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Agenda

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

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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

We just celebrated our 11th Annual Indian Springs Village Fourth of July town barbecue. Every year, this event seems to get larger and better. What started from a rather humble beginning, with just hot dogs and drinks, has grown into a veritable feast of barbecue ribs, chopped pork, chicken, slaw, baked beans, hot dogs & chips, homeade lemonade, soft drinks, iced tea, and a king's ransom of individually baked desserts.

This year our official count of adults attending was 268. Mostly Villagers, but including a number of guests. That's a lot of folks to feed in what boils down to about an hour and a half. Tricia Crapet will be writing about all the Villagers who contributed their time and talents to make this festival the great success that it was. But I would like to address two specific areas that are critical.

Overall responsibility for the barbecue comes under the direction of Herb Robins. Having done this job in the early years, I am well aware of the amount of time and work that goes into putting all the pieces together. There is not enough space in this column to enumerate all the facets that come into play. It is a massive and time-consuming job. He has a legion of helpers, all of whom are volunteers, who pay for their plates just like you and I do. Many thanks to Herb and "Herb's army."

Our chief barbecue cook this year was Bart Trammel. Along with a specialized group that met at the ISV pavilion at 2:45 a.m., Bart supervised the cooking of all the delicious food that our happy revelers consumed. Working over the hot fires on a warm July morning for eight hours is a tough job. As I moved about the crowd, the barbecue sauce being wiped off chins and cheeks, plus the happy faces, attested to how much everyone approved. Many thanks to Bart and "Bart's troops."

And what did Herb and Bart do in their spare time? Came to the town hall, cut grass and tended to the town's landscaping, and erected all the tents. I don't know when these gentlemen sleep. When you see them, please remember to extend thanks for a job well done. I believe we can look to the future with confidence. And by the way, the Fourth of July comes on Thursday next year. Mark your calendar. Volunteers are always needed, so feel free to come forward.

P. S.: For those who attended this year thanks for "contributing" to the Indian Springs Environmental Fund.

President's Visit to Our Valley

By Van E. McClurkin

Editor's note: A Presidential visit is a rarity talked about for weeks and was still on everyone's mind during our Fourth of July celebration. One Villager, Bob Thomas, related how surprised he was when on a business trip to Vancouver, Canada, he turned on television to see President George W. Bush in his neighborhood back home. When talk turned to security measures, Mildred Wyatt observed that President Bush could probably tour the entire valley unprotected—"everybody would wish him well." I heard Van McClurkin remark that President Bush spoke so warmly of his reception while driving through Indian Springs Village, I requested this first-hand account from one who had actually conversed with the President. Those who learned the President's entourage would be driving on Highway 119, right in the middle of Indian Springs, the nine miles to Oak Mountain State Park Lake gathered at the town hall, the shopping center, or at other points along the highway. Operators and clients rushed outside Indian Springs Hair Styles whatever stage of procedure—hair wet, in processing caps, etc.—to see the President. Others more fortunate got to talk with him. Mary Sue McClurkin (R), our state representative for District 40, and members of her family were among the 200 invited guests attending the park visit where the President elaborated on environmental issues.

Let me tell you about meeting President George W. Bush during his visit to Oak Mountain State Park.

Thursday, June 21st started our pretty much normal for me—only thing special was that President Bush was going to be at Oak Mountain, but I just planned to work and stay off the highways. My wife Mary Sue had planned to be at Senator Jeff Session's fundraiser that night and hopefully get to shake the President's hand. Mary Sue, Jeff and Mary Sessions were friends at Huntingdon College, and we try to stay in touch.

Our sons Burt and Ben had volunteered to drive vans in the President's motorcade and maybe, just maybe, they would get to shake his hand as well; plus, they would get to see Air Force One at the airport and drive down Interstate I-65 cleared of traffic.

Then it happens! I find out that we can be in the crowd at Oak Mountain! So, Audi Wood, our future daughter-in-

law, our other son Daniel and I strike out to the Oak Mountain Elementary School to be bused over to the state park. Daniel wasn't sure this was going to be worth the trouble, but things perked up when I made his photo with Mr. Ray Scott, his fishing hero.

