

May 2015

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

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FSNA Calendar

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

Guest Speakers

• **Feb 18**

Andy Hazel, Marion County CERT

• **May 20**

Annual Elections
Ofc Gerardo Becerra, IMPD Crime Watch

• **Sep 16**

Guest Speaker
TBA

• **Nov 18**

Guest Speaker
TBA

\$25 Annual Dues by March 15 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 Councillor

317-578-8901

cscscales_2000@

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Gregory A. Ballard Mayor

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

Chief of Staff:

Jason. Dudich@

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Vote for your Directors. IMPD Crime Watch Presentation

May 20, starting 7:00 pm. John Strange School library, 3660 East 62nd Street.

Please visit our website

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.

Annual Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, May 20, paid members will elect four Directors for two-year terms, with four other Directors elected on alternate years. Terms expiring in 2015 are: Jim Aelick; Bill Hazel; Ted Hudnut; and Tom Sturmer. Our eight Directors will vote for five Officers – President, V-P, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Member Secretary for 12-month term 2015-2016. FSNA Bylaws allow for up to 11 Directors, so at least 3 vacancies exist for those interested in being more involved in community activities.

Other meetings will be September 16, 2015; November 18, 2015; February 17, 2016.

23rd Independence Parade & Pitch-In, Saturday, June 27th, 11:00 am

Mark your calendars to join in for our annual parade led by Fire Engine 21, then enjoy refreshments and a picnic under the canopy at John Strange School's main entrance.

GRAND MARSHAL: Councillor Christine Scales. VOTE IN TUESDAY, MAY 5 PRIMARY!



Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood - Community Profile by Ashley Foltz, IUPUI

The Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood is located in northeast Indianapolis just east of Broad Ripple. This project will focus on the boundaries of Kessler Boulevard along the south, Allisonville Road along the east, 62nd Street along the north, and Keystone Avenue along the west. The population of this area is approximately 1,865 (Polis Center, 2014).

This neighborhood is bounded at the corners by public businesses and service providers such as:

- Glendale Town Center
 - Healthcare, leisure, services, retail, dining and vacancies for leasing opportunities
- Keystone Avenue and Kessler Boulevard
 - Sidener Academy – an Indianapolis Public School for second to eighth grade “high ability students” (Indianapolis Public Schools, 2015)
- Keystone Avenue and 62nd Street
 - Auto shops, retail stores, Ballroom Dance Studio, Hedlund’s Hardware, Goodwill, LA Fitness
- Allisonville Road and 62nd Street
 - Services, dining, and retail

The interior of this neighborhood is mostly:

- Private residences – large yards, mature landscaping, some issues with drainage and sidewalks
- Places of worship – First Friends Church (for Quakers), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Dromtonpa Kadampa Buddhist Center, Glendale Seventh Day Adventist Church, Soma Church
- Schools- John Strange Elementary School (Washington Township School District), Worthmore Academy – a school for children who have a learning disability (Coleman, 2015)

Community Assets

- FSNA, and Greater Allisonville Community Council (GACC) - “umbrella organization for 22 neighborhood associations in Washington Township of northeast Marion County” (GACC, 2012)
- Individualized education opportunities
- Local businesses including Taylor’s Bakery
- Attitude of inclusivity and diversity as evidenced by variety of religious organizations
- Healthcare: IU Health; Riley Physicians; Glendale Family Medicine
- 62nd Street Multi-use Trail
- Glendale Town Center and parking lot
- Separation of public and private spaces

FSNA Streets – Cleanup Achievement by Joe Goeller

With Fairfields-Sylvan members who signed up to clean neighborhood streets by advance email, and more who signed up on Saturday, April 18, I believe we have achieved our annual “Keep Indianapolis Beautiful” 2015 goal!

Of special recognition, V-P Jim Aelick and his son Will volunteered to *accept the challenge of clearing trash on Erie Avenue along the railroad embankment*, as well as Tuxedo Street north of 62nd. Mitch and Heather Lyons and family signed up for Olney and Ewing Streets south of 62nd. Danielle Wolkoff and her daughters covered Dearborn Street and Oakland. Stephen and Stefanie Turchyn handled Ewing Street north of 62nd, as well as Dover Road. Ginny Hacker did 65th Street west to vicinity of Krogers. FSNA Directors worked our various streets as done every year – Jim and Kathie Church on Tuxedo south of 62nd plus 61st Street; Ken and Betsy Ingle on Dean Road; Joe on Chester and Sherman; Bill and Barb Hazel on Olney north of 62nd. ... These volunteers are eligible for drawings of three \$10.00 Kroger gift cards on May 20.

Considerations of Potential for Pocket Park— by Ashley Foltz, BSW, IUPUI

Joe, I appreciate you including me and all of the information you gave me about Fairfields-Sylvan. Your perspective definitely gave me a well-rounded, accurate perspective of what life is like in this neighborhood that I could not have achieved on my own. As for a status report, I do not know whether my work will be of interest to FSNA members, so I'll let you be the judge! I have written two papers, one based predominantly on my opinions of what I saw and learned while exploring Fairfields-Sylvan and the other based on information you provided me, as well as information from SAVI. I created a poster on PowerPoint and an accompanying handout. The poster and the handout will include information from my two papers and ideas for steps to take to develop and maintain a pocket park. I have attached the poster and handout for you to view. They focus on looking at Fairfields-Sylvan through a social work lens where strengths and capabilities are recognized and all aspects of the neighborhood are assessed for a holistic viewpoint.

I just received information about the final paper that will focus on the pocket park. It will include ideas for potential funding sources, a broad list of steps to take to build and maintain the pocket park, the reasons for creating a pocket park, and how the pocket park would have a local, state, and/or national impact on people, the economy, and so on. If anything, the parking lot could serve as a potential talking point down the road once more immediate needs are addressed. The parking lot may be a topic members could have ideas and wish to turn into something more useful . . .

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Assets-Based Community Development (ABCD)

This project will use an assets-based approach that focuses on the environment, individuals, and institutions (Pyles, 2014, p.115). It will take opportunity provided by the unused parking lot east of Glendale Town Center and turn it into a pocket park. This will be accomplished by building on the primary building blocks of this neighborhood which include the individual capacities of community members and organizational capacities of organizations, such as FSNA, GACC, schools, and churches (McKnight & Kretzmann, 1996). Using a locally development intervention will be empowering and encourage social integration among all community members (Rothman, 2006).

Goal

- To renovate the parking lot directly east of Glendale Town Center so that this space benefits the commercial and residential interests of all community members.

Objectives

- To integrate the residents and commercial interests and capabilities of the pocket park in the northern half of the parking lot directly east of Glendale Town Center (S. Ferguson, personal communication, March 5, 2015; J. Goeller, personal communication, March 9, 2015)
- To develop resources for the construction and long-term maintenance of the park pocket.

Tasks

- Contact Kite Realty to ask for their support and partnership (J. Goeller and S. Seiwert, personal communication, March 14, 2015)
- Conduct surveys to learn needs and opinions of community members with survey design based on groups (age 5-12, age 13-21, age 22-59, age 60+)
- Assess structural and safety aspects of lot, including lighting and electrical sources
- Create a committee of stakeholders to host meetings about pocket park
- Consider funding sources – fundraising, grants, donations, partnerships
- Partner with college students to draft a site plan and sketch pocket park.

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, 62nd 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 65th Street on the North from Allisonville to Tuxedo; by Tuxedo from 65th to 62nd and Oakland Avenue from 62nd 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 Drawings; 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) _____

Address _____ Zipcode _____

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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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