

August 2008



Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood

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Fab for Less 2008: Building Blocks for Affordable Living

When: August 23 and 24

Time: 10am to 5pm

Where: 1400 and 1500 blocks of South New Jersey

Cost: \$10

Southeast Neighborhood Development's 4th Annual Fab for Less event will showcase three homes and two city blocks. 1407, 1411, and 1425 South New Jersey have all been completely remodeled focusing on energy efficiency and recycled materials. Designers and artists have been decorating these homes using only a budget of \$1,500 per house. They utilize their creativity and ingenuity to transform these homes into a showcase for affordable design. All three homes will be available for tours during the Fab for Less event.

Along with touring the SEND homes, the 1400 and 1500 blocks of South New Jersey will be on display. All the work that has been done to the street including new sidewalks and

streets, esplanade landscaping, home repair services and historic lighting will be presented to the public.

In years past we have attracted over 1,000 visitors to the neighborhood to tour our Fab for Less homes and we expect this year to be even bigger. This is SEND's largest Fab for Less event thus far and we are very proud of the work that the partnership between Bates Hendricks and SEND has been able to accomplish this year.

There will be many opportunities for you to get involved with Fab for Less, both prior to the event and the weekend of the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know by calling Lydia Brasher at 636-0831. If you have any questions about Fab for Less you can call Jim Mulholland at 636-5096 or Julie Beaubien at 634-5079.



August Meeting focuses on Lead Abatement

Old homes can be dangerous for children and animals. Rehabbing an older home can create serious health risks. Lead poisoning can happen to you. If your home was built before 1960, you need to attend the August 4th meeting of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association at 6:30 p.m. at the Immanuel United Church of Christ

at East and Prospect.

Kara Endsley, of Black Expo, will be our speaker. She will present a program designed to help us to recognize the risks of lead and to learn how to minimize those risks. This is especially important if you are rehabbing or remodeling your home. If you're a gardener and have painted the exterior of your home recently, you may be

eating lead with your tomatoes. Come hear this very informative presentation. As always, the meeting will also review issues of crime, trash, and neighborhood needs. Please join your neighbors as we seek to make Bates Hendricks the next great Indy neighborhood.

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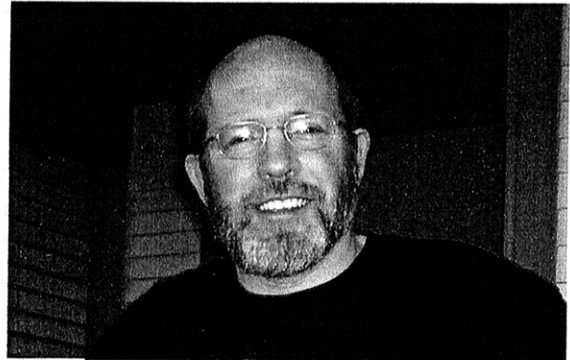
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From the President:

At our last association meeting, State Representative Jon Elrod gave us a review of the property tax situation in Indiana and Marion County. He argued for eliminating property taxes. He said, "The government shouldn't create a situation where people lose their homes because they can't pay their taxes." He suggested a one time transfer tax at the time a home is sold. If this was figured into the mortgage, it would be much easier for people to pay. He reminded us that you seldom eliminate taxes. You simply collect them in different ways.



At the end of his remarks, Lydia Brasher said something I rarely hear. She said, "I don't mind paying property taxes because I like the services they fund." Her comment got me thinking about the common disconnect between taxes and services. I often hear people complain about high taxes and ask for better streets and sidewalks in the same conversation. We don't seem to understand that you can't eliminate taxes and expect more service. I wonder if our attitude about taxes would change if we received bills for all of those services.

Our neighborhood has approximately 2,000 homes. Residential property taxes in our area average about \$1,500 a year. This means our neighborhood generates about \$3 million dollars a year. That sounds like a lot of money until you consider the services we receive. What would it cost if our neighborhood had to pay for these services?