At the park we were seated on bales of hay between the President's podium and the press. As President Bush made his way from the motorcade to the podium, he greeted YMCA day campers as they fished and played baseball. The gossip in the park was to see if he actually would fish without an Alabama fishing license. I don't think he "wet a hook," but he borrowed a baseball glove and played catch with a camper. That was something special.

President Bush made his speech, which of course included his budget plans to assist parks such as Oak Mountain. Something he said that might not have made CNN was the fact that the people in the area were so friendly. **He was very appreciative of the outward show of support as he rode to the park through Indian Springs Village.** I did get to shake his hand. I showed him my "Republican" telephone that I had gotten at the national convention. He gave me a "thumbs up" and a handshake.

Audi, our future daughter-in-law, told him that she was a teacher and prayed for him daily. He hugged her and thanked her for teaching and said that he appreciated the prayers. She was heavy into the picture taking, and a bodyguard asked her to please stop opening her purse—that made him very nervous. That in turn made her nervous.

Then Daniel said, "Mr. President, do you mind if I shake your hand and get my picture taken with you?" So Daniel turned to me for a photo, but unfortunately I was out of film. There my son is, with his arm around the President of the Free World, and his dad is out of film. So, the President suggested that the first grade teacher (Audi) take the photo, so into her purse she goes one more time.

Two proud moments for me were one, how the crowd accommodated each other to allow as many people as possible to greet the President personally; second, the fact that the President took time to shake hands with all park personnel, who had spent hours preparing for his visit.

What a delightful experience to have the President in our Village!

The President Comes to Town

A Road-Side Perspective

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

You could feel the excitement build as Air Force One descended the heavens for Birmingham's International Airport! Air Force One, carrying the President, our President, of these United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, was about to touch down in the real Air Force One--an awesome Boeing 747. Just the sight of this huge plane, even on television, gave me chills.

I had only found out just minutes before that President Bush's route to Oak Mountain State Park would take his motorcade straight down Highway 119 right through the center of our town. As the Presidential motorcade left the airport, I left my house, two cameras and four flags in hand, with my friend, Debra Odell, to head to the Indian Springs Village Town Hall for this momentous occasion. Along the way, we picked up neighbors Jerry Stovall and daughter Jamie. We were the first to arrive at the town hall, but close behind were Mayor Gene Weingarten and wife, Olivia. As we took our spots under the shade of the big oak tree, other spectators began to arrive as well.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Department was out in force. Each and every vehicle was stopped immediately and told to pull into a street or parking area until President Bush and his entourage could pass. It was just like being in a movie! You almost expected President Harrison Ford to be accompanied by Secretary of State James Earl Jones and secret service agents Clint Eastwood and Mel Gibson! The air was filled with great anticipation.

The first sign that the moment was upon us was the helicopter circling overhead. Though we could not read the writing on the side, the emblem and colors appeared to be that of the Alabama State Troopers. A sheriff's deputy passed and indicated that the motorcade's e.t.a. was three minutes. In the distance, in what seemed like only a moment later, there appeared dozens of lights coming down Highway 119.

Nine Harley riding police officers led the way, followed closely by two police cars in front of the two black Presidential limos adorned with American flags. I could hardly enjoy what I was seeing. With a camera in each hand and a flag under my arm it was not easy to enjoy fully the moment. But I now have a video and a couple of digital stills to help me remember what I could not savor at the time. In what seemed like a flash, President Bush had passed, the motorcade still following behind dozens of police escort vehicles mixed with vans with darkly tinted glass. There was no mistaking how tight the security was.

There was also no mistaking the very ominous black van with federal license plates, and glass so darkly tinted that no driver could be seen. The van was covered with so many antennas and "do-juggies" on the roof that it looked as if the space shuttle could be launched from inside! It was the coolest thing since "Mission Impossible" came to the big screen! This was indeed a moment that would most likely never be replicated in Indian Springs Village. When it was all over, the experience hung onto us like syrup on pancakes. We all just soaked in it for a few minutes before returning to our daily ho-hum routines.

Around 3:15 p.m. I left home to head down Highway 119 for a 3:30 meeting nearby. As soon as I hit the highway, I was flagged over. What? He is coming back through again? I couldn't believe it! I had no cameras, no flags, what would I do? Pulling into the entrance to Cahaba Oaks, I stood alone by the side of the road, but was soon joined by Bart and Connie Trammell and Cruce Cicio and her daughter Gina James, who were also unable to travel Highway 119 due to President Bush's exit from the park.

