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# Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood News

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

## WHAT'S NEW ?

*F-SNA is looking for speakers for upcoming meetings. Please send us your ideas!!!!*

**We appreciate all of those who have contributed their time and efforts to provide articles for these newsletters having important local information!!!!**

### F-SNA Calendar

Fairfields-Sylvan neighbor meetings are held on third Wednesdays at John Strange School **at 7:00 p.m.**

- **Oct. 20**  
Autumn Celebration with Cider/Cookies
- **Nov. 17**  
TBD
- **December**  
Holidays Closure

### \$25 Annual Dues due March 2011

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 Scales  
317-578-8901  
cscales\_2000@  
yahoo.com

Mayor Greg Ballard  
2501 City County  
Bldg., 200 E.  
Washington St.  
Indpls, IN 46204

Dear Neighbors,

We have many exciting improvements happening within the Fairfields-Sylvan neighborhood! Please take your time to join us at some of our upcoming third Wednesday meetings to keep abreast of details and updates!

Please remember that 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 their 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. If you need information regarding the name of your block captain, please forward your request to [fsnaindy@gmail.com](mailto:fsnaindy@gmail.com).

**Visit FSNA – [www.fsnaindy.org](http://www.fsnaindy.org)**

**See [www.greaterallisonville.org](http://www.greaterallisonville.org) e.g. "Neighborhoods", and the "Good Neighbor Award" pages.**

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association works to provide the 400+ neighbors with a means to protect the integrity of this area.

We hope you 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](mailto: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 members.*

*We also appreciate speaker suggestions. Simply e-mail us!*

***Fairfields-Sylvan Infrastructure***

2010 New Projects - Completed

Resurface 61<sup>st</sup> Street from Oakland to Chester Avenue  
Replace/repair the sidewalks on East 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
Resurface 62<sup>nd</sup> Street from Keystone to Allisonville Road

Project Approved – Estimated completion in Fall 2011

Multi-modal pathway along the south side of E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street

If you wish to comment or express your gratitude regarding the completed projects or projected 2011 projects, please contact Christine Scales and/or Mayor Ballard. *(Contact information on page 1)*

***John Strange Elementary School Traffic Update***

Bill Hazel, Tom Sturmer, and Joe Goeller met with Nathan Sheets - DPW Assistant Administrator and Brian Clouse - Safety and Security Coordinator for Washington Township Schools on October 1, 2010 at John Strange School. The meeting lasted from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Councilor Christine Scales and a small group of neighbors, some with children, also attended.

A study of traffic signal timing at East 62nd and Olney Street will be made in the near future. It is expected that this will have a favorable effect on traffic flow and congestion. The signal should be upgraded to be more pedestrian-friendly, with a flashing light to show when the crossing button has been pushed.

A longer term improvement would be creation of a sidewalk and a third traffic lane on Olney Street for waiting parent's vehicles. This would free both traffic lanes on Olney at an approximate cost of \$150,000, although funding the project may be difficult. More sidewalks could increase the number of children walking to school, lessening the number of vehicles on Olney and providing exercise.

Another consideration was the posting of "No Parking" signs on Olney Street, as some neighbors are being blocked in their driveways by waiting parent's vehicles. This would require an affirmative vote by affected homeowners. In addition, it was proposed that an exit/entrance lane be widened so that buses would not have to swerve into the opposite traffic lane on Olney when departing.

Director Tom Sturmer volunteered to keep in contact with Nathan. Report submitted by Joe Goeller, F-SNA Vice President

**F-SNA East 61<sup>st</sup> Street Celebration**

**Join Us for East 61<sup>st</sup> Street "Renovation" Celebration!!!**

Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm

***John Strange School cafeteria for Halloween Cookies and Cider!!!***

## Multi Modal Pathway on E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street

On Thursday evening, 09/23, a DPW team led by Project Manager Long Nguyen met with interested neighbors at the Glendale Library. Sign-in sheets and question/comment forms were available, as well as a wall-length aerial photo map showing the south side of East 62nd Street from Keystone Avenue to Allisonville Road. On it was a graphic overlay depicting the multi-modal pathway course for pedestrians and bicyclists, including some landscaping beautification designs. Long and a member of Rundell Ernstberger Associates, the consultant hired to design the path, used the overlay to describe the Department of Public Works plans, which comply with INDOT specifications. A set of "50% complete" design plans were also available for public inspection.

The asphalt pathway will be 10' wide, meandering 5' to 16' away from street traffic and will save as many trees as possible. It is situated on the public right-of-way, which extends 45' from the East 62nd Street center-line. The project is financed by federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

Much of the meeting consisted of questions and comments by the audience of some 60 people. There were concerns about residents entering and exiting their driveways being able to see pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as vehicle traffic. The DPW response was that visual sight-lines were considered in their plans. Pedestrian and bike traffic does have the right-of-way, but the meandering path and survival instincts should lessen chances of any bicyclists speeding recklessly. DPW has a tree-replacement program in conjunction with the City arborist, and drainage issues will be addressed. Many people expressed their appreciation that this long-anticipated project was finally becoming a reality. A further meeting with neighbors will be held by the DPW personnel who are directly in charge of implementing construction prior to construction.

Long Nguyen stated that this pathway project is a "done deal". Construction will begin in March 2011, with a **completion date of late Summer 2011!!!!**

### ***Fairfields- Sylvan Neighborhood Association***

#### ***FSNA E-MAIL:***

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***Barb Hazel-Keep Indy Beautiful***

***Sherry Seiwert***

***Tom Sturmer - Transportation***

## **Special Thanks!!!**

Re: Multi-Modal Pathway Project

The Fairfields-Sylvan Board survey results letter dated April 30, 2010 was submitted to Councilor Christine Scales, who had early promoted such a transportation improvement. A total of 171 F-SNA individuals responded to the survey, and 158 of these, or 92%, supported the multi-modal pathway! Thank you to all F-SNA neighbors who have participated – ***Outstanding Response!!***

Special thanks to John and Connie Smith, J.C. Welch, and Ken Ingle for collecting and compiling the survey information, with support over the years by Dr. Bob Lehnen, Lori Schlabach, and Sherry Seiwert.

F-SNA Vice-President Joe Goeller and Director Tom Sturmer have accepted on-going communications with DPW regarding this project. F-SNA wishes to thank both Tom and Joe for their continued support and efforts!

## ***MPO Mass Transit***

On October 4, 2010, Joe Goeller met with Anna Tyszkiewicz, MPO Principal Planner, and Brooke Thomas, HNTB Corporation, regarding possible economic redevelopment and traffic congestion issues in our area. MPO has not made any decisions at this time as to mass transit modes, such as types of trains or rapid transit buses, or locations of any stations.

# Continue supporting or join Fairfields-Sylvan . . .

The Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association keeps residents informed about neighborhood issues, represents the neighborhood at zoning hearings, presents speakers of interest to our residents, and undertakes projects to improve our neighborhood. The F-SNA represents and serves the area from Allisonville Road west to Tuxedo and 65<sup>th</sup> Street south to Kessler Boulevard.

## DUES renewed March 2011!

### Membership Benefits:

- Newsletters (2 to 3 times yearly); Crime Watch alerts
- Monthly updates and meeting reminders by e-mail or flyer; F-SNA website
- Association directory, with neighborhood map and resources, published annually
- Neighborhood events for a network of neighbors who care about our community.

***“Making a good neighborhood even better!”***

Place my information below in Directory.       No listing in Directory

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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 2010 to March 2011.**

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