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Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood News

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WHAT'S NEW ?

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association now has its' own web-site!

Visit FSNA at: <http://www.fsnaindy.org>

F-SNA thanks all of those who have contributed their time and efforts to provide articles for another successful Newsletter!!!!

Dear Neighbors,

F-SNA encourages you to attend the next two upcoming meetings! Please see the Date Book for date/time and specific information! Lori Miser, Executive Director of MPO has been kind enough to accept an invitation to speak at the April meeting. This will be a combined meeting with the Eastwood neighborhood so come early and make sure you have a front row seat!

Our May meeting is always our F-SNA annual meeting where we elect board members. We will be taking nominations from anyone who would like to serve a two year term to assist in guiding the direction and be a voice for F-SNA. Please send all nominations to F-SNA via e-mail:
fsnaindy@gmail.com

Please remember F-SNA does not meet during the summer months June-August. Our next scheduled meeting will be September 16th.

Please remember you have an assigned **Crime Watch Block Captain**. This person should have your specific contact information that will **only** be used by the Block Captain to communicate with his/her block neighbors. The Block Captain is responsible for sharing and distributing crime watch information. This may be something like identifying a lost dog or making neighbors aware of a new

crime "scam" in the area. Neighbors may also contact the Block Captain to let them know when they might be out of town to alert them to be aware of any questionable activity on the property. You may be contacted by your Crime Watch Block Captain to obtain information.

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association works to provide the 400+ neighbors with a means to protect the integrity of the area. We hope you will choose to participate in our efforts to continually keep Fairfields-Sylvan a neighborhood of choice for many years to come!

QUESTIONS????

E-MAIL US:

fsnaindy@gmail.com

Please remember we welcome your feedback and suggestions! We always are looking for articles for the newsletter written by our F-SNA

F-SNA Date Book

F-SNA neighborhood meetings are held at John Strange School at 7:00 p.m.

- **April 21 –**
Speaker: Lori Miser,
Exe Dir –
**Metropolitan
Planning Org**
Topic: Mass Transit
Update
- **May 19 -**
F-SNA Annual
Meeting

Annual Dues due March 2010

Send to: Ken Ingle
6454 Dean Road
Indpls, IN 46220

Important Phone Numbers:

IMPD North District
327-6100

Mayors Action Center
to report:

Potholes
Street signs
Dead animals
Drainage problems
Abandoned vehicles
Illegal dumping
327-4622

City County
Councilor – Christine
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317-578-8901
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Mayor Greg Ballard
2501 City County Bldg.,
200 E. Washington St.
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Fairfields-Sylvan Infrastructure Update!

2009 Completed

Drainage pipe laid on Ewing St from Kessler to 61st

2010 New Projects

Resurface 61st Street from Oakland to Chester Ave
Repair or replace sidewalks on East 61st Street
Resurface 62nd Street from Keystone to Allisonville

Being Considered

Installing a multi-modal pathway along 62nd Street

If you wish to express your gratitude regarding the completed projects or projected 2010 projects, please e-mail Christine Scales and/or Mayor Ballard (contact info on page 1)!

Crime Watch Update – Summer Vacation

Summer vacations are just around the corner! Please notify your block captain and/or neighbors when you will be gone. Remember to have someone take in your mail and newspaper or call to have the service suspended while you are away. Put lights on timers and, if possible, have the lights on a rotating pattern. Employ a neighbor to come in and open curtains or blinds during the day and close them at night. If your vehicles are parked outside the garage, arrange to have someone move their position periodically. As always, please remember to report any suspicious activity to IMPD. We hope this will prevent undesirable persons from soliciting, casing and vandalizing in the neighborhood. Please use good judgment before placing the call to IMPD, but be pro-active! We can all work to keep our neighbors and neighborhood safe!

APRIL MEETING - Please Attend!!!

As announced at our March meeting, Lori Miser, Executive Director of Metropolitan Planning Organization, or her representative will attend our Wednesday, 04/21, neighborhood meeting, 7:00 pm at John Strange School. Our Eastwood neighbors are also invited, allowing both of our Associations to comment and ask questions regarding local mass transit issues.

Further, there will be a complete Indy Connect regional transportation plan presentation on Wednesday, 04/28, 7:00 pm at Eastwood Middle School.

Neighbors can attend one or both of these important meetings. See more information below.

Regional Transit Announcement: Upcoming Indy Connect Meeting will Focus on NE Corridor Rail Plans

Indy Connect recently released a draft plan for Central Indiana transportation, thereby launching an intense schedule of public meetings on transit throughout the region to gather comments and answer questions from people throughout the area. Public feedback and suggestions will be incorporated into a revised plan in late 2010 that will be presented to the public for further consideration.

The draft regional transportation plan includes recommendations for enhanced bus, commuter and light rail, expanded roadways, pedestrian walkways and bike paths, and it outlines how these modes of transportation could work together to connect people and places in Central Indiana. Among the features of this preliminary plan is expanded bus service that could decrease wait time between buses, increase cross-city service, require fewer transfers and provide more and quicker service both within and beyond Marion County. This bus service would connect with other modes of transportation, including rail and pedestrian walkways and bikeways.

