

July



Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood

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Indy Going Green

On April 5, 2007 Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, along with 442 mayors from around the United States, signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to help make our cities healthier. Mayor Peterson is calling Indianapolis' program Indy GreenPrint. Indy GreenPrint's goal "sets a vision for a sustainable Indianapolis that contributes to climate protection and promotes energy efficiency and conservation." This program not only sets goals for the city, but it also encourages citizens to get involved by using compact fluorescent bulbs, turning off electronic devices when not in use, carpooling to work, recycling or purchasing fuel efficient vehicles. There are

many ways for all of us to make a difference and help cut energy costs and waste. Here are few resources that can help:

Indy GreenPrint: www.indygov.org Indiana Living Green Magazine: www.indianalivinggreen.com

News briefs, reviews, how-tos and tips.

IPL Green Power Option for Renewable Energy: www.aes.com or 317.261.8222

Select a percentage of electricity from renewable energy sources like wind, solar, geothermal or others.

Keep Indy Beautiful Recy-

cling Programs: www.kibi.org/recycle/index.htm or 317.264.7555

Find out how to recycle everything from aerosol cans to yard waste.

The Green Guide: www.thegreenguide.com

The go to source of information about practical everyday environmentally responsible and health-minded product choices.

Green Builder: www.greenbuilder.com/sourcebook

From Austin, Texas this resource contains general recommendations for homes that can be considered environmentally friendly.

Tree Planting

On May 19th Bates Hendricks residents along with Keep Indy Beautiful and around 25 community volunteers helped plant over 80 trees throughout the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood.

trees were planted in front yards, in Ringgold Park and near Immanuel United Church of Christ. These trees will be providing beauty, shade, and screening from Interstates 70 and 65. Organizers hope

another tree planting this fall. If you are interested in helping or potentially getting a tree, let us know.

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Arson's Hit Neighborhood

Over the past several weeks arsonists have been targeting several neighborhoods in southeast Indianapolis. On June 14th the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the Indianapolis Fire Department held an informational meeting at the Wheeler Arts building in Fountain Square. They assured residents that their full efforts are going toward catching those responsible for the recent fires. They also offered the following advice:

1. Put a smoke alarm in any detached garage.
2. Keep outside lighting on throughout the night.

3. Report any suspicious behavior to 911 and make certain to tell them you are in the arson area.
4. Don't leave wood trash, etc. next to your house or garage. (The arsonists have started fires with materials at the arson locations.)
5. Report any unoccupied properties to the Mayor's action Center.

City officials have mentioned it takes time to deal with unoccupied properties due to absentee owners living in other states or the property ownership is in

question because of bank foreclosure. However, it is important for residents to report these properties and to continue to report them to the city.

From the President: How do you change a neighborhood?

First, you change your perception. If perception is reality, how we perceive our neighborhood is crucial. How do you talk about Bates-Hendricks? How do you describe our neighborhood? Do people always hear you talking about trash, crime, drug dealers, prostitution, and run down housing? When I hear people in our neighborhood talk this way, I always want to ask, "Why don't you move?" "Why would someone live in a neighborhood they hate?"

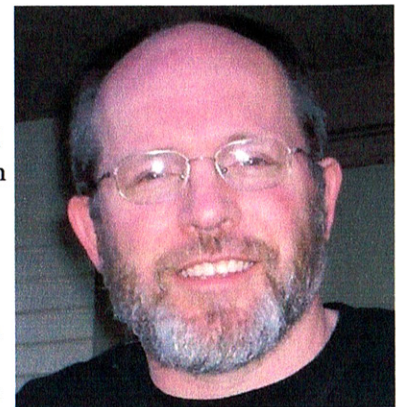
When I describe our neighborhood, I talk about the historic Bates-Hendricks house, the beautiful 100 year old homes, our proximity to downtown and Garfield Park, and our block club's recent cook-out. When people hear me talk, I hope they think, "I wish I lived in that neighborhood." This doesn't mean I ignore the trash, crime, drug dealers, prostitution and run down housing. Those are real problems. We need to address them. But the solution isn't to focus on them.

A few years ago, another neighborhood association spent time and effort having demonstrations outside "drug" houses. Their activities attracted television news crews and newspaper articles. This meant thousands of people repeatedly heard that neighborhood identified as drug infested and those people probably decided to never live there. By focusing on their problems, that neighborhood association made it harder overcome them.

The easiest way to eliminate trash, crime, drug dealers, prostitution, and run down housing is to convince people to buy the houses from where these problems originate. This is why I'm so excited about our Fab For Less 2008 transformation of 1400 and 1500 New Jersey. These are the kinds of activities Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association should focus on. When we're on television and in the newspapers in 2008, I want people to think, "I need to move to that neighborhood."

Together, let's make Bates-Hendricks the next great neighborhood!

