

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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Wednesday, May 15, 2013 Annual President's Report

In view of our crowded agenda this evening, I will only present some highlights of our activities during the past year:

- 1. FSNA expanded its boundaries to include neighbors on Dearborn Street, Oakland Avenue, north side of 65th Street from Allisonville Road to Tuxedo Street, adding some 75 households to a total of nearly 500.
- Tom Sturmer completed his Neighborhood Priorities Survey results, which are posted on our website.
- 3. The Annual Neighborhood Clean-up was held on Saturday, April 7, 2012, followed by a Spring Egg Hunt. Due to an early Easter and Spring Break this year, no Spring Egg Hunt was held. In 2013, the Annual Neighborhood Cleanup occurred on Saturday, April 13.
- 4. We had a spike in Crime Watch incidents last year, including home invasions. With the recently passed "Cash for Gold" state law sponsored by Rep.Christina Hale, it is hoped that we have a more peaceful summer and year.
- 5. Our 20th Independence Parade & Pitch-In outing was conducted on Saturday, June 30, on the John Strange School grounds, with Fire Engine 21 leading the parade.
- 6. In conjunction with construction of East 62nd Street Trail, Greater Allisonville volunteers, including Joie Woods and myself, painted fire hydrants along 62nd Street from Keystone Avenue to Allisonville Road on Saturday, September 22nd.
- 7. The November association meeting was cancelled as the Third Wednesday was a day before Thanksgiving. FSNA does not meet in December due to Christmas preparations.
- 8. At our first meeting of 2013 on January 16th, Councilor Christine Scales presented an extensive report on her activities for District 4 voters, answering questions from an audience of neighbors. The February 20th guest speaker was Laura Blank of Republic Recycling. We had a DPW review of Trail construction on March 20th, with Joseph Jarzen of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc. speaking at our April 17th session.
- 9. On Saturday, March 16th, Mayor Greg Ballard, State Representative Christina Hale, Ted Hudnut, and I spoke during East 62nd Street Trail Dedication occurred at John Strange main entrance. Ted presented Memorial Marker honoring "JD" Smith to his wife, Connie.
- 10. Upcoming projects are Tom's Drainage-Problem Mapping Survey continuing into the Fall; Community Service Fire Hydrants painting this Saturday, May 18th. Volunteers can join at the 62nd and Dean parking lot near Tuchman Cleaners at 9:00 am; John Strange PTO Learning Landscaping being organized by Michelle Lanosga; and the 21st Independence Parade & Pitch-In for Saturday, June 29th.

After today's meeting, association neighbors will next meet on Wednesday, September 18, as school facilities are closed during the summer months, although classes may resume by the Third Wednesday of August.

Sincerely, Joe Goeller FSNA President