

May 2014

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

FSNA Calendar

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

Guest Speakers

• Jan 15

Katy Brett, Exec Dir
Renew Indianapolis

• Feb 19

Adam Baker, Steve
Wolff -Snow Codes

• Mar 19

Christine Scales,
City-County Councilor

• Apr 16

Jennifer Schick, OCE
Open Burning Codes

• May 21

Annual Elections

\$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 Councilor

317-578-8901

cscscales_2000@
yahoo.com

Gregory A. Ballard Mayor

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

Chief of Staff:

[Ryan.Vaughn@
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We begin quarterly meetings this year. Vote for your Directors.
May 21, starting 7:00 pm. John Strange School cafeteria, 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 21, paid members will elect four Directors for two-year terms, with four other Directors elected on alternate years. These eight Directors will vote for five Officers – President, V-P, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Member Secretary for 12-month term 2014-2015. Our Bylaws allow for up to 11 Directors, so at least 3 vacancies exist for those interested in being more involved in community activities.

Our new quarterly meetings will start on September 18 with a Washington Township Trustee candidates forum, with questions, in advance of November general election. Other meetings will be November 19, 2014; February 18, 2015; and May 20, 2015.

22nd Independence Parade & Pitch-In, Saturday, June 28th, 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!



Open Burning Can Damage Your Health by Tom Sturmer

Dear Neighbors,

With the arrival of our nice spring weather, it has been great to be able to open the windows and sit outside when not doing yard work. The air seems so fresh and clean until.....*smoke starts making its way through the neighborhood*. Speaking as someone who has enjoyed many a campfire, having an open fire can be a joy on the chilly evenings of spring and autumn. Unfortunately, some parts of our neighborhood end up with smoke hanging over residential property due to temperature “inversions” in the atmosphere, which ends up taking many hours to clear out.

Rules regarding open burning and bonfire/campfires were discussed at the April 16th FSNA meeting. *Jennifer Schick from the Indianapolis Office of Code Enforcement* distributed copies of the Open Burning Response Program and Bonfire and Campfire Guidelines which are now posted on our FSNA website. To summarize, only dried twigs, limbs, and branches originating on the residential property can be burned during the hours of 10 AM and 3:00 PM in a non-combustible container with a ventilated mesh covering. Water or other means of extinguishing fire must be present at all times, and the fire must be attended at all times. Burning of wood products causing annoyance or constituting a nuisance to health or well-being is unlawful.

Similar rules exist for campfires, except that the campfire and cookouts must be contained within a ring of bricks or stone. The Fire Department should be contacted before planning an event involving a bonfire. *Note that leaves, paper, trash, garbage are not allowed to be burned.*

Do you know that Indianapolis has a fairly significant air-quality problem? Asthma rates are high in our metro area, and small particulates (such as those caused by burning) are a leading cause of cardio-pulmonary related diseases, such as asthma, heart attacks, and lung cancer. Indianapolis ranked as the 20th most polluted city in the nation for year-round particle pollution, according to the American Lung Association’s “State of the Air 2014” report.

Please do your part to keep our neighborhood healthy and enjoyable by limiting outdoor burning and always following the City’s ordinances and guidelines, www.municode.com, Chapter 511.

FSNA Streets – April Cleanup Success by Joe Goeller

With Fairfield-Sylvan members who signed up to clean neighborhood streets at Wednesday evening meeting, April 16, and more who signed up on Saturday, April 19, I believe we have achieved our annual “Keep Indianapolis Beautiful” goal!

Of special note, 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. Dr. Bill Gillette and Sue Combs handled Ewing Street north of 62nd. Ginny Hacker took care of 65th Street.

Terry and Susan Dobson covered Dover Road. Other Directors cleaned our various streets as done every year - Jim and Kathie Church on Dean Road, Ken and Betsy Ingle on stream bed near shopping mall; Joe on Chester Avenue and Sherman; Tom Sturmer and children on Ewing south of 62nd; Bill and Barb Hazel on Olney north of 62nd; Ted Hudnut and children for Olney south of 62nd. Volunteers are eligible for a drawing of flats or baskets of flowers distributed on May 30.

FSNA to Support JSS Landscaping Project Again! – by Michelle Lanosga

I heard through Ted and Amy Hudnut that FSNA might be interested in helping sponsor another portion of John Strange’s landscaping project. This is very exciting news! We appreciated greatly FSNA’s donation last year, and it was key in the financing of the professional assistance that we received in the design and preparation of the beds near the school’s entrance.

We are still trying to make arrangements for the second phase of our landscaping work-the area around the sign at 62nd and Olney Streets. The problem we have at that corner is irrigation. The custodians told me they have trouble with the hoses when they are stretched a long distance because the hoses lose water pressure, and the watering just isn’t very efficient.

As you may recall, we are planning to plant trees, as well as perennials, on that corner, and since the plant material, especially the trees, will involve significant expenditures, I wanted to address the watering concerns BEFORE the trees and plants are ordered. Our landscape designer has given us several ideas, but I think what seems most promising is the purchase of a large water tank that can be attached to the back of the little tractor that John Strange has. I am currently investigating size, cost, availability, etc., for such a purchase.

Please let me know what information you need for FSNA to review and consider another possible donation to our project, and I will be glad to put it together. The John Strange PTO, administration, teachers, staff and families have been supportive of this project, and it is wonderful that the neighborhood is also playing such an important and supportive role!

Fairfields- Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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News Editor – Joe Goeller

The Neighborhood Owl by Maya Sturmer, Grade 3

Hoot! Hoot! You might hear hooting at night. Sometimes it’s very loud. Maybe you have to listen very closely. The hooting is coming from a great horned owl. The owl travels around a lot. Sometimes, if you’re lucky enough, at dusk you can look around your yard and take a picture of the owl.

Since great horned owls are nocturnal, they come out night. They have wonderful eyesight & hearing. Owls have ear tufts, a facial disk, strong wings, sharp talons and beak, strong ears and strong eyes.

The owl call is a low pitched, *who-who-who-who* *who-who-who-who*. The females call is higher. Young owls still in the care of their parents make loud screeching sounds.

I hope you can hear and see the great horned owl. If you are interested in more information about the great horned owl, go to Google and search for “the great horned owl”.



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 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) _____

Address _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone(s) _____

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Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2014 to March 2015.

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

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