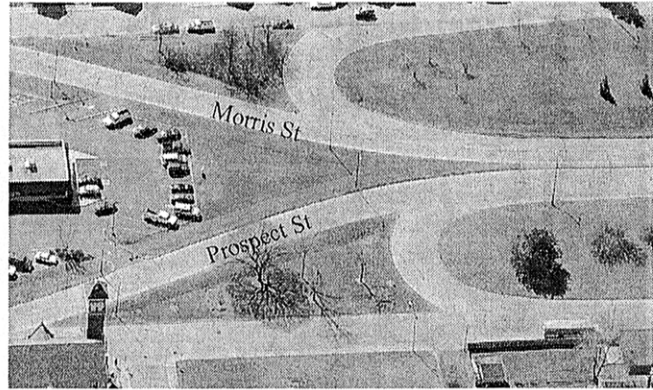


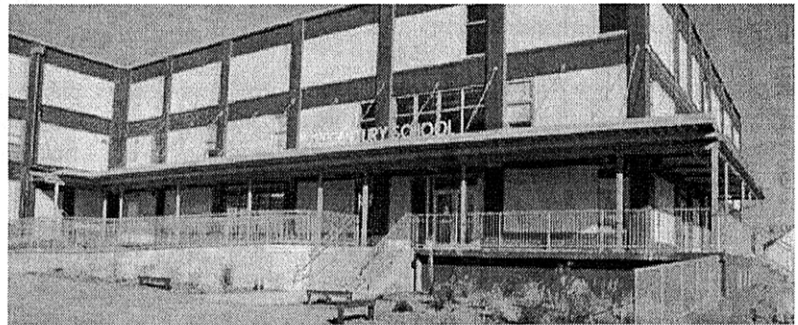
## Exploring Public Art in Bates/Hendricks

The City will once again transform itself with a new stadium and high-rise hotel south of South Street. As residents, we are presented with the opportunity to embrace this growth to the benefit of our community. A dynamic way of empowering and beautifying an area is through the establishment of a gateway sculpture. SEND is offering assistance to pursue a grant application for such a project. A unique site that boasts a high traffic volume is the currently under-appreciated, grass triangle where Prospect meets Morris. The project is currently no more than an idea and SEND is looking to the adjacent neighbors, Bates-Hendricks residents, and greater southeasterners to spearhead the development process. To request additional information or be involved, please contact Jonathan Mirgeaux at 658-3898 or Kelli Safford at [kessafford@hotmail.com](mailto:kessafford@hotmail.com).



## Neighborhood Charter School Offers “Back to Basics”

In its fourth year of operation, the Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence (SENSE Charter School) has already gained local, state and national recognition for outstanding student improvement. SENSE ranked in the top 10 among Marion County schools and top 50 statewide on student improvement on ISTEP+; awarded the “Top Gainer” designation by the Indiana Student Achievement Institute; and just this month was one of six elementary charter schools nationwide, designated as a *Silver-Gain* award winner by EPIC National Charter School Consortium.



Located at 1601 S Barth Avenue, SENSE is a community driven, southeast neighborhood based charter elementary school with grades kindergarten through sixth grade. SENSE nurtures academic excellence, social development, and civic responsibility in every individual. SENSE is a “back to basics” elementary school that operates on a year-round calendar, has small classes and the kindergarten is full day. SENSE provides instruction in art, music, physical education, and Spanish language acquisition to all students beginning in kindergarten. For students who are struggling academically, in grades three through six, SENSE provides the Sylvan Learning Center Academic Reading Program during the regular school day at no cost to the students’ families.

SENSE is currently enrolling students for the 2008-09 school year, with openings in all grades. You can find out more about SENSE on the school website, [www.senseindy.org](http://www.senseindy.org) or by calling the school at 317-423-0204.

