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Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

**PLEASE JOIN US!!! F-SNA Annual Meeting with board elections!!!
MAY 18TH AT 7:00pm**

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

F-SNA First Annual Egg Hunt!!!!

Special Thanks to All Those Who Participated!!!!



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

- **May 18**

Annual Meeting with election of board by F-SNA members

- **June-Aug**

No Meetings

- **Special Events**

Annual July 4th parade and picnic. Stay tuned for exact date!

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

Fairfields-Sylvan Multi-Modal Pathway Update!

After experiencing a delay due to needed right-of-way acquisition from the Speedway property, the project construction has been pushed back to fiscal year 2012. Although the trail construction may not begin until next Spring, this will allow the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) to meet with the adjacent property owners to hear their specific concerns prior to construction. The F-SNA is helping to facilitate a meeting which should occur in late May. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please contact Sherry Siewert at sherry4761@sbcglobal.net, or Sara Holsapple of the DPW at SarahHolsapple@indy.gov.

Walkability Assessment near John Strange School

April 9, 2011, more than a half dozen families braved the stormy weather to volunteer their time for the F On -SNA. Although it was raining too hard to walk the neighborhood that morning, neighbors Bob Keedy, Ted Hudnut, the Woolington family, Laurie Wildey, Shari Peterson and Board member Barb Hazel volunteered to assess sidewalk conditions for an area located within one half-mile of John Strange Elementary School. Using a form obtained from the AARP, volunteers collected information on a block-by-block basis and took photos of where impediments to safe walking were located. Locations where sidewalks are frequently flooded were also noted. This information is being compiled by Board member Tom Sturmer into an exhibit that shows the average condition of sidewalks in the area. This exhibit will be shared at the Board's Annual Meeting, to be held on May 18. It will also be posted to the F-SNA website, and used as a basis for prioritizing initiatives for the coming year.

If you have any questions about the assessment process, please contact Tom Sturmer at tom.sturmer@gmail.com. **Special thanks also to Connie and JD Smith for sharing photos of past assessments.**

FSNA Spring Cleanup and Easter Egg Hunt

I arrived at the John Strange main entrance on Olney about 9:45 am, setting out the KIB supplies. Otis and Sherry stopped by, stating that she had already placed the 400 Spring Eggs on school grounds, returning later for the Egg Hunt. Sherry volunteered to clean North Chester Avenue and the stream bed from Chester to Dean Road.

Terry came to pick up trash on both sides of East 62nd Street and Dover Road area. Nikki Finney and her daughter graciously offered to clean the difficult railroad embankment and Erie Drive section. I gave them two Keep Indianapolis Beautiful T-shirts. Kathie and Jim Church took East 61st Street, Chester south of 62nd, and North Sherman Drive. Tom Sturmer and his two daughters picked up along Ewing Street, Kessler Boulevard, and Olney Street south of 62nd. Barb and Bill Hazel covered East 65th, North Ewing, and North Olney Street. Anne Perry cleaned North Tuxedo Street. Ken and Betsy Ingle and grandchildren worked Dean Road, plus the stream bed from Dean to Allisonville Road. While coordinating, I picked up trash around the John Strange sidewalks and driveways.

We successfully covered most of our Fairfields-Sylvan neighborhood!!

Five neighbors who signed up for Hanging Flower Baskets were Nikki Finney, Anne Perry, Kathie Church, Barb Hazel, and Betsy Ingle. I may be able to get another five baskets of flowers, if we have a use for them. These baskets will be distributed on or about Friday, May 20th, 2011.

By Joe Goeller, VP F-SNA

HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED!!!!

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

New F-SNA/ John Strange School PTO Committee

Following up on a presentation by John Strange Elementary School Principal Maravene Beas on February 16, 2010, a new committee was formed to better integrate the neighborhood with our neighborhood school. Issues that may be worked on in the upcoming year include:

1. Traffic backups and on-street event parking
2. Advocating the school to prospective new residents in the neighborhood, and vice versa.
3. Providing a neighborhood alert when the school is in protective lock-down mode.
4. Advocating for safe walking and biking routes in the vicinity of the school.
5. Being a source to identify volunteers to help the school educate our children.
6. Informing John Strange parents of relevant F-SNA events and initiatives.

This Committee has met three times to date (see meeting notes on the F-SNA website), and is currently working on preparing a Safe Routes to School federal grant application. The Committee was surprised to learn that nearly 500 John Strange students live within two miles of the school and nearly 250 students live within one mile. The Committee intends to secure funding to help conduct education and outreach to school families about healthy lifestyles, provide bicycle safety education, plan for infrastructure improvements, facilitate speed enforcement and other safety improvements, and reduce the number of vehicles that use the drop-off and pickup lines each day. This may also help to reduce the numbers of vehicles that park on Olney Street during school related events. New bike racks are also planned at the school.

If you have any questions about this Committee, or would like to serve on the Committee, please contact Board member Tom Sturmer at tom.sturmer@gmail.com.

. Special thanks to Tom Sturmer for all or his dedication to the F-SNA neighborhood, F-SNA board and spearheading several F-SNA projects!!!!

*******URGENT REQUEST*******

F-SNA NEEDS BOARD MEMBERS!!! PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS FOR DETAILS ON JOINING YOUR F-SNA BOARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

***Fairfields-Sylvan
Neighborhood
Association***

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F-SNA BOARD

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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 _____

<p>Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2011 to March 2012.</p>

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

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