Due to population growth and traffic patterns in the area, the Northeast Corridor from Indianapolis to Noblesville was identified by the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council more than 10 years ago as the first leg of a potential regional transportation system. The corridor is likely to qualify for federal funding, and the potential for transit-related development along the corridor is high. The Indy Connect draft plan includes a commuter train that could run along this corridor.

Currently, transportation planners are studying various alternatives for the corridor, as well as identifying all environmental, social, and economic impacts and benefits of a potential commuter rail line. As part of the Indy Connect initiative, the public is encouraged to attend one of the upcoming meetings, where they will hear a brief presentation on the background of the project, the conceptual alternatives under consideration, and the environmental process, and will be invited to meet one-on-one with members of the project team to gain additional information and engage in detailed discussions.

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Project kick-off meetings for the Northeast Corridor will be held in conjunction with Indy Connect public meetings.

Contact our comment line at 317.327.8601 or visit <http://www.ne16.com/t/11844588/527055146/53997400/0/> to leave your feedback at anytime.

Indy Connect: Central Indiana's Transportation Initiative is a collaboration of the region's public transportation and planning agencies: the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization ([MPO](#)), Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority ([CIRTA](#)) and the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation ([IndyGo](#)). For more information on Indy Connect or to submit feedback on the draft plan, visit the [IndyConnect website](#).

Multi-Modal Pathway Update

Special thanks to Connie and John Smith for their efforts to collect, coordinate and report on this project!

At the F-SNA meeting held March 17th, the board requested that the neighborhood Sidewalk/Pathways survey results be sent to District 4 City Counselor, Christine Scales. A letter of introduction was sent with the original surveys. Copies of the letter and surveys were sent to Mayor Greg Ballard. The letter listed talking points expressed by neighbors for and against construction of a multi-modal pathway along E. 62nd Street.

Respondents favoring pathway stated:

- Bicyclists and walkers that currently use E. 62nd Street face a significant safety issue. A pathway would eliminate people from walking on the road, as they do presently
- A multi-modal pathway will increase property values in the F-SNA neighborhood
- A multi-modal path will give residents an alternative to walk or ride bikes instead of using cars for short trips, thus the pathway will reduce traffic congestion and pollution
- The pathway will promote health benefits by encouraging walking, running and biking
- Economic development will promote more patronage of local merchants
- The pathway will improve aesthetics and quality of life in the neighborhood
- The pathway is a legacy for future generations

Respondents against pathway stated:

- The city should install "No Littering" signs before the city spends money on a pathway
- The pathway would create a safety problem by impairing passage in and out of driveways
- Mixing pedestrian /bicycle traffic with vehicular traffic along a major thoroughfare without a barrier is an unsafe practice
- Sewers, instead of the pathway, should be a priority

Additional surveys have been collected which will also be mailed to Ms. Scales and the Mayor. As of March 30, 2010, a total of eighty-two household surveys have been collected. Seventy-five of the surveys are in favor the Multi-Modal Pathway and seven are against. The surveys received were counted as households not counted as individual persons.

A letter of support was received by Mr. Eric Strickland, Project Manager for Kite Realty. Mr. Strickland was the project manager for the Glendale Towne Center. In his letter, Mr. Strickland stated that "the pathway would provide a safe pedestrian connectivity to the Glendale Towne Center which doesn't exist now for the surrounding residents who may want to walk or bike to the center." Mr. Strickland worked with Bob Lehnen of Greater Allisonville Community Council during the development of Glendale. When Kite Realty was formed of the trail project idea, they accounted for bicycle traffic from the proposed trail by constructing a bicycle parking area to the north side of the center near the IU Medical Group which is ready for use today. Mr. Strickland sent his letter to Councilor Scales on March 26, 2010.

In 2002 the Glendale Mall area was selected by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for a Special Neighborhood Study. The study concluded that "The square mile centered on Glendale Mall was selected for this demonstration study because of its sizable population (approximately 6,000 people), its busy thoroughfares, multiple bus routes, proximity to two greenway corridors, its many theoretically walkable destinations and its deficiencies in existing walking, bicycling and transit facilities." After this study, the F-SNA wrote a letter supporting collector sidewalks along 62nd Street.

We appreciate everyone that took the time to fill out the survey. As neighbors, we must all take pride in our neighborhood as a wonderful place that can be enjoyed by all.

I would personally like to thank Sherry Seiwert, Joe Goeller, Bob Lehnan, Ken Ingle, JC Welch and my husband, John D. Smith, for all their help in this matter.
Connie Smith, Proud Member of F-SNA

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Join Your Neighborhood Association!

The Fairfield-Sylvan Neighborhood Association keeps residents informed about neighborhood issues, represents the neighborhood at zoning hearings, presents speakers of interest to residents, and undertakes projects to improve our neighborhood. The F-SNA represents and serves the area from Allisonville Road west to Tuxedo Street and 65th Street south to Kessler Boulevard. **DUES renewed March 2010!**

Membership Benefits:

- Newsletter (3-4 times yearly)
- Monthly updates by e-mail or flyer
- Meeting reminders and information about guest speakers
- A network of neighbors who care about our community
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are doing your part to ***make a great neighborhood even better!***

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2010 to March 2011.

(return to: F-SNA c/o Ken Ingle, 6454 N. Dean Road, Indpls, IN 46220)

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