send no later than Sunday, September 26, 1999! This is our last chance to get this together before Christmas!

ISV August Building Permits

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Permits approved in August are as follows (address, applicant, description):

788 Indian Crest Drive; Norris, house improvements
Cahaba Valley Farms; Bailey, new house

Oak Mountain Middle School; Shelby County Board of Education, press box

Cahaba Oaks Trail; Cahaba Oaks Homeowners Association, entrance sign modification

181 Bishop Lane; Argo, new outbuilding

Valleydale Marketplace; Arlington Properties, interior modifications.

ISV Recycling Is September 22

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Aluminum can recycling is Wednesday evening, September 22. Please put your recycling out before 7:00 p.m., and to help our volunteers please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and tie the top of each with a knot. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Last month we picked up 342 pounds of aluminum, collected by citizens of Indian Springs. In August the recycling volunteers were Paul and Trudy Skokel, Amy and Cheryl Rast, Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, and Art Johnson.

If you have not started the habit of recycling, please join the growing number of ISV residents who collect aluminum cans each month. Recycling aluminum is so easy--just rinse and store until the next monthly pickup. It takes 95 percent less energy to make new aluminum from used cans--20 recycled cans can be made with the energy needed to produce one can using raw ore.

For more information on recycling, please call 988-3217. If you have a pickup truck and would like to help, please volunteer.

ISV Holiday Gift and Craft Show

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

It is that time of year again! The Third Annual ISV Holiday Gift and Craft Show will be on Friday and Saturday, October 15-16 at the ISV Town Hall. This year the event will feature many different items from the last two years, with lots of specialty gift items for the upcoming holidays! Plan to attend and bring your family and friends. (see inserted flyer)

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The ribbon was cut to officially open the North Shelby Library at 5521 Cahaba Valley Road on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2:00 p.m. Wielding the scissors was Julia Allen Finch, from whom the property was bought for the library location two years ago. From her home across the highway Mrs. Finch has watched the construction since ground-breaking ceremonies June 17, 1998. Her childhood home on the library site was demolished after heavy damage by the Palm Sunday tornado of 1994.

Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. the library was open for business again after being closed for two months preparatory to relocation into the new building, five times larger than the old one on Meadowlark Drive. Patrons were using the computers, browsing, and checking out books and videos.

Billed as a "new library for a new millenium," the two-story building is highly visible from both directions. The magnificent structure is the result of years of planning and fund-raising and a lot of hard work by volunteers and staff members. Donations are the sole source of income for the building. Through the Capital Funds Campaign \$1.1 million was raised, the balance was financed, and the library is seeking contributions to complete the \$3.5 million project. Villagers are fortunate it is in our community.

The throngs of visitors (at 2:30 the parking lot of 125 spaces was full) were greeted by Nancy Donahoo, Library Director, and Ann Tharpe, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, inside the atrium, which gives the library the look of a cathedral. A gigantic bouquet of predominantly Asian lilies and roses was the focal point in the center of the atrium, in celebration of the occasion. Guests were treated to refreshments in the meeting room to the right, where sunflowers were the most prominent flowers among those in the huge bouquet adorning the heavily-laden tables. Many stopped by the Birmingham Museum of Art shop to make purchases of puppets, paper products, books and toys, or jewelry.

Children were entertained with face painting, magician's tricks, music, and storytelling. Many busied themselves with the computers in the children's section in the left wing with its neon accents and carpet in jewel-toned squares.

The staircase at the rear of the building and a nearby elevator lead to the second floor, which houses the administrative offices and conference room in addition to reference, young adult and general fiction, and non-fiction collections. A wall along the atrium closes off an unfinished area that could expand the existing space another 30,000 square feet. This area will be completed as donated funds become available.

