



June 2010

Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association

Bates Hendricks Newsletter

TRIANGLE PROJECT COMPLETE

After nearly two years of planning, May 21-22 saw the Triangle Beautification Project on Morris Street completed. Over two days, nearly two hundred volunteers planted 50 trees and 500 junipers and spread tons of mulch. In addition, the horse that was part of the New Jersey project was placed on one of the public triangles across from the Burger King. What was once a corridor marked by high grass and weeds has become a beautiful gateway into our neighborhood.



On Friday, May 21, forty volunteers from Cummins joined many neighborhood volunteers in planting the 350 junipers and spreading mulch on the south slope. On Saturday, May 22, around eighty volunteers from CSX and several other companies planted all 50 trees and the remaining junipers. Eventually, the junipers will cover the hillsides and create a beautiful green space in summer and winter. This project was a collaborative effort with Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association, SEND, Lilly, CSX, and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and raised about \$25,000 in donations and grants.

Special thanks to all the residents of Bates Hendricks and other Southeast neighborhoods that made this dream a reality. Jonathan and Kelli Mirgeaux chaired the steering committee and did a phenomenal job. Greg Allen, Robyn Toole, Allen Janke, Jim Mulholland, Phil Heller and John Winter were workhorses. Thanks to Jonathan Mooney for designing the landscaping.



Neighbors Paint the Town!

The goal of Paint the Town is to promote community involvement to improve a neighborhood's image. The first house painted by this new program was in the 1500 block of south Alabama. Using volunteers, including some from Bates Hendricks, and grant funds to purchase supplies the house was scraped, primed and painted, over three weekends. The director, Matt Impink, has plans to paint two more houses in the SEND area. A big thank you to Matt, his dad Mike, and all the volunteers for their efforts on the Alabama Street Project.



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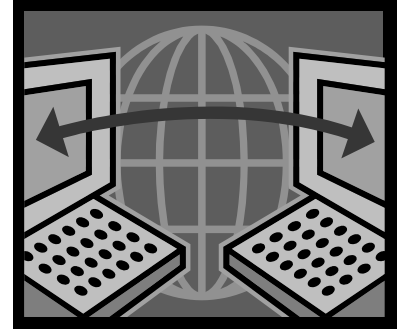
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New Bates Hendricks Website

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood website is now up and running! The website has a News page where you can keep up-to-date with neighborhood events and newsletters. The Resources page has useful links for both residents and prospective residents. There are also additional pages that list contact information for board members, block club leaders, and committee chairs.

Check out the website at: www.bateshendricks.org

You can also interact with our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/pages/Bates-Hendricks-Neighborhood-Association/115713308457128



Spring Cleanup in Quad 1

Saturday, June 26th we will have our spring cleanup in Quad 1. The boundaries for Quad 1 are Terrace to the north, Beecher to the south, East Street to the east, and Madison to the West. Volunteers should meet in front of IPS School #31 at 9 AM. This is a cleanup for public spaces (e.g. alleys, sidewalks, storm sewers, etc.). Trash bags and gloves will be available and are provided by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. We are in need of pickup trucks to help bring trash and filled bags to the dumpster. If you have questions, contact Robyn Toole at 634-2389 or by e-mail at rmtoole@gmail.com.



Remember Changes in Trash Pickup!

If you live in the Bates Hendricks area your trash will be picked up on Tuesdays, beginning June 8. Heavy trash day will be the third Tuesday of each month, starting June 15. Each resident can place two heavy items at the curb/alley on the appropriate collection day for pickup. Please try to put these items out close to the date of pickup and not several weeks in advance. Don't forget starting on June 8 you **MUST** use the new 96-gallon trash cart. Help keep our neighborhood looking good by picking up litter and cleaning out storm grates. For more information on these changes visit: <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Residential/Trash/SolidWasteImprovement/Pages/home.aspx>



East Street Bus Route Threatened

On May 20, IndyGo announced increased fees and drastic cuts to bus service across the city. As with the recent proposals to close libraries, the decision to cap property taxes has combined with the poor economy to seriously threaten basic city services. IndyGo will be raising rates from \$1.75 to \$2.00 in July. They will also be eliminating three routes and decreasing frequency on many routes from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes. In addition, they will be eliminating many Open Door buses for the disabled.

However, of immediate concern to our neighborhood is the announcement that the 12R route that services East Street will be eliminated in July. This is extremely ironic since the State argued that they located the Parole Office in our neighborhood because it was on a bus line. Regardless, no one will be riding the bus in our neighborhood after July 1 unless the city is convinced to find more funding for Indygo.

For those interested in pressuring the city to save our bus route, please contact:

Mayor Greg Ballard
2151 City-County Building
200 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Councilman Dane Mahern
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Fountain Square Library Read-IN

On Wednesday, June 9, Bates Hendricks neighbors are invited to join other Southeasterners for a READ-IN on the sidewalks around the Fountain Square branch of the Library. This branch is presently slated for closing in 2011 and there are many efforts to avert this disaster for our neighborhood. With the Library Board meeting on June 10th to make such determinations, we hope to demonstrate what it looks like when people don't have a library.

The READ-IN will be held from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. on the sidewalks around the Library. We are asking people to bring a lawn chair and a book and sit and read for a half an hour. Our goal is to fill the sidewalks in every direction from the branch. Please take a half an hour to help save this important neighborhood resource.



June Meeting Kicks off Summer!

On Monday, June 7th, at 6:30 p.m. the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will host its June meeting at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect.

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.

June Calendar

June 5 - Alabama Street Esplanade Planting - Join your Alabama Street neighbors in planting trees and flowers in the esplanade. In addition, we'll have a dumpster to clean up alleys. To volunteer, contact Jim Mulholland at jim@sendcdc.org or call 503-5852.

June 5-6 – Bonsai Show - 10am-5pm, \$1 admission - Join the Indianapolis Bonsai Club as they display a number of different bonsai plants. Plants will also be available for sale. Members will be on hand to answer questions.

June 7 - **Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m.** Immanuel United Church of Christ at 6:30 p.m.

June 12 - Rose Show - 12pm-5pm \$1 admission - 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!

June 26 - Butterfly Gardening - 1:30-2:30pm \$5 (includes admission) Enjoy the Backyard Butterfly display and learn more about how you can have your own butterfly garden at home. Learn what plants work best and what other features to consider when attracting these beautiful bugs. Registration required. Ages: 18+

June 28 - Metamorphosis Monday - 10:30-11:30am \$7/family - Learn all about butterflies and their interesting lifecycle and characteristics. Create a butterfly craft and see live butterflies in our Backyard Butterflies and Bugs display. Ages: 3+
Event sponsored by Friends of Garfield Park, Inc and Indy Parks. Performer to be announced. Free.

