

September 2013

Fairfields-Sylvan News & Views

FSNA Calendar

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

- **Sep 18**
East 62nd Street
Trail Volunteers for
Weekly Clean-ups
- **Oct 16**
TBA
- **Nov 20**
TBA
- **Dec**
No Meeting-Holiday

\$25 Annual Dues per family. Send to
FSNA Treasurer
PO Box 20070
Indy, IN46220-0070

Email: comments
@ fsnaindy.org

Important Phone Numbers:

Indy North Police
327-6100

**Mayor's Action
Center to report:**
327-4622
Potholes
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You are invited to attend our first meeting of our Fall-Spring gatherings!
September 18, 7:00 pm, John Strange School, 3660 East 62nd St.

Please visit our website

www.fsnaindy.org

Neighbors for nearly 500 households in our area can view updated 9-1-1 Facts; IMPD link; homepage postings for Lost Pets; meeting agendas, online opinions; Drainage Mapping Project; Republic Recycling calendar; DMD map showing your street and lot; minutes; our Independence Parade & Pitch-In; Facebook; upcoming events; and so on.

Should we apply for an INRC Collaborative Spirit Award?

"Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center presents an annual award recognizing projects that involve partnerships between neighborhoods and schools, businesses, or other organizations. The project must embrace the spirit of cooperation and of community involvement. This involves working to create an inclusive neighborhood in which all assets are valued, and result in a stronger, more connected community."

Our main accomplishment has been meetings, photos, and survey for East 62nd Trail. We work with John Strange PTO on school landscaping, and participated with Greater Allisonville Community Council in painting fire hydrants along the new Trail.

Annual Independence Parade & Pitch-In, Saturday, June 29th, 11:00 am

Yes, it did rain a bit on our parade, led by Fire Engine 21, but neighbors and children were prepared with umbrellas. Our picnic was held under the John Strange entrance canopy!

Councilor Christine Scales, our Grand Marshal; with Sherry Seiwert, FSNA Treasurer



President's Report May 2012 - 2013 by Joe Goeller

In view of our full agenda for May 15, 2013, only highlights of our activities during the last years will be presented:

1. FSNA expanded its boundaries to include neighbors on Dearborn Street, Oakland Avenue, north side of 65th Street from Allisonville Road to Tuxedo Street, adding some 75 households to a total of nearly 500.
2. Tom Sturmer completed his Neighborhood Priorities Survey results, which are posted on our website.
3. The Annual Neighborhood Clean-up was held on Saturday, April 7, 2012, followed by a Spring Egg Hunt. Due to an early Easter and Spring Break this year, no Spring Egg Hunt was held. In 2013, the Annual Neighborhood Cleanup occurred on Saturday, April 13.
4. We had a spike in Crime Watch incidents last year, including home invasions. With the recently passed "Cash for Gold" state law sponsored by Rep. Christina Hale, it is hoped that we have a more peaceful summer and year.
5. Our 20th Independence Parade & Pitch-In outing was conducted on Saturday, June 30, on the John Strange School grounds, with Fire Engine 21 leading the parade.
6. In conjunction with construction of East 62nd Street Trail, Greater Allisonville volunteers, including Joie Woods and myself, painted fire hydrants along 62nd Street from Keystone Avenue to Allisonville Road on Saturday, September 22nd.
7. The November association meeting was cancelled as the Third Wednesday was a day before Thanksgiving. FSNA does not meet in December due to Christmas preparations.
8. At our first meeting of 2013 on January 16th, Councilor Christine Scales presented an extensive report on her activities for District 4 voters, answering questions from an audience of neighbors. The February 20th guest speaker was Laura Blank of Republic Recycling. We had a DPW review of Trail construction on March 20th, with Joseph Jarzen of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc. speaking at our April 17th session.
9. On Saturday, March 16th, Mayor Greg Ballard, State Representative Christina Hale, Ted Hudnut, and I spoke during East 62nd Street Trail Dedication occurred at John Strange main entrance. Ted presented Memorial Marker honoring "JD" Smith to his wife, Connie.
10. Upcoming projects are Tom's Drainage-Problem Mapping Survey continuing into the Fall; Community Service - Fire Hydrants painting this Saturday, May 18th. Volunteers can join at the 62nd and Dean parking lot near Tuchman Cleaners at 9:00 am; John Strange PTO Learning Landscaping being organized by Michelle Lanosga; and the 21st Independence Parade & Pitch-In for Saturday, June 29th.

