



# The Village Voice

Special Edition

Indian Springs Village, Alabama

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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, April 5, 1994, at 7 p.m.

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Annexations and Re-Zoning
- III. Citizens Forum

### Editor's Notes

The *Village Voice* is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The primary purpose of this newsletter is to report the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings as well as to give the mayor and council members the opportunity to communicate with the electorate. In addition, your editor's hope is to foster a spirit of community and cooperation along with fun and fairness. Good neighbors need less legislation. Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are also made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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## DISASTER RELIEF IS ON THE WAY

Indian Springs Village has now officially been declared a disaster area by the Federal Emergency Management Assessment division of the government. In the aftermath of the devastation caused by last Sunday's tornado, your town and county officials have met with state and federal officials to assess the damage in our community.

The Town of Indian Springs Village and Shelby County will assist all residents who have suffered storm damage. In order to expedite this massive clean-up effort, please observe the following guidelines:

1. All non-tree debris must be taken to the landfill. No structural debris (fences, roofing, etc.) will be picked up.
2. All large stumps must be taken to the landfill. Only small stumps that can be picked up manually will be removed from your property.
3. Separate your debris at curbside. All limbs should be butt-end to the street to allow for quick access by chipper trucks. Small stumps and small logs in a separate pile. Brush and leaves in a third pile.
4. Trees can be taken to the Oak Mountain Amphitheater where a large chipper will be positioned later this week. There will be additional locations announced at a later date for other chipper locations.
5. You may burn your debris, but please coordinate this with the North Shelby Fire District by calling 991-6439. This will help safeguard against any potential problems caused from dry conditions or poor air quality.

**This is not spring cleanup and spruce-up time. Only debris from the tornado, please.**

The road crews from Shelby County will basically be responsible for all county roads. The town will be responsible for subdivision non-county roads. It is the property owner's responsibility to get the debris to curbside, where it will be picked up. The county has committed to at least thirty days of debris removal and this will most likely be extended. However, there will be a cut-off date announced in the near future, after which there will be no more pick-ups made.

# Special Session

The Town Council of Indian Springs Village will hold a special session this Tuesday, April 5, 1994 at Indian Springs School. The exact location of the meeting is undetermined at this time due to storm damage. The guard at the entrance will know where to direct you.

The original purpose of the meeting was to vote on a proposed re-zoning of some commercial property on Caldwell Mill Road behind the Winn-Dixie Marketplace. There will also be another annexation of more of the Oak Mountain School properties.

If you have any questions regarding the disposition of emergency storm relief or community clean-up efforts you are most welcome to attend. Hopefully, we will have more information regarding disaster relief and who to contact for possible low interest government loans for those citizens who have been hard hit by the storm.

## Buyer Beware

There will be many contractors and would be contractors who will be knocking your door down for work. You should be extremely careful in choosing a contractor to work on your home. There are simple guidelines to follow in making this decision.

1. Always use local contract labor. Out of towners generally walk in and run out, mostly with your money. Check bank references and customer references before hiring anyone to do any work, no matter how small the job.

2. Make sure that your contractor is licensed by the State of Alabama Contractor Licensure Board. There is a new state regulation that requires that all legitimate contractors be licensed. This applies to anyone in the construction industry no matter what their specialty is. The licensee is insured by this board so that you have some recourse if the work performed is not satisfactory. The contractor will have a card from the state with their name and license number on it. Please ask your contractor to show you his card. If he has not got a card he is not a legitimate licensed contractor.

3. Try not to be in a hurry. The scalpers will hit you up early for the most money they think they can get out of you. Take your time and don't panic. As time goes on, legitimate contractors will come your way and do the best job for the best price.

4. Do not pay for pine tree removal. Pulp wood dealers will take the wood off of your property free. They are making a lot of money off of the sale of this timber. You may even be lucky enough to sell your timber if you have a lot of large pines down. If you pay for any removal make sure they haul away all trimmings or in the very least stack them on the curb as instructed.

5. Be leary of workers who were pulp wooders yesterday are now tree surgeons today. Most pulp wooders are not bonded to remove trees that are close to your house. You need to be cautious about tree removal around your home and only let those who are qualified perform the work. Your insurance will most likely not cover damage done to your home by non-qualified workers.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt is still scheduled for this Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m. in Luster's Field at the corner of Highway 119 and Indian Trail. The egg count was increased from 500 to 1000. At the time of the tornado, our crew of egg-stuffers had not completed their task of stuffing candy, toys, prize and money tickets into each egg, but regardless, a good time will be had by all.

Get away from it all! You deserve the break. Please take time out for some much needed healing and fellowship. Bring your blanket, chair, and picnic lunch and join your neighbors in enjoying the sights and sounds of our children having some well-deserved fun. Remember they are experiencing traumas of their own from this disaster.

## A Pause to Reflect

What are some of the important things in our daily lives? Is it that fancy car we drive, how much money we have, how much jewelry we own, how big or pretty our house is? How many times have we been at the end of our rope because the cable went out, someone tracked mud on the floor, the battery went dead on the cellular phone, or Auburn beat Bama? How traumatic! Pass the Prozac!

If we have learned anything in the face of this recent adversity it is that what should be most important is our family and friends. Life is so fragile. We can be here one moment and gone the next. Thanks to our maker, who has blessed us all so many times, no one was killed or seriously injured in our town. Yes, we have lost a lot, and the scenery is certainly different, but we still have the most important thing of all. Each other.