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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

East Street Improvements

New Trees, Banners, and Fences

In 2010, the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association received a \$25,000 grant for beautification along the East Street corridor. The goal is to use these funds to improve the attractiveness of the major thoroughfare in our neighborhood. The first initiative using these dollars was the addition of new trees and shrubs along Morris Street to the west of the Burger King. As a result, this entryway has become much more beautiful.

The second initiative was the placement of seven banners that are now hanging at key intersections around our neighborhood—East and Morris, Terrace and Madison, Terrace and East, East and Beecher, and Iowa and Pleasant Run Parkway. These banners are intended to help people identify our neighborhood as well as create an attractive sign.

The third initiative is a fencing program that will soon replace our chain-link fences on East Street with picket fences and add two picket fences on strategic properties. These fences should be going up in the next couple of weeks.

The East Street Quality of Life Committee is continuing to work on other plans, including the planting of ornamental trees, flower beds, and other means of beautifying East Street. If you have ideas or would like to participate in this committee, please contact Robyn Toole at eaststreet@bateshendricks.org.

Speedway Seeking Beer and Wine License

In September, the Speedway gas station at 1207 East Street petitioned the Marion County Alcoholic Beverage Board for a beer and wine license. After some discussion, the Bates-Hendricks Board of Directors decided to oppose this license, collect petitions, and remonstrate at the hearing. After two continuances, this petition is set to be heard at about 10:30am on Monday, November 1 in Room 260 in the City County Building. All those interested in this issue are encouraged to attend.

Some have asked why we are opposing the license, since many gas stations around the city sell beer and wine. Others have suggested we negotiate with Speedway for building and landscaping improvements in exchange for our support. The primary reason the Board is opposed to the license is crime. The Village Pantry at East and Morris, which has a beer and wine license, had 92 police runs in 2009. The Speedway had only 20 during that same year. We fear that this license will lead to more crime at this important neighborhood intersection.



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Lead a Study Circle on Your Street

Want to get together with neighbors and discuss ways to improve your street? You can apply for a grant through Making Connections Indianapolis to support four study circle meetings for eight to ten neighbors. A study circle is a collaborative meeting where neutral facilitator(s) guide participants to brainstorm and share ideas in open discussion. The grant is intended to cover meeting supplies, such as a sketch pad, markers, easel, and dinner for the participants.

Orange Street (Blocks 500-800) recently completed a study circle where they shared their ideas, thoughts, and complaints regarding their area. Orange Street participants developed several strategies to help improve the street and promote involvement in street and neighborhood activities. For the study circle meeting dinners, the Orange Street group supported neighborhood restaurants, such as Sisters' Place and Bravaro's Killer Pizza. As a result of the study circle meetings, Orange Street participants decided to form a block club, have monthly meetings, and adopt their block through Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, which provides clean-up supplies and support.

Interested in doing something similar on your street? Contact Southeast Study Circle Coordinator, Elizabeth Ryan, to find out how to apply for next year's study circle program. Elizabeth will answer any questions, help you with the application, and provide an evening of training for the host and facilitator(s), as well as ongoing support as you progress through your meetings.

Once your study circle sessions have been completed, you may also wish to organize regular block club meetings to implement improvements discussed during the study circle. Elizabeth can recommend additional funding opportunities after completing the study circle program, such as an Action Grant, to help you achieve the larger goals your street has.

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Paint the Town Successful in First Year

The new SEND program, Paint the Town, successfully repainted three homes in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood this past summer. In its inaugural year, founders Mike and Matt Impink brought the concept of Paint the Town Cincinnati to Indianapolis. The idea is simple – find homeowners who need help painting their home, provide the supplies, recruit the volunteers, and complete the job over a series of Saturdays. The program has helped to beautify the neighborhood and encourage neighbors to come together. The project was made possible with the leadership of SEND, a generous grant from the Central Indiana Community Foundation, and a kind partnership with Sherwin-Williams. Thank you to Jim Mulholland for convincing Paint the Town to come to Bates-Hendricks this year!

The program is hoping to continue with painting more houses next summer. Please contact Jim Mulholland at jmulholland@sendcdc.org if you are interested in volunteering. Contact Matt Impink at mrimpink@gmail.com if you are interested in having your house painted. Find Paint the Town Indianapolis on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paint-the-Town-Indianapolis/121837514495249>.

Project 1:
1514 S. Alabama
Street



Project 2:
718 Weghorst
Street



Project 3:
450 Parkway
Avenue



See the photos in color on the Bates-Hendricks web site at bateshendricks.org/news.

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

- Nov 1** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Nov 3** One-on-One Computer Help, Fountain Square Library, 3:00pm. Patrons may call to register for free computer assistance, which includes instruction on opening an e-mail account and preparing a résumé. Call 275-4390 to register.
- Nov 12** Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theater. Beginning Swing Dance Lessons from 7:30-8:30pm. Entertainment - Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra, from 8:30-11:30pm. Admission is \$12 at 7:30pm or \$10 at 8:30pm.
- Nov 13** Family Nature Day: Owls, Garfield Park Conservatory, 1:00-2:00pm, \$1. Have a hoot and find out about these creatures of the night! Ages 3+.
- Nov 14** Terrific Topiary, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00-3:00pm, \$6. Just in time for the holidays, create a simple topiary that will make a great centerpiece or gift. All supplies will be provided. Ages 10+.
- Nov 19** Tonic Ball / Tonic Gallery, Radio Radio, 1119 E. Prospect St. Featuring local music and art. Last year, more than 1,000 people converged on Fountain Square to be part of the spectacle. More info at: <http://www.secondhelpings.org/tonic-ball>.
- Nov 25** Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov 26** Circle of Lights, Monument Circle, 6:00-8:00pm. Presented by the Contractors of Quality Connection and Electrical Workers of IBEW 481. Featuring festive acts from around the State, and of course, Santa, who will be on hand to usher in the holiday season and flip on the lights. More info at: www.qc-indy.com.
- Nov 26 –
Dec 31** Conservatory Crossing, Garfield Park Conservatory. Come enjoy a brilliant display of poinsettias, running model trains, a train village, and thousands of twinkling lights. Mon-Sat 10:00am-5:00pm. Sun 1:00-5:00pm. Adults \$2, Seniors and Youth \$1, or Families \$5.

