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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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TRAGEDY STRIKES OUR COMMUNITY

An Urgent Message for Every Indian Springs Villager

From Mayor Gene Weingarten

It is always difficult to lose a neighbor. It is even more difficult when an untimely passing takes several of our most loved people. This group of ladies, lost in a tragic auto accident, were the kind of people that make up the very fabric of a community. They were the bedrock in their church and leaders in their society. Our editor has prepared the following article concerning those involved in the accident. Please take time to express your thoughts to their families, neighbors, and friends. It is a trying time for all concerned, and your prayers will help ease the pain.

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In a week when the world was mourning the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, the Indian Springs area received a multiple dose of sorrow when an auto accident claimed the lives of five long-time residents and injured three others. This followed the passing of two other elderly citizens in August (see Village Personals, p.3).

Those killed were Pauline Beck Clarke, 5416 Caldwell Mill Road; Flora "Pet" McGuire Cox, 41 McGuire Road, who was, incidentally, born in the house that we now use as the ISV Town Hall; Helen Denson Fallin, formerly of Highway 14 and most recently of Rockvale, Tennessee, where she had moved to be close to her children; Hettie Colleen Batson Garrett, 104 Indian Forest Road; and Hazel Gerald McGuire, 248 Valley View Road, who would have celebrated her 80th birthday on October 14 and was sister-in-law to Flora McGuire Cox. Ages of the five ranged from 69 to 87.

Three others, Margaret Bates of Valleydale Road, Julia Finch, 5518 Cahaba Valley Road, and Kate Lacey, a sister to Margaret Bates, 2450 Valleydale Road, were hospitalized. Mrs. Bates is in satisfactory condition at University Hospital; Mrs. Finch's daughter, Charlotte Thornton, is "happy about her progress" at Brookwood Medical Center; and Mrs. Lacey is in fair condition at Shelby Baptist Medical Center.

All widows, the eight called themselves the "Golden Girls" and often made trips together. The accident which claimed five of their lives happened Friday afternoon near the Lay Dam exit of I-65 near Clanton when the minivan in which they were riding overturned and rolled several times. The group was returning from a week-long trip to Panama City, one of the many outings they enjoyed together just as they enjoyed fellowship in the senior ladies' Sunday School class at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which Mrs. Garrett taught.

A capacity crowd attended the memorial service held Saturday evening at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church where all are members except one, who is considered "one of us" according to a church spokesperson. (Mrs. Bates is a member of Valleydale Baptist Church.) Volunteers were at the church all day Saturday and Sunday to answer calls concerning funeral and other arrangements for the deceased. Lunch was served Monday, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m., at the New Hope Family Life Center for all families and friends.

Three lay in state on Sunday evening at Southern Heritage, where the funeral of one was held. Mrs. Clarke's funeral was Monday morning at 11:00 with burial in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, Trussville; Mrs. Cox's funeral was at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon at 2:00 with burial in Allan Cemetery; Mrs. Fallin lay in state at Ridout's Valley Chapel in Homewood on Sunday evening; graveside services were conducted for her Monday afternoon at 4:00 at Elmwood Cemetery. Mrs. Garrett lay in state Monday evening at Elmwood Chapel where her funeral was held Tuesday morning at 11:00 with burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Mrs. McGuire lay in state at Southern Heritage Sunday evening; her graveside service was held in Eclectic, Alabama, Monday morning at 11:00. Three of her sisters live in Eclectic (Elmore County).

"When you have a family tragedy, you call the family together," said the Rev. Donny Acton, pastor of the New Hope church at the opening of the Memorial Prayer Service Saturday evening, September 6. Pastor Acton spoke of the ministries of the deceased and injured members and their devotion, dedication, and hard work. Using Romans 15:13 as his text ("Now the God of hope fill you...."), he spoke of the overwhelming grief the congregation felt. Prayers for healing were given for the three injured and for the families and friends of all victims of the tragedy.

Garden Notes from Ginny

By Ginny Lusk

EDITOR'S NOTE: Acting on a suggestion from Olivia Weingarten that gardening news would be a welcome addition to The Village Voice, your editor contacted Ginny Lusk, known for her horticultural expertise. Ginny, who with husband Ed lives at 131 Auburn Place, has been featured in local newspapers with pictures of her sun and shade gardens. A regular volunteer at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Ginny helped organize and has been president of both the Birmingham Fern Society and the Blanche Dean chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society. She is a member of the Horticulture Study Garden Club, is a master flower show judge, and has earned the title of Master Gardener.

