



May 2019

FSNA Calendar

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

Guest Speakers

- **Sep 18**
DPW Representative
Nickel Plate railroad update

- **Nov 20** - TBD
- **Feb 19** - TBD

\$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
317-327-6100

Mayor's Action

Center:
report potholes, illegal dumping ect.
317-327-4622

County Councilor Christine Scales

317-578-8901
cscales_2000
@yahoo.com

Mayor Joe Hogsett

2501 City-County
Building, 200 East
Washington St.
Indianapolis, 46204

Mayor's Advocate

Mo.McReynolds
@indy.org
Phone 317-327-5121

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

Please join us on Parade Saturday, June 29

Our Pitch-In starts 11:00 am. John Strange School, 3660 East 62nd Street

See Invitation Below

Go to www.fsnaindy.org to find:

2019 Republic Recycling Calendar, IMPD link, meeting agendas, annual April neighborhood cleanup information, block parties, Independence Day Parade/Pitch-In and other events

Membership Election Results

On Wednesday, May 15, paid members elected 5 *Directors* for a two-year term, with other Directors to be elected on alternate years. 2019 Directors are: Joe Goeller; Bryan Robison; Sherry Seiwert; Susan Dobson; and Terry Dobson. *Officers* elected for one-year term are: President Joe Goeller; V-P Stephen Turchyn; Treasurer Sherry Seiwert; and Recording Secretary Ken Ingle. Andrea Dunn resigned as Recording Secretary due to many family responsibilities. We will certainly miss her! The total number of Directors is now seven (7).

26th Independence Parade & Pitch-In

Bring your family and friends, four-footed pals – Walk, jog, bike, skate, or park motorized vehicles. We meet at John Strange School in south parking lot and parade around the building.

Decorate your bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers at home, or bring them before 10:30 am to decorate with streamers and balloons we will provide.

An Indianapolis Fire Engine will lead the Parade with patriotic music, followed by a pitch-in lunch under the John Strange School canopy. Spectators are welcome!

FSNA will provide *drinks and sandwiches*. We ask that you bring a dish:

Last names ending in: **A - H:** *Side Dish* **I - R:** *Salads* **S - Z:** *Desserts*

VOLUNTEER!: Decorate vehicles; fill balloons; or set up food & drinks

RSVP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 25 to: jgoeller@fsnaindy.org

This newsletter can also be found on our website. www.fsnaindy.org

CRIME WATCH: Always Make the Call Before You Post on Social Media!

By Gerardo Becerra, Crime Watch Specialist – IMPD North District

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department recognizes and values social media channels as ways to motivate important discussions regarding criminal or suspicious activity and trends within our communities. Sharing information with our neighbors has never been easier.

You know your home, neighbors and neighborhood better than most people, and when it comes to crime prevention, your expertise and knowledge are invaluable. In many cases, it is the information timely provided by concerned neighbors, victims and witnesses that helps Law Enforcement preventing crimes, leading to the arrest of criminals and keeping criminal activity away from your communities. So it is important that you share as much information as you have with us in a timely manner; no facts or details are too trivial.

As a result of our understanding of the value and power of social media, IMPD utilizes Nextdoor as a vehicle to share important crime prevention and safety information with the community. Nextdoor, as a “courtesy feature” in their application, created the “Forward this post to law enforcement” feature available to their users.

It is important to understand the “Forward this post to law enforcement” feature IS NOT an emergency or incident reporting system, and that Law Enforcement might not receive the information you share by using this feature at all. The fact is that you are just making that particular post accessible to IMPD as a city agency, same as it is to any other resident in your selected area when you post it. This means, you are neither notifying Law Enforcement nor making a Police Report.

As an agency, IMPD is not able to access any content in Nextdoor (including posts, comments, attached files or media) that residents do not choose to “make accessible” to us by using the “Forward this post to law enforcement” feature. Additionally, only the original author of a post may choose to share it with us, and replies to that post or previous comments are kept private and not visible to other residents or city agencies, such as IMPD.

IMPD DOES NOT actively monitor any social media platform, including Nextdoor. The ONLY way to report criminal or suspicious activity IN PROGRESS to Law Enforcement is by calling 911 immediately.

To report all criminal and suspicious activity or incidents NOT IN PROGRESS, you should contact the 24/7 Non-Emergency Line (317) 327-3811 or 311 from cell phones, as soon as possible.

Luau on the Lot: 2019 Spring Carnival

By Bryan Robison

John Strange Elementary hosted its final spring carnival on Friday, April 26 from 5:30 - 8pm. Called "Luau on the Lot", the theme this year was Hawaiian with tiki-branded signage, Hawaiian shirts and leis.

Students, parents, teachers, and members of the neighborhood took advantage of the mild spring weather to dance, play games, eat, and mix it up one last time. There were bounce houses, knocker-ball, a cake walk, face painting, and balloon animals.

We had yummy food from Byrne's Grilled Pizza and Nacho Mama's Food Truck and true to the theme, snow cones from Kona Ice!

Though we're sad to see John Strange School go, it was a perfect send-off for our beloved elementary school.



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CONVERTING NICKEL PLATE RR TO PATH?

In early 2019, Indy Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Daniel J. Parker requested letters of support from local organizations regarding conversion of unused Nickel Plate tracks to a Monon-type "Trail or Path".

FSNA submitted only a *letter of interest* on Feb. 6 and notified neighbors of the proposal. As a result, we had a sizable attendance at our meeting on Wed, 03/20. Other than some residents immediately adjacent to the RR line, the majority of members seemed favorable to the prospects of an asphalt trail, as presented by District 3 Councilor Christine Scales.

Therefore, I sent a letter to Director Parker requesting to have a DPW presentation of its plans for a Nickel Plate Path or Trail connecting Downtown, the State Fairgrounds, and revitalized Castleton Square area. Marion County's line would link up with Fisher's proposed Trail at 96th St, eventually providing a 50-mile loop in conjunction with the Monon Trail.

At one time, there was an idea for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) running along Binford Blvd from the center of Indy to Castleton. This could increase job opportunities in Marion County for filling employment needs in Castleton and the growing Fishers locale.

DPW responded favorably to my inquiry, planning for a discussion with Mr. Parker at our **Wed., 09/18 FSNA meeting at John Strange School, 3660 East 62nd Street, open to the public.** There are issues of financing and recently filed litigation seeking to put trains back on the tracks, so it may be some time before anyone can walk to the State Fair.

Joe Goeller

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 _____

YES ___ NO ___ *I would like to receive an FSNA Logo “No Solicitors” Decal.*

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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