The Donor Plaza behind the library will be a patio surrounded by landscaping and lined with bricks honoring individuals, families, or corporate sponsors. There is room for 3,835 bricks, ranging from prices of \$50-\$500. Brochures with order forms are available at the library and at Neil's Pharmacy.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wed., Friday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

No Traffic Problems at Stadium

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The new Oak Mountain High School Stadium on highway 119 was filled almost to its 5,000 capacity for the opening and second football games, and the surprise was that fans got in and out of the parking lot smoothly and in short order.

Not many visitors from Talladega County Central turned out to watch their team defeat OMHS in the season opener August 27, but the following Friday night many fans made the trip from Crestview, Florida, to support their victorious players.

The smoothness of the operation each time was no accident. An authority on parking and handling traffic had been hired, meetings were held, and control was planned. The Shelby County Sheriff's Department had officers at all three entrances to the Sports Complex. Many volunteers assisted in guiding cars to the 1,500-2,000 parking spaces available. No one parked on the highway.

While the field, lighting, seating, and the press box were all completed by August 27, restrooms, concession stands, dressing rooms for the players, and landscaping were not. The reason is lack of funds to complete the 1.8 million dollar stadium. The OMHS Athletic Boosters made do with port-o-lets and portable sites for refreshments, including a trailer provided by the Buffalo Rock Company. The players dressed at the high school.

Donations are still being sought to complete our home stadium by the Summit Foundation and OMHS Athletic Boosters, of which Carl Brunson is president. Please contact Deb Taylor (980-8889-day), Principal Randy Fuller (980-5860-day), or Carl Brunson (991-8845-night).

Senator Armistead Is Vice-Chairman

Senator Bill Armistead, R-Columbiana (District 14) was recently elected vice-chairman of the Alabama GOP Executive Committee. He already serves on the Alabama and Shelby County Executive Committees.

OMHS Freshman Cheerleaders

Contributed by Debra Hewlett

The Oak Mountain High School Freshman Cheerleaders attended the UCA/UDA Clinic at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, on June 7-10, 1999. The squad won a "Spirit Stick" each day. On the final day, they won third place for their "Home Routine," second place for "Camp Cheer," first place for "Camp Dance," and overall "Camp Champion" in the Junior High division.

Cheerleaders from Indian Springs Village are **Katie Allsopp, Lauren Foster, Grace Fuller, Elizabeth Varner, and Heather Wilder**. Also on the squad are Meghan Angel, Jordan Brush, Ellen Bryant, Casey Cooper, Ashley Cromer, Leslie Hewlett, and Mary Katherine Stump. Four of the girls were chosen as All-Stars: Varner, Cooper, Hewlett, and Stump. They are invited to Walt Disney World to lead off the Thanksgiving Day Parade down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom. Congratulations to all the girls.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Bonnie Murphy, and Patricia Crapet

In Memorium

Our condolences to **Zehra and Walter Stockli** of 1130 Alpine Way in the loss of her father, Dr. Nizamettin Kilic of Marietta, GA, who died in the August 17 earthquake in Yalova, Turkey, with four of his grandchildren. The children were those of a brother, Dr. Babur N. and Jan Kemp Kilic of Marietta. Their ages were 6, 5, 2, and 9 months.

Mrs. Stockli's parents, Dr. Kilic and his wife, Dr. Turkan H. Kilic, have a summer home in Turkey where members of the family visit each year. The Stocklis and their daughter had visited there in July.

A fifth child of the Babur N. Kilic family, a middle daughter, was buried in the rubble of the earthquake. She was found alive by a family member after 36 hours. Jan Kemp Kilic was fortunate in that she was not killed, but understandably is suffering immeasurably from the loss of her husband and four children. As soon as they learned of the devastating tragedy, Mrs. Stockli and her three brothers, all physicians from Georgia, flew to Turkey.

Dr. Kilic, Mrs. Stockli's father, was a graduate of the University of Istanbul. A pediatrician associated with Carraway Hospital/Norwood Clinic and later with Baptist Hospital-Montclair, he retired after more than 50 years in practice in Birmingham and Marietta.