A Shelby County Sheriff stopped by and asked that I please not allow any vehicles to exit Cahaba Oaks onto Highway 119. Of course I was only too happy to oblige. Oh, my goodness! I was now assisting with security for President Bush through the Village! How exciting can it get! (Bragging about my role in protecting the President got quite a laugh from my friends and family.)

As the President approached for what would probably be my last time ever to see any President "in person" I did not wave, but instead applauded to show my appreciation and respect for this man and the office that he holds. As he passed our little group, we could see through the tinted windows that President Bush was waving to us. Waving at six normal folks standing on the side of the road in the middle of a town that he had never know existed. A Kodak moment without film, but a memory that will surely last a lifetime. Thanks for coming by, Mr. President!



Town Council Highlights

June 19, 2001

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Weingarten presiding. Present were Councilpersons Patricia Crapet, Stewart Dudley, Art Johnson, and Herb Robins.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported monthly revenues were the following: building permits, \$2,305; Birmingham Racing Commission, \$533; automobile licenses, \$345; zoning fees, \$819; beer taxes, \$901; and road fund, \$756. The balance in the general fund was \$94,000.65. After a payment of \$46,000 for road paving, the balance in the road fund account was \$62,600.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet discussed the need for volunteers for the Fourth of July Picnic. A request from Lakeview Assisted Living Facility on Valleydale Road for the parade to come into their parking lot and circle around for their elderly residents to see was discussed. The council and villagers in attendance were in favor of the late route change.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that bids had been let by the Shelby County Highway Department for road paving in the Village for the next fiscal year. The successful bidder was Dunn Construction. Highgate Hill and Choctaw Lane will be paved sometime next spring. The paving by APAC, this year's successful bidder, has been completed, but there is still touch-up work to be performed in ISV as well as other areas in Shelby County. The county is holding \$100,000 in escrow until the paving is completed satisfactorily.

Councilman Robins also announced that the Topics project is resuming. The project, which will five-lane Highway 119 from Highway 280 to Broken Bow, will also add 11 turn lanes along the state highway. Six of these badly needed turn lanes are in Indian Springs Village.

Councilman Stewart Dudley reported that the pricing for electronic radar recorders has not come in. These recorders are in use in several areas of the state and have proven helpful in traffic control.

ISV Zoning and Planning Chairman, Jerry Templeton, submitted a plat plan for approval of the subdivision of a parcel of land located at 655 Indian Crest Drive. The property belongs to Clyde Wood. The one acre plot to be subdivided from the original parcel meets all subdivision specs, with a reduced rear set-back line due to the pennant shape of the parcel. The Zoning and Planning Commission recommended the council's approval of the plot plan. The council voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Commission for approval of the plat.

Also presented to the council was a request to change the classification of a parcel of land located next to the Oak Mountain Intermediate School on Caldwell Mill Road from residential E-1 to O & I office and institutional. The parcel, which lies heavily in a

flood plain, does not appear to be suitable for residential housing, was originally submitted to the board as a 6,000 square foot office building to be built for speculative purposes, with the available space to be for lease. With the property bordering a residential area, and being in a flood plain, the Zoning and Planning Commission recommended that the council deny the application as submitted.

Since the time that the original plat was filed with the ISV Zoning and Planning Commission, the proposed building had been downscaled to a 3,000 square foot building housing only one business. The parking areas have been re-arranged and the number of parking spaces decreased by approximately half. Dr. Lisa G. Wilson, a local dentist who presently has a practice on Caldwell Mill Road, would be the only tenant of the proposed facility should it reach final approved after reconsideration by the committee. The council considered the proposal by Dr. Wilson and referred the plan back to the Zoning and Planning Commission for specifics on lighting, buffers and drainage for the smaller facility.

ISV Recycling - July 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m. is the next aluminum recycling pickup. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use light colored or clear plastic bags with the tops tied with knots and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your trash pickup. Please tie your recycling bags with knots. If not tied our volunteers have to take extra time to tie them. Your recycling is transferred three separate times, and any spilled loose cans slow the process. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

The recycling team welcomes a new recycling team volunteer Murphy Lynch. Murphy worked with Paul Sokel on his route. Thank You for volunteering. In June, the recycling team members were Margie and Herb Robins, Murphy Lynch and Paul Sokel, Bob Durbin and Art Johnson. Special thanks go to Brian Stauss and Russ Favorite for transferring the recycling trailer to and from the town hall respectively. Russ had to dodge some early morning rain drops that were not forecast until later in the day.

