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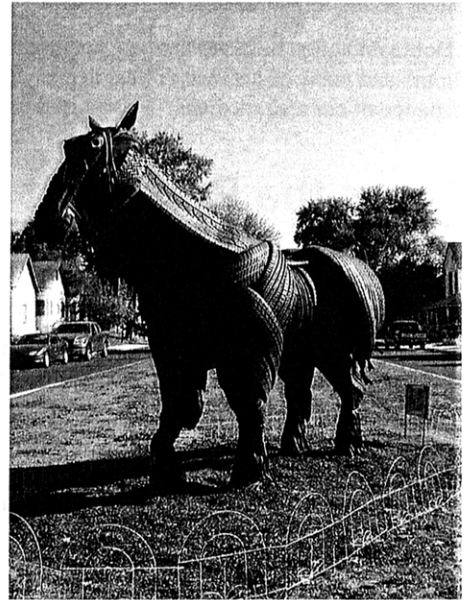


BATES-HENDRICKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Fab For Less Is Fabulous!!

Over August 23-25th, over 1,300 people visited South New Jersey Street as part of South-east Neighborhood Development's *Fab For Less* event. Fab For Less is an annual event in which SEND rehabs several houses and then invites designers to decorate a home on a very limited budget. This year, each designer was given \$500 per house. However, this year's event, entitled "Building Blocks of Affordable Living," did far more than rehab three houses. This year, SEND partnered with the City of Indianapolis, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association to transform two blocks. Julie Beaubien of SEND said, "This was our biggest effort and our biggest crowd ever." This year's event included making improvements and repairs to thirty of the forty houses on the block, adding new sidewalks and curbs, repaving the street, adding historic lighting, and completely landscaping the esplanade. In addition, local artist Marti LaMarr, created a public art piece called "The Horse" celebrating the early history of New Jersey Street which garnered many positive comments. All and all, this effort brought 1.2 million dollars of new investment to New Jersey Street.



Jim Mulholland, President of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association, said, "We hope what has begun on New Jersey will have a ripple effect throughout our neighborhood." This already may be happening. SEND announced over the weekend that the Indianapolis Housing Trust had committed another \$230,000 toward rehabbing homes in Bates Hendricks area. Also, there are discussions about bringing the thousands of Lilly employees to Bates Hendricks next year as part of the Lilly Day of Service. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of SEND and hundreds of volunteers.

A **special thanks** to all those who spent hours digging, planting, wheel bar-reling, and watering. **Kudos** to neighborhood residents on the Steering Committee: Jay Allen, Greg Allen, Allen Janke, Renee Rogers, Pat Neylon, and Jim Mulholland.

Lilly Foundation President Coming To September Meeting

Eli Lilly has long been the northern neighbor of the Bates Hendricks neighborhood. Unfortunately, the interstate has acted as a barrier, separating that powerful company and its beautiful grounds from harsh realities of a struggling neighborhood. Many Lilly employees have checked their locks as they drove down our streets and toward home. That's beginning to change. In May, nearly 75 Lilly employees worked for a day on New Jersey Street. This spring, we began to talk with Lilly about how we could become better neighbors. With that in mind, Rob Smith, new president of the Lilly Foundation, has agreed to speak at our September 8th meeting of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association at 6:30 p.m. at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at East and Prospect.

Bob Kruse Remembered

On August 29th, Bob Kruse, longtime Bates Hendricks resident and Board vice –president, passed away. Bob had been an active member of the Association for many years, focusing on public space and neighborhood clean-ups. Bob also represented our neighborhood on the SEND and SUMO Boards.

Bob could often be cantankerous, but he cared deeply for his neighborhood and for the people who lived there. He gave countless hours and many of his own dollars to many projects. He was instrumental in the revitalization of the Hendricks Park and in the maintenance of our area medians. Mayors and councilmen knew Bob's name.

