

September 2017

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

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

Fairfields-Sylvan Logo Door Decal – No Solicitors!

Sep. 20 meeting starts 7:00 pm. John Strange School Library, 3660 East 62nd St.

Please visit our website www.fsnaindy.org

Republic 2017 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.

Annual Elections

On Wednesday, May 17, paid members elected four Directors for two-year terms, with four other Directors elected on alternate years. Connie Smith declined to serve again, explaining she had only replaced Ted Hudnut for one year. Christine Guyonneau and Bryan Robison volunteered as new Directors. Both Old and new officers were elected for a 12 month term by Directors as follows: President Joe Goeller; V-P Jim Aelick; Treasurer Sherry Seiwert; Recording Secretary Andrea Dunn; Member Secretary/Alternate Secretary Ken Ingle until May 16, 2018. Total number of Directors is now nine (9).

[Indianapolis/Marion County Code Pertaining to Door to Door Sales 391-104.](#)

PRESIDENT Joe Goeller

VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Aelick

MEMBER SECRETARY

Ken Ingle

RECORD SECRETARY

Andrea Dunn

TREASURER

Sherry Seiwert

DIRECTORS

Susan Dobson

Terry Dobson

Christine Guyonneau

Bryan Robison

Stephen Turchyn

Crime Watch-Terry Dobson



Our new Logo will be printed as a door decal and issued to paid members next March.

REPORT: COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE SCALES

Dear District 3 Neighbors,

I receive many complaints about door to door salespeople. As door to door peddlers are reviled by most residents, I know this Code will be of interest to residents.

When I was asked by leaders of an HOA in the District to clarify the ordinance pertaining to door to door sales, I thought I had better double check my information with the City's Code Enforcement Director.

In the past, I have repeated what I have been told by representatives of various city agencies-that the signs posted on a homeowner's property would give notice to peddlers that attempts to sell goods wasn't allowed. I informed neighborhood communities that the "No Soliciting" signs posted at their neighborhood entrance had no legal teeth, however. After contacting Business and Neighborhood Services(new name for Code Enforcement) to verify that my information was correct, I was shocked to discover that with the exceptions noted in subsection (b) in Sec. 391-104, no door to door soliciting is allowed in Indianapolis.

Not only have door to door sales scams been problematic over the years, but from a security standpoint, it has always been disconcerting to residents to have strangers roaming their neighborhoods. Are they casing homes for break-ins?

If parents warned children about not opening doors to strangers, will they remember?

BNS noted that they are not the agency to be called in the event of complaints that residents are to call the non-emergency IMPD phone number.

Consideration might be given to having civilians working for IMPD to respond to these calls and make reports, as they do with accidents. I know IMPD needs its resources focused on higher priority calls.

Sec. 391-104 – Peddlers and Solicitors entering private premises

(a)

The practice of entering upon the premises of private residences in the city by any persons acting as solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise of any kind, magazines, pamphlets, books or any other articles, when such person has not been requested or invited to do so by the owner or occupant of the private residence, or when a notice is posted at or near the entrance thereof forbidding such entry for any such purposes, with the intention of selling or soliciting orders for the sale of any such things, or of peddling, hawking or otherwise disposing thereof, or doing all or any of such practices, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be punishable as prescribed in this chapter.

(b)

The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale, soliciting of orders for the sale, or the delivery to any such premises of milk, dairy products, vegetables, fruits, meat, poultry, eggs, groceries, bread or any other farm and garden produce and foods or liquid products, so far as the disposal thereof is at any time authorized by law and is done in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Code or other city ordinances; nor shall they apply to the delivery of any merchandise or other articles of any kind previously purchased or ordered by or for the owner or occupant of such premises.

Aside from the exemptions noted in Section 391-104(b), there is a Supreme Court ruling that allows for door to door political campaigning, as well as door to door "visitation" by religious groups.

Information about Memorial Plaque located at 62nd and Olney

Reply to NextDoor Inquiry from John Goldberg - My name is Connie Smith. Joe Goeller forwarded your email concerning my husband, John David Smith.

My husband worked tirelessly to get the Multi Mobile Pathway built. I believe the discussion concerning the trail started approximately 15 years ago. When the city first approached the neighborhoods about building the trail, it was shot down by many of the homeowners for fear of an increase in crime.

My husband and I, along with the neighborhood association, then passed out a survey to the neighbors in the Glendale area and also to the neighbors in the Fairfield Sylvan Neighborhood Association. We found that the majority of the neighbors were actually behind having the trail built.

The long and short of it, the City came up with grant monies to build the trail from Glendale to Allisonville Road. Unfortunately, my husband never got to see the trail completed. In 2011, he was diagnosed with ALS, and he died on April 8th, 2012.

I was able to take him down in his wheel chair before he passed and he was able to see the ground breaking. I believe it was sometime that summer the neighborhood decided to dedicate the trail to my husband.

Ted and Amy Hudnut were instrumental in having the plaque made. Mayor Ballard came to John Strange School along with my family members, Joe Goeller and several of our friends presented the plaque to me. As you can imagine, it was an extremely moving moment for me.

The quote on the plaque was written by my husband and was on his memorial card at the service for him. I can't tell you how happy he would have been to see his grandchildren and all the other children and families enjoy the trail as they do. He is greatly missed.

He would have been ecstatic to know that his son and beautiful daughter-in-law purchased a home less than two blocks away from us. He never got to meet his grandchildren.

My granddaughter and I walk the trail often and she always stops and wants me to read the plaque. She always says, in that sweet 3 year old voice...that's my grandpa.

Thank you for asking about him, John.

Connie Smith, MTI Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN, conns1235@comcast.net.

REMINDER – BOOSTERVILLE BUY FOR GOOD is a financial initiative to support your favorite charities, such as your childrens sports teams, and FSNA by making purchases at local businesses, such as WB Pizza, using your Visa Card. For more info, you may contact Pam.Cooper@Boosterville.com.

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 _____

Telephone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2017 to March 2018.

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

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