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## **From the President:**

After our last meeting, a couple came up to speak with me. I'm always nervous when this happens, worried that someone has a complaint or concern. Instead they thanked me for the meeting. They said, "We quit coming to neighborhood association meetings several years ago because they were so negative, but today was fun. We'll be back."

A couple of weeks ago, a man told me a wonderful story. He said one of his neighbors on New Jersey Street came and apologized to him. He said, "Since we've been working to improve the street, I've realized I wasn't very nice to you in the past. I'm sorry."

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, about 50 Eli Lilly volunteers worked on houses on S. New Jersey Street. As wonderful as they were, the high point of the day for me was when two neighbors – David and Samara - who'd come home from a hard day of work walked up. They asked, "What can we do to help?"

I want to tell you a secret. Our neighborhood is changing. People are beginning to focus on the positives instead of the negatives. People who haven't even acknowledged each other on the street are becoming friends. People who haven't been involved are getting their hands dirty.

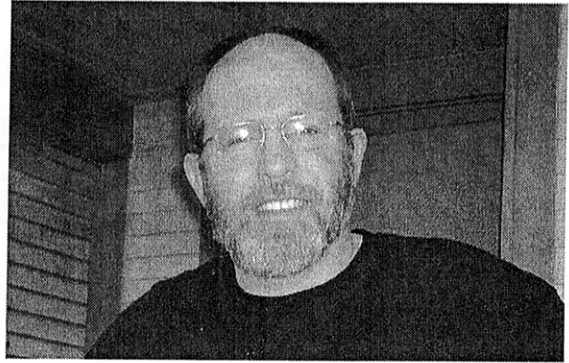
We must continue to work for new sidewalks, more trees and flowers, public art, rehabbed houses, less trash, and stronger businesses, but we must always remember that what makes a great neighborhood is when people become neighbors. Everything we do is only an excuse for doing the most important task in life – building relationships.

Jim Mulholland

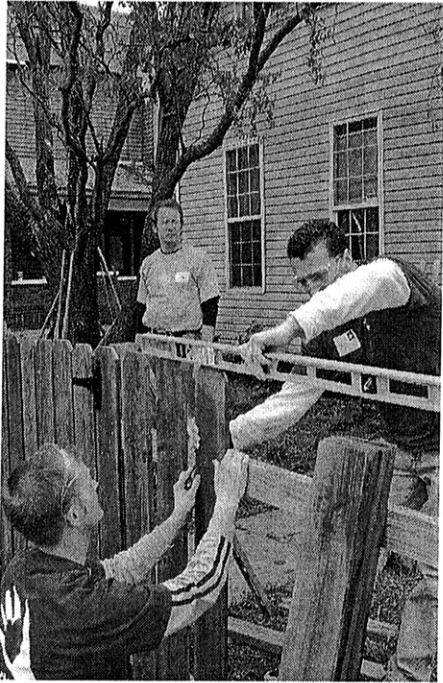
## **June Meeting Is A PICNIC**

The Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting on **June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** is going to be a picnic. You're invited to join us at Hendricks Park (or at Immanuel Church if it rains) for a cook-out. The Association will provide the meat, the drinks, and the paper products. We're asking everyone to bring a dessert or side dish, a lawn chair, and a good appetite. There will be games for the youth and lots of time to talk for the adults.

We've been working hard this year and we need to take some time to relax and celebrate. As always, we'll update you on neighborhood events or issues, but the focus of the meeting will be on building relationships. Our hope is that everyone leaves the picnic knowing one neighbor a little bit better.



## Lilly Day of Service Comes to New Jersey Street



Over fifty Eli Lilly volunteers and a dozen neighborhood volunteers descended on New Jersey Street on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and helped transform five homes. This event, part of a city-wide effort, allowed Lilly employees to spend a day serving the city. In our neighborhood, SEND coordinated the efforts of these volunteers in making the following improvements:

1403 received a new porch, trimmed bushes, and fresh paint.

1417 received a new façade, a new porch, and fresh paint.

1526 received freshly painted shutters and trim.