We prefer to pick up your cans from the curb side, but you can take them to the town hall *only* on the normal recycling day. But, please do not leave cans at the town hall after the recycling trailer has been removed. There is no storage area at the town hall and since Villagers reserve the facility for many different uses, it is only fitting that there be no bags of can lying about.

If you are not currently recycling, please join the growing number of ISV residents who recycle. Recycling just one aluminum can will save up to 95 per cent of the energy needed to produce it from raw materials. Your continuing participation is the primary reason for ISV's recycling success. Remember, proceeds from recycling helps to fund our community newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

For more information on recycling, or if you feel you should be giving something back to the community and would like to join the recycling team, please call 988-3217.

Eleventh Annual Fourth of July Bigger and Better Than Ever!

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

You could fry eggs on the sidewalk, or at least it seemed that way. But a more beautiful day could not have been possible. Skies were overcast at first, but the delightful sun shone through by the time the festivities for the Eleventh Annual Indian Springs Village Fourth of July Picnic and Parade began.

Long before the first plate was served, preparation for the annual event began. So much work, so few volunteers. But just as in years before, the job was done, and done well. Garden Club members had weeded around the town hall. Pothole crew members **Bart Trammell** and **Jim Boyett** were surely missing esteemed member Paul Stephens, who was out of town for the first time ever, visiting children and grandchildren out of state. For days, Bart and Jim, along with **Councilman Herb Robins**, gathered together all the elements for a proper southern barbecue such as wood for the fire, supplies of all kinds, and food...lots of food! **Nora Boyett**, chief culinary dessert consultant, prepared for the arrival of the many desserts to be baked and brought by Villagers to share with their family, friends, and neighbors.

As you already know, the cooking crew arrived at the pit to begin cooking at 2:45 a.m.. Once again joining the crew were veteran **Buzz Kelly** and **Jerry Templeton**, second-timer and for sure a veteran now, sporting his new apron given to him for last year's efforts. A big help this year were Bart's sons, **Jeff** and **Scott Trammell**. First timers both, they handled the early morning duties like professionals. All of the guys reportedly had too much fun, but still no one was able to coax the "secret" sauce recipe out of the tight-lipped Bart.

The first decoration to be hung was the bunting, which was put up on Sunday night by **Joseph Crapet** and his favorite Mom. Fighting off wasps and hornets that had made homes beneath the porches of the town hall was not something that we had bargained for. But, thanks to some Hot Shot wasp spray, what we did not exterminate, we ran out of town. Decorating specialist **Nelda Kelly** was joined again this year by **Del Levesque**. The two ladies made short order of giving the pavilion and grounds that patriotic look with helium-filled red, white, and blue balloons and beautifully decorated tables.

Parade coordination is my favorite job! At 10:30 a.m. parade participants began gathering at the Winn-Dixie Marketplace to register for the annual parade through the Village. At first it seemed that the parade would be a little

smaller than usual, but by "take-off" time, it was clear that the parade was larger than ever. Though not everyone registered, here is the list of this year's know participants.

Classic sports cars were definitely the order of the day. Dale and Cora Brakhage drove their beautiful red 1967 Shelby Cobra and brought friend, **Shane Weeks** and his equally gorgeous blue 1966 ShelbyCobra along for the ride. **Tim** and **Sean Allison** were looking sharp as usual in their silver 1965 Corvette convertible and blue 1964 Corvette coupe. **David Boutwell** was styling in his slightly later model 1978 Corvette.



Dale and Cora Brakhage's 1967 Shelby Cobra

Older model antiques and street rods were also represented. Looking great were **Billy** and **Peggy Gaines** in a 1932 Ford Tudor Sedan and **Jim Wilson** in his 1932 Ford Phaeton. The 1934 Ford Fordor Sedan driven by yours truly died on Valley View Road—a first in parade history. After being rescued by husband **Michael Crapet** in his 1936 Ford Pickup, we caught up with the parade on Indian Crest. The old truck began to overheat, so it ,too, had to be taken back to the barn.

