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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

### 2010 in Review by Robyn Toole

When looking back upon the previous year, one tends to focus on those things still to be accomplished rather than all that has been achieved. This is why it seemed so important to take a few minutes to inventory all of the things that we have accomplished together in 2010. In no particular order:

- Added landscaping, historic lighting, rain gardens, and paver circle with space for future artwork at Alabama Street
- Planted 400 juniper bushes and 50 trees along the Morris/Prospect Corridor (The Triangle Gateway)
- Designed and implemented a new Bates-Hendricks website, [bateshendricks.org](http://bateshendricks.org)
- Started a Facebook page
- Successfully petitioned for relocation of the Marion County Parole Office from Minnesota Street
- Built and entered a float in the Fountain Square Art Parade
- Obtained and implemented a grant to survey the abandoned housing in the entire Southeast (SEND) area
- Designed, commissioned, and installed seven identity banners around the neighborhood
- Worked with Paint the Town to help prep and repaint three homes in Bates-Hendricks
- Worked with several landlords along East Street to construct picket fences (some replacing existing chain-link fences)
- Continued work with SEND on the abandoned housing initiative (Dirty Thirty)
- Participated in the successful implementation of a Neighborhood Congress
- Formed Orange Street Block Club through the Study Circle Grant program
- New Street Block Club cleanup (including five blocks and five alleys filling five 40-yard dumpsters)
- New Street Block Party
- Wright Street Block Club cleanup
- Terrace Avenue cleanup through the Study Circle Grant program
- Quad 1 cleanup
- Vigilante cleanup at abandoned Sanders Street property
- Vigilante cleanup at abandoned Orange Street property
- Professional landscaping of four planting beds along Pleasant Run Parkway
- Successful integration of automated garbage pickup
- Received third place in the nation for the New Jersey Street beautification project from Neighborhoods USA at the Best Neighborhood in the Nation Awards

Wow! I hope that all of you read through this list with the same swelling of pride that I have felt in compiling it. Still, I feel that something is missing. It's not something that can be listed separately because it's something that we've all built right alongside each accomplishment listed above. We've built a sense of community, a feeling of achievement, a belief in our ability to effect change, and more than a few friendships.



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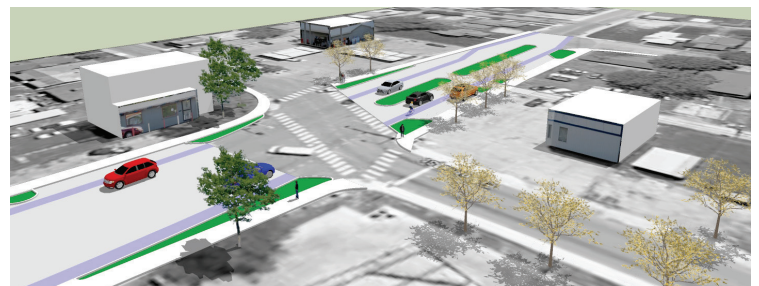
Sisters' Place Restaurant

## East Street Entryway Project Planned for 2011

It wasn't too long ago that many of the residents of Bates-Hendricks didn't even know the name of our neighborhood. There wasn't a sense of pride about living on the near South Side. Several years ago, neighborhood leaders recognized this dynamic as an obstacle to neighborhood vitality and began planning ways to create a proud identity for our neighborhood.

Several actions were taken. A neighborhood newsletter was created. The neighborhood was registered with the city. A brochure promoting the neighborhood was developed. Projects and events were designed to promote our neighborhood. In 2010, seven identity banners – a long dreamed-of goal – were installed at key entry points.

In 2011, neighborhood leaders are planning to tackle one of the most ambitious dreams – an East Street entryway. The idea is to create a median at the corner of East and Morris with greenery and signage that announces to everyone that they are entering Bates-Hendricks. The area between Morris and Sanders, where four lanes choke down to two lanes affords an excellent location for such a median. The preliminary pictures below offer a rough idea of the concept. In 2011, BHNA will be working with the Lilly Foundation and the city to raise the funding for this ambitious plan.



## Read-In At City County Building

On January 24 at 7:00pm the Sustainable Library Citizens Coalition will hold a read-in at the City County Building. Marion County residents and library supporters are encouraged to bring a good book to the City County Building and read for an hour. This quiet demonstration will occur during the scheduled meeting of the City County Council. The group hopes to fill the building.



As many of us know, last spring the Public Library announced plans to close our local branch in Fountain Square. Over a hundred Southeast residents were active in the efforts to “save the library”. In August, the Library Board decided to cut services at all branches by 25% rather than close any single branch. While this was good news for the many who use the Fountain Square branch, this was not a permanent solution. Without additional funding sources, the Library Board has warned further cuts will be made this spring.

The Sustainable Library Citizens Coalition is an organization created out of this grassroots movement and is well represented by individuals from our neighborhood. They now have a Facebook page and a website at [myindylibrary.org](http://myindylibrary.org). Their goal is to pressure city officials and politicians to find a sustainable funding source for library services.

If you can't attend the read-in on January 24, you can still help by writing an e-mail to our City County Councilor, Dane Mahern, at [dmmahern@hotmail.com](mailto:dmmahern@hotmail.com) or call 506-2707.

## Post-Holiday Recycling Event

The Department of Public Works will have four places where you can drop off your holiday refuse on January 8, 2011 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The drop-off locations are: Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Avenue; Ellenberger Park, 5301 E. St. Clair Street; Garfield Park, 2354 Pagoda Drive; Krannert Park, 605 S. High School Road. Please Bring your:

- Real Christmas trees
- Cardboard boxes
- Gift boxes
- Old electronics
- Mail, school and office paper
- Magazines & catalogs
- Styrofoam (molded, white)

For more information, call 327-4932, e-mail [Ashlee.Kilpatrick@indy.gov](mailto:Ashlee.Kilpatrick@indy.gov), or visit [www.SustainIndy.org](http://www.SustainIndy.org).



# 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



- Jan 10**      **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Jan 13**      Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. Contact the branch for this month's title, 275-4390.
- Jan 14**      Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theatre. Beginning Swing Dance Lessons from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Entertainment – The Stardusters, from 8:30pm to 11:30pm. Admission is \$12 at 7:30pm or \$10 at 8:30pm.
- Jan 18**      Southeast Landlord Accountability Task Force meeting, at SECS, 901 S. Shelby, 5:30pm. This task force was created to rewrite our goals/actions around property maintenance and landlord accountability.
- Jan 18**      Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational board games with their children.
- Jan 24**      Read-In, City County Building, 7:00pm. Join citizens from across the city as we bring our books and read during the City County Council Hearing to support legislative changes that would allow the County Option Income Tax (COIT) to be utilized for Library operating expenses.
- Jan 25**      Southeast Green Jobs Task Force meeting, at SEND, 1030 Orange, 4:00pm. This task force was created to write goals/actions supporting the establishment of a green jobs program.
- Jan 27**      Southeast Animal Care and Welfare Task Force meeting, at IMPD, 6:30pm. This task force was created to implement the Southeast Quality of Life goals around animal care and welfare.
- Jan 27**      Southeast Trash and Litter Task Force meeting, at SEND, 1030 Orange, 7:30pm. This task force was created to write goals/actions addressing trash and litter issues.
- Jan 29**      Feeder Friends, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$3. Find out who's at the bird feeder this time of year and make your own simple feeder to take home. Ages: 5+. Please pre-register at 327-7580.