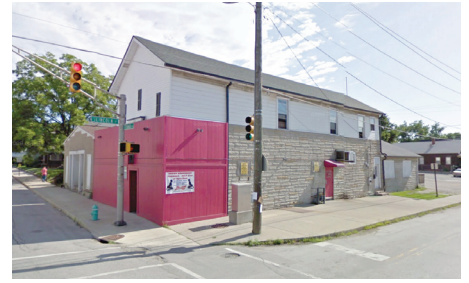


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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

### Sassy Kats Liquor Permit Renewal Rejected

On Monday, April 18, the Marion County Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, after hearing testimony from representatives from Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association, IMPD, SEND, and Councilor Dane Mahern, denied the renewal of the liquor permit for the Sassy Kats Showclub at 1537 S. East Street. While this denial can be appealed to the State Commission, this action is a major victory for Bates-Hendricks residents.



Sassy Kats has long been a troubled spot in our neighborhood and the source of much crime and nuisance. Last year, the truck driver who left his sleeping child in his truck while in the club made national news. In recent months, there have been several incidents of minors being served or present in the club. These violations, along with testimony about the establishment's impact on the neighborhood's quality of life and economic improvement, led to the unanimous decision by the Commission to deny the renewal.

Sassy Kats will remain open until the State Board reviews the decision on May 18 and could remain open longer if the decision is appealed. In the case of an appeal, Bates-Hendricks would once again have an opportunity to oppose the renewal of the license. In discussions with the present ownership of Sassy Kats, the neighborhood association encouraged the ownership to consider changing the focus of the establishment to something more positive for the neighborhood.

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition opposing the renewal!

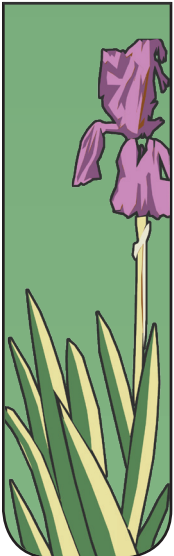
### F.I.D.O. Outreach in Bates-Hendricks

Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside (F.I.D.O.) is planning outreach efforts in the neighborhood on May 14 and June 25. They will be going door-to-door to help neighborhood dogs in need with dog food, straw, dog houses, tie-outs, treats, leashes, collars, water buckets, dog toys, and resource sheets.



F.I.D.O is an animal welfare group run by volunteers. Their main goal is to improve the lives of outside dogs and give alternatives to continuous chaining. They have a food pantry twice a month at Animal Care & Control (2600 S. Harding Street). They also have a phone line you can call for help and a case manager will come out. They offer low-cost spay and neuter with Spay and Neuter Services of Indiana and low-cost vaccines with a number of vets in the area. Additionally, they offer leashes, collars, harnesses, dog houses, and straw. They can also do fence projects in some cases with multiple dogs. In order to qualify, they ask that you please get your pets spayed or neutered. This helps reduce the number of pets in the shelters and the number of pets being euthanized.

More information about F.I.D.O. can be found on their website at [www.fidoindy.org](http://www.fidoindy.org) or by calling 221-1314.



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## Paint The Town Coming Back to Bates-Hendricks



Paint the Town is painting three more houses in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood on Saturday, May 14 from 7:45am to 5:00pm. One Brick and Paint The Town have teamed up for this huge project in which they'll be painting three houses in one weekend and they need your help. Lunch will be provided and you're guaranteed to have some fun. Paint the Town, or PTT, is an enormously successful program from Cincinnati that is in its second year here in Indianapolis. The idea is that painting houses on a particular block will help improve the appearance and serve as a great way to bring the neighborhood together. They have identified homeowners

that are in need of a fresh coat of paint and for a number of reasons have been unable to complete the project on their own. One Brick will provide volunteers and PTT brings the supplies and expertise to homeowners for the purpose of repainting their home's exterior.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and willing to work. You will be expected to apply primer/paint and clean up the worksite. They will equip you with all the supplies you will need to complete the work. You must come with closed-toe shoes (preferably work boots) and pants that you can get paint on (please no skirts). Assume that anything that you wear will get paint on it! No painting skill is required, as there will be on-site training.



