



# BHNA



## Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association BATES HENDRICKS MESSENGER

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November & December 2003

### Dates to Remember

## NOVEMBER

3rd BHNA Director's Meeting  
5:30 pm AND  
BHNA General Meeting  
6:30 pm at the Immanuel  
United Church of Christ

4th Election Day

11th Veteran's Day

27th Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

8th BHNA Director's Meeting  
5:30 pm AND  
BHNA General Meeting  
6:30 pm at the Immanuel  
United Church of Christ

13TH ★ Santa On The Square  
★ IPD Breakfast with  
Santa @ Sarah Shank

20th Hanukkah

25th Christmas

26th Boxing Day

31st New Year's Eve

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**DON'T  
FORGET TO  
VOTE!!  
NOVEMBER  
4TH IS  
ELECTION  
DAY**



### New BHNA Beautification Project—November 15th

*Article submitted by; Bob Kruse*

One of the continuing projects of your Association is the beautification of our public space. We have been given another grant from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful for thirteen trees. The trees will be planted in the tree plot in the 600 and 700 blocks of Sanders Street and the esplanade in the 1500 block of South Alabama Street.

The Public Space Committee would appreciate your help starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, November 15th. We will meet at the corner of South East Street and Sanders. Bring a shovel, rake, or wheel barrow.

### Nov. & Dec. GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The meeting place for Nov. & Dec. is at the  
**Immanuel United Church of  
Christ, northwest corner of East  
& Prospect streets, 6:30 pm.**

## BHNA Officers

**PRESIDENT-** Gail Brown  
*Telephone: 634-3676*  
**VICE PRESIDENT-** John Bennett  
*Telephone: 639-1739*  
**SECRETARY-** Emily Vanest  
*Telephone: 822-8107*  
**TREASURER-** Monica McHenry  
*Telephone: 693-0301*

In January of each year BHNA membership dues are owed. Membership dues can be paid at our monthly meetings or mailed to (*Monica McHenry*) the BHNA Treasurer 710 E. Morris St. Indpls., Ind. 46203. Dues are collected to help fund the costs of printing this newsletter, as well as fund neighborhood social activities or special projects. Please help support your neighborhood association! We welcome you at our monthly meetings, BUT, you can join and not attend any meetings.

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BHNA MEMBERSHIP DUES  
Dues for family are: \$5.00  
Dues for single are: \$3.00  
Dues for business are: \$25.00

### Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

The Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will work to improve the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents.



**NOVEMBER 2003**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                         | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------|--|--|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
|          |  |  |           |                                  |        | 1        |
| 2        | 3 BHNA<br>General Meeting<br>@ 6:30 pm | 4 <i>Heavy</i><br>Trash Day<br><b>Election Day</b> | 5         | 6                                | 7      | 8        |
| 9        | 10                                     | 11<br>Trash Day<br><b>Veteran's Day</b>            | 12        | 13                               | 14     | 15       |
| 16       | 17                                     | 18<br>Trash Day                                    | 19        | 20                               | 21     | 22       |
| 23<br>30 | 24                                     | 25<br>Trash Day                                    | 26        | 27<br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br>Day | 28     | 29       |

**DECEMBER 2003**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY            | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY        | SATURDAY   |
|--------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|---------------|--|
|        | 1                                      | 2 <i>Heavy</i><br>Trash Day | 3                    | 4   | 5             | 6  |
| 7      | 8 BHNA<br>General Meeting<br>@ 6:30 pm | 9<br>Trash Day              | 10                   | 11  | 12            | ★ IPD<br>13 Breakfast<br>w/ ★ Santa<br>On the Square |
| 14     | 15                                     | 16<br>Trash Day             | 17                   | 18  | 19            | 20 Hanukkah  |
| 21     | 22                                     | 23<br>Trash Day             | 24                   | 25 Christmas<br> | 26 Boxing Day | 27   |
| 28     | 29                                     | 30<br>Trash Day             | 31 New Year's<br>Eve |   |               |  |



The telephone number is....

**9-1-1**

**EMEGENCY: Police, Fire, Ambulance**

**NON-EMERGENCY:**

Police - 327-3811

IPD South District - 327-6300

Mayor's Action Center - 327-4622

Animal Complaints (non-emergency) 327-4622

Abandoned Vehicles, Trash 327-4622

Health & Hospital 541-2000

Litter & Trash 541-2150

Code Enforcement 327-5024

(Non-compliance, Zoning Matters, etc.)

**ATTENTION BHNA DIRECTORS:** The BHNA Director meetings have been changed to the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30 pm and will be held at the Immanuel Church of Christ. A Special Thank you to the Immanuel Church of Christ for providing our meeting place!



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BY GAIL BROWN

Dear Neighbors,

Since becoming the President of Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association I have had people ask me: What has BHNA done that is worthwhile? Why should I care and get involved? For someone who is new to the neighborhood and who doesn't know the association's entire history, you would think this would be a difficult question to answer. However, it's not! BHNA with several active neighbors and community partners have seen to the rededication of Hendricks Park, cleaned-up and landscaped the "point" of Morris and Prospect Streets, new sidewalks along sections of East Street, the addition of trash receptacles along some streets, and several other small projects throughout the neighborhood. These accomplishments are simply the beginning steps in a process to make Bates Hendricks the best neighborhood in the city. There is a lot more work that needs to be done.

That is why you should become involved. This neighborhood is home to several hundred residents. However, I consistently only see around 20 people at each meeting. I realize that not everyone can attend because of work and family, but there are still ways you can become involved. By organizing ourselves and acting upon our mission of, "improving the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents," we can achieve a lot. There is no reason why Bates Hendricks cannot be the best neighborhood in the city!

I got involved in the association because I call this neighborhood home, and I wanted to make sure our home was the best it can be!

I hope to see you at our next meeting!

*Gail Brown*

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## ***New Reorganization Plan to be Discussed***

To help organize and focus the association's energy, a new reorganization plan is currently being discussed. This plan was unveiled at the October meeting and Board members are now listening to comments regarding the plan. If you have suggestions, please let a Board member know or attend the November meeting on November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Immanuel Church of Christ. Below is a listing of the proposed committees.

**Code Enforcement Committee:** To work with City Code Compliance officials, Health and Hospital officials, Building Inspectors, Animal Control, and IPD to make sure all properties and residents are following city ordinances and are code compliant.

**Infrastructure Committee:** To work with city officials and development organizations to make sure neighborhood streets, sidewalks, alleys and other infrastructure resources (sewer, gas, electric, etc.) are in good repair. To maintain vigilance over city/private developments that may impact Bates Hendricks.

**Neighborhood Beautification & Public Spaces Committee:** To oversee all public green spaces in the neighborhood. Look to developing new green spaces, oversee neighborhood cleanups, and provide information to members on maintaining lawns. Develop plans to improve the look of the neighborhood.

**Membership & Fundraising:** To oversee the finances of the organization. To assist all parties in BHNA to raise grant funds. To develop rules on financial expenditures. To oversee 501c3 process. To maintain membership list and lead membership recruitment drives. To oversee neighborhood fellowship events.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** To meet every five years to update and revise BHNA's strategic plan. To survey neighborhood residents on neighborhood priorities and issues.

Once the plan is enacted, we will be seeking neighbors to help staff the various committees. Please let us know your thoughts.