From the President

I've spent a lot of time on the New Jersey street esplanade this past month. I mourned the necessity of removing several large trees. I watched the city replace the sidewalks and repave the street. I joined neighbors in celebrating the lighting of the historic lamps. I helped dig the pathways and install the paving circles. I enjoyed sharing our accomplishments with hundreds of people over the Fab For Less weekend. I've also answered a lot of questions.

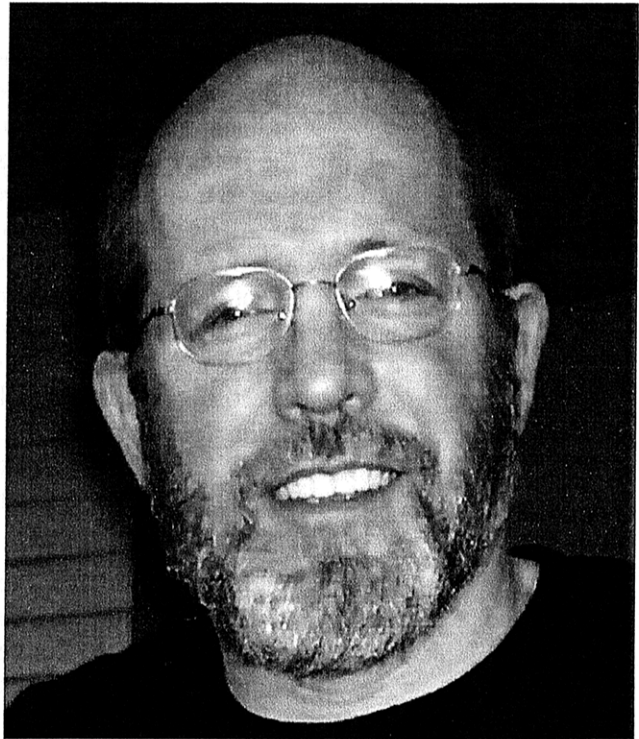
Why did you pick New Jersey Street? There were several reasons. First, SEND already planned to rehab four properties on the street. Second, the esplanade and the Bates Hendricks house are unique features worth highlighting. Third, I believe transforming one street can lead to positive change throughout our neighborhood. But, most of all, we had several committed New Jersey residents who said they'd volunteer their time for the project.

Why didn't you pick my street? We want to! What we are doing on New Jersey is something we hope for the entire neighborhood. We're already looking for the next street to focus on. If you can organize a few neighbors and begin to dream about how to transform your street, the association would like to support you. Of course, I should warn you that transformation is hard work.

Perhaps the saddest question I've heard was when a neighbor slowed down, sat in their van watching us, and said, **"Why are you wasting your time when the rest of the neighborhood is so terrible?"** I replied, "You have to start somewhere." I wanted to ask, "Why would you choose to live in a terrible neighborhood?" But that question wasn't the one that irritated me the most.

Since you don't live on New Jersey, why do you care? This question may explain why our neighborhood struggles. When we don't care about what happens in the next house or on the next street, we no longer deserve to be called a neighborhood. Fortunately, I'm discovering that more and more of us in Bates Hendricks don't think that way. We don't think our work is a waste of time. We think Bates Hendricks can be the next great Indianapolis neighborhood.

Jim Mulholland



Residents Needed at the Southeast Neighborhood Gathering

Once a year, the neighborhoods of the Southeast side gather to evaluate the quality of life in our neighborhoods, examine our goals and objectives, and refocus our energies. On Thursday, September, 25th we once again gather at the Fountain Square Center at 901 S. Shelby to organize and plan.

The gathering begins at 6 p.m. with a free meal provided by local restaurants. There will be videos and speakers highlighting what has happened in 2008. We'll break out in sessions on the important issues of our neighborhoods; crime, employment, abandoned houses, youth programs, etc. We get a chance to see how our neighborhood is improving and what still needs to be done. Finally, we'll gather for dessert and a closing ceremony.

It is vitally important that residents of Bates Hendricks neighborhood are present. We don't want our concerns to go unheard.

It's Quad Two's Turn!

