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December

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



December Bates-Hendricks Association Meeting

During our December 6th meeting we will have an evening of food, fun, and entertainment. We welcome back for our evening's entertainment the Technicians from Arsenal Tech High School. Please join us at 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ for sandwiches, chips, and drinks provided by the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** After dinner we will have a short meeting and musical entertainment.



SE Neighborhood Congress Adopts New Goals

Nearly 100 Southeast residents met on Thursday, October 28 at the Wheeler Arts Building to consider successes, failures, and emerging concerns in the nine Southeast Indianapolis neighborhoods. Many Bates-Hendricks residents attended and participated in the Congress.

The Congress celebrated the building of seven new homes and the repairs of eighteen others on the 1200 block of St. Paul Street, the success of the September Arts Parade at which Bates-Hendricks had a wonderful float, and the 10th anniversary of the construction of the Wheeler Arts Building.

The Congress also considered the failure of the second phase of the Fountain Square Streetscape project and, after some discussion, voted to keep this project in the Southeast Quality of Life plan. A task force was created to further this work.

Finally, the Congress considered and/or adopted the following initiatives:

- Eliminating trash and litter
- Developing a green jobs program at SECS
- Creating a better neighborhood communication network
- Expanding efforts to hold landlords accountable
- Improving animal care and welfare
- Improving safety in our public parks
- Expanding the Pleasant Run bike trail

Each of these initiatives has a task force of neighborhood residents working to implement them. Those interested in sitting on one of these task forces should contact Jim Mulholland at jim@sendcdc.org or call 503-5852.

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Development on East Street

Many people have noticed and commented about the demolition of four houses in the 1200 block of East Street (two other homes may be demolished in the near future). Rumors have swirled about what is happening. While many have been excited to see the abandoned houses and buildings previously located there demolished, they've asked, "What happens next?"

The good news is that the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association has been working with SEND to acquire these properties and develop high quality, affordable rental properties on this block. This effort has two goals: to create a much more positive impression as people enter the "gateway" of our neighborhood and to create positive – rather than negative – rental property on East Street.

The present plans are for two six-unit rentals to be built on the Sanders/East Street corner and on the Orange/East Street corner in 2011. A local architect has designed buildings that will incorporate modern elements and materials while maintaining the forms and sight lines of the buildings being replaced.

A presentation of the proposed development at East and Sanders Streets can be downloaded at bateshendricks.org/news (scroll down to the September 9 posting).



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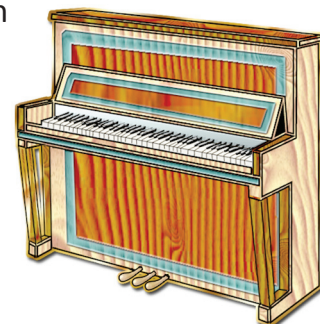
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NUSA 'Neighborhood of the Year' Nominations

In May of this year the Fab for Less Project on South New Jersey was considered for Neighborhood of the Year by Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) at their convention in Little Rock. While we did not win first place, we did place well. Now is the time to nominate others for the great work that is taking place in our neighborhood. Those from our neighborhood that went to Little Rock and were a part of the process know that the things that are going on here are equal to or better than what was nominated last year. If you know of a program that should be nominated, contact Robert Gibbons at (608) 244-0582 or get in touch with Greg Allen at 972-4484 or gregallen37@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Piano Project on South New Jersey Street

The Piano Project on South New Jersey Street is running full steam ahead with a target date of April 30, 2011 for the grand opening. The goal is to create a similar atmosphere for impromptu art that is taking place in New York's Times Square. On April 30th neighbors, workers, and the Mayor will gather at the gazebo on South New Jersey Street to dedicate the piano that will be placed under the gazebo "en plein air" as a part of the finale for the Great Indy Cleanup. A piano has already been donated and we are seeking an artist to paint it with graffiti like words that say "play me". We also need a piano dolly for a spinet if anyone has access to one. The piano will need a good tuning before the concert that will take place that night. Already several local pianists have agreed to stop by and play. The piano will be locked after dark. Contact Greg Allen at 972-4484 or gregallen37@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in helping with this project.



