

September
2012

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

FSNA Calendar

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

- **Sep 19**
Guest Speaker is Daphne Whitmire, Prosecutor's Office Burglary Prevention
- **Oct 17**
TBA
- **Nov 21**
TBA

\$25 Annual Dues per family. Send to FSNA Treasurer
PO Box 20070
Indy, IN46220-0070

Email: comments
@ fsnaindy.org

Important Phone Numbers:

Indy North Police
327-6100

Mayors Action Center to report:
Potholes
Abandoned vehicles
Illegal dumping, etc.
327-4622

Christine Scales
County Councilor
317-578-8901
cscales_2000@
yahoo.com

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

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CRIME PREVENTION - PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE POWERPOINT/QUESTIONS
September 19, 7:00 pm, at John Strange School, 3660 East 62nd St.

Please visit our website

www.fsnaindy.org

Neighbors for nearly 500 households in our area are invited to view updated local news. These include homepage postings for Lost Pets; Facebook; minutes, online opinions about Neighbor Priorities; Republic Recycling calendar; a DMD map showing your street and lot; meeting agendas; Independence Parade and Pitch-In; upcoming events.

Notice to Snow Birds: Neighbor Family Seeks Temporary Housing

Marco Ladron de Guevara, Natalie Goss, and their three young children are planning a major home remodel this fall/winter and will need to move for about four months as of October. They hope to find a house to rent in our neighborhood, so as to keep tabs on the construction, plus facilitate school drop off and pick up.

If you or someone you know migrates to warmer climes for the winter and might be interested in having a trustworthy family guarding your home, while paying rent to you, please contact Natalie at 255-0632. Your consideration is appreciated!

Independence Parade & Pitch-In, Saturday June 30 at John Strange School.
Grand Marshal -Councilor Christine Scales; FSNA Treasurer -Sherry Seiwert



20th Independence Parade & Pitch-In *by Kathie Church*

Despite a 90-degree day with high humidity, a hardy group of some 40 or more neighbors turned out for this FSNA neighborhood celebration. After decorating bikes, trikes, strollers, and wagons with balloons, streamers, and flags provided by Fairfields-Sylvan directors and volunteers, the crowd assembled behind our Grand Marshal, City-County Councilor Christine Scales. To the sound of siren and horns, Fire Engine 21 from the 71st Street Station led us in a loop from the south driveway through the north parking lot, returning to the John Strange School main entrance facing North Olney Street. Young families and happy children followed the Fire Engine, participating with “seasoned citizens”.

After the parade, the firefighters conducted a tour of Fire Engine 21, informing children and adults about its features and equipment. A number of boys and girls climbed up into the truck and driver’s cab. Afterward, many adults retreated to the shade and a breeze under main entrance canopy. Everyone enjoyed sandwiches and drinks provided by FSNA, as well as assorted salads, food dishes, and desserts brought by attendees. *Thanks to Sherry Seiwert, Jim and Kathie Church, Joe Goeller, Barb and Bill Hazel, and our neighbors for organizing this successful patriotic event.*

If you wish to comment or suggest other local community projects, please contact our Board, www.fsnaindy.org, or Christine Scales, and/or Mayor Ballard. ...*See contact information on first page.* For news regarding FSNA’s umbrella organization, *Greater Allisonville Community Council*, see their website at www.greaterallisonville.org.

Crime Watch – Operation Open Door – *by Councilor Christine Scales*

IMPD North District Officers Terry Lindsey and Maxwell Terry are currently visiting neighborhood associations as part of Operation Open Door, demonstrating their commitment to the neighbors they serve. They work with residents, communicating security procedures to prevent crimes and finding those responsible for unsolved crimes. These officers have circulated fliers throughout neighborhoods as to crime activity alerts, holding numerous meetings, and patrolling streets after their work shifts. They are doing all they can with existing resources. WE need to help them continue to protect the public, while keeping themselves as safe as possible in the dangerous work they do.

The City-County Council budget process is moving forward. Currently, IMPD’s budget does not include funds for a new recruit class in 2013, even though it is estimated that Indianapolis is already 200 officers short at this time. The number of officers retiring in 2013 will reduce law enforcement officer ranks even further.

