

Farley Pride Newsletter

August 2009

Farley Neighborhood Crime Watch

Are you interested in participating in the Farley Crime Watch efforts? It may not be what you think!

The neighborhood crime watch group is a network of neighbors involved in the communication of crime related activities reported in Farley. After an incident has been reported and controlled by the local police, neighbors are encouraged to report the incident to their block captains. The block captain then reports the incident to the neighborhood crime watch team for distribution of crime information throughout the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. The Farley Crime Watch team, like many quality crime watch groups, is not involved in the handling of on-going incidents. Rather, the crime watch team is network of neighbors who distribute crime related information with one another.

Participating in the distribution of crime information encourages neighbors to communicate with one another on a routine basis. [The Metropolitan Police Department reports that this type of networking of crime watchers creates safer neighborhood and criminals are more likely to be apprehended and prosecuted.](#)

The Farley Neighborhood Membership flyer (attached) contains a section where you can provide your e-mail address which will be given to your block captain. If you would like to be involved in receiving information about incidents that occur in Farley,

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Simple Steps to Home Safety

- Turn on front entrance light at night.
- Use dead bolt locks on doors and entrances
- Secure and lock windows
- Connect with your neighbor and keep an eye on their house while they are away
- Participate in your local crime watch group

Dude! Annual Dues R Due!

It's that time again for payment of our annual neighborhood dues. Your annual dues go toward payment for snow removal, advertisement for two annual garage sales, and administrative costs for managing neighborhood affairs. The Farley Board members volunteer their time and effort to meet the goals of our neighborhood charter and to help make Farley the best neighborhood that it can be. Payment dues are only **\$20** and are far less expensive than most of our surrounding neighborhoods. Please pay your dues by September 15, 2009 and send to **Farley Neighborhood, Membership Drive, P.O. Box 51920, Indianapolis, Indiana 46251.**

Farley Fall Garage Sale

The Farley Fall Garage Sale is slated for **October 3rd between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM.** This event will be heavily advertised in several local newspapers, on yard signs, and at Indy.com. The turnout for our garage sales is always outstanding and creates a great opportunity for our home owners and residences to make a little extra cash and sell some of their unneeded items. A rain date of October 10 will provide a second chance for sale in the event of rain on the 3rd.

Accelerate I-465

Wow! How things have improved since May. The 10th Street bridge over I-465 appears to be about half-way done. Since opening the 21st Street Bridge and completing the work on Rockville Road, traffic problems on 10th Street have gotten a whole lot better. Your calls to INDOT, the Mayor's Action Center, and to City Councilmen, got some notice. Remember, this was slated to be a two year project and we have a way to go. So, we may continue to have times when traffic congestion occurs. For more information on the Accelerate 465, see the INDOT webpage at <http://www.in.gov/indot/div/projects/accelerate465/design/>. Now if we could just get the City to repair huge hole in the Girls School Road bridge over the abandoned B&O railway!

information can be sent to your e-mail address. Your e-mail address will not be given to any groups for unwanted solicitation. Your participation is strictly voluntary. More information about Crime Watch Programs can be found at the Metropolitan Police Department's webpage or the Farley Webpage (www.neighborhoodlink.com/indy/farley).

Several of our surrounding neighborhoods have reported increases in the number of crimes. Although Farley has had its share of incidences, we have not noticed an increasing trend. Thanks go to Farley's Neighborhood Crime Watch group, block captains, and coordinator Aimee Bligan. Please contact Aimee at habllgan@hotmail.com or 241-8174, or Stephen Reynolds if you like to participate in the neighborhood watch program.

Farley Board Members, 2009

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- Linda Thompson,
- Aimee Bilgan, Crime Watch Coordinator, habllgan@hotmail.com, 241-8174
- Stephen Reynolds, Crime Watch, Indybear77@
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We are always seeking responsible homeowners interested in participating in the planning of neighborhood functions. Are you interested in becoming Board members for the upcoming year? It's fun and easy and you get to contribute towards the betterment of your community! Contact any board member!

Farley Webpage, Getting Connected

Did you know that the Farley Neighborhood had a webpage? Some say that it's better than MSN's! Okay, not really, but check it out anyway and give us some positive feedback (www.neighborhoodlink.com/indy/farley).

Do you have a webpage at Facebook or Myspace? Consider connecting with your neighbors or block captains using social networking sites on the computer. You might also try talking to your neighbor in person when walking the dog or getting the mail. Open communication is the best way to resolve problems and helps support the neighborhood crime watch program. Let us know if you are on Myspace or Facebook by contacting Pcolcord@comcast.net.

You Have the Power!

Do you have an issue that involves city services? Mayor Greg Ballard initiated the Mayor's Action Center that will get you on the right track in solving issues with city services. Contact the Mayor's Action Center at

327-4622 or at

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/MAC/Pages/home.aspx>.

For issues with private properties contact the Marion County Health Department complaint line at 221-2141 or at <http://www.mchd.com/>.

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Don't be a Litterbug!

Remember the book "ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN" by Robert Fulghum? One of the first things we learn in kindergarten is to "clean up your own mess". This goes for littering too. Kindergartners learn that littering is a lazy and irresponsible way to handle trash. Please remind our small children, tweens, teens, young adults and older adolescents that fast food bags, paper cups, and other trash items need to go into trash cans and not out the car window. It's a simple and easy way to help make Farley and the westside look a whole lot better.

Drive Safely

Please remind your teen and impatient drivers to keep to the posted speed limits in the neighborhood. Farley walkers and joggers must use our roadways since we don't have sidewalks. Many times we walk with out pets and children. Reckless driving and speeding through the neighborhood could result in very serious consequences.

Please respect your neighbors and your future by driving safely, especially on our residential streets.

No Daytime Parking on Carlsen Drive

You may have noticed new signs along Carlsen Avenue between Girls School Road and Furman Avenue. Last school year a number of Ben Davis students began using Carlsen Avenue as a free parking location. The cars parked along both sides of the street created a nuisance for service vehicles, trash trucks, and emergency vehicles entering Farley's main entrance along Girls School Road. Farley Board members worked with City Councilman Robert Lutz to petition the residence along Carlsen Avenue for a city ordinance that restricts parking along Carlsen Avenue between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM. Support for the new ordinance was widely accepted by the homeowners along Carlsen Avenue.