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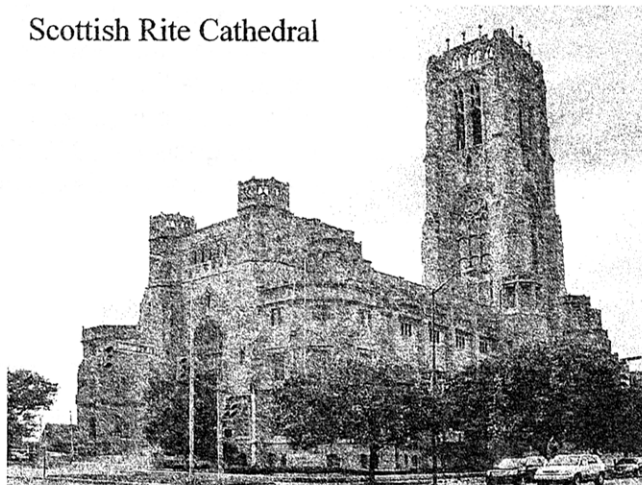


BATES-HENDRICKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Beating the Winter Blues

Scottish Rite Cathedral



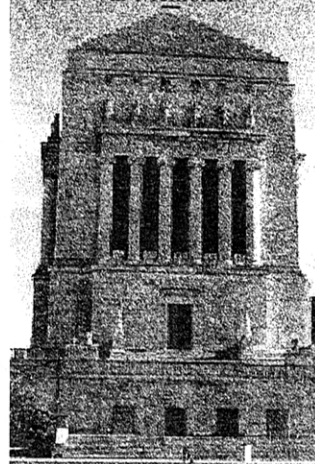
Are you and your family beginning to suffer from cabin fever? Are you looking to get out of the house and stretch your legs? Don't want to see New England win the Super Bowl? Here are a few free or low cost ideas around town that can provide you and your family with some quality time while exploring lesser known landmarks in our city.

The Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum – www.in.gov/iwm/2285.htm Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Indianapolis Museum of Art www.imamuseum.org/ Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 11:00am –

5:00 pm Thursday and Friday 11:00am– 9:00pm Sunday noon – 5:00 pm
Scottish Rite Cathedral - www.aasr-indy.org/buildingRental/default.aspx
Tours conducted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. when open.
Indiana Historical Society www.indianahistory.org/ Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Indiana State Capitol - www.in.gov/idoa/2544.htm
Indiana War Memorial Museum – www.in.gov/iwm/2290.htm Wednesday – Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Garfield Park Conser-

vatory - www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org/index.htm
Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Central Library– the new library www.imcpl.org/central/index.html
Monday–Thursday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday 9:00a.m–6:00p.m.
Saturday 9:00a.m-5:00p.m.
Sunday 1:p.m.-5:00p.m.
Indianapolis' most beau-

The War Memorial



tiful public spaces are a short walk from Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood.

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Special points of interest:

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- *Suspicious Activity you should watch for*
- *Neighborhood Activism and real results*
- *What is a corduroy road?*
- *Super Easy Valentine's Day Recipe to die for*

New Deputy Mayor, Ogden Williams to Attend Feb. Meeting



The next Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting will be on February 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Immanuel United Church of Christ. This meeting will focus on the interaction between the new mayoral administration and our neighborhood. We hope to have the new Deputy Mayor for Public and Neighborhood Affairs, Ogden Williams, as our guest. In addition, the Board of Director's will announce neighborhood goals for 2008. Finally, there will be a presentation by the SENSE charter school that resides in our neighborhood. We hope to see you there!

Crime Watch Issues

At the January neighborhood meeting Major Jim Reno, IMPD Southeast District Chief, and several residents shared the following information regarding crime trends not only in Bates Hendricks but city wide. If you see suspicious activity, call the police at 911 or the non-emergency number 327-3811. Recently, our neighborhood has been a target of

illegal dumping. If you see a red pickup with wood boards on the side cruising the neighborhood with a load of trash, call 911. They are dumping behind abandoned houses and even in alleys. Metal theft is the biggest headache in Indianapolis. If you see someone taking siding off a house, call 911. Thieves are entering abandoned houses and taking out the copper plumbing. Also, peo-

ple are stealing catalytic converters off cars. If you see someone working under a car, don't assume it's theirs. Don't leave your car unlocked and running in the morning. Several cars have been stolen while neighbors waited for them to warm up.

From the President

At our January association meeting, one of our newer members asked, "What can a neighborhood association reasonably accomplish?" That's a very good question and one most people don't ask. Too often, I get calls from people asking me to stop crime, fix sidewalks and streets, end poverty, and institute world peace. These are not reasonable requests or expectations.

What can a neighborhood association accomplish?

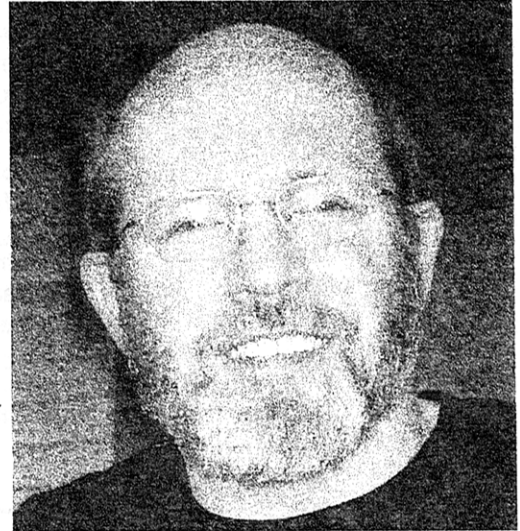
We can create the relationships that make a neighborhood. When you come to a meeting, get acquainted with your neighbors, and share your concerns, you create the glue that holds a neighborhood together. Without relationships, nothing can happen.

