

February 2015

# Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

## FSNA Calendar

Fairfields-Sylvan neighbors meet at John Strange School, **7:00 pm**, 3rd Wednesdays

## Quarterly Meetings

- **Feb 18**  
Andy Hazel, CERT  
Marion County
- **May 20**  
Annual Elections  
TBA
- **Sep 16**  
Guest Speaker  
TBA
- **Nov 18**  
Guest Speaker  
TBA

**\$25 Annual Dues by March 15, 2015 to:**  
FSNA Treasurer  
PO Box 20070  
Indy, IN46220-0070

Email: "comments @ fsnaindy.org"

## \*Vital Information\*

**Indy North Police**  
327-6100

**Mayor's Action Center to report:**  
327-4622

Potholes

Illegal dumping, etc

**Christine Scales  
County Councilor**  
317-578-8901  
cscales\_2000@  
yahoo.com

**Gregory A. Ballard  
Mayor**

2501 City-County  
Building, 200 East  
Washington Street  
Indpls, IN 46204

**Chief of Staff:**  
[Jason.Dudich@  
Indy.gov](mailto:Jason.Dudich@Indy.gov)

**Marion County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**  
February 18th, 7:00 pm. John Strange School Library, 3660 East 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Please visit our website**

[www.fsnaindy.org](http://www.fsnaindy.org)

Neighbors for nearly 500 households in our area can view updated 9-1-1 Facts; IMPD link; homepage postings for Lost Pets; meeting agendas, online opinions; Drainage Mapping Project; Republic Recycling calendar; DMD map showing your street and lot; minutes; our Independence Parade & Pitch-In; Facebook; Block Parties; or other events.

## Some New Sidewalks in 2015

Note from Christine, "I received confirmation of my ReBuild Indy projects. ...FSNA area will have sidewalks on Chester Avenue between 61<sup>st</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> Streets replaced (one block). Also, a sidewalk will be constructed on Olney Street from Kessler Boulevard to East 62<sup>nd</sup> Street (two blocks)."

"I picked Olney Street as one of the sidewalks you requested as it leads right up to the school." (John Strange School/Safe Routes to Schools Resolution/Walkability Surveys by neighbors. Directors Tom Sturmer and Ted Hudnut participated with JSS Parents-Teachers Organization to improve walking access for FSNA children.

## Annual Neighborhood Streets Clean-up, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

We will meet at JSS main entrance on Olney. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. will supply gloves, trash bags, bottles of water, and a dumpster. Volunteers eligible for flowers drawing.



## Washington Township: International Baccalaureate for All Students

By Ariana Rawls Fine, MSDWT Administration, November 2014

When school choice is abundant in a large urban public school system, innovation is key. So, in 2009, the Washington Township School District implemented the International Baccalaureate (IB) framework for teaching and learning for its 11,000 students and 1,500 staff.

IB had been offered since 1998 to its North Central High School junior and senior students. The district adopted the IB Primary Years Program for grades K through 5 and the IB Middle Years Program for grade 6 through 10, which is still awaiting authorization.

With IB, which requires a high level of curriculum alignment and inquiry-based instruction, the district has increased teacher effectiveness and student achievement, setting record levels on state standardized tests. There is also greater strategic leadership by administrators and fewer student discipline issues.

“One of the things that I am enjoying most about the children going to an IB school is that they are being taught how to think for themselves,” says Sarah Manion, a Washington Township parent. “They will have started kindergarten with learning how to come up with answers on their own.”

Through the community service and action components of IB, the Washington Township community has been engaged with student learning. The district has raised nearly \$1 million from private funds to support IB.

In recognition of the innovation and success of this initiative, Washington Township has been named a District of Distinction by District Administration. The district was among 49 districts that were honored in the inaugural round of Districts of Distinction, the magazine’s new national recognition program.

“We are pleased to honor Washington Township as a District of Distinction,” says JD Solomon, editorial director at District Administration magazine. “Like all our honorees, Washington Township serves as a model for school leaders across the country.”

Additionally, the district serves as a constant professional development (PD) hub for inquiry-based instruction. It hosts school teams interested in IB on a monthly basis and hosts large on-site PD sessions that are open to other districts.

