



February 2019

FSNA Calendar

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

Guest Speakers

- **Mar 20**
Councilor Christine Scales, District 3
- **May 15**
Guest Speaker TBA
Annual Elections
- **Sep 18**
Guest Speaker TBA
- **Nov 20**
Guest Speaker TBA

\$25 Annual Dues by March 15 to:

FSNA Treasurer
PO Box 20070
Indy, IN 46220-0070

Email: "comments @ fsnaindy.org"

Vital Information

IMPD North District

327-6100

Mayor's Action

Center to report:

327-4622

Potholes

Illegal dumping, etc

Christine Scales

County Councilor

317-578-8901

cscases_2000@

yahoo.com

Joe Hogsett

Mayor

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

Mayor's Advocate

Mo.McReynolds

@indy.org

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

Please join us on Wednesday, March 20

Meeting starts 7:00 pm. John Strange School Cafeteria, 3660 East 62nd

We will discuss: Conversion of Nickel Plate Line to Multi-Purpose Trail connecting to Noblesville!

Republic 2019 Recycling Calendar is linked on homepage
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; DMD map showing your street and lot; Block Parties; our Independence Parade & Pitch-In; and other events.

Our New Logo has been issued to paid members!

Your neighbors identified door-to-door salespeople as a potential threat if they were not well identified, it was late at night, or as possible security threat -"casing" homes. In response to such concerns, the FSNA board has developed a decal to be issued to all paying FSNA members. By displaying this decal, we will show a united front in helping protect our neighborhood. Pay your dues today to receive your FSNA decal!

Littering in Indy: Ken & Betsy double their efforts

After discussion at recent FSNA meeting about citizens tossing debris on our streets, no one knew what the Marion County laws were about littering. We contacted Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Mayor's Hotline, Sheriff's non-emergency phone, and left message with Mayor's legal dept. All agreed an ordinance existed, but not about enforcement fines.

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FSNA ART PROJECT: “A Tribute to John Strange”

In an effort to bring some life and vibrancy to one of our busiest intersections, Fairfield-Sylvan has begun, with the Arts Council of Indianapolis to paint or wrap the traffic signal box on the northeast corner of 62nd and Olney Street.

The Arts Council guides this four to twelve month process, and will work in cooperation with FSNA Board and interested neighbors to commission an artist for this project. If you would like to participate in this process, either by sitting on an Aesthetic Advisory Team or assisting in an Artist Selection Panel, please reach out to Andrea Dunn, andrealeedunn@yahoo.com, or Sherry Seiwert, sherry4761@sbcglobal.net. If you are interested in seeing examples of decorated traffic signal boxes in other areas of Indianapolis, search the Indy Arts Guide website, or use this web address: <https://www.indyartsguide.org/public-art-type/traffic-signal-box-art>.

At our Wednesday, November 14, 2018 FSNA meeting, Mo McReynolds, Mayor’s Neighborhood Advocate, advised that the 2019 Indy Infrastructure Partnership requires a 50/50 sharing in construction/sidewalk/restoration projects between the City of Indianapolis and neighborhood associations. FSNA Directors decided that our limited funds would be better spent on “Artist’s Decoration of Utility Containers” activity, since our only source of income is \$25.00 annual dues from neighbors.

The goals of this initiative are to “brighten city streetscapes; enhance community pride; support the creation of neighborhood identity through high-quality art; discourage graffiti vandalism on public property; and create new, paid opportunities for professional artists.

The neighborhood association will be responsible for all costs, including materials, tools, artist fees, and maintenance. The Arts Council will help develop a project that FSNA can afford, plus suggest funding sources and fundraising techniques.

The cost per box depends on the choice of materials used, and the fee requested by the artist involved. It can be as low as \$500, or as high as \$2,000. Painted boxes are on the lower end, and vinyl-wrapped boxes are on the higher end. The submitting group will determine possible designs, providing them to the Arts Council for review for approval.

During the design process, Fairfield-Sylvan neighbors will have the opportunity to offer their ideas and have a stake in how to make our area more distinctive. John Strange School has been an important part of Fairfield-Sylvan, but who was “John Strange”? It is understood that the school began in a basement of some local home. Also, his relatives have a written stipulation that the property can only be used for the purposes of education. This project may be an opportune occasion to recognize “John Strange”!

INDY SNOW FORCE VIEWER

With Winter upon us, here is a useful reminder that updates regarding DPW operations are available on www.indy.gov/snow and the Indy Snow Force Viewer. This viewer has real-time updates of where DPW crews have been working. News releases always say when the Indy Snow Force Viewer will activate.

@IndySnowForce is the official account for DPW’s weather operations. DPW staff update this account when snow operations begin and throughout the time that crews are on the roadways.

A winter weather FAQ document is available online as well. This explains what the City clears; what Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) clears; and other items such as codes on cleaning sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Ken & Betsy double their efforts – Continued from front page

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...Then we met Mo McReynolds, Mayor’s Neighborhood Advocate, at Nora Library. She advised enforcement of littering law was complicated, partly as no Uni-gov entity has the time or funds to enforce it, referring to Municode: <https://library.municode.com/in/indianapolis>. Section 631 states “... against decency, good morals, or contrary to law to dump or deposit any garbage or article upon any park or playground.”

McReynolds said that some residents elsewhere have put up “Littering is Against the Law” signs in their own yards because the City does not want the expense, nor to add more signs to the already crowded roadways.

“As Marion County residents for some 33 years, we would like to urge the folks to have civic pride in our City of Indianapolis and not to litter. For about 20 years, we have removed trash from three city blocks in our FSNA area. Although the type of trash thrown out has changed over the years, such as fewer cigarette butts along the roadsides, the amount has not decreased.

It is encouraging to see that the neighbor stewards of the East 62nd Street Trail keep it clean and now even provide trash containers for Trail users, located at Chester Avenue, Olney Street, and Dearborn Street.”

These containers were purchased thanks to the \$25 annual dues paid by our neighbors. They are maintained by FSNA volunteers - Joe Goeller, Bryan Robison, and Sherry Seiwert, who replace the filled trash bags with empty ones on a weekly basis.

Article by Betsy Ingle

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 from Allisonville to Tuxedo Street on the North; by Tuxedo from 65th to 62nd, and Oakland Avenue from 62nd to Kessler Boulevard on the West; by Kessler Boulevard East Drive 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; Opportunity to meet interesting guest speakers
- Annual Independence Day Parade and Pitch-In; potential for Block Parties; other events

“MAKING A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD EVEN BETTER!”

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2019 to March 2020.

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**YES ___ NO ___ I would like to receive an FSNA Logo “No Solicitors” Decal for 2019.
Return page bottom portion and check to FSNA Treasurer PO Box 20070, Indianapolis IN 46220-0070**

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