

August



Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Get Involved in Crime Watch



Tuesday, August 7th is the Twenty-Fourth Annual National Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime. National Night Out is designed to raise awareness of crime and drug prevention and help build relationships between the local community and law enforcement officials. The various Crime Watch Block Clubs in the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood have participated over the years in several fun and creative ways from cookouts and street carnivals to a children's bike parade. However, you don't have to be that elaborate or organized to get together and take a bite out of

crime, just the willingness to talk to your neighbors.

If you are interested in starting a Crime Watch Block Club on your street, all it takes is getting some of your neighbors interested, and making a call to the Crime Watch Coordinator in the Southeast District and keeping the following in mind.

Getting Organized: When a group decides to form a Neighborhood Watch, it:

Contacts the police department for help in training members in home security and reporting skills and for information on local crime patterns.

Selects a coordinator or block captain(s) who is (are) responsible for organizing meetings and relaying information to members.

Recruits members, keeping up-to-date on new residents and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people.

Works with law enforcement to put up Neighborhood Watch signs, usually after at least 50 percent of all households are enrolled.

From: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/IMPDIInvolved/Watch/watch.htm> For more information on starting a crime watch visit: www.indygov.org/eGov/IMPDIInvolved/Watch/home.htm or call Ann Westropp at IMPD Southeast District 327-6300. For more information on National Night Out visit: <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/>

August Meeting Covers Important Issues

On Monday, August 6th, at 6:30 p.m., the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will meet at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect. **George Ginder, new principal of School 31, will be our guest speaker.** He'll explain

some of the new initiatives of IPS and how we can support families with children in our neighborhood. In addition, our meeting will tackle a couple of other issues. **We'll vote on expanding the boundaries of the association** south to Beecher Street. Presently, our southern boundary is Minnesota, but several households

have petitioned us to be included. Since there is no active association in that area at this time, the Board of Directors recommends altering the By-Laws to include this change. We believe anytime people want to become active we should encourage this. Voting members will be asked to approve this change.

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Finally, we will end our meeting with a discussion of what actions our neighborhood should take in response to the increase in property taxes and proposed increase in county income tax. While our options may be limited, we'd like to be able to tell city hall and the state legislature what we'd like to see happen.

Curfew Laws as a Crime Prevention Tool

Sadly, one of the sources of petty crime is teenagers. The incidents of this crime increase the later at night these teenagers gather. With darkness and a lack of adult supervision, kids do stupid things. Curfew laws recognize and address this problem.

If you hear groups of teenagers late at night, don't hesitate to call 327-3811 for police response. If officers are available, they will be sent to investigate. If you suspect criminal behavior, call 911. Presently, the

laws states that teens 14 years old or younger must be in by 11 a.m. Teens from the ages of 15-17, must in by 11 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday and by 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Enforcing curfew laws is one positive way we can address petty crime.



From the President: *My Strange Experience*

Becoming president of our neighborhood association has been a strange experience. Within days of my election, people began to call me and ask what I was going to do about certain problems. They wanted trash picked up, or grass cut, or an abandoned house demolished. I told my wife, "Apparently, being the president of a neighborhood association suddenly gives you super human powers?"

I wish that was the case. I wish I could call the Mayor's office, announce that I was calling as the president of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association and have them reply, "Yes, sir, Mr. Mulholland, we'll get right on that." But unlike government or business leaders, leading a neighborhood association comes with more headaches than power. So I thought it might be helpful if I told you what I can accomplish as your president.

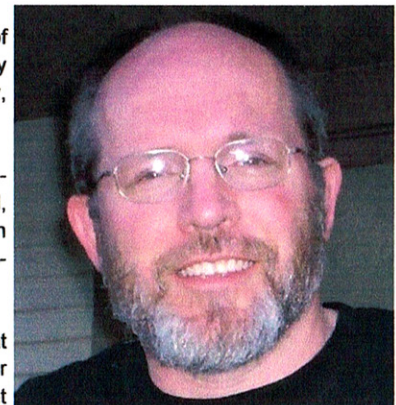
I can listen. I don't want people to stop e-mailing or calling me. I care about the same problems that bother my neighbors. I like knowing that others worry about crime, trash, housing, etc. I want to hear your complaints as well as your solutions. I can't promise that I can make those solutions happen, but I promise to listen.

I can speak. I can be the squeaky wheel. I can make certain that city hall and other organizations know that people in Bates Hendricks care. I will try to speak in such a way that I prod rather than anger them. I recently saw another neighborhood leader dress down a city employee in public. I suspect that neighborhood leader won't get much help in the future. I will try to speak graciously as well as forcefully.