Other oldies but goodies included **Murphy Lynch** in a 1970 Cutlass, **Bruce** and **Phyllis Monical** in their 1968 Chevy Impala, **Mayor Gene** and **Olivia Weingarten** in their 1959 Ford Pickup, and **Shelby County Commissioner Ted Crockett** driving a 1975 Chevrolet Caprice Convertible.

Late model vehicles were driven by **Senator Bill Armistead**, and **Shelby County Commissioner Don Armstrong**, who always attend our town events, **Steve** and **Pat Zerkis**, **Janice Pace**, **Terry Carlisle**, and three nice-looking teenage boys named **Clayton**, **Trey**, and **David** driving a Jeep Cherokee. Also participating, but not registered, were some young people in a bright yellow Toyota Land Cruiser. What a good lookin' ride! If you want to sell it, call me first!

A little shy on motorcycles this year, with only two participants registered. **Paul** and **Trudy Seokel**, who never
... .. on their 1905 Harley Davidson Rod

Boy and Gary Elder on his B/H Cycle.

Plentiful this year were pickup trucks loaded with candy-throwing revelers. **Chuck and Ruth Snow**, **Georgia Ann Boutwell**, and **M. J. Farr** were all loaded down with flag-wavers. **Joseph Crapet** drove his grandfather, **Joe Crapet**, in the family's red Ford F150. Having a ball and showing it in the back of **Scooter Barry's** 2000 GMC Z71 were kids **Jackson and Sara Barry**, **Steve, Parker**, and **Grant Shotnik**, **Austin and Christopher Pitchford**, and **B.J., Jessie**, and **Olen Humphries**. Candidate for Governor **Jim Cooper** had a crowd in his Chevy truck. **Lakeview Assisted Living Facility** had a van loaded with senior citizens for the trek through the Village.

Shelby County's finest were in the loop as usual. Sheriff **James Jones** and wife **Debbie** led the pack as always. Each year Sheriff Jones and deputies are the glue that holds the parade together. A special thanks to **Captain Chris Curry** and the deputies who always direct traffic at all ISV intersections while the parade weaves through the town. **North Shelby Fire and Emergency Rescue District** was also well represented by **Chief Michael O'Connor** in his official NSFD SUV, and one of our own bright green firetrucks, bringing up the rear as in all years past.

The parade pulled out of the shopping center a little after 11:00 a.m. This year, the parade route was altered slightly due to a request from **Lakeview Estates Assisted Living** on Valleydale Road. The staff had asked that since the elderly residents could not come to the parade, would it be possible for us to bring the parade to them? After careful consideration, and some last minute approvals by Sheriff James Jones, the deal was sealed. And what a wonderful sight it was to see the happy smiling faces of America's most prized resource, our senior citizens. The front of the facility was loaded with flag-waving, cheering residents and their families. The reception that the parade got was certainly worth the change in plans.



Paraders wind through the new Lakeview Estates Assisted Living Facility.

The roads were crowded with spectators at every turn. Seen among the many onlookers were **Duane Kloewer**, **Jan Arledge**, **Clyde and Fay Wood**, **Pam Allison**, **Jamie Wood**, **Haskins and Mary Bowman**, **Phil, Jennifer, Meredith**, and **Zac Rucker**, and **Bill and Laverne Ramsey**.

Parking director at the town hall this year was **Bruce Beneford**, also of the Trammell clan. Bruce was only happy to volunteer for the job of handling the parade participants' arrival at the town hall grounds and parking of Villagers and other guests.

Mayor Gene Weingarten opened the festivities with introductions of special guests: **Senator Bill Armistead**; **State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin**, an Indian Springs Village resident; **Shelby County Commissioners Don Armstrong and Ted Crockett**; **Shelby County Sheriff James Jones**; and candidate for the office of Governor of Alabama, **Jim Cooper**, a Birmingham resident.



Left to right: Mayor Gene Weingarten introduces Shelby County Commissioner Don Armstrong, Shelby County Sheriff James Jones, State Senator Bill Armistead, Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, and State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin.

Gy. Sgts. Holladay, Powell, and Coar, of the Marine colorguard unit from the **4th Battalion, 14th Marine Reserve** raised the town's American flag. After a blessing offered by former Town Councilman **Ron Luster**, the food line, which had already formed, began briskly moving along.

