

January
2008

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood News

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association/ 317-328-6227 or fsnassn@egixmail.com

Date book

- February 20, 7 p.m.
F-SNA Meeting at
John Strange
School.
Speaker: John Peck,
Tax Advisor for H&R
Block.
Topic: Current Tax
Issues, Questions
and Answers invited
- March 19, 7:00 p.m.
FSNA neighborhood
meeting at John
Strange School

Important Phone Numbers:

IMPD
North District
Office
327-6100

Crime Watch

Deputy Diana Vanarsdall, Community Liaison, Catherine Moore, **Crime Watch Coordinator**, and Officer Kelly Jessup of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) spoke at the January meeting. Ms. Moore informed the group that home burglaries have increased recently. The break-in times usually occur between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and the perpetrator will likely enter the rear of the home. She also mentioned how important it is for residents to keep the exterior of their homes lit up at night. Purses, laptops and other electronics are most often taken. She expressed the importance of keeping a list of serial numbers off your electronics, without them any stolen items can't be returned to you.

If you are planning to be away from home for an extended period, the IMPD offers a service to residents. If you call 327-6100 an officer will stop by your home and walk around it a couple of times a day.

Ms. Moore also talked about an increase in auto theft at malls including Glendale, Castleton and 86th and Ditch. Toyota 4-Runners rank highest on the list of SUV'S being stolen. Additionally, GPS devices as well as catalytic converters are being taken from cars.

Ms Vanarsdall talked on what constitutes a non-emergency and when you should call 911. Examples of non-emergencies include: your house or car broken into but it is not in progress; accident with no injuries and vandalism. For these incidents it is best to call 327-3811. If it is an emergency call 911 and don't hang up. Calls are answered on a first-come first-served basis. If you have to call back, you will go to the end of the line. Other helpful hints include:

- Cell phones can not be used to tell where you are, only land lines.
- You can ask to remain anonymous when calling
- When calling for fire or ambulance you will be told you will be transferred. You will hear a click or short dial tone. Don't hang up!
- Be ready with answers to: who is involved in the crime? (give description), are weapons involved? In a medical emergency, how many people are hurt and what happened to them?

Here are some good resource tips that can be obtained by anyone at anytime:

Log onto Indy.gov; Click on local government; Click on metro police department; Then click on crime incidents; then go to crime view community; You will see directions on how to get information on hotspots in specific areas of the community.

Looking for Volunteer Crime Watch Block Captains

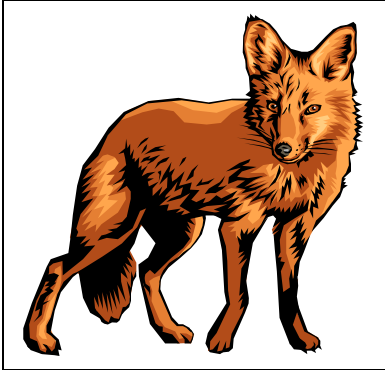
F-SNA is looking for a few good volunteers willing to serve as Crime Watch Block Captains. Ideally we are looking for a representative for each street,

The job of a block captain is to act as an intermediary between the neighborhood Crime Watch coordinator and families on your street. **(Terry can you put in a sentence about responsibilities?)**

A meeting will be scheduled with a Marion County Sheriff Deputy to explain the responsibilities and tasks assigned to each person. If you are interested in becoming a crime watch block captain please contact Terry Dobson at : Tdobson@ameritech.net (Terry: **IS the information correct and do you want to include your phone number and a deadline?**)

Wildlife Sightings from the Neighborhood

By Betsy Ingle

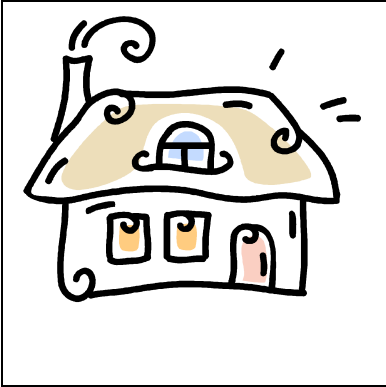


So far, Ken and I have sighted and heard these winter birds: woodpeckers (downy, hairy, red-bellied, northern flicker), nuthatches (white-breasted) tufted titmice, chickadees, Carolina wrens, owls (screech, great horned), blue jays, finches (house, American goldfinch), starlings, juncos, and hawks (red-tailed, rough-legged).

During the snow days we notice tracks of a dog-like animal crossing the yard. One day we saw a coyote fairly close to the house. He stopped and looked at the house intently, so we got a good look at him. Though not a beautiful specimen, he seemed healthy enough to continue trotting toward Allisonville Road to perhaps get a meal. Tracks of squirrels aplenty show up on snow days but no rabbits. Maybe the coyote has been successful.

No Soliciting Signs

F-SNA will be purchasing No Soliciting signs this March, to be posted under each Crime Watch sign throughout the neighborhood. Once the signs are posted, neighbors concerned about any door to door soliciting that may occur, can call the North District IMPD office at 327-6100. The No Soliciting sign gives police "probable cause" to stop and interrogate them.



Holiday House Decorating Contest

The Board of F-SNA awarded prizes to neighbors who demonstrated their holiday spirit by decorating their homes and yards. Gift certificates to our neighborhood pizza restaurants, Some Guys Pizza and WB Pizza, were given to homeowners in the 6400 block of North Tuxedo, the 6100 and 6200 block of N. Chester, and the 6300 block of N. Allisonville. Thanks to all homeowners who make our neighborhood more festive during the holidays.

Time to Renew

Your F-SNA membership is good for one year. Dues are \$25 per year, payable in March.

Please use the membership form on this page.

Have questions about your membership? Contact us at fsnasn@egixmail.com or 328-6227

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About Our Organization...

The Fairfields-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 west to Tuxedo Street and 65th Street south to Kessler Boulevard.

Statement of purpose:

The association seeks to promote the common good of the member residents through: 1. dissemination of information on environmental, civic, educational and economic issues; 2. providing a public forum for the discussion of matters of interest to the community-at-large; and 3. representing the membership on matters of common interest.

Join Your Neighborhood Association!

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Membership Benefits

- Quarterly newsletter
- 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 the date of payment.

Mail this form and a \$25 check payable to F-SNA to:

F-SNA
c/o Ken Ingle
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