This is the time to contact Mayor Ballard and your City-County Councilors, including At-Large Councilors. Tell them that our neighborhoods need more than just maintaining the current level of policing in place now. Officers cannot be shuffled around between zones and districts, leaving one coverage area spread thin to respond to runs in distant corners of our District.

During this spike in crime activity, here are some City-County email addresses to remind them public safety should be PRIORITY #1: Mayor’s Chief of Staff Ryan.Vaughn@indy.gov; Mayor’s Public Information Officer Marc.Lotter@indy.gov; Council: Pam Hickman, pahickman@gmail.com; John Barth, jbarth53@hotmail.com; Maggie Lewis, mlewis2@indy.gov; Marilyn Pfisterer, cpfist1061@aol.com; Aaron Freeman, aaronfreemanlaw@gmail.com; Zach Adamson, Zach.Adamson@indy.gov; Brian Mahern, brian@mahern.net; Jose Evans, jose.Evans@indy.gov; Jeff Cardwell, jcardwell@jeffcardwell.com; Steve Talley, Steve.Talley@indy.gov; voposilli@gmail.com.

East 62nd Street Multi-Use Trail

After a sweltering summer, the 62nd Street Trail should be done by the end of September!

According to DPW Project Manager, Dewey Witte, construction which started in March is nearly finished. Issues of record triple-digit degree days and sewer pipe complications delayed independent contractor. Proposed trail signs will also be installed by month-end. Proposed tree planting and grass restoration may not happen until next spring due to existing drought condition. Recent rainfall could advance the planting situation to yet this fall.

Fairfields-Sylvan is considering repainting all fire hydrants along East 62nd Street to celebrate Trail completion.

Sidewalks are for Walking – Editorial by Tom Sturmer

One of the results of having sidewalks in good condition is the number of people and pets which use them. Since the sidewalk and street surfaces were improved along 61st Street last summer, the number of walkers, runners, bicyclists, adults with strollers, and all sorts of other vehicles has seemed to increase significantly. Not only is enjoyment of the neighborhood increased, people’s health improves by added physical activity.

A number of individuals, many middle-aged or older, in this part of our large neighborhood association area have purchased bicycles of all shapes and size since sidewalks and road resurfacing have been completed. The “soon-to-be-finished” trail along 62nd Street will add another opportunity for traveling by foot or by bike.

Since FSNA sidewalks are well used, it is important that these pathways be maintained for the benefit of all.

Here are some tips on how to serve your neighbors:

**Fairfields-
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Neighborhood
Association**

FSNA E-MAIL:

COMMENTS@FSNAINDY.ORG

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1. Remove branches and debris from the sidewalk. I’m sure that the users of the sidewalks can also help with this.
2. Consider making an extra pass over the sidewalk with your mower to blow off cut grass. For those who walk their kids to school or their pets in the morning, the wet grass ends up getting tracked into our homes. Please show your neighbors that you care about them by doing this regularly.
3. Clear brush that is protruding into sidewalk space. In some places in the neighborhood, you must walk off of the sidewalk and into the mud to get around these obstacles. Trimming bushes and trees once in the spring and fall is usually enough to keep the pathways clear.
4. Try not to block the sidewalk with your parked car.
5. Don’t let your dog defecate on the sidewalk. If he/she does, please pick it up. There is nothing worse than having your child have dog crap on their shoes all day in school.

Thanks for doing your part to assist in the well-being and enjoyment of our neighborhood!

Some articles inside – “Snow Bird” Notice; 20th Annual Independence Parade & Pitch-In; Crime Watch; Sidewalks are for Walking; so on -

Located in northeast Indianapolis, FSNA strives to improve and protect the beauty, integrity, and security of our area. It serves residents of the neighborhood 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 on the West; by Kessler Boulevard on the South.

FSNA Membership is for one year. Dues are \$25 per household. 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
- Association Meetings; \$10 Attendee Drawing; Advocate of our interests with City leaders
- Proponent of infrastructure improvements; Supporter of John Strange Elementary School
- Independence Day Parade and Pitch-In; potential for Block Parties; and other events

“MAKING A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD EVEN BETTER!”

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone(s) _____

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<p>Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2012 to March 2013.</p>

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

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