Villagers extend sympathy to the **James Wyatt family**, Indian Trail, on the death of Jim's father, Mr. Edgar P. Wyatt, who passed away Sunday morning, August 22 at his home in Jemison. Mr. Wyatt would have been 96 on his birthday in September.

Bedridden for a number of years, Mr. Wyatt was cared for by a daughter at his home. Upon retiring from BellSouth, Birmingham, he bought a farm in Jemison and lived there 30 years. Survivors are his son and two daughters.

Sympathy is extended to the **Harold L. Foshee, Jr., family** of Highgate Hill in the death of Christopher Bretton Foshee, age 20, on September 4. A graduate of Vestavia High School in 1998, he lived in Indian Springs for two years and was prepared to enter the University of Alabama at Birmingham this fall. His brother, Patrick Sean, age 15, just started at the new Oak Mountain High School.

Other survivors are his mother, Laura C. Foshee of Helena, and a sister, Heather Dawn Foshee of Vestavia, and grandparents, Harold and Sybil Foshee and Margaret Carlisle, all of Hoover. Services were held at Southern Heritage Chapel with burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Congratulations to Champions

Leila Debter of Pawnee Drive and her appaloosa, **Dress Code**, were the circuit champions for the summer shows held at Oak Mountain State Park benefiting the Emergency Animal Rescue Service, winning a tooled Big Horn saddle. Leila and Dress Code, an 8-year-old gelding, competed in a variety of classes over three separate shows that included halter, English pleasure, western pleasure, trail and games, to edge out the competition and win high-point honors.

Leila and Dress Code compete regularly at regional and national level appaloosa shows. Dress Code is an ApHC Halter Champion, an ApHC Versatility Champion, and holds a Reserve National Championship in trail. He has held the high point performance appaloosa title in Alabama four consecutive years.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Tim and Debra Nelson of Buckboard Road on the birth of their son, Jacob Tarantine Nelson. Jacob arrived on August 11th at Brookwood Hospital, weighing 7 pounds and 15 ounces. The Nelsons also have a 2-year-old son, Jared.

Welcome New Villagers

Pat and Myra Patterson, formerly of Inverness, now call 2619 Buckboard Road home. Pat, who is in sales, and Myra, an interior designer, have five grown children. The couple lists their hobby as antiques. Welcome to Indian Springs Village!

ISV and Homestead also welcome David and Christy Holt, formerly of Alabaster, to 2600 Buckboard Road. David is employed at UAB Hospital in the maintenance department, and Christy teaches sixth grade at our own Oak Mountain Middle School. The Holts have three children, Christopher, Andrew, and Lee. The family is very involved in Boy Scouts, with both David and Christy acting as assistant scout leaders, and all three boys currently scouts. The family also participates avidly in hunting, camping, and canoeing.

Indian Springs Cemetery

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Letters have been sent to members of the community having relatives buried in the Indian Springs Cemetery, asking for help in the upkeep of the grounds, particularly with grass cutting.

The cemetery is located behind and to the left of Indian Springs First Baptist Church on Cahaba Valley Road. It was formerly called New Hope Cemetery, representing the name of the community as well as the Baptist Church, which was founded as Cahaba Valley Baptist Church 92 years ago.

In 1916 the church was built on its present site as New Hope Baptist. In 1978 the name was changed, partly because "New Hope" was used for several communities in Alabama, but mostly because the community of "New Hope" had become "Indian Springs."

Over 100 gravestones are in the cemetery, one of them of a captain with the dates 1838-1867. Three huge, venerable cedars form a canopy over the center of the grounds, and headstones bear names of early pioneers--Grimes, Bishop, Cox, Brashier, and Winslett--to name a few. The Head of the Cemetery Foundation is Olivia Brashier. Checks should be mailed to Indian Springs Cemetery Fund, 115 Cherokee Trail, Indian Springs, AL 35124