Public Gardening in Bates-Hendricks

A public gardening project will begin here in Bates-Hendricks following the new year. Broad Ripple is already doing it, as well as the community that won neighborhood of the year at the Neighborhoods, USA Convention. The broad plan has many different levels, all of which focus on getting healthy, cheap food in the hands of people who need it downtown. Farmers markets are great, but much more expensive than a grocery store. In Broad Ripple, this organized group contracts to use even very small pieces of ground for a season. The program involves renting gardening plats to neighbors and organizing volunteers for a communal garden with 10% going to the gardeners and 90% being split between the aged and infirm and those young families that could not afford fresh produce. The program also aims to teach urban dwellers how to take what little land they have and make it produce food by raising healthy, chemical-free produce to sell for a co-op grocery. The side benefits of the public gardening movement are the conservation of water and runoff, the recycling of leaves and garbage in compost instead of adding to the land fill, as well as helping the young who have never been exposed to the real way that "food happens". We can teach people how to preserve and can food. It's not rocket science. It just takes neighbors working with neighbors for everyone's good. If you are interested in joining in this effort contact Greg Allen at 972-4484 or gregallen37@sbcglobal.net.



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

- Dec 4** Holiday Crafts, Garfield Park Conservancy, 10:30-11:30am, \$4, Ages 5+.
- Dec 6** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Dec 11** Christmas at Garfield, 10am-1pm, FREE. Meet Santa and see Conservatory Crossing, the holiday train and poinsettia show. All ages. No registration required. Photos with Santa are available for \$3 each.
- Dec 13*** Eiteljorg Museum (10am-5pm); Circle of Lights display, Monument Circle.
- Dec 14*** James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home (10am-3:30pm); Mistletoe Music Festival at the Indianapolis Artsgarden; Meredith Nicholson House (10am-4pm).
- Dec 15*** Indy Wine Trail. Free tasting at each of the wineries on Indy's Wine Trail.
- Dec 16*** Indianapolis Museum of Art (11am-9pm); J.K. Lilly, Jr. House & Winter Solstice.
- Dec 17*** Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site (10am-3pm); Morris-Butler House (10am-3pm); Ice Skating at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (Noon-2pm & 2:30-4:30pm).
- Dec 17** Friday Night Swing Dance in the Fountain Square Theatre. Beginning Swing Dance Lessons at 7:30-8:30pm. Entertainment – The Big Swing Band, 8:30-11:30pm. \$12 at 7:30pm or \$10 at 8:30pm.
- Dec 17** Candlelight Crossing, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:30-8:30pm, \$5/person or \$15/family.
- Dec 18*** Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum (9am-5pm); Indiana Medical History Museum (10am-3pm); Celebrities and Santa at the Indianapolis International Airport (1-3pm).
- Dec 19*** NCAA Hall of Champions (10am-5pm); Scottish Rite Cathedral tours (1-3pm & 5-7pm).
- Dec 20*** Celebration Crossing holiday exhibit at the Indiana State Museum (9am-5pm).
- Dec 21*** Conner Prairie Interactive History Park (10am-4pm).
- Dec 22*** Rhythm! Discovery Center (10am-8pm).
- Dec 23*** Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center (10am-5pm).
- Dec 24*** Jolly Days Winter Wonderland at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.
- Dec 25** Merry Christmas!
- Dec 31** New Year's Eve at Imbibe in Fountain Square. Free party favors. Drink Specials all evening!
- Jan 10** **The January Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting will be on the second Monday.**



* Part of the 12 (Free) Days of Indy Christmas. More info at visitindy.com/indianapolis-12-free-days-of-indy-christmas.