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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



April Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Meeting

by Rob Uppencamp, President

The April Bates-Hendricks Meeting will be our annual meeting and it will be full and exciting. It is important that we have as many people in attendance as possible, as we will be voting on directors and officers for the upcoming year. Emily Vanest (Treasurer) and Jim Mulholland (Director) will be resigning from the board. We want to thank them for their many years of service and dedication to our neighborhood. They will be greatly missed on the board. I, for one, cannot express enough how great it has been to serve with both Emily and Jim and what great mentors they have been to me. We have some directors up for re-election and some nominations for new directors on which we need to vote.

In addition, FIDO (Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside) will give a presentation on helping dog owners to improve the quality of life for their outside dogs. Their specific mission is to help owners find alternatives to continuous chaining as a method of dog containment. They will offer guidance and temporary assistance to owners who are willing to work alongside them to improve their dogs' quality of life.



We will also have a special guest present to announce his candidacy for the upcoming City-County Council election and the new Community Outreach Director for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office will be in attendance. And, if that isn't enough, representatives from Sassy Kats Showclub on East Street will be present to discuss their application for renewal of their alcoholic beverage permit. Come and be informed and empowered to make a difference. Hope to see you there!

Sassy Kats Update

On Monday, April 4 the owner and legal representation for Sassy Kats Showclub, located at 1537 East Street, will be present at the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting to provide an update on the current ownership status of the business and to answer questions. This business currently holds an alcoholic beverage permit which is up for renewal before the Marion County Alcoholic Beverage Board. The hearing for this permit renewal will be held on April 18



at 9:30am in the City-County Building, Room 260. If you have questions or concerns about this business please come to the meeting and let us know what's on your mind. We will also have petitions that you can sign if you are against the granting of a permit renewal for this business.

Reporting Dumping

If heavy trash has been dumped in the street or alley right-of-way, report it to the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4622 or online at www.indy.gov/mac/. If trash has been dumped on private property, report it to Housing & Neighborhood Health at 221-2150 or Health & Hospital at 221-2141. The property will be inspected and, if it is found to be in violation, the property owner will be sent a notice to clean up the trash. If they fail to do so, they will be billed for the cleanup costs. To follow up on reported Health & Hospital cases, go to permitsandcases.indy.gov/citizenaccess/ and click on the Health Department tab. From there you can type in the property address or case number.

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KIB's Great Indy Cleanup

Saturday, April 30 is the designated cleanup date for the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood and the Southeast region as a whole. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's Great Indy Cleanup is an anti-litter program designed to combat heavy litter and debris that has accumulated in public spaces such as streets, alleys, green spaces, and waterways. KIB provides dumpsters and supplies to assist with the cleanup. This year, there are four cleanup areas in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood participating in the program:

There will be two coordinated cleanups in the northeast quadrant: Orange-Sanders and Wright-Sanders. If you would like to participate in either of these cleanups, contact Nick Zimmerman at orange@bateshendricks.org or 916-6987. The cleanups will start at 8:00am near the intersection of Orange and Wright Streets.

There is also a cleanup scheduled the same day to work on the Pleasant Run Trail area. Sign up at www.kibi.org/volunteer_event_sign_up?event=198 to lend a hand. If you have any questions, you may contact Tammy Stevens at tstevens@kibi.org or 264-7555 x116.

Finally, the SENSE Charter School will also be having a cleanup. They will be meeting at SENSE and working from 8:30am to 12:30pm. If you are interested in helping, please r.s.v.p. with Jamie Fahrner at JPierce@senseindy.org or 423-0204 x118.



KIB Adopt-A-Block Program

Speaking of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, they also offer another valuable program called "Adopt-A-Block". Through this initiative, residents may elect to take responsibility to care for their block. KIB provides tools to new block coordinators including a shovel, push broom, litter grabber, trash bags, gloves, a bucket, and door tags to notify neighbors of block events. They provide these items at no cost so that residents can help keep their block free of trash and other debris. Each year coordinators may get additional trash bags, gloves, and door tags, also for free.