Since health department officials stated that we could not "sell" the food, the "donation" table for the Indian Springs Village Environmental Fund was staffed by regulars, **Bob and Kate Konecny**. Lined up and ready for the onslaught of hungry Villagers were volunteer servers **Councilman Herb Robins** and wife **Margie**, **Benton and Jean Baker** with daughter, **Anna Grace**, **Councilman Art Johnson** and wife, **Jackie**, **Onnie Dickerson**, **Larry Mackcall**, **Connie Trammell**, **Olivia Weingarten**, **Allison Stigers**, **Bonnie and Allen Murphy**, **Jane Martin**, **Madeline**

Johnson, Norm, Barbara, Brad and David Bradley, and Alan, Sandy, Brooke, and Lauren Jackson.



Benton Baker sports specialty head-gear while serving barbecue.

As always, the desserts were the treat of the day. Head dessert hostess with the mostest, **Nora Boyett**, baked five delicious desserts, including her famous lemon cake. Betty Crocker has nothing on our own **Betty Michels**, who baked my personal favorite "to die for" apple nut and banana nut with caramel icing cakes. **Leigh Fran Jones'** blueberry dessert was also a real attention grabber. Other Villagers who slaved over hot stoves making goodies for our celebration were **Ginny Lusk, Anita Jones, Madeline Johnson, Ruth Goodwyn, Marge Dunn, Del Levesque, Regina Cross, Mary Hearn, Olivia Weingarten, Jamie Wood, Frances Dudley, Sandy Jackson, Anna Cooper, Jackie Johnson, Robert Burr family, April Beneford** and **Mary Della Moss** of Homewood. **Mary Della** assisted **Nora** and servers **Betty Michels**, and **Ginny Lusk** with the task of handing out the special fare. As always, the desserts are the favorite attraction of the event. There were even some who made it to the desserts before they got their barbecue plates! (I don't look guilty, do I?)



The line for barbecue had already formed before Mayor Gene Weinsarten had made his initial remarks



The long and winding road that leads to old fashioned southern barbecue runs beneath the tress at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall.

There was plenty of room beneath the pavilion for all to have a great time eating their delicious southern barbecue lunch. Though it was a very warm day, the large commercial fans positioned at the corners of the pavilion, along with the overhead ceiling fans, kept the crowd, and those cooking and serving, relatively cool.



Becky Stovall, with daughter Kristen, looks happy not to be cooking today!

The unofficial count for the day was 268 adults and no telling how many children. All we know is that all of the 90 slabs of ribs and 128 chicken halves were consumed, as were 25 pounds of chopped barbecue pork, 56 hot dogs, chips, and most of the drinks. The dessert table was left in crumbs, and rumor has it that even they were in danger of being scarfed up by sweet-toothed scavengers.

The best aspect of our July 4th picnic is the fellowship between family, friends, and neighbors who gather together to have a good time and to greet those that they know, and meet those whom they don't know. This is always the best time and place in the Village to get to know your neighbors!



Servers get ready to dole out the barbecue fixin's to Dr. Ruth Goodwyn and others as they come through the food line.

A very special thank you goes to everyone who worked to make this event happen. Some may think that it is no big deal to pull off an event like this after having done it for ten years. Well, not so. It is a very difficult task with many different non-constant factors to be taken into account each year. All of ISV's events take everyone pulling his or her own weight, and then some. There are so many things that go on behind the scenes—things that are not even mentioned in this column—that go unrecognized.



Picnickers socialize beneath the pavilion during "rush-hour."

A special thank you to **Nelda Kelly** for handling the decorating scheme at the town hall. Nelda volunteers every year for this early morning job. Next year, however, Nelda and husband Buzz will be out of town. Del Levesque has volunteered to co-chair this committee next year, so think about volunteering for this position.

Thanks to Pure Pak Ice of Pelham for the ice and machine to help the crowd keep its cool.

Last, but certainly not least, are the before and after clean-up crews. **Bart Trammell, Herb Robins, and Jim and Nora Boyett** made sure that the grounds were well manicured and the pavilion spic and span. Afterwards, these same folks were joined by the wives Margie Robins, and Connie Trammell, in the clean-up task. Also assisting in a big way were Norm and Barbara Bradley. But the biggest help of all came from the smallest volunteer. Eight-year-old Ben Jones could not do enough clean-up work. (He is the son of Warren and Leigh Fran Jones of Star Trek.) Ben single-handedly removed all the parking ribbons and stakes, volunteered to remove bunting, and cleaned up around tables. Ben was so energetic that he wanted to come back the next day to help some more! Thank you so much for your community spirit, Ben. We will all be looking forward to seeing you run for Mayor of Indian Springs Village some day!

