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THE NEWSLETTER

Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood

CANDIDATES COMING TO SOUTHSIDE

On Monday, October 15th at 7 p.m. the Bates Hendricks and Fletcher Place Neighborhood Associations are hosting a political forum entitled FINDING SOLUTIONS at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect Streets. The mayoral and the District 19 city council candidates will be offering their solutions to the infrastructure, crime and property tax issues that face our city neighborhoods.

Mayor Bart Peterson and his opponent, Greg Ballard, will speak at 7

p.m. Councilman Dane Mahern and his opponent, Harry Liggett will follow at 8 p.m. Each candidate will speak for about ten minutes with the remaining time given to written questions from the audience. Jim Mulholland, President of the Bates Hendricks Association, said, "We want the candidates to know our neighborhoods are engaged. We are focused on finding solutions rather than assigning blame." The candidates are being asked to offer tangible programs and policies.

erty taxes with many property owners facing 100-150% increases. Jeff Miller, President of Fletcher Place Neighborhood Association, said, "We feel this is a very important event because it gives the parties running for office a constructive way to express their vision for the future." The forum will end promptly at 9 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call 636-5096.



Bart Peterson
Democrat

Both Bates Hendricks and Fletcher Place are near Southside neighborhoods in the midst of transition. Though gentrification is accelerating, each neighborhood continues to struggle with infrastructure and crime issues. In addition, both neighborhoods were among the hardest hit by the recent reassessment of prop-



Greg Ballard
Republican

Make Your Voice Count – Get Out the Vote!

Don't let your voice be left out of the next election. Be sure to register to vote and then make your vote count on Election Day. To vote, you must register 29 days before an election. You can obtain voter registration forms online at <http://www.indygov.org/>

[eGov/County/Voter/Registration/forms.htm](http://www.indygov.org/eGov/County/Voter/Registration/forms.htm). However, you will have to return the forms to the Board of Voter Registration yourself. You can also obtain the forms at the following locations: branches of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Town-

ship Trustee Offices and the Indianapolis/Marion County Public Library branches. For more information call the Marion County Board of Registration at (317)-327-5040. Don't be left out – VOTE!

From the President **WHY I VOTE**

My children don't vote. I've scolded them repeatedly without much effect. They tell me one vote doesn't matter, that politicians don't care, and that it's too hard to register. Maybe you've had the same complaints. If so, I want to tell you what I tell my children.

Democracy is based on the belief that every person's opinion is important. In principle, we are a nation of the people and by the people. When we don't vote, we suggest that we'd be happier living in a dictatorship. When we don't vote, we give up our right to complain. Every vote matters. In the last election, Jon Elrod was elected our State Representative by 8 votes.

Politicians care about votes. They spend lots of money to convince us to vote for them. They look at vote counts to determine where people are paying attention. Historically, our neighborhood has had a low election turn-out. This means politi-

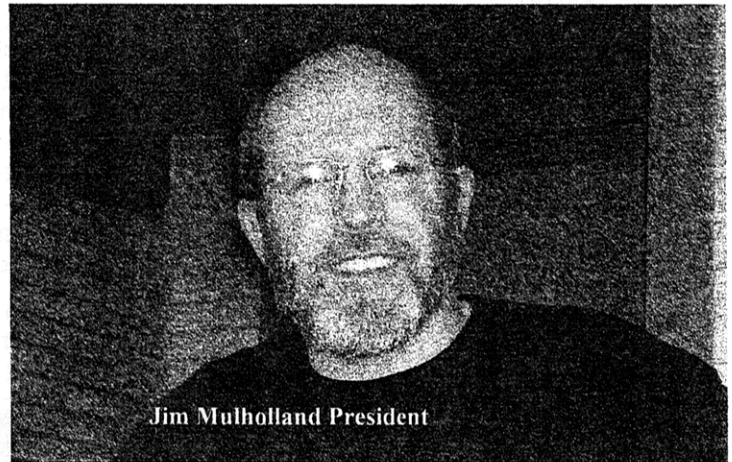
cians don't worry as much about our concerns. If your sidewalk is in disrepair and you don't vote, you're sending message that the politicians should fix someone else's sidewalk first.

Registering to vote is easy. You can do it in person at the BMV when you renew your license or get your plates. You can pick up an application at the library. You can ride your bike to the City County building and visit the Office of Voter Registration on the first floor. Registering only takes a few minutes. **Unfortunately, to vote in the upcoming election, you**

must register or have your application postmarked by this Tuesday, October 9th.

I hope to see many of you at the Political Forum. I hope to see those same faces at the polls on Tuesday, November 6th. Voting is one of the ways we make Bates Hendricks the next great Indianapolis neighborhood.

Jim Mulholland



Jim Mulholland President

New Jersey Transformation Unveiled

On Thursday, October 25th, from 5 – 7 p.m., BHNA and SEND are holding the Fab-For-Less 2008 Kick-Off. There will be a tent on the New Jersey esplanade with designs submitted by Ball State University for the transformation of the street, houses, and median. Representatives will be available to explain the present plans and answer questions.

The Steering Committee has been busy working on plans for new sidewalks, historic lighting, picket fencing, tree and flower plantings, and much more. The intent is to make New Jersey Street a

model of urban grassroots transformation.

Our success requires that neighbors become volunteers.

We are completing the interior demolition of the SEND projects on the 1400 block of New Jersey. Volunteer workdays are scheduled on Saturday, October 27th and Saturday, November 3rd from 9 a.m. until noon. Come swing a sledgehammer for a good cause. Rehabilitation of these houses will begin soon after January 1st.

Volunteers Needed!!