Consider our new sidewalks on New Jersey and Sanders. They will cost about \$800,000. I wonder how much we'd complain about our sidewalks if we all got a \$400 bill in the mail. Or how about our schools? We have two schools in our neighborhood. That's about 5 million dollars a year and a \$2500 a year bill for each of us. What about the police that patrol our neighborhood, or the firehouse? That has to be another bill for a couple thousand dollars. Paying to have our trash picked up would add several hundred more dollars. And those are just the obvious services.

I hope you get my point. When I begin to add up all the service I receive for my \$1,500 of property taxes, it begins to look like a great deal. I still like Jon Elrod's idea of a transfer tax. I don't want our senior citizens or someone who's unemployed losing their home. However, I also want to be more conscious (and thankful) for all the services I receive as citizen of our neighborhood and of Indianapolis.

Jim Mulholland

Theft Ring Broken Up On Sanders

In July, thanks to some sharp detective work, a large theft ring was broken up at 729 Sanders. (This may explain why the residents of this home didn't join the crime watch.) Major Cliff Myers applauded the work of his officers and detectives. Officers discovered a stolen vehicle behind the house. This led to a warrant to search the garage where other stolen equipment and tools were discovered. Arrests were made. Major Myers reports that, contrary to a neighborhood rumor, no dead bodies were found.

Our Association wants to thank Major Myers and his officers for the increase in patrols and response in our neighborhood. This summer has already been much quieter and safer. Those with concerns or suspicions are encouraged to report them to IMPD. You don't have to tolerate crime.

Police Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 327-3811
IMPD South: 327-6300

Opportunity to help your Neighborhood

As you have been hearing, the Fab For Less event on south New Jersey Street is drawing close. We can see the end in sight but need a big push from everyone to reach our goal. On the following dates, starting at 9 a.m., we need help with plantings on the esplanade: August 2, August 9, and August 16.

On August 16 there will also be a cleanup of Quad One, bounded by Terrace Street south to Beecher between East Street and Madison Ave. This is a cleanup of the public areas, alleys, sidewalks, etc. However, we cannot collect tires or construction debris. If you have a pickup truck and can help pick up the trash and deliver it to the dumpster, we would love your help!

The two days of the Fab For Less event are Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24. We need volunteers for those two days for the following jobs: ticket takers for each of the three houses, guides/watchers for each of the three houses, ticket sales, gopher, and esplanade guides.

There are three time slots for each day, 10:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 3:00 and 3:00 - 5:00. If you can help with any of these jobs please contact Lydia Brasher, 636-0831 or email lydiab@iquest.net.

Let's show the city of Indianapolis what a great neighborhood we are! Also, please plan on attending the event which is a fundraiser for SEND who has done a wonderful job in planning all that has happened on New Jersey Street.

August 5th is National Night Out.

Get your neighbors together and start a Crime Watch Block Club in your part of Bates Hendricks.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Scooters: Positives and Negatives

With gas at over \$4 dollars a gallon, many city residents are using scooters. While economical (many get up to 70 mpg), scooters can be dangerous vehicles to use on busy city streets, especially when they are used illegally. Here are the present Indiana laws for scooters.

- Scooters do not have to be licensed, but anyone using a scooter must have a state I.D., a learner's permit, or a driver's license.
- You must be 15 in order to operate a scooter. If you are younger than 18, you must wear a helmet.
- It is illegal to drive a scooter on the sidewalk, freeway, or faster than 25 mph.



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.

August Calendar

August 4 - Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 pm - Immanuel United Church of Christ.

August 5 - National Night Out Against Crime. Organize your neighbors and get to know one another and lay the seeds to form a crime watch block club.

Garfield Park Happenings

For more information about any program call: General Parks Information 327 - 7275

Burrello Family Center 327 - 7220
Conservatory 327 - 7184
Arts Services 327 - 7066

Wildlife Gardening - Aug. 2nd - Saturday - 11:00am-12:30pm - Conservatory - Ages 18+ -Free - Learn about habitats and how to create one in your backyard to attract wildlife like butterflies and birds. Call to register.

