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Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association

# Bates Hendricks Newsletter

## Triangle Gateway Project Taking Off

At last month's association meeting, Jonathan Mirgeaux gave an overview presentation on the Triangle Gateway Project. This project simply began as a public art project, and with the enthusiastic input of several Bates Hendricks neighbors, grew into a plan that included adding pathways and landscaping to a nearly 5 acre site. The new plan would create a park-like oasis amidst our urban jungle. The site, located along Prospect and Morris Streets, and between East and Madison Streets, sits at the northern edge of Bates Hendricks and rarely gets much notice from those passing through.

Jonathan Mirgeaux and Kelli Safford, both active members of SEND and residents of Fountain Square, got the idea for the triangle project on one of their many trips through the area. They saw the potential for a great urban park and began forming a committee with people willing to champion the project from our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. A landscape plan has been developed for the site and the process of preparing the site itself began recently when approximately 40 volunteers from Eli Lilly's Day of Service took on the task of clearing invasive species, such as Mulberry and Honeysuckle, from the site. Much work has yet to be done and many more volunteers will be needed when it comes time to plant the trees and shrubs planned for the site.



The committee is currently in the process of forming an advisory board to help begin the artwork portion of the project. Several local artists have already expressed interest in creating a piece for the site and the committee hopes to have the process of commissioning the artwork by the fall. It is the hope of those involved, that the proposed changes will have been completed by the time Indianapolis hosts the Superbowl in early February 2012. If you would like to get involved in the project or would like more information, please e-mail Robyn Toole at [rtoole@hntb.com](mailto:rtoole@hntb.com).

## July Meeting Reviews "Dirty Thirty"

On Monday, July 6th, at 6:30 p.m. the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will host its July meeting at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect. With the help of facilitators from the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center, we'll review the work of the Abandoned Housing Initiative, evaluate its success and failures, and figure out how to enhance its effectiveness. There will be a report on the progress on eliminating the "dirty thirty." In addition, we'll have the usual reports from the police and the mayor's office.

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## **From the President:**

It was a secret. Such a secret I didn't know about it. Such a secret people on New Jersey Street weren't told. In fact, it was such a big secret the United States Secret Service was in charge of keeping it.

On Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Shaun Donovan, the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, toured New Jersey Street to see the work federal dollars are doing in Indianapolis. Apparently, he asked to visit a site of recent improvement during his whistle stop in Indianapolis and the Mayor's office selected us. Mark Stewart of SEND, Deputy Mayor Nick Weber, and a few others were allowed to walk and talk with Secretary Donovan after the Secret Service and IMPD secured the area.

(Yes, I do find it odd, if not ridiculous, that we're protecting the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from terrorists. Of course, they could have been afraid Jay Allen would corner Donovan and give him a tongue lashing over government inefficiency.)

Regardless, Secretary Donovan began his tour on Alabama Street. This is one of the streets for which SEND received 1.3 million dollars of federal dollars for housing stabilization. Mark Stewart then escorted the Secretary down Terrace to New Jersey Street. When he turned the corner, Donovan stopped and said, "Wow!" Mark Stewart then explained the work we did on that street in 2008. Donovan toured New Jersey Street for about fifteen minutes and ended his walk by telling everyone that "he was inspired!"

That isn't a secret to any of us. We know the work we are doing in Bates Hendricks is inspiring and that it deserves the attention of city and federal officials. With their help and dollars, we believe we can transform our neighborhood from urban blight to beauty.

So now the secret's out. Even people in the Federal government know about our neighborhood. I'm just hoping when Donovan returned to Washington DC and met with President Obama, he said, "Let me tell you about this street in Indianapolis." If he didn't, he should have.

*Jim Mulholland*

*Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Donovan and Mark Stewart (SEND) look over one of the Fab-for-Less homes on New Jersey Street.*

*Additional photos on next page.*





## Quad 3 Cleanup a Success!

A really big thanks to everyone who came out to help with the cleanup in Quad 3 on June 6<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Jerry Barnaby who used his trailer to haul trash from throughout the quad to the dumpster. We made a great effort to clean out storm sewers. However, part of the problem is that several are deeply clogged with mud. Some of these have been reported to the city for their help. One suggestion for all of us is to Adopt a Storm Sewer. If you have a storm sewer in front of your house or close to your house make an effort to keep it cleaned out. It just takes a couple of minutes after rains to pick up the trash and debris that may lead to greater problems in the future.

Thanks!

## July Recipe: Blueberry Cobbler

- 2 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- 1 cup white sugar, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 6 tablespoons white sugar
- 5 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Lightly grease an 8 inch square baking dish. Place the blueberries into the baking dish, and mix with vanilla and lemon juice. Sprinkle with 1 cup of sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of flour, then stir in the tablespoon of melted butter. Set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together 1 3/4 cups of flour, baking powder, and 6 tablespoons sugar. Rub in the 5 tablespoons butter using your fingers, or cut in with a pastry blender until it is in small pieces. Make a well in the center, and quickly stir in the milk. Mix just until moistened. You should have a very thick batter, or very wet dough. You may need to add a splash more milk. Cover, and let batter rest for 10 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Spoon the batter over the blueberries, leaving only a few small holes for the berries to peek through. Mix together the cinnamon and 2 teaspoons sugar; sprinkle over the top.
4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the top is golden brown. A knife inserted into the topping should come out clean - of course there will be blueberry syrup on the knife. Let cool until just warm before serving. This can store in the refrigerator for 2 days



# **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. Please mail dues to Emily Vanest, 720 Sanders, Indpls. 46203.

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

## **July Calendar**

**July 4 – Happy Independence Day!**

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

**July 8 – Summer Showtime Films: “Bedtime Stories,” 6:00 pm.** Fountain Square Library.

**July 9 – Book Discussion: "The Guernsey Literaty and Potato Peel Pie Society”** by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, 1:30 p.m. Fountain Square Library. Registration required, call 275-4390 for more information.

**July 12 – Nature T-Shirt, 3-4pm** Garfield Park Conservatory. Drop by the Conservatory with a plain solid colored t-shirt (dark colors will work well) and create a one-of-a-kind design using objects from nature. Space is limited. Ages 7-14. \$2.00.

**July 18 – Music in the Garden, 6:30 – 8 pm** Garfield Park Conservatory. Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy live music in the beautiful Sunken Garden in Garfield Park. Event sponsored by Friends of Garfield Park, Inc and Indy Parks. Performer to be announced. Free.

**July 25 – Froggy Fun, 10:30- 11:30 am,** Garfield Park Conservatory. Join us for a look into the world of these croaking creatures. See live frogs and toads from Indiana and the tropics and create some “frog slime” of your own. Space is limited. \$3.00.

**July 25 – The Many Uses of Herbs, 1:30-2:30 pm,** Garfield Park Conservatory. Come learn about herb gardening and the many uses of popular herbs. Space is limited. \$5.00.

