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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Picnic

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association has moved their September meeting to Monday, September 13. We'll gather at 6:30pm on the Alabama Street Esplanade (1500 block of Alabama) for a picnic. Meat, drinks, and paper products will be provided. We're asking everyone to bring a lawn chair and a side dish or dessert. The Mayor will be speaking at about 7:30pm as we celebrate this collaboration of residents, foundations, and the City of Indianapolis.



We will also be celebrating all the work that has happened on Alabama Street in 2010. Thanks to generous grants from Local Initiative Support Corporation and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, in the past months five houses on the street have had major work, the esplanade has been replanted, historic lighting has been installed, and another house was demolished. In addition, a plaza/rain garden was built with money from the Federal Green Infrastructure grant administered by the City of Indianapolis. Alabama Street was one of the pilot programs for this fund.

Next Mayor's Night Out in South Center Region

Mayor's Night Out is a monthly event that provides community members in the areas serviced by the Mayor's 10 Neighborhood Liaisons an opportunity to engage in an up-close, one-on-one with Mayor Ballard to discuss the issues that affect their communities in a positive or adverse manner.



Mayor Ballard and the key members of his executive staff, including the Deputy Mayors and Directors of Metropolitan Development, Public Works, Public Safety, and the Mayor's Action Center, are available to provide on-the-spot answers and to gather information on issues that may require additional follow-up.

In addition, Mayor's Night Out provides community members with the perfect opportunity (through a bus tour) to highlight their respective community accomplishments and/or challenges.

The next Mayor's Night Out is Thursday, September 16 in the South Center Region from 6pm to 7pm. For more information regarding the South Center Region Mayor's Night Out, please contact Lisa Laflin, the South Center Region Neighborhood Liaison, at 327-5595 or via e-mail at lisa.laflin@indy.gov.

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Fountain Square Arts Council Art Parade

Who doesn't love a parade? The Fountain Square Arts Council knows that in the southeast we do. This year's Fountain Square Art Parade will be held on Saturday, September 18 at 4pm, in conjunction with the Fountain Square Art Fair and Masterpiece in a Day.

Last year the FSAC moved ahead with the first annual Art Parade on July 4 despite the weather. Of the 50 registered entries for the parade, over half showed up to show their support of the event, and residents of the community stepped out with umbrellas and rain gear to watch the parade.

Artists with specialties in all areas, as well as neighborhood residents, community organizations and leaders, schools and churches who wish to share visual and performing arts are encouraged to participate in this one-of-a-kind celebration of public art. The FSAC was inspired last year by groups like Friends of Fact, Norwood, I'CAN, the Libertarian party, and Herron Art Students who were in full parade attire to march on, even with rain falling consistently throughout the day.



Be sure to include the parade as a fun and interactive free experience for the entire family as part of your September. Come early and watch as artists create one-of-a-kind works of art, use this time to create and build a parade piece, or wander through the Fountain Square Art Fair. Stick around after the parade to grab dinner at one of the many destination restaurants in Fountain Square. Information on how you or your group can participate can be found at www.FSartscouncil.org. There will be no cost for you or your group's parade entry and submissions. This year, \$1000 in award money will be announced after the parade. Judges will pick two awards winners in the categories of Community Spirit and Visual Artistry.

We look forward to seeing what this year will bring for the Art Parade. Questions? Interested in learning more? Please e-mail fsacouncil@yahoo.com.

Parole Office on Minnesota Street to Be Relocated

The Indianapolis Parole District 3 office, which is now located at 512 East Minnesota Street, will be moving to the former Indianapolis Men's Community Re-Entry Center (IMCRC) location at 448 West Norwood Street.



The move of IMCRC allows the Department to reduce its daily cost of housing by \$17 per offender. The results of these measures will allow the Department to save the state approximately \$1 Million from moving Parole District 3 and additional annual savings associated with housing work release offenders at Liberty Hall.

These moves address the issue of expanding work release in Indianapolis and shift the services delivered by Indianapolis Parole to an area which is accustomed to male offenders commuting via public transportation. It is also located away from any school operations.

The Department is looking at options for the building on East Minnesota where Parole District 3 is currently located.

Free Gardening Classes

Steven Mayer at Purdue Extension is offering free gardening services to Southeast residents and groups. A Vegetable Gardening 101 class is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, at 10am at the KIB office. If people had problems with their vegetable garden this year, they can learn what they can do to improve them next year. The class is appropriate for people wanting to begin a garden next year. It is best to prepare the garden area this fall for planting next spring.

Purdue Extension also gives presentations by appointment on other gardening-related topics (lawn care, growing fruit, flowers, trees and shrubs, landscaping, etc.). Half-day or full-day workshops can also be scheduled. Some charge might be required if extensive reference materials are desired for participants.

Additionally, they are offering informal "In the Garden" programs conducted by Master Gardeners and/or Steven Mayer during the growing season. A homeowner in a neighborhood offers their yard as a host location and hopefully helps promote the event in their neighborhood. Based on what is on the property (vegetable garden, shrubs, flowers, etc.), gardening education related to those areas will be provided. There is no charge for these programs.

For more information, contact Steven at 275-9290 or via e-mail at MayerSL@purdue.edu.

Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association strives 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 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Emily Vanest, 720 Sanders, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

Monthly Calendar

- Sept 9** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, 1:30pm, Fountain Square Library. Book to be discussed is "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" by Ishmael Beah.
- Sept 11** Family Nature Day: Insects, 1-2pm, \$1, Garfield Park Conservatory. The garden is full of insects this time of year! Stop by and learn about these critters and have a chance to explore to see what you can find. Ages 3+.
- Sept 13** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Picnic at 6:30pm on the South Alabama Street Esplanade (1500 Block).**
- Sept 18** Fountain Square Art Parade, 4-5pm, Fountain Square. All ages. Visit www.fsartscouncil.org for more information.
- Sept 18** Fruit and Candy Tour, 11am-12pm, \$4, Garfield Park Conservatory. Many of the fruits and other treats we enjoy come from the rainforest! Enjoy a family-friendly tour of the Conservatory focusing on the tasty treats it produces. Ages 3+.
- Sept 19** Flower Pressing 101, 2-3pm, \$5, Garfield Park Conservatory. Learn the art of flower pressing. Create your own flower press and express your creativity by making a pressed flower craft. Ages 18+.
- Sept 19** Colts home season opener vs. New York Giants, 8:20pm on NBC.

