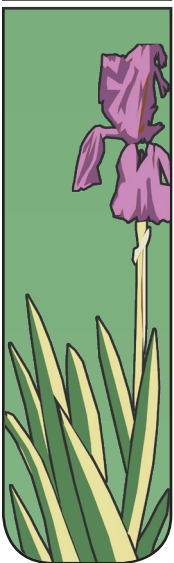


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Sassy Kats Showclub Liquor License Opposition

This month, the Alcoholic Beverage Permit (often referred to as a liquor license) will come up for renewal for the Sassy Kats Showclub located at 1537 S. East Street. The renewal hearing will be held at the City-County Building in Room 260 at 9:30am on Monday, March 21st. This renewal gives us as neighbors the opportunity to speak to the Marion County Alcohol Commission about a business that has been a magnet for crime in our area and has proven itself to be irresponsible through numerous incidents of violent offenses and alcohol sale to minors.



Please come by the next Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood meeting on March 7 at 6:30pm and sign the petition to stop the renewal of this permit. Another way that you can support this effort is to come to the hearing on March 21 and stand up as a concerned neighbor. You will not need to speak, but you will have the opportunity to do so if you have something to say.

Speedway Beer and Wine License Withdrawn

Last month, the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission heard testimony from Bates-Hendricks residents and others concerning the beer and wine license petition requested by the Speedway store at 1207 S. East Street.

Neighborhood opposition to Speedway's position was very strong. In light of this, Speedway ultimately decided to withdraw their petition and therefore will not be permitted to sell beer and wine at this address. This is a positive sign for the neighborhood as the East Street Quality of Life Committee continues to strive to make improvements along the East Street corridor.



Thank you to everyone who was able to assist with this endeavor!

Ice Storm Hinders February Newsletter Printing

February's ice storm interfered with the newsletter printing, and as a result, the regular monthly newsletter was not sent out. If you would like to read the February newsletter, or any other newsletter (going as far back as January 2009), you may do so on the Bates-Hendricks website News page at bateshendricks.org/news/.

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Indy Connect Presentation at March BHNA Meeting

Our guest speaker at the March 7 Bates-Hendricks meeting will be Lori Miser with Indy Connect. Lori has over 25 years experience in the transportation planning and policy arena, working in both the public and private sector. She will be talking to us about the Indy Connect transportation plans for Indianapolis.

Indy Connect, Central Indiana's Transportation Initiative, is a partnership of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA), and IndyGo that is dedicated to providing Central Indiana residents with transportation options in support of the future development of our region.

The proposed long-range transportation plan is designed to connect people to people and people to places around Central Indiana. It's intended to provide transportation options – from bus, to rail, to roadways and pedestrian and bike pathways – and connect people to jobs, healthcare, education and shopping, all working together to serve residents in Marion County and surrounding counties. It's intended to increase Central Indiana's competitiveness and economic development opportunities, while improving the environment, job growth opportunities, and quality of life. This plan is the result of extensive public outreach and work by regional transportation planning experts.



Southeast Neighborhood Congress to Meet Again

Thursday, March 24, 7pm at Southeast Community Services, 901 S. Shelby

The first Neighborhood Congress of 2011 will be held at Southeast Community Services on Thursday, March 24. The Congress allows neighborhood residents the opportunity to voice concerns and develop goals for transforming our neighborhood. At this Congress, we will hear presentations on urban gardening, improving our schools, creating better communication networks, developing green jobs, dealing with trash and litter, and addressing the issue of slum landlords. In addition, we'll celebrate some positive achievements. Come be a part of the solution!



Poverty Documentary Project

Recently, a group of Southeast residents joined together to form a study circle with the topic of poverty. The Southeast was home to nearly 25,000 residents as of the 2000 Census. Of these neighbors, one in four lives below the poverty level, creating many needs and opportunities for support (Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center). The discussion group focused on topics such as what defines poverty, the cause and effect of the condition, and what can be done to address it in our area.



The Poverty Study Circle members have decided to pursue making a documentary about poverty on the Southeast side of Indianapolis. The tentative purpose of the documentary is to enable Southeast side residents of all ages to recognize the characteristics of poverty and oppression and do something to eliminate them. This will be done by helping Southeast citizens to understand, question, and challenge the beliefs and practices associated with any oppressive social condition they may face in their everyday lives. The video will help create a critical awareness in Southeast residents, which will enable them to recognize the connections between their individual problems and experiences and the social contexts in which they are embedded. This will connect them to the larger social justice struggle to transform these unjust social conditions.

We want your opinion and participation in this project. If you are interested, please contact Angie Calvert at 626-9853 or John Laflin at 788-6604.

Marketing Committee Call-out

Not everybody wants to get their hands dirty by picking up trash or planting trees and flowers, but there are other ways to help make Bates-Hendricks a great place to live. Over the past year, much discussion has been focused on how we can get the word out about our neighborhood and attract new people to the area. One way that we can start to find answers to these questions is by assembling a Marketing Committee. This committee will be tasked with developing ways to promote the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood. To some extent this will involve working to change public perception of the near southeast side of Indy.

There are many ways that everyone can help, whether helping to design a logo, working to build a parade float, making copies of fliers, or just telling a friend or colleague about the great things happening in Bates-Hendricks. If you would like to be a part of this initiative, please contact Nick Zimmerman at marketing@bateshendricks.org or 916-6987.

Help Wanted for Newsletter Delivery

We are looking for neighbors who would be willing to help deliver the Bates-Hendricks Newsletter once a month. If you are able to commit just a little time once a month, please call Lydia Brasher at 636-0831 or e-mail her at lydia.brasher@gmail.com. You can also talk with her at our neighborhood association meeting on Monday. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!



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



- Mar 7** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Mar 10** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. The book to be discussed is "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life" by Barbara Kingsolver.
- Mar 12** The Indianapolis Ceili Band featuring the Irish Blessings Dancers, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. During this interactive, family-friendly event, learn some simple Irish dances and enjoy traditional music and sing-alongs.
- Mar 12** Shamrock Run & Walk, 9:00 to 10:00am. Come join the fun with thousands of others by participating in either the 4-mile Run/Walk or the 4-mile Fun Walk. The course starts at Monument Circle downtown and goes to Fountain Square, before finishing back on the Circle. Post-race party at the Columbia Club with food, Irish beer, entertainment, & prizes afterwards.
- Mar 19** Reptile and Amphibian Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 2:00pm, Free. Come and see a variety of different reptiles and amphibians from both Indiana and the tropics. All ages.
- Mar 20** Veggie Seed Starting, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00 to 3:00pm, \$5. Get a jump start on the growing season by starting many of your summer crops indoors. Learn seed sowing techniques and plant some to take home with you. Ages 18+. Please pre-register at 327-7580.
- Mar 26** Dig the Dinosaurs Story Time, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Preschoolers and their families are invited to join Express Kids for a "dino-mite" story time. They'll stomp around with T-Rex and learn about other dinosaurs. Registration is recommended by calling your local branch.
- Mar 31** Botanical Inspirations, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:30 to 7:30pm, \$5. Use basic painting supplies and your imagination to capture the beauty of plants in the Conservatory. Registration required by March 28, 327-7580. Ages 14+.

Saturdays & Sundays: Garfield Park Arts Center. Come explore performance, visual, and language arts through fun, hands-on activities in the Arts for All Room at the Garfield Park Arts Center. Whether you are painting, print-making, sand sculpting, playing an instrument, or other arts activity, Arts for All activities engage you more deeply with the themes displayed in the Art Center's exhibits. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. The Arts for All Room is open Saturdays from Noon to 4:00pm and Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Free.