The group will be parking and meeting in the parking lot of Sisters' Place at 215 Terrace Avenue, 46225 at 7:45am. The houses to be painted are within walking distance. For more information and to R.S.V.P., visit <http://indianapolis.onebrick.org/event/?eventid=913>.



# TAG Program Offers Way to Clean Up Graffiti

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office "Taking Away Graffiti" (TAG) program offers a way for residents to have graffiti painted over on their private property. The TAG program uses supervised adult probationers who have been assigned to community service. Police officers, deputy prosecutors, and prosecutor's office coordinators often volunteer to paint tagged properties as well.



"Graffiti signals disorder in a neighborhood and invites further crime. Gang members use graffiti to mark their turf, declare allegiance to the gang, advertise the gang's status or power, and challenge rivals. When a neighborhood is marked with gang graffiti, the entire area and its inhabitants become potential targets for violence.

Community Prosecution staff on each district respond to the problem of graffiti by partnering with Marion County Probation to have probationers paint over the offending graffiti. They also partner with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) and Tox Drops who provide paint and other supplies for these regular summer cleanups. In addition to locating graffiti in the neighborhoods and coordinating cleanups, the community prosecution staff also works to educate residents and businesses about graffiti and the importance of getting it removed as soon as it appears. Information about graffiti is relayed at meetings and flyers are distributed. Community prosecution staff members encourage our community partners to help us in the fight to keep our city clean and discourage gang activity.

It's important that this graffiti be removed quickly and the Community Prosecution staff work diligently to accomplish this. For example, a staff member received a report of gang graffiti on the back of a gas station. Gang identifiers were crossed out and rival gang identifiers painted over them, creating a potentially volatile situation between two rival gangs. Staff members contacted the owner who agreed to paint over it quickly.

Since the inception of the TAG program hundred of clean-ups have been held with graffiti removed from well over 500 locations."

*Source: <http://www.indygov.org/eGov/County/Pros/Divisions/CommunityProsecution/Pages/TAG.aspx>*

To report graffiti on private property, call Leah at the Southeast District at 327-6304 or fill out the form on the source website given above. For graffiti on public property, you may call it in to the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) at 327-4622 or report it on the MAC website by going to [www.indy.gov/mac/](http://www.indy.gov/mac/) and clicking "RequestIndy". Graffiti abatement is done March through October, weather permitting.

Funds for the program are tight so they welcome any donations. Call the district number if you would like to donate money or paint to the program.

# 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



- May 2**      **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- May 7**      Paper Jam, Garfield Park, 1:00pm to 4pm, FREE. Come by and learn how to use paper scraps to make a new sheet of unique plantable paper! Head to the Family Center to make and fly paper planes and kites. You can also make paper instruments and jam along with live music at the Arts Center! All Ages.
- May 8**      Mother's Day Tea Party, Garfield Park Conservatory, 1:30pm to 2:30pm, \$3. Come celebrate our park's history and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea. Garfield Park first started as a horse racing track, so feel free to wear your fanciest hat! Ages 3+. Please pre-register at 327-7580.
- May 12**     Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. The book to be discussed is "The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: The Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession" by Allison Hoover Bartlett.
- May 13**     Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theatre. Beginning swing dance lessons from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Entertainment – Dr. Zoot, from 8:30pm to 11:30pm. Admission is \$12 at 7:30pm or \$10 at 8:30pm.
- May 14**     Master Gardener Plant Sale, Garfield Park Conservatory, 9:00am to Noon. In addition to vegetable, annual, and perennial plants for sale, the Master Gardeners will also be on hand to give advice and answer all of your gardening questions.
- May 14**     INDYPROV Sketch Comedy, White Rabbit Cabaret. Performances at 10:00pm and 11:00pm. \$5 for both sets at the door. 21+ with ID. More on INDYPROV at [www.indyprov.com](http://www.indyprov.com).
- May 17**     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.
- May 19**     IMPD Southeast District Community Day, Garfield Park, 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- May 21**     Blue Collar Bluegrass, Radio Radio, \$5. Ages 21+.
- May 28**     The IPL 500 Festival Parade, Downtown Indy, Noon.