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## FSNA Streets – DPW Filling Potholes *by Ryan T. Clem*

Since January 1, with a less snowy winter, DPW has activated 10 to 13 crews five days a week to fill pothole service requests reported to Mayor’s Action Center. To date, DPW crews have filled 307 requests, which can represent one or a dozen potholes each. As well as drivers, homeowners can report potholes on the street in front of their property.

- Call the Mayor’s Action Center (MAC) at 317-327-4622.
- Use the *RequestIndy* mobile app.
- Use the *Indy Pothole Viewer*.

DPW crews will continue to apply temporary, cold mix patch until hot mix asphalt becomes available for permanent patch.

**Recent Crime Watch Incident - Typical of many neighbors' encounters involving Richard Adams. Thanks to all who promptly reported him! With your leads, IMPD arrested Richard Adams, who has now returned to jail.**

Hi Joe!  
This guy knocked on my door Saturday (Dec.27th) at Midnight. I peeked out to see who it was just as he was crossing my yard. I yelled at him and asked him what he wanted. I did not unlock or open the storm door. He stood back at a distance & apologized for disturbing me so late. He claimed he lived down the street and mentioned my neighbors - "The Millers". I have friends by that name in the neighborhood. He said he had to work late and when he got home, he accidentally locked keys in his car. He said his wife was at Walgreens and asked to use my phone to call her. I said I would call her on my cell for him. He gave me the number - which was "no longer in service". Then he asked for a ride to Walgreens so he could get key from her. I said No. He asked if I knew of any neighbor who might be willing to help him. I told him he might try again since I knew he was home - many of his lights were on. He agreed and left. I called my neighbor to warn him. I kept my neighbor on the phone the entire time while he got ride from him. When they got to Walgreens - he claimed she was not there - - - etc, and had him drive up Keystone to 71st and Rural. He claimed his wife was at a home nearby and got out of the car. After the whole ordeal, I called 911 and reported it. I realize now I should have called 911 sooner, however he was very convincing. Hope he gets caught before someone gets hurt. You may share this story with the others. From: A Neighbor on North Chester Avenue.

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**Talk about your great school!**

You know your child's school best. Help other parent's find their great school too - Rate and review your school at:

[www.greatschools.org/parentReview.page](http://www.greatschools.org/parentReview.page)

While you're there, be sure to check out these resources on:

[www.greatschools.org/indianapolis](http://www.greatschools.org/indianapolis)

- **Online school profiles** – Search for, filter, and compare schools in your neighborhood.
- **School visit worksheets** – Take a trip to schools you are interested in and look for these key things before enrolling.
- **Enrollment information** – Find out how and when to apply to the school of your choice.

Have questions? Need additional information? Contact our Parent Engagement Coordinator at [greatschools@indy.gov](mailto:greatschools@indy.gov).

**SAVE THE DATE: MAYOR'S NIGHT OUT, THURSDAY, Feb. 26**  
Washington Township  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian Street 6:00 to 7:00 PM

**FSNA is non-partisan and does not own a political action committee (PAC), nor endorse political candidates, nor contribute money to political parties or political candidate's campaigns.**

Fairfields-Sylvan is a successful, award-winning neighborhood association. As with any organization, we always need volunteers who are interested in serving as Board Directors, Newsletter Editor, 62<sup>nd</sup> Street Trail Cleanup Committee, or as Crime Watch Block Captains. FSNA serves residents of the area bounded by Allisonville Road on the East, both sides of 65<sup>th</sup> Street on the North from Allisonville to Tuxedo; by Tuxedo from 65<sup>th</sup> to 62<sup>nd</sup> and Oakland Avenue from 62<sup>nd</sup> to Kessler Boulevard on the West; and by Kessler Boulevard north side on the South.

**FSNA Membership Dues: \$25 per household, paid by March 15. Your Benefits are:**

- FSNA website; February Newsletter. *May/Sep issues will be sent only to paid members*
- Additional important updates by email or flier. *Crime Alert emails only to paid members*
- Quarterly Meetings; \$10 Attendee Drawing; Advocate of our interests with City leaders
- Proponent of infrastructure improvements; Supporter of John Strange Elementary School
- Annual Independence Day Parade and Pitch-In; potential for Block Parties; other events  
***“MAKING A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD EVEN BETTER!”***

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2015 to March 2016.**

*(Return with check to: FSNA Treasurer, PO Box 20070, Indianapolis, IN 46220-0070)*

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