A neighborhood association cannot stop crime, but we can make our neighborhood less attractive as a location for crime. In this newsletter, there is an article with warnings and concerns we can address. In addition, IMPD does listen when the association asks them to address a specific issue.

We can pressure city hall to fix sidewalks and streets, but improvements come slowly. The best we can hope for is to repair one set of sidewalks or one street each year. The 1300-1400 block of New Jersey is slated for 2008. We can exert some pressure on city government, but we can't expect miracles when we're also asking for lower taxes.

In February, the association Board of Director's will meet to set goals for 2008. We will not pledge to end poverty and institute world peace. Our goals will be much more modest, but they are important. Even the smallest improvements we make in our neighborhood make a difference. Together, we can create the next great Indianapolis neighborhood.

Jim Mulholland



Bates-Hendricks History

We live in a very historic neighborhood. Over the next few months, we'll be sharing some of the research done by Jay Allen about our neighborhood. The following piece is the recollections of Mary Catherine Naylor from 1824 when the Indiana state treasury was moved from Corydon to Indianapolis on one of the first roads – the Madison/Mocksferry Road.

"It was a bright and lovely day in October, 1824, that we left Corydon for the seat of government. My sister (Mrs. Merrill) had heard that the road most of the way was impassible; she insisted that Mr. Siebert, a large man with a team of horses, none stronger in Indiana, should take us. Four of the horses were white and the fifth gray, called the lead horse. Mr. Siebert was proud of his horses. I have never seen a grander team.

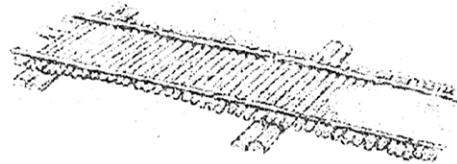
We were, I think, ten days on our way. The treasury box was large and strong. Whether there was much money in it I cannot say, but I think not much. The box had to have a place in the large wagon, indeed wherever we or the Merrill family went, this box was sure to go.

The road was laid with rails or logs for miles, then covered with water that seemed to be bottomless. When the horses and wagons went down, it seemed they might reach China. One day we traveled two miles and a half only. The water lay in the road too

deep to venture and trees had to be felled to make a road around.

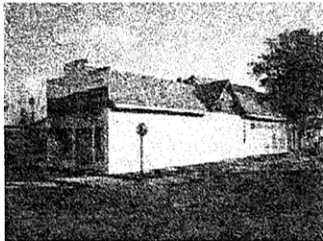
Mr. Siebert had a fashion of putting bells on his horses whenever we came near a town. So we went into the seat of government with fine, large strong horses strung with bells, all ringing. The sound brought the good people out to stare at us."

In 1824, those bells rang out as the State treasury was transported down the wood planked road running through what would someday become known as the Bates Hendricks neighborhood.



Log or corduroy roads were used throughout Indiana where the landscape was wet and swampy to provide easier, although bumpier, travel.

New Business=Rehabbed Building



Local resident and contractor Jerry Barnaby is opening a new business at the corner of East and Orange Streets. The rehabilitation of the former bar is currently underway and is even further along than is

shown in the photo. Jerry hopes to have his business Screenmobile and Retractable Screens and Awnings of Indianapolis in the completed structure later this year.

February's Recipe Renee Rogers

Velveeta Fudge for your Sweetheart

First Mix together:

1lb Velveeta

1lb Margarine melted in the microwave

In a large bowl combine 4 lb powdered sugar

1 cup of cocoa

1 TB Vanilla

Add Cheese mixture and Stir

then press it into a heart shaped cake mould sprayed with pan release

Happy

Valentines Day!

Bates Hendricks Indianapolis' Next Great Neighborhood!

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.

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

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February Calendar

**Feb 4 — Bates Hendricks
Neighborhood Association meet-
ing, 6:30pm – Immanuel United**

Church of Christ.

**Feb 7 - Target Free Fam-
ily Night, The Children's Museum
of Indianapolis, 4 – 8 pm**
www.childrensmuseum.org

**Feb 12 - Drums of West
Africa, Indianapolis Artsgar-
den, 12:15 pm, FREE,**
www.indyarts.org

**Feb 15 – April 20, Other
Worlds/Altered Visions, large
group exhibition, Indianapolis Art**

**Center Mon. - Fri. 9 am -
10 pm ; Sat. 9 am - 6 pm; Sun.**

noon - 6 pm, FREE
www.indplsartcenter.org

**Feb 18 - President's Day,
The Children's Museum of Indian-
apolis, 10 am - 5 pm, FREE,**

www.childrensmuseum.org

**Feb 22 - Indiana Art Fair
and the Really Big Short Film
Festival, Indiana State Mu-
seum, 5:30 pm –
8:30 pm, \$5 each or \$8 for
b o t h ,**
<http://www.indianamuseum.org>