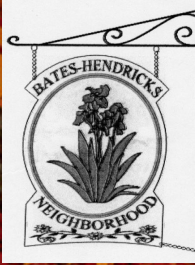


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Bates Hendricks Indy's Next Great Neighborhood!

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Bates Hendricks Receives Imagine Grant

Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center awarded Bates Hendricks a \$1,150 grant to address abandoned housing in 2009. This grant will help sponsor a "No House Left Behind" project. This project involves three phases. First, neighbors will identify all the abandoned and empty houses in the neighborhood. Second, we will host a forum in March outlining the different options for addressing these homes. Third, we will select the 30 houses we can change the quickest.

In addition, some of the money will pur-

chase wireless motion detectors to install in many of our abandoned houses. One of the issues with abandoned homes is the crime (metal theft, arson, vandalism, etc) that they attract. This program will match neighbors with abandoned homes and allow these houses to be monitored. In April, we will be recruiting residents willing to be monitors.

Bates Hendricks in 2009

On Monday, January 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect, the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will hold its first meeting of 2009. We'll be exploring projects and possibilities for the upcoming year. Here are just a few of the possibilities:

- We'd like to beautify the northern end of East Street (between I-70 and Orange Street with flowers and trees.

- We'd like to create a gateway area with a sign welcoming people to Bates Hendricks.
- We'd like to see public art installed at the point in front of Burger King, with landscaping added to the Morris Street corridor.
- We'd like to see positive businesses and restaurants attracted to East Street in the next several years.
- We'd like to see less abandoned houses in our neighborhood.
- We'd like to see more streets experience the transformation we saw in 2008 on New Jersey

Street.
We'd like to see more block clubs, study circles, and crime watches.

These are just a few of the ideas for 2009. What we do and where we spend our energy will depend largely on what neighbors want and are willing to do. It's never enough to complain. If you want to make a real difference, come and join us as we make Bates Hendricks the next great neighborhood.

Calling All Neighbors!

At the March 2nd BHNA meeting we will be hosting a forum on abandoned houses. It is our goal to distribute the March newsletter to every inhabited house in the Bates-Hendricks area to spread the word. In order to do that, we need your help. The current newsletter carriers will deliver their regular routes but we will need a large number of carriers for streets not normally covered. If you and your family can help the weekend of February 27, 28 and March 1,

Please Contact Lydia Brasher
(636-0831) or email

lydiab@iquest.net. Please include your name,

address and phone number when you respond.

Thank you in advance.

From the President:

On November 18th, I became a grandfather for the first time. Our son and daughter-in-law gave us a 7 lb, 21 inch little boy named Liam. (They don't know they gave him to us. They actually think he belongs to them.) I've found myself sneaking over to see him every three or four days. I like holding him, even if he's asleep. He doesn't realize it yet, but he's going to spend a lot of time with his grandpa.

I'd heard that becoming a grandparent would change my view of the world, but I didn't expect how much. Welcoming a third generation reminds you that your generation is in its twilight. Two-thirds of my life is over. As I look back, I have more celebrations than regrets. I hope I've contributed more to the world than I've taken. As I look forward, I realize my responsibility to give Liam the best possible world I can create.

When people have asked me why I contribute my time and energy to improving our neighborhood, I've usually answered, "This is the place I live and I want it to be a good place." That's still true. But, in the past couple of weeks, I've discovered another reason for making my neighborhood a better place. I want our neighborhood to be a place where my grandchildren will want to live and play. I want that for your grandchildren as well.

When people ask me what's wrong with our world, I talk about self-absorption. When people and places are self-absorbed, they build walls instead of parks, fences instead of gardens, fortresses instead of neighborhoods. The more self-absorbed our world, our nation, our state, or our neighborhood become, the uglier they will be. Only when we see beyond our walls and yards, can we begin to see a whole new world. Thanks to Liam I'm even beginning to see beyond my own life.



Jim Mulholland

New Years Resolutions

The top ten New Year's resolutions are:

1. [Spend More Time with Family & Friends](#)
2. [Fit in Fitness](#)
3. [Tame the Bulge](#)
4. [Quit Smoking](#)
5. [Enjoy Life More](#)
6. [Quit Drinking](#)
7. [Get Out of Debt](#)
8. [Learn Something New](#)
9. [Help Others](#)
10. [Get Organized](#)

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Have you set resolutions in the past, but never seemed to be able to complete them. Perhaps these tips will help make your resolutions come true.

Too Many Big Resolutions – Make sure you don't set a lot of big goals. Meeting several small goals is still an accomplishment, plus you won't be trying to change too much, too soon.

Personalizing Your Resolutions – Make sure you know why you want that resolution. What does it mean to you to achieve it?

Writing Them Down – You may use yellow sticky tabs at work to remind you of things. Sometimes we just need to see something in writing to help us remember to stay on track.

Remember You Can't See Your Resolutions Everyday –

Rome wasn't built in a day, and your goals may not be met in a day. Don't worry if you don't see daily change. Remember it is the end result that matters.

Review Your Resolutions Periodically – Just like any good plan, you need to review your goals often to help yourself stay on track.

Have A Support Group – Don't keep your resolutions to yourself. Have friends and family help support you.

Mark your calendar for Feb 21! New Jersey Street is inviting friends and neighbors to a Fabulous Chili lunch to take place from 11-1 at Maria's Pizza on Prospect Street. Marias hosted the Esplanade meeting last month and the food was fabulous!!!

Monthly Recipe: New Year's Eve Fried Pickle Chips

Perhaps not a traditional New Year's Eve snack, but it seems like good comfort food.

Ingredients:

- 1 Jar of Hamburger Dill Pickle Slices
- 2 Cups of Flour
- 2 Tablespoons of Garlic Powder
- 1 Egg
- 1 Cup of Milk

Begin by preheating a fryer to 350 degrees; with vegetable oil. Add the milk and egg into a small bowl; whisk the egg into the milk. Mix garlic powder and flour in a separate bowl. Wash off the pickle slices with cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Toss the pickles in the flour and garlic mix until a thin coating of it covers the pickles. Set the pickles aside on a plate or paper towel. Take a few pickles and dip them in the milk and egg liquid; set back on the plate; repeat until all pickles have a coating of the liquid. Put a few pickles at a time in the dry mixture and coat them with mix setting them back on the plate; repeat until all have dry mixture coating. Toss the pickles in the fryer for 5-8 minutes. Allow them to cool for about 10 minutes.



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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. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for business. Please mail dues to Emily Vanest, 720 Sanders, Indpls. 46203.

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

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**Martha and Jo Myers and Jim Yarnelle decorating the
New Jersey Street Median for Christmas**

January Calendar

January 1, 2009 – Happy New Year!

January 5 - Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Immanuel United Church of Christ at 6:30 p.m.

January 8 – Book Discussion: “Dirty Secrets Club” by Meg Gardiner, 1:30 p.m. Fountain Square Library. Registration required, call 275-4390 for more information

January 28 – Savvy Saving: Adults are invited as Candace Barnes will share tried and true saving techniques for those on a budget. Participants will receive a take-home workbook with helpful money-saving tips. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Fountain Square Library. Registration required, call 275-4390 for more information.

Happy New Year's from BHNA!