John Strange School Landscaping Project

Major New Foundation Plants and Flowers by Main Doors and School Sign

Michelle Lanosga, PTO Liaison and project organizer, provided designs for landscaping around sign at East 62nd and Olney Streets, as well as school front entrance, having a significant impact on the beauty of entire area. She made a presentation at Fairfelds-Sylvan May 15th meeting about goals for the project, what the finished work would look like, and opportunities for volunteering. She received a \$500.00 FSNA donation and signed up neighbor volunteers to assist PTO parents and children in removing old shrubbery and installing new plants.

Neighborhood Improvements over the Years

FSNA was incorporated in July 1999, at a time when East 62nd Street was in poor repair and East 61st Street crumbling as well as its sidewalks. Councilor Christine Scales had no sooner been elected for her first term, when she was visited by Fairfield-Sylvan neighbors John “JD” Smith and Dr. Robert Lehnen. “JD” was known as an avid 10-speed bicycle rider. They proposed plans for a multi-use pedestrian trail along 62nd Street connecting Binford Boulevard to Broad Ripple Park and Village.

Facing many obstacles, she persevered and frequently attended association meetings. The FSNA Board conducted a survey of neighbors finding support for a Trail, while an audio-visual slideshow in July 1999 depicted the deplorable “third world” conditions on East 61st Street. With Mayor Ballard’s election, the City began moving efficiently on fixing potholes and renewing infrastructure. Suddenly and almost unbelievably, both streets were resurfaced the same year, and new sidewalks installed on East 61st Street.

Planning for an East 62nd Street Trail picked up in late 2011 as Department of Public Works held communications meetings with groups of citizens, displaying photos and graphics of proposed plans. Construction began in 2012, being slowed by torrid drought conditions during the summer but nearing completion by yearend including putting down grass seed. Trees were planted in Spring 2013, with Fairfield-Sylvan residents attending Trail Dedication ceremony on Saturday, March 16th in honor of “JD” who had died. Mayor Greg Ballard and State Rep. Christina Hale were present as guest speakers for this significant neighborhood celebration!

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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Neighborhood Drainage-Problem Survey

Dear Neighbor,

In order to create a map showing the different and many drainage problems we face each year in our neighborhood, please join us in providing input on problems your home. We intend to show the problem areas on a map and provide detailed information on a spreadsheet. We would like to share this information with the City and Citizens Energy Group for the purposes of trying to get some of these problems resolved. If the documented drainage issues overlap with poor sidewalk conditions and lack of sanitary sewers, then such concerns will also be discussed.

Please let us know for each specific problem identified:

1. The nature of the drainage problem
2. Which properties are affected. List street addresses.
3. What time of year and how often the problem(s) occur.
4. Any contact that you have had with the City or others to resolve the problem.
5. What was the outcome of these discussions
6. What you think the solution may be.

Kindly provide your written input no later than Wednesday, September 18.

Please mark up the map available on our website, www.fsnaindy.org.

Thank you for your participation. Mail information to:

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association
PO Box 20070
Indianapolis, IN 46220-0070

Some articles inside: Should we apply for an INRC Collaborative Spirit Award?; President's Annual message; Drainage Mapping; 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 per household. Your Benefits are:

- FSNA website; February Newsletter. *May/Sep issues will be sent only to paid members*
- Additional important updates by email or flier. *Crime Alert emails only to paid members*
- Association Meetings; \$10 Attendee Drawing; Advocate of our interests with City leaders
- Proponent of infrastructure improvements; Supporter of John Strange Elementary School
- Annual Independence Day Parade and Pitch-In; potential for Block Parties; other events

“MAKING A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD EVEN BETTER!”

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zipcode _____

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Membership dues are \$25 per year for a household or business. Membership is good for one year from March 2013 to March 2014.

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

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