Adopted blocks are scored three times between May and October. A score of "1" indicates no litter while a "4" indicates heavily littered. In a monthly score letter, blocks are notified of scores as well as of upcoming events and resources available through Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. Flowers are awarded each spring to blocks with an average score of "2" or better for the previous year. The Flower Distribution Day is a fun event where block coordinators pick out flowers from a wide variety of colorful annuals and perennials. Coordinators then distribute these flowers to their neighbors or plant them in community areas to improve the curb appeal of their block. All blocks, regardless of their cleanliness score, have the opportunity to receive free trees in the fall through Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's NeighborWoods program!

You can adopt your block by filling out the online form at www.kibi.org/adopt-a-block_sign-up_form, or by contacting Sarah Grain at sgrain@kibi.org or 264-7555 x106.

East Street Flats Update



The East Street Flats apartment project, planned for the corners of East Street & Sanders Street and East Street & Orange Street, has continued to move forward over the past few months. The project is a notable investment in the area and will hopefully spur further interest in our neighborhood.

Construction on the first phase, which consists of six subsidized apartment units, is scheduled to begin some time mid-summer at the Sanders Street corner. The second phase, located at the Orange Street corner, is to have eight subsidized apartment units and construction is scheduled to follow approximately three months behind the commencement of phase one.

The apartment buildings will be owned and operated by the Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) Community Development Corporation. Additional renderings of the project may be downloaded from the Bates-Hendricks website at bateshendricks.org/news.

City Pilots New High Grass & Weeds Program in Bates-Hendricks

Bates-Hendricks is one of four neighborhoods in Indianapolis selected for a new approach to handling high grass and weed complaints. Instead of the City contracting with lawn care companies to handle these complaints, the City has contracted with SEND to provide high weed and grass services. SEND will be hiring two to three local residents to handle the work. While the City will still only pay for mowing when grass grows 12 inches or higher, now these yards and vacant lots will be cut by people who see them every day. Our hope is that this will mean better quality work.

However, in setting up this program, we became aware of one of the primary components to keeping high grass and weeds under control. It requires people to turn yards into the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4622 as soon as the grass gets high. Once a yard is reported, the owner has five days to mow it before it is turned over to SEND. SEND will then have five days to mow the yard. In ten days in the spring, 12 inches can become two feet quickly. A yard with two feet of weeds is much harder to mow.

This is how you can help. Watch the yards and vacant lots on your street. Report them as soon as they reach 12 inches. E-mail Jim Mulholland at jim@sendcdc.org to let him know that you have reported a specific lot. He will track progress and make certain properties are quickly addressed. If we start early this year, we have a good chance of having a neighborhood free of high grass and weeds!



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

- Apr 4** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Apr 8** Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theatre. Beginning Swing Dance Lessons by Naptown Stomp, 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Entertainment: Terry Lee & the Rockaboogie Band, 8:30pm to 11:30pm. Admission is \$12 at 7:30pm or \$10 at 8:30pm.
- Apr 9** Garden Days, Garfield Park Conservatory. Go for a brief garden lesson and then practice your skills by helping out in the garden. Expand your gardening knowledge while giving back to the park. Work time can count toward volunteer hours.
- Apr 14** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. The book to be discussed will be "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" by Steig Larson.
- Apr 16** Orchid Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10am to 5pm. During this weekend, the Conservatory will fill with many blooming orchids from across the Midwest. Check out award-winning orchid displays and have a chance to purchase from local orchid vendors. Special admission fees apply.
- Apr 19** 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.
- Apr 30** Great Indy Cleanup. Help out and make your part of the neighborhood a little cleaner: sweep your curb, pick up litter, or join in a neighborhood cleanup (see page 2 for cleanups in the area).
- Apr 30** Stepping Stone Workshop, Garfield Park Conservatory, \$6. Enjoy creating a decorative stepping stone, just in time for Mother's Day! Stones must be left to dry and can be picked up later. Registration required by April 28th, 327-580. Ages: 3+. Two sessions: 10:30am to 11:30am (25 max) and 1:30pm to 2:30pm (25 max).
- Apr 30** Celebration for Great Indy Cleanup & Piano Project Unveiling, New Jersey Street Esplanade, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Food and wine available. There will also be tickets for sale for \$25 to tour five historic homes on New Jersey Street, with all the money raised going to SEND.



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.