Community spirit. This is what Indian Springs Village is all about. A town like no other, where the people are the element that makes the town so special, not the other way around. A place where the spirit of volunteering fosters the community spirit that we cherish, just as we cherish the freedoms that are ours simply by virtue of being Americans. The intent of our yearly celebration is to be just that—a celebration of freedom and community. We sincerely hope that all who participated came away with this special sense of how fortunate we are to be living in the land of the free, and the home of the brave. Thanks to all who attended this year's festivities. See you next year!

No Burn Policy Still In Effect

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Every year during the months of May through September the North Shelby Fire and Emergency District enacts a policy prohibiting all outdoor burning. This is done in compliance with Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) regulations. The burning of untreated wood, tree trimmings, brush or plant growth generated from clearing or maintenance of land, and any construction materials is strictly prohibited.

Though the summer has thus-far been plentiful in rain, the air quality of our area is still at risk during the summer heat. If you must dispose of such woody items, please consider mulching your flowers, trees, and shrubbery trimmings.

Direct specific questions to the ADEM office at 942-6168. Thank you for being a considerate neighbor, and concerned about our environment.

Town Hall Reservation Procedure

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

One more time, group. Here are the procedures for making reservations for the ISV Town Hall. Please call well in advance of your intended date. There is no charge to ISV residents for use of the town hall facilities. We do not "rent" the facility to anyone who does not live in the Village, but certain procedures for reserving the town hall need to be followed.

Reservations are on a first-come basis. The town hall is being used frequently, and several groups have standing reservations for certain days of the month **every** month. Please try to reserve well in advance so an alternate date can be picked should your first choice already be taken. **And just as importantly, if you do make a reservation and need to cancel it, call to cancel immediately.** Others may need that date and time.

All reservations should be made by calling 802-2753, which is my voice mail number. Please do not call my home number, as I do not always get these messages, especially if the phone is answered by a teenager! Please call on weekdays, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. No phone call inquiries for reservations will be returned on weekends. Please leave your name, phone number, and date that you are planning to make a reservation for, as well as what type of function you are planning to have at the town hall. Your call will be returned in plenty of time for your reservation plans to be finalized.

Upon confirmation of your requested date and time of use, a copy of the rules for use of our town hall facilities will be faxed or e-mailed to you. Thanks so much for making this process an easy one for everyone.

Lost - and Then Found

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

Just a note of thanks for the people who found our lost American flag which fell off our truck during the parade on July 4th. The flag had last been seen in the 1600 block of Indian Crest Drive around 11:30 a.m. on July 4th when it fell off the back of our 1936 Ford pickup truck during the parade. By the time we went back to get it, someone had already picked it up. We surely appreciate your retrieving it and then returning it to the town hall. Thank you again!

Grandmother Flora Wyrosdick Embraces Fifth Generation Child

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Flora L. Wyrosdick, age 91, of Indian Springs, formerly of Hollywood, FL, died Saturday, June 16, two days after the birth of her first great-great grandchild. Our condolences to Paul and Lola Stephens, Indian Crest Drive, in the passing of Lola's mother, but we share in their joy that Mrs. Wyrosdick, who had been bedridden for some time, lived to hold the newest family member, Emily Grace Stovall, representing the fifth generation in her family. Parents are Lori and Keith Stovall of Alabaster.

Lori is the daughter of Diane Bell, first-born child of Paul and Lola. She and husband Bob have three children: Lori, the new mother, Bob's son, Bobby, in military service in Mississippi, and a daughter enrolled at the University of North Carolina. The good news the Stephens had recently concerning Diane is that she and her husband are moving to Indian Springs from North Carolina and plan to build on Indian Crest.

