

Special points of interest:

- A tribute to our Monument Circle
- Manual Labor
- A letter from the President of Bates Hendricks
- Meeting this Monday. Don't miss it!

Contributions from Bates-Hendricks will be the Focus as Indianapolis Celebrates Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is upon us. In Indianapolis that has come to mean that it is time to break out the black and white check table cloth, pack a fabulous picnic, and head out to the track. And while we Hoosiers are proud of a racing heritage that is second to none, Memorial Day has an even more important significance to us. Memorial Day is that day during the year when we take time to honor those men and women who have given so much and are even now are risking their very lives that we can live in freedom without the fear of terror and anarchy. Celebrations



The Monument Circle

over the weekend will be centered around the Monument Circle. This monument is as much a signature of Indianapolis as the Eiffel Tower is of Paris. One of the men responsible for its construction lived right here in Bates-Hendricks. His name was General John Coburn. His home is an anchor for our historic neighborhood. Take time to celebrate the real meaning of Memorial Day. Now is the time to display your American flag. Visit the Monument Circle, Garfield Park, and the War memorial Plaza on Meridian and remember with pride that they are there because a man from Bates-Hendricks made them happen.

Manual Labor Makes a Difference



If you want to feel good about life and need a quiet *much cleaner* place to have a picnic or a cup of coffee over the Memorial Day week end, take a break at Hendricks Park. Some great kids from Manual High School demonstrated some real "*Manual dexterity*" and got together with folks

from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and some Bates Hendricks neighbors and spent a day making the park look its very best. I wish I had the names of the wonderful kids in this picture so you could thank them personally. Look hard at this photo and if you see some-

one you know in it, take time to say thank you. Its obvious they had a great time. And we really appreciate their gift to us.

*Thank you
Manual High School !!!*

The Garden Corner

By Jean Salzmann

Planting your new Garden!

The first step in creating your garden is to pick a space in your yard that receives six hours or more of sunlight in a day. Try not to start with too large of an area, as you will be regularly watering and weeding. One good way to begin is to make a garden bed directly in front of the house, in a rectangular or semi-circular shape. Mark out your garden area with a clear outline. Using a sharp shovel, dig into the earth, turning over clumps of grass. Set the clumps aside to dry, or shake the soil off immediately. Do not leave the grass in your flower bed. Throw it away or if you wish, use the clumps to fill in worn patches in your lawn. The second step is to prepare the soil.

Make sure all pieces of grass and weeds are removed. Break up the soil until fine and crumbly, and add top soil, shredded leaves, and peat moss. Mix it well. Third, arrange the perennial and annual flowers you have purchased or obtained from a gardening friend, into your freshly dug bed. Set the plants apart the recommended distance on the tag. You may place the tall plants in the back, short ones in the front or similar colors together. Dig a hole as deep as the pot, carefully lift the plant from the pot, and plant at the same level as when it was in the pot. Early spring is a good time to divide perennials (plants that come up every year.) If you have a friend that gardens, ask if you can have a start, which is simply a

small piece of the mature plant with the roots intact. Black-eyed Susans Sedum, Mums, and Day Lilies are a few that are easy to divide. Place mulch or leaves around your plants to keep the soil moist. Seeds can be planted as soon as there is no danger of frost, after may 15th. Some seeds such as parsley or sweet peas, can be planted earlier. Read the information on the back of the package for spacing, depth, and mature size. Water your seeds regularly, so the soil does not dry out.

Next month we will talk about tips for weeding and general care of plants.

Artistically Speaking

by Emily Vanest

Bates Hendricks residents Josh and Josi Sprunger can often be seen playing in their front yard with their many big, beautiful dogs. These and other animals have been the inspiration for much of Josi's award winning photography. Josi was honored April 22nd as one of 6 students to receive the 16th Annual Bratton Award at John Herron School of Art. The Bratton Award is a competitive scholarship given to one or more outstanding junior photo students every year. Josi's photography was on

show from April 16th through the 29th, focused on the emotions of her dog, Cody. Many congratulations to Josi for her fine work and for the artistry and compassion she brings to our neighborhood.

One of the most exciting ways to see fantastic original work by creative people, like Josi, is to make your way to the 34th Annual Broad Ripple Arts Fair. The fair, which includes the work of more than 280 national and international painters, potters, photographers, jewelers, sculptors and more is expected to draw 25,000 peo-



ple from around the mid-west for a celebration of creativity and family fun. Five entertainment stages will showcase a wide variety of local and regional talent. There will be plenty of great food and even a specially designed Kid's World where children can enjoy entertainment and educational activities planned just for them. The fair takes place May 22-23 on the grounds of the Indianapolis Arts Center and the North Side Optimists Opti-Park on the northern border of Broad Ripple Village.

Letter from the President Gail Brown

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me for a second term as President of the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association. We have made progress during the past year and this year proves to be even busier. The other Board members and I are ready to tackle the issues you feel our neighborhood needs to address.