The time is now to think about fall planting in Alabama. That flower bed that looks "ratty" now--take it out. Plant a few fall and winter veggies to eat: onions in a row with radishes in front and carrots behind. Plant spinach somewhere in the area. It will live all through the winter here, unless we have

below zero weather. Turnip, mustard, and kale greens are "healthy" foods, easy to grow. In the far back of the bed set out collard plants, the most nutritious green of all, so I've read.

An easy and fast way to cook collards: Fry two slices of bacon and some garlic in a skillet. Remove the bacon and crumble for a topping; add chopped collards to the skillet. Cover the skillet and cook until tender (maybe 20 minutes). Add the bacon and serve. We like it.

Also, it's time to think of next year's flower garden, especially perennials. The fall sale at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Sunday, October 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the Front Plaza. (Watch for notices in local papers!) Many wonderful perennials grown by volunteers especially for this sale to benefit the Gardens will be available, in pots, ready to plant.

Consider getting a few plants of Echinacea (ek-i-NAY-she-ah) purpurea, or purple cone flower, which are lovely more-pink-than-purple daisies that will bloom all summer, Penstemon grandiflorus, large lavender-blue flowers (like snapdragon) for spring bloom; also Phlox davuricata, or blue phlox, for spring to bloom with yellow daffodils and forsythia. Physotegia (fy-soh-STEE-ji-ah), or false dragon head, is purplish-pink. It is blooming now and will return and multiply by next summer (in August).

At the Botanical Gardens fall sale "plant people" will be nearby to advise and suggest. The above are only a few of the plants available. Be sure to get some shrubs of buddleia, or butterfly bush, a 5 ft. plant that is loved by butterflies and hummingbirds.

Another idea for fall: Consider rabbit-eye blueberries for somewhere in your garden. A member of the rhododendron-azalea family, the rabbit-eye blueberry needs acid soil, and is a decorative as well as fruiting plant. Buy early, mid-season, and late-producing plants for a long season of good eating (June through August).

Scatter larkspur, nigella, poppy, cleome, and hollyhock seeds now, maybe in the above-mentioned beds. These will germinate this winter for bloom next spring.

Remember the advice of the poet Rudyard Kipling to prod you into doing something about replacing that ratty flower bed:

The cure for this ill,
Is not to sit still
Nor frowst with a book by the fire;
But to take a large hoe
And a shovel also,
And dig till you freely perspire!

Town Council Highlights

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, August 19, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with councilpersons Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, and Art Johnson in attendance.

The minutes of the July meeting were adopted as written. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported that revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$855; building permits, \$15; utility tax from Marcus Cable (payable every six months), \$1,712.39; and road funds, \$798. The balance in the general fund was \$78,152. After an expenditure of \$2,146 for road work and culverts at the bridge on Rockford Road, the balance in the road fund is \$48,831.

Mayor Gene Weingarten made a motion that \$40,000 be transferred immediately from the general fund to the road fund. This was to comply with the 1996-97 budget approved by the council earlier this year. The fiscal year for ISV ends September 30th. The council voted 3 to 1 in favor of the transfer, with Councilwoman Patricia Crapet being the dissenting voter.

Alston Ray, attorney with Haskell, Slaughter, and Young, presented the council with a petition for annexation of a portion of Indian Springs School. The annexation brings a large portion of the school into the Village. Mr. Ray stated that the school would like to bring all of the school's campus into the town, but because half of the property lies within the police jurisdiction of another municipality (Pelham), only that portion which lies within the police jurisdiction of ISV could be annexed. Mr. Ray displayed a map which had been surveyed by an engineering company which shows this and other future annexations which may be forthcoming.

Interested in Motorcycling?

Sam L. Brown of 180 Deer Mountain Circle would be happy to coordinate a meeting of motorcycle riders in ISV who would enjoy meeting and riding with their neighbors. Those interested in participating in organized rides should call him at 985-2845, his daytime number.

Village Personals

Compiled by Ruth Goodwyn and Patricia Crapet

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to John O. Crumley, 2370 Cahaba Valley Road, and to Eloise C. Barton (Mrs. Jess D.), 2450 Cahaba Valley Road, in the death of a sister, Virginia Ruth Harris England, age 75, a resident of Hillhaven Convalescent Center & Nursing Home, who passed away August 25. Funeral services were held August 28 at Ridout's Southern Heritage Chapel with burial in Allan Cemetery. Mr. Crumley and Mrs. Barton are members of the Indian Springs First Baptist Church, as was the deceased, who had moved away about 12 years ago. Members of the Crumley Family have lived in the valley for generations, a grandfather, Jim Johnson, having been one of the earliest settlers. Other survivors include two sons, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Our condolences also to Mary Louise Yates, 277 Wildwood Lane, in the loss of her husband, William Courtney Yates, who passed away August 28 at the Veterans Hospital, Tuscaloosa, after a long illness. A native of Roanoke, AL, Mr. Yates was an alumnus of the University of Alabama, the University of Tennessee, and Chilicothee Business College in Missouri. He was a member of the Riverchase United Methodist Church. Mr. Yates was formerly Lieutenant Commander of the Alabama State Troopers, commanding Jefferson and five surrounding counties. Later he was with the State Department of Industrial Relations in Birmingham and Montgomery. He was a Master Mason and a life member of Zamora Temple Provost, York Rite. Graveside services were conducted August 30 by Zamora Temple at Southern Heritage Cemetery. In addition to his wife, survivors include his mother, Mrs. Gladys Yates of Birmingham, and several nieces and nephews.

