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Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

Shown below is a view of our updated homepage with six random rotating photos at the time website is opened. Clicking on the homepage logo will display further photos.

Please visit our new website

www.fsnaindy.org

We have launched a fresh website to better serve more interests of 400+ households in our area. These include electronic Membership Form which can be printed or emailed, use of PayPal, Renewing Dues Online, an ability to submit your comments online, FSNA Directors and Block Captains information, Neighborhood Crime Watch Reports, Events page featuring audio/video of our 4th of July Parade and Picnic, plus upcoming activities

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

- **Feb. 16**
John Strange Elem. Principal Beas
- **Mar. 16**
DPW on East 62nd St Multi-Modal Path
- **Apr. 20**
KIB Beautification
- May 18**
Annual Meeting

\$25 Annual Dues due in March 2011
Send to: FSNA
Treasurer
PO Box 20070
Indy, IN46220-0070

Email: comments @ fsnaindy.org

Important Phone Numbers:

Indy North Police
327-6100

Mayors Action Center to report:

Potholes
Abandoned vehicles
Illegal dumping, etc.
327-4622

Christine Scales County Councilor

317-578-8901
cscales_2000@ yahoo.com

Gregory A. Ballard Mayor

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



- Board of Directors
- Minutes/Comments
- Newsletters
- Events
- Membership Form
- Renew Dues Online
- Neighborhood Watch
- Bylaws



Advancing the Interests of Area Residents and Merchants

Next Association Meeting, Wednesday, Ja

Dues are payable in March of each year, with contributions for neighborhood improvements welcome. Your comments are invited using our Membership Form or Renew Dues Online.

Fairfields-Sylvan Membership Benefits

- Newsletter - 3 issues yearly; Crime Watch Alerts
- Additional significant updates by email or flier; FSNA website
- Meeting reminders and news about guest speakers; representation at zoning sessions
- Association Directory, with neighborhood map and resources, published as appropriate
- Neighborhood events for a network of residents who care about our community

Located in northeast Indianapolis, the neighborhood is bounded by Allisonville Road on the East, by 65th Street on the North, by Tuxedo Street (both sides) on the West, and by Kessler Boulevard on the South.



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This newsletter can also be found on our new website.

Fairfields-Sylvan Infrastructure

Looking Backward at 2010

Resurfaced 61st Street from Oakland to Chester Avenue
Replaced or repaired the sidewalks on East 61st Street
Resurfaced 62nd Street from Keystone to Allisonville Road

Looking Forward to 2011

Multi-modal pathway along the South side of 62nd Street, beginning in March
Proposed Walkability Survey on neighborhood sidewalk routes

If you wish to comment or express your gratitude regarding the completed projects or projected 2011 projects, please contact the Fairfields-Sylvan Board, or Christine Scales, and/or Mayor Ballard. (See *contact information on first page*). For news on FSNA's umbrella organization, Greater Allisonville Community Council, see www.greaterallisonville.org.

Walkability Assessment near John Strange School

Our FSNA Board has been successful during the last several years in its efforts to improve neighborhood streets and sidewalks, with assistance of City-County Councilor Christine Scales. The year 2010 was notable in that East 62nd Street was resurfaced from Keystone Avenue to Allisonville Road, plus the long-standing deterioration problems on East 61st Street were fixed with its resurfacing, and new sidewalks installed from Dearborn Street to Chester Avenue. For 2011, construction of an East 62nd Street multi-modal pathway along its south side is scheduled to begin in March.

Director Tom Sturmer is now working on the concept of a Walkability Assessment involving additional FSNA sidewalks in the vicinity of John Strange School. It is proposed that a group of residents, including people with physical challenges or pushing a baby stroller, will take part in the survey to provide a true sense of our area's hospitality to walkers, joggers, bike riders, and so on. The project would require an hour or so, using street maps, notepaper, pens, digital camera, and prepared survey forms. The Indiana AARP has offered to assist us with this survey.