The Bates-Hendricks House Part I I

The Bates-Hendricks House and our neighborhood take their name from two of Indianapolis' prominent historic figures and former residents of this area, Hervey Bates and Thomas A. Hendricks. Jay Allen, the current owner of the Bates-Hendricks House, has taken a strong interest in his home's history and has written about it. Over the past couple of months we wanted to share some of his home's, as well as, some of the neighborhood's history with you.

It's History:

Who lived in the Bates Hendricks House?

Most famous homes had one famous person that lived in the house like: James Whitcomb Riley or Benjamin Harrison, but the Bates-Hendricks House had four noteworthy owners:

Hervey Bates, Thomas A. Hendricks, James Woodruff and General John Coburn

Hervey Bates, the builder of the home, was the first Sheriff of Marion County. He also was its earliest banker, being the first president of the Indiana State Bank in Indianapolis. He worked to bring the first railroads, insurance companies and more to the new village of Indianapolis. He also owned the Bates House hotel, one of the finest hotels in the Midwest.

Thomas A. Hendricks was a politician. He held many offices, including U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, Indiana Governor, and Vice President

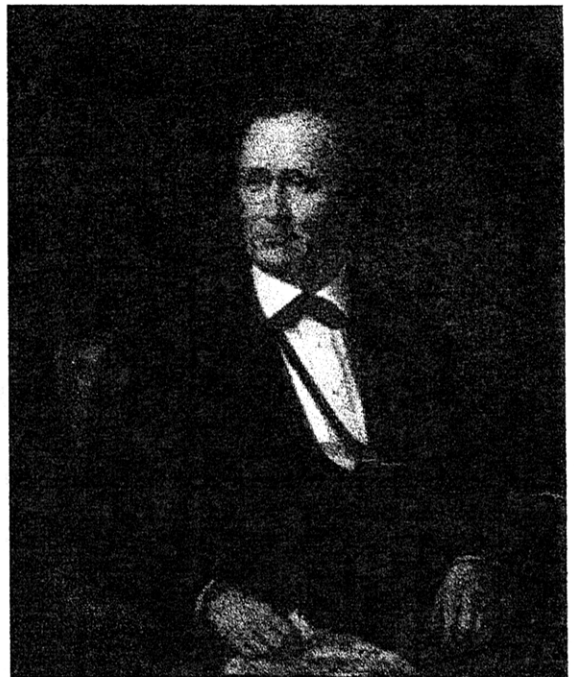
of the United States. He also started the Baker and Daniels law offices.

James Woodruff came to Indianapolis to build the city's first water treatment plant (still located in White River State Park). He stayed in Indianapolis and developed two early neighborhoods: Hendricks Place and Woodruff Place.

General John Coburn was born in Indianapolis and would become an attorney and a Civil War General. He led the 33rd Indiana Infantry down to Atlanta with Sherman and received the city's surrender. After the war, General Coburn became a U.S. Congressman. He was a builder, getting Old Soldiers Home in Knightstown, Garfield Park and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument built.

Bates-Hendricks House & Indianapolis Chronology:.....

- 1821 Land where the Bates-Hendricks House in now located was sold to Richard Keen.
- 1825 Indianapolis becomes the capital of Indiana.
- 1830 Some evidence of the earliest parts of the house date to 1830.
- 1852 The main part of the house is built by Hervey Bates. In 1853 it



is completed at a cost of \$75,000.

1860 Hendricks at age 41 moves to Indianapolis and purchases the Bates-Hendricks House from Bates.

1872 Hendricks sells the home and land to James Woodruff, and Woodruff plats his first neighborhood "Hendricks Place."

1885 General Coburn purchases the Bates-Hendricks House and stays for 23 years.

1889 The first fountain is placed in Fountain Square.

1900 John A. Hook builds his first Deutshe Apothecary at 1101 S. East Street.

October Recipe *Freezer Dumplings*

Boil 2 cups of Water

Add 1 Stick of Butter

Pour 4 Cups of Flour and 1/2 tsp of Baking powder together

Roll out to desired thickness and cut in squares.

Drop in Boiling Broth

Enjoy!!

Renee Rogers

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:

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Enjoying this newsletter? Want to make certain you always receive it? Why not become a member of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association?

This newsletter is brought to you through the support of the following neighborhood businesses: Capitol City Glass, Phillip Heller DDS, Regions Bank, and Sister's Restaurant. Please make certain to thank them!

November Meeting Focuses on Recycling

On Monday, November 5th, the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will hold their monthly meeting at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect. Lisa Laflin, the City of Indianapolis Recycling Coordinator, will be our guest speaker.

One of the many ways we can address trash issues in our neighborhood is to encourage recycling. Presently, there are programs in Indianapolis that allow us to recycle nearly everything we're putting in our trash cans. Come hear how you can be part of this trend.

In addition, we'll be reporting on the problem properties that were identified at the September meeting. The trash captains have been walking the neighborhood as we seek to eliminate the worst eyesores.

October Calendar

October 5 — 1st Friday, Evening, Art galleries in Fountain Square are open late.

October 11 – IMPD Task Force Meeting, 5:30 pm, location TBD.

October 11 – Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, 1:30pm, Fountain Square Library.

October 15 – Finding Solutions Political Forum, 7:00pm, Immanuel United

Church of Christ.

October 15, 22, and 29th – Classic Monster Film Festival, 6:30pm, Fountain Square Library.

October 31 – Scare on the Square, 4:00-6:00pm, Fountain Square, Bring the little ghosts and goblins for trick or treats and other surprises with your neighborhood business. Sponsored by the Fountain Square Merchants Association.