

Bates-Hendricks Meeting is tonight at 6:30pm IUCC
Monday, November 7th

I believe that one of my highest responsibilities as your President is to maintain open communication with you, the members. For me, growing our association has had unforeseen consequences, I do not have enough time to talk with each of you as I would like. And for the past couple of weeks, I took a paying job that took me out of the neighborhood. So I must apologize for the lateness of this communiqué. But what exciting news we have!!!

~~~~>>Yes, we won the big Plus grant! There were two Plus grants offered for the entire city. One was a 'minor Plus' and the second was the 'major Plus'.... We were awarded the 'Major' one. This represents about \$30,000.00 YES, I said Thirty-Thousand Dollars. I have attached a copy of the award letter for your information. I sincerely hope that you will attend our meeting tonight and learn more about how we intend to use this money.

Our kick off meeting was held at Mark and Emily's. Special thanks to them for hosting. We met with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center representatives. We discussed the tools, timelines and expectations of all parties. And we even had homework assignments. Special thanks to Mark, Emily, Bob, Richard and Doris for giving their time. Charlie had an auto accident (he totaled his car, but he is OK), Gail had business conflicts, Deb was snowed under by training for job enhancement and Ron and Cathy were out of town.

We continue to increase both paid memberships and membership participation. And along the lines of increased membership participation, those who have stepped up to help grow and nurture our association, THANK YOU! The more involvement the more we will improve the quality of our lives and make our community an even better place to live. I know that there are others who will take a more proactive position as we demonstrate the value of BHNA.

The more projects we have, the more active our committees are. We get our funding from three basic sources, paid memberships, donations and grants. The more we seek grants the better off we will be and the more involved with improving our neighborhood. But that also means the busier we will be. Currently important issues are facing us in our neighborhood, I encourage you to contact me directly with your thoughts, ideas or concerns. This communication is invaluable to me as your President. I can be reached at 634-5526 or ballardfranklin@sbcglobal.net. Or you may feel free to visit. If you do not call first, you get what ya get when ya get there. Generally I'm around somewhere.....

Our September meeting was terrific! Lots of dialog, ideas and COMMITMENT! Thank you!  
Now, where to start:

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### ***First WE GOT CHILI!!!!!!***

The details will be forth coming, but everyone at the meeting agreed they would like to have a Chili Diner Fund Raiser. Richard Taylor was coerced ... err ...stepped up and agreed to be Chairperson of the Chili Diner. And some chairperson... he has about 20 volunteers already. And we want more! I promised to seek help from past chair people and to help with the planning. Jeff, Carolyn, you know I'll be knocking on your doors. Lydia Brasher, Amy Beck, and Emily bring experience to the committee. Emily, see what happens when you must leave early. More on the dinner as the plans come together. We agreed on an update at our next general meeting Monday Nov. 7th. By the way, Richard, Mark Wilson said he would enter a pot- o-chili.... And he thinks he will win. Oh and Richard, be aware that we may have some more crazies amongst us.... Think playing in the snow, ice sculptures, snowmen well I said we may be dealing with a couple of loons... Kidding aside, Ron and Esther were talking about some interesting stuff as we left.. Don't let them off the hook. Man, my mind is racing....

Charlie McDowell volunteered to chair the fun committee. Any one have chain saws? I do not know how many signed up to be on that one, but I was first... Fun, are you kidding me? Charlie's committee will be coming up with fun time events.

Bob has had the first meeting with the DMD on our sign permits. Yes, we have finally received \$\$ approval for our sign grant and now we need permission and zoning permits.

Deb is still putting together some thoughts on voter registration. This is an important issue for many reasons, the least of which it helps our residents perform their civic duty and as the number of registered voters increases, the more our message to our city leaders will resonate. Anyone interested in voter registration in our neighborhood please let me know. 2006 elections will be upon us before we know it. We would like to have every person 18 yr. and older registered to vote. I know a lot of you are registered and vote. Let's figure out how to help the rest become engaged.

At the last meeting, everyone received first aid kits, courtesy Richard Taylor, compliments of Wishard Health Services. They are really neat! Thanks Richard.

On a personal note; (For Barbara, Ray and Larry ... OK WINEinger)! For a person who spent three years building a vineyard and has been known, on occasion, to imbibe in a mellow glass of red, that I would not pronounce your name correctly ... .. sorry. I think I got it now.

Cleaning and beautifying Madison Ave. corridor was discussed... further investigation regarding painting the bridge and getting some art work will be done. And we certainly can pick up trash along Madison Avenue and Morris Street! Maybe we should have a 'Fall Day in Hendricks park'. I'm up for it. That is something we can put together fairly quickly. I'll talk with Bob to see what resources we can come up with. Depending on how and when we do it, social could throw together a little pitch in and we can make it a "Fun Event". With the wonderful fall



weather we have been having a little outdoor time with friends and neighbors just might be what the doctor ordered.

We have received approval on our adoption of the Morris Street Island. We will be setting a clean up date for our new area.

### **Announcements and up coming events:**

**BHNA Meeting tonight 6:30pm Immanuel United Church of Christ  
South East & Prospect Streets**

Thursday Nov. 10th, Neighborhood Summit Meeting. This meeting will what you want to see happen in our and our greater neighborhood the South East Side. More on this at the meeting tonight

Monday, December 5th., BHNA General Meeting 6:30pm at IUCC

Saturday, December 10th., FREE breakfast with Santa and IPDS at VFW Ernie Pyle Post in the 1800 block of South East Street.

Saturday, December 17th., FREE carriage rides, Santa on the Square at the Fountain Square Library.

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24 October 2005

Mr. Frank Ballard  
 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association  
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Dear Frank,

Congratulations! I'm writing to let you know that Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center will be supporting your dreams for a more beautiful community in 2006 through the Project 180°/IPL Revive A Neighborhood Project 180 Plus program! In addition to beautification dollars, your neighborhood will also receive a number of comprehensive workshops from INRC that are aimed towards leadership development and increasing community engagement.

Please know that competition amongst community groups was significant this year, and we congratulate you for being the selected neighborhood! In an effort to maintain the enthusiasm, but to also start the progress, we will be meeting with members of your community on **Tuesday, October 25, 2005**, to start laying the framework for a fabulous 2006.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me at 264.7555 ext. 107. Again, congratulations! Both KIB and INRC are excited about this new and exciting partnership! See you on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Keyla Jones  
 Vice-President of Programs

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