Mrs. Wyrosdick was a member of the First Baptist Church in Indian Springs for 30 years. She passed away at home, having been in and out of the hospital a couple of times in the last month. Survivors are two sons, a daughter, Lola (and Paul), grandchildren Diane Bell and husband Robert, Paula Crawford and husband Michael of Seattle, Washington; Terry Johnson and husband Steve of Alabaster, Michelle Wyrosdick and Michael Wyrosdick, ten great grandchildren, plus the new great-great grandchild.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel with graveside services Monday, June 18, Elmwood Cemetery.



Flora Wyrosdick embraces her new great-great grandchild, Emily Grace Stovall, while her daughter Lola Stephens, her daughter Diane Bell, and her daughter Lori Stovall, look on.

A Letter From the Garden Club

Hi Neighbors!

The Garden Club had a great meeting at Petals From the Past. We saw many interesting plants and enjoyed the fresh blueberries and blackberries. There's nothing like eating berries right off the vine! We enjoyed our lunches there on a cool corner of the wrap-around veranda. If you've never been there, it's a unique place to go.

I want to thank Marge Dunn, Ginny Lusk, Eleanor Bennett, and Del Levesque for weeding the flowers and shrubs in the beds around the town hall before the 4th of July celebration. They started at 7:00 a.m., were caught unawares by the sprinkler system's coming on, got drenched, and had to dry out before resuming their labors. It was so hot that didn't take long. It looks great. Thank you, ladies.

Our next meeting is July 26. We will be going to the fern glade at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Anyone interested is welcome to ride with us. It will be a lot of fun!

If you have a new neighbor who needs to be welcomed to the community, please call Mary Hearn at 987-6199.

Any questions regarding the Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee, please call Phelan Webb at 613-6259 (cell phone) or Del Levesque at 987-5029.

Happy Gardening!
Phelan Webb, President

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Address, applicant, request:

1060 Alpine Way, Linski, pool
201 Cahaba Oaks Trail, Zito, new house
677 Indian Crest Drive, Bell, new house
515 Valley View Road, Capp, pool
234 Cahaba Oaks Trail, Whitlock, pool

Historical Society to Meet Aug. 5

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The next quarterly meeting of the Shelby County Historical Society will focus on the Fourmile community with guest speakers Mary Elliott Cobb, Della Kathryn Fancher, and friends of Fourmile Organization. Special music will be by Brenda Williams. The meeting on Sunday, Aug. 5 starts at 2:30 p.m., upstairs, Shelby County Museum & Archives (1854 Old Courthouse), Columbiana.

Vote July 31 at New Hope Church

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The future assessment rate for North Shelby Library District property owners will be determined by an election on July 31 to be held at eight polling places, Michael Jones, Library Director, has announced.

New Hope Presbyterian Church, the regular voting place for most residents of Indian Springs Village, includes Beat 12, Box 1, according to the Board of Registrars. Probably the next nearest polling place is Valleydale Baptist Church. Other polling sites are Chelsea Fire Station, First Christian Church, Shoal Creek Town Hall, Meadowbrook Baptist Church, the Church at Brook Hills, and Greystone Hoover Fire Station No. 8. Hours of the election are 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The library is proposing an increase to \$40 per year for homestead properties and 2 mills for non-homestead properties. If approved, this would be the first assessment rate increase for the North Shelby Library in its 14-year history. The library, which serves a district population of over 30,000, derives almost 75 percent of its operating income from district property assessments. It receives zero funds from county or municipal government. The additional funds are proposed to be used to increase the number of hours that the library is open, hire a children's librarian, purchase new books, and pay off the debt.

All registered voters residing within the library district boundaries can vote on the proposed increase. Your contact person for information is Michael Jones, Library Director, phone: 439-5555; FAX: 439-5503 e-mail: nsldirector@shelbycounty-al.org.

Summer 2001 Computer Camp

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Area preschoolers can have a fun Summer Computer Camp experience while parents enjoy time at the North Shelby Library. **Registration deadline is July 13.** Forms may be obtained at the library or by calling 907-1979.

Three consecutive 30-minute classes for children age 3-5 will include educational programs, interactive activities and games, computer terminology, mouse maneuvering skills, and keyboard familiarization.

Session 1 runs July 23, 24, 25; Session 2 runs July 30, 31, Aug. 1; and Session 3 runs Aug. 6, 7, 8. The cost is \$18 per session. Computer Time is offering the computer camp. Credentials of the founder and director, Leslie Schilleci, include an education degree from Auburn University and teaching in the Birmingham and Hoover city schools.