

May
2012

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

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

- **May 16**
Our Annual Meeting Election of Board by dues-paid members
- **June-August**
School's out, so no F-SNA meetings
- **June 30**
Independence Parade & Pitch-In Saturday 1100am

\$25 Annual Dues due in March 2012:
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

PLEASE JOIN US! F-SNA Annual Meeting with board elections!
May 16, 7:00pm, at John Strange School, 3660 East 62nd Street.

Please visit our website

www.fsnaindy.org

Neighbors for nearly 500 households in our area are invited to view updated local news. These include homepage postings for Lost Pets; Facebook; minutes, online opinions about Neighbor Priorities; Republic Recycling calendar; a DMD map showing your street and lot; meeting agendas; Independence Parade and Pitch-In; upcoming events.

Important Spring Events

March 21

Neighbors on Dearborn Street and Oakland Avenue joined Fairfields-Sylvan Association with expansion further adding a number of households on north side of East 65th Street.

April 07

Annual Neighborhood Cleanup was successful, with some 20 residents participating. Spring Egg Hunt held from 12:30pm on John Strange School grounds in fine weather.



Our New Mayor's Liaison

At our Wednesday, April 18, association meeting, we were pleased to welcome Noelle Malatestinic, who represents Mayor Greg Ballard as one of his Neighborhood Liaisons. Noelle is considered to be among the most capable and experienced of these representatives. This recent change in her area of responsibility will be a positive benefit to our households. Her email address is nmalates@indy.gov, and phone 317-327-5580.

As our guest speaker, Noelle stated that she can be our direct contact for most civic problems, in particular those having to do with vacant houses, which are foreclosed, vacant and abandoned. As nature takes its course, such properties become overgrown and deteriorate, detracting from the well-being of the neighborhood. These situations and others that she deals with may be forwarded to the Health Department, or the Division of Code Enforcement. Noelle passed out literature on Mayor's Action Center - RequestIndy to request services or record complaints, DPW trash collection material, Utilities contact information, and updated IMPD contacts – Community Relations – Sgt. Alan Leinberger, Alan.Leinberger@indy.gov, 327-6113; North District Crime Watch - Gerado.Becerra@indy.gov, 327-3781.

If you wish to comment or express your gratitude regarding projected 2012 infrastructure projects, please contact the Fairfield-Sylvan Board, or Christine Scales, and/or Mayor Ballard. ...See *contact information on first page*. For news regarding F-SNA's umbrella organization, Greater Allisonville Community Council, see www.greaterallisonville.org.

Home Energy Assessment: ENERGYZING INDIANA – www.wipl.com

On April 18, Councilor Christine Scales announced that IPL is offering free home energy audits. They may inspect your home's air duct sealing, insulation levels and more to evaluate energy consumption, heating and cooling efficiency, as well as in-home air quality. Energy advisors will install improvements such as water-saving shower heads, low-flow faucet aerators, compact fluorescent (cfl) light bulbs, among other things. This may reduce energy use the very first month. One neighbor reported being very pleased with their service.

Once the energy assessment is complete, homeowners will receive a comprehensive report detailing what can be done to start saving energy and make homes more comfortable. Many times, a Home Energy Assessment reveals that only simple and relatively low-cost improvements are necessary to achieve significant energy savings. Contact by calling 888-446-7750, or www.energyzingindiana.com to register.

It was further noted that IPL can assist neighborhoods with obtaining approved light poles for improving security on dark streets. The cost of lighting would be borne by the property owners involved.

In Memoriam, John David (J.D.) Smith

One of the most ardent, hardworking backers of East 62nd Multi-Use Trail died Easter Sunday

J.D. Smith, age 61, finally "walked on down the road" after a hard-fought battle against A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig Disease). He is survived by his wife of 34 years Connie; son, David; daughter-in-law Ashley; and a multitude of family members and friends. J. D. was employed for over 20 years at Reese Wholesale. He was a true craftsman and an expert in his field of work. A champion of the environment, lover of animals, he never wavered from what was right and true. His funeral service and celebration of his life was held on Saturday, April 14th at Flanner and Buchanan in Broad Ripple. Donations can be made to the Indiana Chapter of the ALS Society, or to any environmental group of your choice. *Rest in Peace, John David.*

Increased Crime Watch Security starting in May

City-County Councilor, Christine Scales, attended our April 18 meeting, reporting on a series of vehicle break-ins one recent night in the Ivy Hills subdivision north of East 71st Street near Allisonville Road. Items were taken from several vehicles parked outdoors, both locked and unlocked ones. While F-SNA has no recent reports, there were a series of earlier incidents on North Olney Street.

This raises a question as to whether some of these lawbreakers may reside in our area. Starting after our dues drive in March is completed, our meeting minutes for Crime Watch will only state, "Please see our 'Members Only' page for Crime Watch reports." That phrase will be posted on Neighborhood Watch page, at www.fsnaindy.org. Crime Alert emails will only be sent to members.

Block Captains will continue to send notice of crimes and suspicious activity *to me*. Neighbors attending association meetings will be told about incidents. Dues-payers will receive a postal letter advising them of the UserID and password for "Members" access.

Neighbors looking out for one another can help to protect us against crime. Report any incidents to your Block Captain and the police. Call IMPD and Fire Emergency – 911. For non-emergency or suspicious activity, call 317-327-3811. Let us know of any ideas for improving security. *Join Us – Be Vigilant – And Keep Crime At Bay! Terry Dobson, Crime Watch Coordinator*

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*Crime Watch – Terry Dobson
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Improving our Environment – Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

On March 21, our guest speaker was Joseph Jarzen, Community Coordinator for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. He was at the John Strange School meeting to promote KIBI's Adopt-A-Block (AAB) program and seek out more environment Street Captains. Among the benefits for such Captains are following plant giveaways during the year:

June 01 – Flats of flowers
Sept 15 – Native plants
October – Trees

Adopt-A-Block Captains are invited to an annual KIBI appreciation dinner, with some hundreds in attendance on Tuesday, March 20th. Those areas covered by AAB and Captain's names can be seen on an interactive map on KIBI's website, www.kibi.org. In response to a question, he responded that tree consulting is available through KIBI.

Emerald Ash Borer Invasion – Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

In a follow-up inquiry, Joseph Jarzen advised that KIBI is working very closely with Fall Creek Place, Herron-Morton and Old Northside on combating the Emerald Ash Borer beetles in their neighborhoods. These associations are setting a precedent on how to address this scourge. Additional information is available on a flow chart by visiting the website, http://www.kibi.org/ash_tree_inventory.

When it comes time for treatment, there are a number of different contractors for bids. KIBI does not recommend any particular company, but some which are available are:

IndyAsh
Green Arbor
Bartlett Tree Experts
Davey Tree

Some articles inside – Noelle Malatestinic, Mayor’s Liaison; Neighbors Priorities; Emerald Ash Borers ; “Members Only” page; and so on -

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, 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 on the West; by Kessler Boulevard on the South.

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

- FSNA website; February Newsletter. Future May issues will be sent only to paid members
- Additional important updates by email or flier. Crime Alert emails only 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
- Independence Day Parade and Pitch-In; potential for Block Parties; and other events

“MAKING A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD EVEN BETTER!”

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone(s) _____

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Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2012 to March 2013.

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

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