Big 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Gene and Carolyn Cashion of 114 Skyline Drive, whose Golden Wedding Anniversary was August 23. The couple was honored with a reception the next day, Sunday, at the Alabaster Community Center. The Cashions have lived in ISV about 21 years, first residing on Indian Crest. They have two sons, one in Alabaster, the other in Columbiana, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Scholastic Achievements

Congratulations to brothers Lee and Kyle Cahalan of 400 Indian Trail, who have been named to the President's list at the University of Alabama for last spring's semester. Both brothers made all A's during the grading period. Lee and Kyle are the sons of Leo and Susie Cahalan.

New Recycling Record Is Set

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

ISV recyclers set a new record. The old record of 398 pounds set in June of 1996 was eclipsed last month. The total for July and August was 800 pounds, or approximately 24,000 cans. The estimate for July was from 300 to 350 pounds and August was approximately 450 to 500 pounds. On behalf of the town of Indian Springs Village, I once again applaud your recycling efforts. They have exceeded our expectations. Please take a well deserved bow.

In addition, we wouldn't be as successful as we are without the hard work and dedication of our indispensable volunteers. They make recycling easier for you, providing you with curb side pickup. Last month, our volunteers were Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin and Jackie Johnson, Ashley, Patti and Bill Weems, Cappy Potter, and Art Johnson. Special thanks goes also to Mike Rutherford for the loan of his truck.

The next aluminum can recycling is Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m.. Please place your aluminum cans in white or clear plastic bags and secure the top of each bag with a knot. Then for easy identification by our volunteers, put them on the opposite side of your driveway from your trash pickup.

Recycling not only protects the environment, it also helps pay for the printing of *The Village Voice*. Please participate. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

Help Is Needed with Shopping

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

It has been brought to our attention that a Villager in her 80's needs someone to take her on short shopping trips occasionally and would be glad to pay for this service. Not an invalid, she has voluntarily stopped driving because of her age. She is a member of Our Lady of the Valley Church. The priest comes to her home to give communion, but she misses attending mass. She takes walks regularly and does her own cooking, cleaning, and yardwork. If you can help, please call a Good Samaritan, Carolyn Cashion at 987-9061.

Correction

The editor regrets her typographical error in last month's *The Village Voice* in the article concerning the NSFD. It was 1994, not 1984, that Hoover proposed "merging" the Hoover and NSFD systems.

Babysitters Club Directory

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

I am really surprised! Only three candidates for the babysitters directory have called to be included on the list. I have had more calls for the directory than that! You can't make a list with just three people. Get on the stick, kids. This is an opportunity for you to make scads of money to buy those expensive "toys" that you want and that Mom and Dad are not willing to buy! The last directory had 14 names on it and was a big success. Please call my voice mail at 802-2753, and leave your name, address, phone number, and age. As soon as there are enough names for a directory, I will call you to let you know that you are on the list. Parents, **please** don't call for a directory until it is announced that there is one. Okay, kids, no more procrastinating. ISV's parents are counting on you!

Cookbook Update

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Okay. You know who you are. And when the cookbook is published, your neighbors will know who you are as well! How difficult can it be to send in a few recipes? You say you don't have time? Pleeeeeeaaassee! This is your last chance to contribute your favorite recipes to the cookbook. As previously mentioned, we are in need of the following categories: beverages, appetizers, cheese and eggs, meats (no chicken), breads, fish and seafood, salads and salad dressings, and sauces. Use the enclosed form to send the recipes to Bee Little. Whatever we get this time around is it. After this appeal, you will no longer have a chance to go down in culinary history with your neighbors.

Shelby County Art Show

By Betty Grady

Once again it is time for the Shelby County Art Association's Seventh Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show. The juried event will be held on Saturday, September 20 (rain date September 27), at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church Recreation Building (where you vote in elections), 5100 Cahaba Valley Road, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Shelby County Art Association is made up of community-spirited people from your neighborhood. These members are dedicated to improving the quality of life in Shelby County through the appreciation of the arts.

For further information you may call show chairman, Rex Johnson (995-9409), or Betty Grady, President (988-8731).