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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Mayor Visits Alabama Street

On Monday, September 13, Mayor Ballard came to the Alabama Street Esplanade to celebrate all the work that has occurred on the street in 2010. Over seventy-five residents, city officials, and funders were present for the picnic and celebration. The celebration included a beautiful replica cake of the esplanade created by Alabama Street resident, Lisa Moore. In his remarks, Mayor Ballard described our neighborhood as close-knit and well-organized. He applauded our efforts and suggested many other neighborhoods would be jealous of what we have accomplished. As he finished his remarks, the newly installed, historically-inspired lamp posts bathed the street in warm light.



This project was the second “Building Blocks” program attempted by SEND and once again demonstrated the power of comprehensive change. 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, historically appropriate 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. Thank you to all the Bates-Hendricks residents who helped on this project!

## Abandoned Housing Forum

**Wednesday, October 20, 7pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ (East & Prospect)**

In August, over forty neighborhood residents surveyed the nearly 15,000 homes of Southeast Indianapolis. They counted every vacant or abandoned house in the nine neighborhood associations and rated their condition. Southeast Neighborhood Development will report on the findings of this survey on Wednesday, October 20, at 7pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ.

The report will include maps of the Southeast and of each neighborhood, lists of the worst homes, of homes with high code enforcement issues, of homes with high back-taxes, and other important information. The goal of this report is to help residents and the City of Indianapolis identify the most troubled spots. In addition, residents will be supplied with information for how to address abandoned housing.



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## Final 2010 Neighborhood Congress

Thursday, October 28, 7pm, Wheeler Arts Center (1035 Sanders)

Engaged residents from the nine Southeast neighborhood associations will be meeting at the end of this month to celebrate successes, admit failures, identify emerging concerns, and adopt new actions. This will be the third and final Congress of 2010 and a great opportunity to examine all that we have accomplished.

There will be presentations about the Fuller Build on St. Paul Street, the Fountain Square Art Parade, and the tenth anniversary of the Wheeler Building. We'll examine the status of the redesign of Fountain Square. We'll address concerns about nuisance littering. Finally, we will be adopting new actions around public safety in parks, animal care and welfare, and dreams for the Pleasant Run parkway. There will be an opportunity to volunteer to help many of these efforts become a reality.



For more information about the Congress, contact Jim Mulholland at 503-5852. To see the full agenda of the Congress or review the Southeast Quality of Life Plan, visit [southeastneighborhood.org](http://southeastneighborhood.org).

## Petition Opposing Speedway Liquor License

There is currently a petition circulating to oppose the application for a liquor license by the Speedway gas station at 1207 S. East Street. If you wish to sign the petition, fill out the form at the top of the next page and bring it to the next Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting. More petition forms can be downloaded at [bateshendricks.org/news](http://bateshendricks.org/news).

I oppose the application for a liquor license by Speedway SuperAmerica LLC for the Speedway store located at 1207 South East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225.

If this liquor license is granted, I will no longer patronize this establishment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Bates-Hendricks Represented at Fountain Square Art Parade

On Saturday, September 18, the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association had its first float in the Fountain Square Art Parade. The beautiful weather this year brought out more people for the parade than last year. Everyone had a lot of fun putting the Bates-Hendricks float together, which consisted of two neighborhood banners, many fresh flowers courtesy of Greg Allen, and over 100 origami flowers made by neighborhood residents! Several neighbors rode along in the trailer while others rode alongside the float.



## Newsletters Available on Bates-Hendricks Web Site

Looking for an old newsletter? All the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association newsletters dating back to January, 2009 can be found on the neighborhood web site at [bateshendricks.org/news](http://bateshendricks.org/news). Current newsletters are also posted there every month in color.



# 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

- Oct 1-30 The Smallest Haunted Story House for Preschoolers, Fountain Square Library. Preschoolers and an adult are invited to visit Fountain Square's Smallest Haunted Story House and listen to a story.
- Oct 4 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ**
- Oct 8 Friday Night Swing Dance in the Fountain Square Theatre. Beginning Swing Dance Lessons from 7:30-8:30pm. Entertainment - the Stardusters, from 8:30-11:30pm. Admission is \$12 at 7:30pm or \$10 at 8:30pm. Call 686-6010 x2 for more information.
- Oct 9 Silly Safaris Live Animal Show, 1:00pm. Children and families are invited to the Fountain Square Library to meet some not-so-scary critters during this fun show presented by Amazon John & Silly Safaris.
- Oct 9 Family Nature Day: Bats, 1:00-2:00pm, Garfield Park Conservatory, \$1. Join us and learn about both tropical and Indiana's own bats. Bust some bat myths, make a batty craft, and learn about these flying, furry friends just in time for Halloween! Ages 3+.
- Oct 17 Plants that Bite Back, 2:00-3:00pm, Garfield Park Conservatory, \$3. Come learn about carnivorous plants and other unique plants found in the Conservatory. See live plants in action and make a craft to take home. Ages 5+.
- Oct 31 Halloween – Trick or Treat hours are from 6:00-8:00pm. Watch out for all of our little ghosts and goblins in the neighborhood.

