

May — July 2009



- Hot Air Balloons
- Motorcycles
- Race Cars

Don't miss the showing of this special video

What: OSCNA General Meeting

When: Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Speedway United Methodist Church

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs — Grilled to perfection by our talented cooks

- Invite your neighbors to join us at the 8th Annual Speedway Bash
- A family affair
- Bring a dish to share
- Meats provided
- Plates, napkins and utensils furnished



Monday, June 1 — 6:00 p.m. — Leonard Park, Shelter #2

Home Improvements – Mini Series

begins in July



Building on the importance of improving our homes, neighborhood and town, a three part series has been planned. The series will be during our general meetings July, August and October. Expanded time will be given for the presentations with limited business at each meeting.

Each topic will be presented by a panel of individuals conversant on the subject.

Because of the importance of this subject, the series will be promoted to all Speedway residents.

- July 6 — Going Green for Your Home
- August 3 — Speedway Housing Market and Your Home
- October 5 — Maintaining Architectural Integrity

Old Speedway City Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday each month, except for holidays, at Speedway United Methodist Church, 5065 West 16th Street. Children welcome.

Remember: The church doors unlock automatically about 6 p.m. and lock at 7:30 p.m.

Presidential Thoughts

Key Word: Cooperation

Cooperation has been a key word for our neighborhood association almost since its beginning.

◆ With Schools

- Involved school children with luminary sales
- Worked with Charles Bennett and his junior high students on the historic designation

◆ With Redevelopment Commission

- Made members of the Speedway Redevelopment Commission aware of historic buildings on Main Street
- Assisted in selecting “streetscape” items such as street lights, benches, etc. for realigned 16th Street
- Giving input into selection of “streetscape” items for Main Street
- Met with architectural firm about plans for Main Street

◆ With Town’s People

- Collecting oral histories of Speedway
- Preparing a DVD of town history up to 1950
- Saving historic papers stored in old buildings along Main Street

Cooperation continues as we strive to work together to improve our neighborhood and this town in which we proudly herald its quality of government, schools and neighborhoods, and independence.



Pictures from Electric Steelcasting

The association is seeking persons, who may have worked at Electric Steelcastings, to help identify photos. The photos, found in an old building, are interior shots of the foundry. As best as can be determined, the foundry closed about 2002.

Anyone who can assist with the identification should notify Don Katterhenry, donkatt@sbcglobal.net or 247-1949.

ReScheduled Meetings

◆ Hearing on Closing Grande Avenue

A rescheduled hearing regarding the petition to close a portion of Grande Avenue will be held on Wed., May 13, 1 p.m. The Metropolitan Development Commission Plat Committee hearing will be in Room 260 on the 2nd floor of the City County Building, 200 East Washington Street.

The closing as requested by Allison has been given attention by neighborhood associations located south and east of Speedway.

Whether you are for or against the closing, your presence will help the committee reach a decision.

If you cannot attend, send a letter stating your position to MDC Plat Committee, City-County Building, 200 East Washington St., Indianapolis 46204. A copy may be directed to City County Councilor Marilyn Pfisterer, 1001 Mt Auburn Dr, Indianapolis IN 46224.

◆ Pfisterer Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

Another rescheduled meeting is Pfisterer’s Town Hall Meeting. It is set for Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m., Speedway Town Hall

Marilyn Pfisterer shares the actions of the City-Council Council and how these actions might impact our community. Watch for details in the Speedway Town Press

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February 2009 — Speedway Redevelopment Update

Jeff Kingsbury of Mansur/Greenstreet, the master developer for the Speed Zone, shared his commitment to reuse Main Street buildings when possible and build on the history of Speedway and Main Street. The team is conducting an architectural study of existing Main Street buildings to evaluate reuse potential.

Interest in the project is good, with prospects from motorsports-related companies, retail, restaurant, and education organizations. While ground breaking is months off, the final planning, engineering and approvals are moving forward. Another part of the Speedway Redevelopment Commission's current focus is approval of special design zoning district regulations and positioning Speedway to take advantage of possible state and federal stimulus funds.