I can organize. We are the best people to change our neighborhood. If we wait on city hall, we'll wait forever. The primary reason we have a neighborhood association is not to meet once a month to complain. Our meetings should be our opportunity to figure out large and small ways we can make Bates Hendricks a better place to live.

I'm not faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. I am the president of a neighborhood of terrific people. Together, we can make Bates Hendricks the next great neighborhood!

Jim Mulholland



Fab for Less Update

This past spring, the 1400 and 1500 blocks of New Jersey were identified as the location of Fab For Less 2008. This SEND program rehabs housing using volunteers, contractors, and decorators. It ends by inviting hundreds of people to tour the homes. Jim Mulholland, Jay Allen, Greg Allen, and Gail Brown are serving as our representatives to this project. Here are some of the recent accomplishments of this project:

- Volunteers have cleaned out the three targeted houses and construction

plans are beginning.

- City leaders are considering what services they can offer to the project.
- SEND is considering the purchase of a couple of other houses on those blocks.
- Letters have been mailed to homeowners offering assistance on home repair.
- Ball State University students are beginning a study

of what can be done to beautify the esplanade and the facades of homes.

- In late August or early September, a kick-off event is planned where neighbors can view and critique plans.

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Downtown Shopping Alternatives

Many people when talking about shopping for food downtown talk about having to travel to the suburbs to get their groceries. Sure we have Kmart, Save A Lot and Kroger south on Madison Ave, but did you know about some of these downtown or local alternatives for food shopping? By shopping local, we can keep more of our money in our neighborhood, and keep businesses healthy and active.

Claus' German Sausage & Meats, Inc. (formerly Klemm's) 1845 South Shelby

Street ... Meats, bread, specialty foods

Tex Mex Supermarket 1104 S East St...Mexican foods, vegetables

Indianapolis City Market 222 E. Market St...Variety of vendors, including meat, vegetables, and more

Farmer's Market on Wednesdays (June - Oct) 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

O'Malia's 320 N. New Jersey...General groceries

Bud's Supermarket 1260 Shelby Street...General groceries



August Recipe

It is that time again in Indiana when friends and family gather together and celebrate Summer. This month's recipe is an easy addition to the classics that we grill together **and** we will bet you have all the ingredients right at hand.

Grilled Onion Soup

Take a large Vidalia Onion. Clean it and core it leaving a hole in the center about the size of your thumb. Cut small vertical wedges out of the sides of the onion. Pack the center of the Onion and the cut out wedges with butter. Put two beef bouillon cubes in the center of the onion on top of the butter. Double wrap the

whole thing in tin foil and grill on indirect heat until the sides compress when the onion is squeezed. Carefully pour into a bowl and enjoy with your burgers and steaks. If you like French Onion Soup, you'll love this fun way to grill onions.

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

August Calendar

Aug 1 - Family Story time at Fountain Square, 5:45 p.m. at the Fountain Square Library, www.imcpl.org.

- Summer Showtime Films: *The Bridge to Terabithia*, 6:00 p.m. at the Fountain Square Library, www.imcpl.org.

Aug 2 - Target Family Night, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Free

Aug 6 - Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting, 6:30pm - Immanuel United Church of Christ.

Aug 7 - National Night Out

Aug 9 - Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion (Adults), 1:30 p.m. at the Fountain Square Library, www.imcpl.org.

Aug 10 - Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Noon Concert, 12:00, Hilbert Circle Theatre - Free.

www.indianapolissymphony.org

Aug 11 - Taste of Downtown, noon - 8:00 pm, Easley Winery - Free www.easleywine.com

Aug 14 - SUMO Board Meeting Tuesday, 5:30pm at IMPD Southeast District Headquarters Community

Room, 1150 Shelby Street, Open to the Public.

Aug 18 - Weekend Story time at Fountain Square, 3:00 p.m. at the Fountain Square Library, www.imcpl.org.

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

Aug 16 - SUMO Community Policing Meeting Tuesday, 5:30pm 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.

Aug 17 - Movies in the Park: Night at the Museum, 9:00 pm, Indianapolis City Market - Free.

Aug 20 - Benjamin Harrison's 174th Birthday Celebration, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm, President Benjamin Harrison Home - Free, www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org.

Aug 31 - Movies in the Park: Gentlemen Prefer Blonds, begins at dusk, Indiana Historical Society - Free

www.indianahistory.org.