Please let us know your thoughts by attending a meeting, sending us an email or chatting on the street. Your current Board of Directors includes: Greg Allen, John Bennett, Gail Brown, Jim Mulholland, Shannon Quinnette, Judy Scheible, and Emily Vanest. John Bennett has been re-elected to serve as Vice-President, Emily Vanest as Secretary, and Jim Mulholland as Treasurer.



Gail Brown President

Our May general meeting will focus on input. **Your input!** We want to hear from you regarding streets and sidewalks that need repair. A priority list will be developed and submitted to the city. Community Solutions will also be in attendance to host a focus group. Your input will be used to plan southeast Indianapolis's future. Please bring your wonderful ideas and put them in play. No idea is too small or unimportant. We want to hear your thoughts!

I want to congratulate the residents of New Jersey Street. Over the past year, several residents banded together to move and restore a gazebo on the New Jersey Street esplanade. Recently their gazebo was entered in the 2004 Indianapolis Preservation Awards. Though it didn't win due to stiff competition, I feel the comments received are awards themselves. Mark Dollase of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana wrote, "The restored gazebo is an excellent example of neighborhood historic preservation and community involvement." By continuing to work together, we make Bates Hendricks the best neighborhood in the city.

I look forward to seeing you around the block and at the next meeting.

Gail Brown president of Bates-Hendricks. www.geocities.com/bateshendricks

A priority list for street and sidewalk repair is being put together at the May meeting. Don't miss it. We need your input!

My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

John F. Kennedy

May's recipe Kentucky Derby Pie

1 9 inch pie shell
4 Eggs
3/4 c White sugar
1/4 c Brown sugar
1 tb Vanilla
2 tb Bourbon
3/4 c Light corn syrup
1 Butter; melted
1 tbs Flour

1 c Pecans; chopped
1 c Chocolate chips
Beat eggs. Add next 7 ingredients to eggs. Place pecans and chocolate chips in a 9 inch pie shell. pour filling over. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 mins.



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The Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence: "SENSE"

Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence (SENSE), a "FREE to the public" elementary school with an emphasis on the basic core areas of reading, math and writing, incorporating social development and civic responsibility will be starting classes this coming August at 1601 South Barth Street. In its first year it will offer full-day Kindergarten, First, Second and Third grades.

Fourth grade will be added in 2005 and Fifth grade in 2006. Community meetings for families to find out more about the school and to enroll their children are scheduled for the following dates and times at these locations:

- **Tuesday May 4, 6-7 pm, Fountain Square Corps Community Center, 1337 Shelby Street Wednesday, Free raffle for a VCR, TV and bicycle, and**

free food.

- **May 5, 6-8 pm Shelby Library**

- **Saturday, May 8, 11am – 3 pm – Fountain Square Library**

All applications must be received by May 8th, for a child to be considered for enrollment this coming fall. For information call 317-423-0204 or visit the SENSE Website, SENSEindy.org.



Carrying out the role of the world's peace keeper is not always easy. We often ask ourselves, "Is it really worth our lives?" I found peace in poignant letters written home inscribed in the walls of the Korean War memorial on Pennsylvania Street. Here is one.

Summer of 1953

Dear Twila,

Chung is one of the Koreans attached to our Army.

We must never forget why we are here, fighting for their freedom.

Love Kenny

An excerpt from a speech was given August 22, 1889 by General John Coburn (then the owner of the Bates-Hendricks house) at the laying of the cornerstone for the Soldiers and Sailors Monument .

Some timely thoughts during the War in Iraq. "To the living and to the dead Indiana says your service is recognized, your deeds are worthy of praise. We place these stones as a memorial forever that this age and all ages to come may, looking here, proudly recall them; may be inspired to a nobler career; may be lifted from the dead level of every-day life. In other times many monuments have been erected to great men. Pillars, tombs, arches, columns and obelisks, still standing, attest the deeds of Themistocles, Titus, Trajan, Napoleon, Alexander, Nelson, and Washington. But this one is not to a hero, a general, or a warrior, or to a king, but to all sol-

diers and all seamen in the military service, to the rank and file, to the men who carried arms, and knapsacks, who trudged along in the dust and mire. Who climbed the mast or manned the guns. It is the people's monument to the people's soldiery of their own State," This was the first monument of its kind dedicated to the common man. This is a National Holiday celebrating your contribution, that freedom that we have come to take for granted. It is a freedom that all Americans claim as their legacy but it has been largely guaranteed through the blood of American's like you, the middle class. If you have a family member or friend that is serving overseas this memorial day, tie a yellow

ribbon on the top of your flag pole for all of us to see so we can keep that person in our prayers with the hope of a quick and safe return. If you have lost a family member in this war or any other let us know by tying a black ribbon on the top of your flag.

If you want to place a memorial notice mentioning a loved one here in the paper that has served our country or is now serving send five dollars and no more than fifteen words telling us where they have served or are serving. We need to keep them in our prayers.

Greg Allen