Jim Mulholland



Who are you going to call?

Neighbors working together can make a world of difference. Many times; however, we just don't know who to call or where to find the right information. You are always welcome to contact board members, but here are a few numbers everyone can call to report issues or find information that will help you make a difference.

Mayor's Action Center: 327-4622 (www.indygov.org/mac) The Mayor's Action Center can be your first stop for many city services or to report problems. Including: abandoned vehicles, asphalt repairs, high weeds/grass, abandoned property, dead animals, stray animals, zoning issues, etc.

Zoning Compliance Code: Find informa-

tion regarding portable basketball goals, selling vehicles, and other zoning restrictions: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/City/DMD/Compliance/Inspections/Zoning/home.htm>

Child Protective Services; 1-800-840-8757 (www.state.in.us/fssa)

Health Department: 221-2141 (www.mchd.com) Trash, large rubbish, abandoned vehicles, high weeds/grass, etc.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police department

Emergency:911

Non-emergency:327-3811

Crime Hotline 327-6682

Crime Watch Program Info:327-3781

Center Township Neighborhood New

For news and information regarding Center Township neighborhoods and city services: http://www6.indygov.org/dmdplan/newsletters/nl/index_center.html

July Meeting Focuses On Food and Fun

On Monday July 2nd. At 6:30p.m. Phil Gulley, nationally known Indiana storyteller, will share a couple of his stories at the Association meeting. Phil is the author of many books and a regular on the television show, Across Indiana. He is also a good friend of Jim Mulholland, our president.

An important part of being a neighborhood is knowing your neighbors. With this in mind, we are planning a pitch-in-dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Association will provide fried chicken, drinks, and paper products. **We are asking members to bring a side dish or desert to share.**

After a short business meeting, Phil Bulley will share some of his stories with us.

Our meeting will end by 8 p.m. This would be a great meeting to invite a prospective member.

Thank You's

Thank you to Chris Dockery and Jim Mulholland for picking up 20 abandoned tires from our alleys on Tire Amnesty Day.

To Dave Fishburn, a local businessman, for a donation of \$150 to the association

To Lydia Brasher, Robyn Toole and Stacey Hutson for volunteering to become our trash task force.

To Gail Brown, Greg Allen, Lydia Brasher, and Stephanie Leslie for all their work on these newsletters.

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.

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect St.

Contact Bates-Hendricks: General question? bateshendricks@hotmail.com

Newsletter: BHNANews@hotmail.com

Enjoying this newsletter? Want to make certain you always receive it? Why not become a member of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association? Annual membership fees are \$3 per individual, \$5 per family or \$25 for a business. Those interested in joining should send their check to Emily Vanest, 720 Sanders, Indpls.IN 46203

July Calendar

July 2– Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting/ Neighborhood Pitch-in Dinner, 6:30p.m. – Immanuel United Church of Christ

July 4–Freedom Blast fireworks display, 9:45p.m. from the rooftop of One Indiana Square Tower downtown.

July 6–Fountain Square Family Film Festival-Happy Feet, Duck at the public parking lot at Shelby and Morris Streets-Free.

July 10– SUMO Board Meeting Tuesday, 5:30p.m. at IMPD Southeast District Headquarters Community Room, 1150 Shelby Street, Open to the public.

July 11–Family Storytime at Fountain Square, 5:45p.m. at the Fountain Square Library, www.wimepl.org

July 13–Fountain Square Family Film Festival-Harry Potter the Prisoner of AZKBAN, Dusk at the public parking lot at Shelby and Morris Streets-Free

July 16-22– Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration, www.indianablackexpo.com

July 17–IMPD Southeast District Task Force Meeting Thursday, 7:00p.m. at Southeast District Headquarters Community Room, 1150 Shelby Street. Get and share information about community policing efforts in your neighborhood.

July 18–Family Storytime at Fountain Square,

5:45p.m. at the Fountain Square Library.www.wimepl.org-
Summer Showtime Films: Over the Hedge, 6:00p.m. at the Fountain Square Library, www.imcpl.org

July 19–SUMO Community Policing Meeting Tuesday, 5:30p.m. at Southeast District Headquarters Community Room, 1150 Shelby Street. A meeting that includes representatives from IMPD, MCHD, the City of Indianapolis, the prosecutors office, the University of Indianapolis, and others.

July 20–Fountain Square Family Film Festival-Flushed Away. Dusk at the public parking lot at Shelby and Morris Streets-Free.

July 25– Family Storytime at Found Square, 5:45p.m. at the Fountain Square Library, www.imcpl.org=Summer Showtime Films: Open Season, 6:00p.m. Fountain Square Library,www.wimepl.org.

July 27–Fountain Square Family Film Festival-Charlotte's Web. Dusk at the public parking lot at Shelby and Morris Streets-Free.