1537 received a new picket fence, painted trim, and a pruned tree.

1539 received a new picket fence and a new door.

These efforts were part of the Fab For Less program that will culminate on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This project involves home repairs on a dozen homes, complete rehabs of three homes, new sidewalks and curbs, and a total landscaping of the esplanade. Look for more news and volunteer opportunities in the near future.



## Two New Study Circles Forming

The Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center announced that Bates Hendricks Neighborhood has been granted two \$1,000 grants for two study circles. Neighbors on New Street and Sanders Street will be meeting over the next few months to talk about their concerns, become better acquainted, and develop ideas for improving their immediate neighborhood.

Last year, the Wright Street Block Club participated in the Study Circle program and was awarded an additional \$1,000 for a Youth Brigade initiative.

Study circles allow neighborhood people to plan and design small initiatives aimed at improving their neighborhoods. If you'd like to form a study circle on your street, contact Elizabeth Ryan at [bibliobus@netscape.net](mailto:bibliobus@netscape.net)

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# Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association

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.

We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for businesses.

For more information or with neighborhood concerns, contact Jim Mulholland at 636-5096.

**The June 2nd meeting will be at Hendricks Park for a picnic (see page 2 for details).**

## June Calendar

June 2 - Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 pm - Hendricks Park (Madison Ave. and Orange Street) or if raining Immanuel United Church of Christ.

June 7 - Family Planting Day, 10 am - 1 pm - Garfield Park Conservatory, Free: Every one of all ages is invited to help plant annuals in our Children's Garden located behind the Conservatory. A variety of small themed gardens will be planted including a pizza garden, a rainbow garden, and an alphabet garden. Come be a part of this memorable event!

Rose Show, 12 pm - 5 pm - Garfield Park Conservatory, Free: The Indianapolis Rose Society will present a stunning show of many different rose varieties. Society members will also be on hand, so bring your questions!

Summer Reading Kickoff at Fountain Square, 11 am - 4 pm - Fountain Square Library Branch: Children of all ages and families are invited for games, balloon and craft activities while signing up for the 2008 Summer Reading Program. There will be grab bag prizes for the first 200 to register. [www.imcpl.org](http://www.imcpl.org) for information.

June 11 - Summer Showtime: *Bee Movie*, 6:00 pm - Fountain Square Library Branch: [www.imcpl.org](http://www.imcpl.org) for information.

June 12 - Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, 1:30 pm - Fountain Square Library Branch: Please call Fountain Square Branch at 275-4390 to register for this event and to learn this month's title.

June 14 - Music in the Garden: Brenda Williams, 6:30 pm - 8 pm - Garfield Park Conservatory, Free: Enjoy live music in the beautiful Sunken Garden in Garfield Park. Events sponsored by Friends of Garfield Park, Inc and Indy Parks.

June 17 - Garden Stories, 2 pm - 3 pm - Garfield Park Conservatory, Free: Join us Tuesday afternoons for story time in the Garden! Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax in the shade while enjoying a story show-and-tell. (Ages 3-12)

Family Game Afternoon, 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Fountain Square Library Branch: Families are invited for their favorite board games, including Scrabble, Memory, Chutes & Ladders, Candy Land, Clue Jr., and more. [www.imcpl.org](http://www.imcpl.org) for information.

June 18 - Summer Showtime: *Meet the Robinsons*, 6:00 pm - Fountain Square Library Branch: [www.imcpl.org](http://www.imcpl.org) for information.

June 25 - Summer Showtime: *Underdog*, 1:00 pm - Fountain Square Library Branch: [www.imcpl.org](http://www.imcpl.org) for information.

June 28 - Organic Gardening Basics, 11 am - 12:30 pm - Garfield Park Conservatory, Free: What does organic mean? Find out how this type of gardening can be beneficial to both the environment and your family, and the basic methods for use in the home garden. Please call to register, as space is limited. (Ages 18+)