March 2009 — Gardening with Native Plants

The emphasis of the presentation was using native plants in your gardens. With native plants you add biodiversity to the yard, attracting birds and butterflies, and even insects which are good for the garden. Native plants, both annuals and perennials, thrive well in the Indiana climate.

Our presenter for the evening was from Dammann's Nursery, 4914 Rockville Road just east of Lynhurst. OSCNA member, David Parkhurst, will be working at the nursery this summer.

April 2009 — Update on Oral History project

For five years, four members of our association have been interviewing town's people about living in Speedway in the 1930s, 40s and 50s. In addition to the oral histories, pictures have been collected and high school yearbooks scanned. All of this has been transferred to a DVD and soon will be available. The project was shared at the April meeting. Watch for more details later on how to obtain a copy of the DVD.

New or Fairly New Along Main Street



Brothers Omar and Amir Mirza soon will open Speedway Corner Store at 14th and Main. Available items will include bread, milk, soda, cigars and cigarettes, and lottery tickets. The Mirzas are leasing the building from Cindy Fox and Rick Lents, who are association members.



Just two doors north of the Corner Store is Stitches 2. The store opened last November. You can select from a variety of apparel and accessories on which logos and designs can be applied. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 – 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon, starting May 1. Owner Fran Lindley moved from West 21st Street. When the company started in 1995, its primary business was application of race team logos.

Scene in the Neighborhood

Serving our Community

Three association members have been appointed to Speedway advisory committee: They are Amy Carroll, Arts Advisory Council, Don Katterhenry, Infrastructure, and Julia Pratt, Technical Advisory.

Nancy Lawrence, former teacher at Wheeler Elementary School, was appointed to the Redevelopment Commission. Lawrence has been an active public participant in the redevelopments south of Indianapolis Motor Speedway and along the commercial corridor on Crawfordsville Road.

Lawrence's selection was based on her leadership qualities, knowledge of the town and its people, and her desire to make the community better.

Scene in the News

OSCNA members Charlie Smith, Regina Torrella and Bob Booher, who are active in the Speedway Lions Club, were pictured presenting a new Eco-Smart repair machine to Darsi Bohr, Speedway Library Director.



Ethan Jeremiah Thomas was born March 20. The proud parents are OSCNA members Jon and Laneia Thomas.

New Residents:

Spring seems to bring new residents into our neighborhood. In addition to you greeting them, let the Heaton's know so they can deliver a welcome bag.

Contact Lynnel and David Heaton, 243-2342 with the address, and the neighbor's name, if known.

Sympathy

To OSCNA member, Joan Atkinson whose 53 year old daughter Wanda died April 20.

To the family of Charles Lewis. Charles and his wife Thelma moved to 14th and Auburn in 1954. For the past several years he has resided in a health care facility. Charles died March 19.

To OSCNA member, Connie Brethman. Her sister Jeanne Marie Epperson died February 21.

Relay for Life

Sat. June 20 & Sun. June 21

According to Don Katterhenry, OSCNA participant chair, 24 people have signed up. The Speedway Relay for Life will be at the junior high school on June 20 and 21. Donations to support our walkers are encouraged. Donation may be made when you attend the May and June association meetings.

OSCNA's participation is dedicated to the memory of Jackie Cororan. Jackie, OSCNA president 2002-03, died of cancer in June 2006.

Help Build Pride Park

21st Street and Girls School Road

Neighbors and businesses in Wayne Township are joining together to create a playground imagined by children and built by the community. The park will be a safe, fun environment designed to provide physical and creative development for kids of all ages and abilities.



Pride Park is community supported; no public funds are being used. Donations, sponsorships and volunteers are critical to Pride Park's completion. To make a donation or get involved with this exciting initiative contact Westside Community Outreach at westsidepridepark@gmail.com or visit www.westsidepridepark.com.

Over the Fence

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