If you live in quad two (Terrace north to Prospect between Madison Avenue and East Street) it is your turn for a cleanup. This is a cleanup of the public areas, alleys, sidewalks, storm sewer grates, 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 dumpster will be located on the southeast corner of New Jersey and Parkway on Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. until noon. There has been a lot of volunteers helping with the New Jersey Street project, let's show the rest of our Bates Hendricks neighbors that we care about them as well. If you can help please call Lydia Brasher, 636-0831 or email, lydiab@iquest.net.



Neighbors Gather for National Night Out

On August 5th neighbors from throughout the Northeast section of Bates Hendricks, city officials and members of IMPD gathered to celebrate the 25th annual National Night Out Against Crime. The gathering not only allowed residents an opportunity to talk about issues facing them in the area and discuss possible solutions, but it was a time of getting to know new neighbors and reacquainting with old. The theory behind National Night Out is to get to know your neighbors and work together watching over the neighborhood and each other. *Appearances from City Councilor Dane Mahern and IMPD South District Commander Major Myers, allowed residents a chance to have their concerns heard.*

Street Fair Coming to Wright Street

**Saturday,
September 20th,
3-8 p.m. 1200 Block of
Wright Street**

Come celebrate what it means to be neighbors. The Wright Street Block Club invites you to come and join us for an afternoon of good food, games, conversation and information. The 1200 block of Wright Street will be blocked off. We'll have **hot dogs and drinks** to share. We'll have games for adults

and children. We'll have tables and chairs set up in the streets, and have information on how your block can get better organized.

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.

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September Calendar

Aug. 30 - Hank's ADVANTAGE Health Sky Concert, White River State Park, Fireworks begin at 9:30 pm.

Sept. 6 - Preserving the Summer, 2:00 pm - Fountain Square Library Branch: www.imcpl.org for information.

Adults are invited to create beautiful stationery using pressed flowers.

Sept. 8 - Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 pm - Immanuel United Church of Christ.

Sept. 11 - Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion: *Exit A* by Anthony Swofford, 1:30 pm - Fountain Square Library

Branch: www.imcpl.org for information.

Sept. 12 - Indianapolis Art Center Annual Open House, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Indianapolis Art Center - Free. For information: www.indplsartcenter.org or 255-2464.

Sept. 13 - Chinese American Festival, 12:00 - 9:00 pm, Military Park - Free. For information 327-3611.

Sept 17 - Hispanic Heritage Month: Latin American Country Game & Facts Quiz, 3:00 pm, Fountain Square Library
Branch: www.imcpl.org for information.
Families are invited to identify and label the 22 countries of Latin

American and use library resources to test their knowledge about Latin America.

Sept. 20 - Fiesta Indianapolis: Where the Americas Come Together, 12:00 - Midnight, At the American Legion Mall and

Veterans Memorial Park, La Plaza: <http://www.laplaza-indy.org/index.asp?p=50> for information. - Free admission. Music, Children's area, Arts and Crafts, Latin American food booths, etc.

Sept. 20 - Interpreting Your Dreams, 2:00 pm, Fountain Square Library Branch: www.imcpl.org for information.

Adults are invited to join presenters from the School of Metaphysics for an exciting look at the meaning behind our sleeping subconscious. The presenters will answer questions about our unique dreams.

Sept. 20 - Wright Street Festival, 3 - 8 p.m. 1200 Block of Wright Street—Free.

Sept. 23 - Family Game Night at Fountain Square, 6 - 8 pm, Fountain Square Library Branch: www.imcpl.org for information. Families are invited for an evening of their favorite board games.

Sept. 25 - Southeast Neighborhood Gathering, 6:00 pm - 901 Shelby Street. Dinner provided - Free.

Sept. 27 - Garfield Park Master Gardener Tours, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Garfield Park Conservatory - Free.

Sept. 28 - Flytrap Fun, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Garfield Park Conservatory - \$2.00. Come discover the wonder of carnivorous plants, including Venus flytrap, pitcher plants and more. See live plants in action, and make a craft to take home. Call 327-7580 for information or to register