

Representative Jon Elrod Speaking at May Meeting

On Monday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m., State Representative Jon Elrod will speak on his experience as a first year representative. He will highlight the accomplishments of the recent session with special emphasis on **property tax issues**. We are proud to claim Jon as a Bates Hendricks resident and look forward to his comments.

In addition, the May meeting will include reports on the Greater Indianapolis Neighborhood Initiative, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and the Fab For Less 2008 efforts on New Jersey street. **Come join your neighbors as we seek to make Bates Hendricks a thriving neighborhood.**

Neighborhood Beautification Projects

On April 14th, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful delivered 300 Caesar Iris plants to our neighborhood. These plants have been distributed across the neighborhood and should begin blooming soon. Take time to notice all the purple! Two other major neighborhood beautification projects will occur in May.

On Saturday, May 12th, SEND will be completing the **clean out of the three New Jersey Street houses** targeted for the 2008 Fab For Less program. They are seeking volunteers to assist with the clean out. This will also be a great opportunity to see the "before" picture of these houses. Volunteers should meet at the house at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, May 19th, KIB will be delivering 75-100 trees for planting in our neighborhood. While several public spaces have been identified for planting, we also are seeking front yards for these trees. **If you would like a tree planted, contact Chris**

Dockery at 319-4796. We also need volunteers to meet at the Immanuel UCC parking lot at 9 a.m. on the 19th to assist with the planting.



Finally, the BHNA Board is planning to rent a stump grinder to remove stumps from several public spaces. If you have a stump in your yard that you'd like removed, let us know. Call Jim at 636-0596.

New Board Members and Officers Elected

At the April Annual Meeting, a new group of board members and officers were elected. Chris Dockery and Katie Colon were added to the Board. Gail Brown and Emily Vanest were elected for a second term. Jim Mulholland was elected President. Bob Kruse will continue as vice-president and Lydis Brasher will return as secretary. Emily Vanest agreed to be treasurer. Please feel free to contact any of them if you have concerns. The following list also includes the organizations where they represent our neighborhood.

Jim Mulholland	636-5096	President, SEND, GINI, IPD Task Force
Bob Kruse	488-1234	Vice-president, SUMO, SEND
Lydia Brasher	636-0831	Secretary, GINI, IPS liaison
Emily Vanest	822-8107	Treasurer, SUMO
Gail Brown	634-3676	GINI, SEND, Newsletter editor
Chris Dockery	319-4796	SLP, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful liaison
Katie Colon	464-0014	SLP

Please feel free to contact your officers and board members if you have concerns.

What Do All Those Letters Stand For?

Many organizations influence and assist our neighborhood. Who are they and what do they do?

SEND: Southeast Neighborhood Development

They rehabilitate housing, encourage economic development, and develop public space. We are one of their focus neighborhoods.

SUMO: Southeast Umbrella Organization

They gather representatives from the southeast neighborhood associations to plan programs, seek grants, and cooperate on projects.

GINI: Great Indianapolis Neighborhood Initiative

This Is Not A Newsletter

The BHNA Board has committed to producing a **four page newsletter in June**. We plan to use a template developed by Greg Allen that will include information, calendars, and pictures. We are also seeking assistance from the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center for funding for printing and distribution. We believe a newsletter is key to creating a unified and strong neighborhood. If you would like to write an article, or distribute newsletters, contact Gail Brown at 634-3676.