Some of the ultimate benefits of this Walkability Assessment could be to increase exercise opportunities for adults and children in our area; boost social interaction among neighbors by creating a pedestrian-friendly environment; helping to reduce traffic congestion and pollution by leaving motor vehicles at home; discouraging crime and littering by having more potential witnesses on our streets; and possibly greater property values by making Fairfields-Sylvan an even more-desirable community to live in.

More about this project will be posted during 2011 by email and/or our website, www.fsnaindy.org. Source: createthegood.org

FSNA Spring Cleanup and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23 - "BYOB Day" - Bring Your Own Basket! John Strange School

In cooperation with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc, we are having our annual Spring cleanup along all Fairfields-Sylvan streets from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Gloves, trash bags, and water will be provided. Please come and sign up for your block. Participating families and members will be eligible for some 10 hanging baskets of flowers, which Directors will distribute around Memorial Day.

The Easter Egg Hunt will also be held at John Strange School grounds from 12:30 pm on.

March of the Crime Watch Block Captains

We have had some changes recently in our Block Captains. FSNA wants to ensure that you are receiving email alerts regarding crime, vandalism, scams, lost dog, and so on. It is good practice to keep your storm door locked, only talking to strangers through it. In conjunction with our new website and annual membership drive, the Block Captain will be contacting you this coming Spring.

The Block Captain will have a letter with FSNA logo, which will be placed in your mailbox or personally delivered to you. A new Crime Watch Information form will be included to be completed and returned to the identified Block Captain. You can complete all of it, specific parts of it, or determine that you do not wish to participate. This information will NOT be shared with any outside parties, and serves to give your Block Captain the means to stay in contact with crime alert emails, and other important news.

Please remember that, if you are not a dues-paying FSNA member, you will not receive these emails. Dues are paid annually in March, using the membership form on the back of this newsletter or an online form available on our website, www.fsnaindy.org.

Fairfields-Sylvan has a low crime rate compared to many surrounding neighborhoods. We believe this is a result of neighbors looking out for one another. *Join Us – Be Vigilant – And Keep Crime At Bay!* Terry Dobson, Crime Watch Coordinator

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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What to do during an Electrical Outage

Outages can be caused by tree limbs, animals, traffic accidents, wind and lightning storms, equipment failures, or cables cut by construction.

First, prepare for outages before they happen by having a flashlight, a portable radio, and extra batteries on hand.

Carefully check the circuit breakers or fuses in your home. If this step fails to restore power, check to see if your neighbors have electricity.

Call IPL's Emergency "Lights Out Day or Night" number at 317-261-8111 to report the outage. During a widespread outage, please continue to call until you reach the voice response system and answer the questions fully. Be sure to inform IPL if you have electrically-powered medical equipment and have a back-up plan in place in the event of an extended outage.

Keep everyone away from downed power lines, including pets. Check to see if elderly family members or neighbors need help. www.iplpower.com

FSNA Website - Blue Hyperlinks

As the Internet has been around for a long time now, it is standard practice to know about clicking on "blue color topic" hyperlinks or "links" to access additional material or other sites. Webmasters no longer use instructions such as "Click on" or "Click here", expecting that their audience is accustomed by experience to understand the significance of items in a blue color.

Therefore, if you see a topic in blue on our website, be prepared to find some interesting news.

Support Fairfields-Sylvan Neighbors!

Located in northeast Indianapolis, FSNA strives to improve and protect the beauty, integrity, and security of our area. It serves residents of the neighborhood bounded by Allisonville Road on the East, by 65th Street on the North, by Kessler Boulevard East Drive on the South, and by Tuxedo Street (both sides) on the West. Contributions for neighborhood improvements are welcome, and could include snow removal on East 62nd Street multi-modal pathway starting in late 2011.

Your FSNA Membership is for one year. Dues are \$25 annually, payable in March.

Membership Benefits:

- Newsletters - 3 times yearly; Crime Watch Alert emails; FSNA website
- Additional important updates by email or flier. Emails will only be sent to paid members.
- Meeting reminders and news about speakers; Advocate of our interests with City leaders
- Proponent of infrastructure improvements; Supporter of John Strange Elementary School
- Neighborhood events for a network of residents who care about our community -

“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 2011 to March 2012.

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

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