Taijiquan at the Conservatory - Aug. 1st -Aug. 26th - Tuesdays & Fridays - 8:30am - 9:15 am - Conservatory - Ages 18+ - 8 classes - Cost \$35 - Call to register - Tai Chi exercise based class

Sounds of the Ancestors - African Drumming Class - July 19th - Aug. 23rd - Saturdays - 3:00pm-4:00pm - Garfield Park Arts Center - Ages 8+ - Free

Pops Concert - Indy Jazz Orchestra - Aug. 7th - Thursday - 7:00pm - MacAllister Center - Free

Jungle Tales - Aug. 12th - Tuesday - 10:00am-11:00am Conservatory -Ages 2-5 -Cost \$2 -preschool program focusing on nature-related topics. Pre register.

Picnic in the Park - Aug. 16th - Saturday - 6:00pm - Corporate Shelter - \$20 per person, \$50 for family of four - Join the Friends of Garfield Park for a good old fashioned chicken picnic dinner at this **fundraiser event**. Advanced tickets recommended, contact Dale Bowel at 789-0577. Cathy Morris concert follows at the amphitheater. Concert is free and open to the public.

Music in the Garden -Cathy Morris - Aug. 16th - Saturday - 7:00pm- 8:30pm -MacAllister Center - Free - Great jazz sponsored by the Friends of Garfield Park.

Pops Concert - New Horizons Band-Aug. 14th - Thursday - 7:00pm - MacAllister Center.

Papermaking Fun - Aug. 17th - Sunday - 2:00pm - 3:30pm - Conservatory - Ages 7 - 12 - \$3 - Take scraps of paper and make them into new pieces of art paper for many different uses. Register by Aug. 15th.

Viva Brasil! Art Exhibition - Continuing through the end of August at the Garfield Park Arts Center.

Beginner Flower Arranging - Aug. 19th - Tuesday - 6:30pm-8:00pm - Conservatory - Ages 18+ - \$15 Learn basics of floral design and create your own bud vase arrangement to take home. Pre register.

PopConcert -Athenaeum Orchestra - Aug. 21st - Thursday - 7:00pm -MacAllister Center

Conservatory Tours -Aug. 23rd - Saturday - 2:30pm-3:30pm - Conservatory - 1 Class - Free - Garfield Park Master Gardeners will conduct the tours.

Garden Club Trips

The Garden Club of Indiana sponsors several trips that are popular getaways.

For prizes and information on trips contact Ginny Jones at 894-8417.

Upcoming trips scheduled are :

Cincinnati, Ohio - Saturday - August 16th - Tour the summer flower show at the Krohn Conservatory.

Mansfield, Ohio - October 11th -Saturday - visit Poosum Run greenhouse, Malabar Farm State Park.

Chicago, Illinois - November 29th - Saturday - Time for a day of holiday shopping.

Charleston, South Carolina - December 4th-7th - enjoy the start of the holiday season.

Here Comes the Parade

The Miracle Mile Parade is coming back even bigger and better than last year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 30th. The parade starts at 1:00pm on that Saturday before Labor Day. There will be more units than last year with plenty of classic cars, marching bands and celebrities. Mayor Ballard will be Grand Marshal. A special guest participating is the first lady of El Salvador, so there is even an international aspect to it. The parade route is longer this year and it will even be televised on Channel 40 so you can still see it if you can't get out along the route to enjoy it.

The parade assembles at Christel House Academy on East Street. It starts at Southern and East Street and moves west on Southern to Madison Avenue. There it turns and marches south on Madison Avenue all the way to Hanna Avenue. This route is longer than last year and moves in the opposite direction. This will be a busy day in our neighborhood with parade participants gathering and parade watchers coming into the area. Traffic will be blocked off at streets along the route; also traffic will be rerouted and could impact the flow of cars through our area. The police did a great job last year in handling the situation, so we should expect a smooth operation this year as well. Just be aware of all the activity and the visitors joining us for a day of fun and celebration for the south-side community.

Like last year, following the parade, there will be a big car show at Southern Plaza with hundreds of classic cars to see. It starts at 3:00pm and is another fun thing to do on that Saturday.