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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Upcoming BHNA Meetings



The July Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting will be on the second Monday of the month, July 11, on account of the first Monday being July 4. The June meeting will be on the 6th at the usual time of 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ.

East Street Bike Lanes Extension To Be Discussed

The East Street Quality of Life Committee has been exploring the possibility of having the City extend the existing bike lanes on East Street down to Garfield Park, but they want your input on the matter as well. There will be a discussion at the next Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting to give you the chance to provide feedback to the committee.

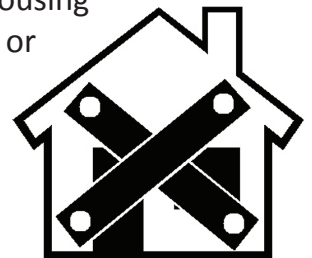


The bike lanes would be an asset to the neighborhood, but the City has said parking on both sides of East Street may be lost, which would force residents and business patrons to park in the alleys behind East Street or on side streets. Come to the next Bates-Hendricks meeting to express your support or concerns.

If the neighborhood is mostly in favor of extending the bike lanes, the East Street Quality of Life Committee will then work with the City to try and get them painted in. If the neighborhood is against the idea, the Committee will drop the issue at this time.

Bates-Hendricks Surveys Abandoned Housing Again

In 2008, Bates-Hendricks residents did one of the first abandoned housing inventories in Indianapolis. They identified almost 200 vacant or abandoned houses in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood and identified the worst homes as the "Dirty Thirty". After two and a half years of efforts, half of the homes on the original "Dirty Thirty" have either been rehabbed, demolished, or repaired. In addition, our efforts led to a much larger Southeast inventory of abandoned properties.



As successful as we've been, with the struggling economy, houses continue to be abandoned and we still need to be vigilant. On Monday, June 6, immediately after the Association meeting, we are asking interested residents to gather to discuss preparations for another street-by-street inventory. We hope to count every vacant or abandoned house in Bates-Hendricks in June and choose another "Dirty Thirty". For more information or to volunteer, contact Jim at 503-5852 or jim@sendcdc.org.

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Circle the Square Fund-raiser

Circle the Square is a fund-raising event brought to you by the Fountain Square Arts Council to raise money for Masterpiece in a Day and the Fountain Square Art Parade, part of Art Squared. For just \$20 you'll get a Circle the Square coupon book with sweet deals from area merchants good for three days: June 3, 4, and 5, 2011. Buy yours online at www.fsartscouncil.org or in person Friday, June 3 at the Murphy Arts Center.

Art Squared is a celebration of art in Fountain Square. It consists of three free art events on one fantastic September day. This year it will be Saturday, September 17. For more information, visit www.DiscoverFountainSquare.com. Art Squared. Make art. Buy art. Be art.

The graphic shows a grid of circular coupons for various businesses. The central text reads "CIRCLE THE SQUARE" and "JUNE 3, 4 & 5 3 days of deals on food & fun \$20 tickets available at: www.FSartscouncil.org". A red circle with the text "& MORE!" is also present. The coupons include:

- SQUARE ROOTZ DELI
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Southeast Animal Care & Welfare Task Force

In March, at the last Southeast Neighborhood Congress, the Animal Care and Welfare Task Force was added to the Southeast Quality of Life Plan. The goal of this task force is to create an animal welfare delivery system bridging gaps in the current system and to educate the public about services available for the welfare of animals. At the May meeting of the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Marti LaMar was present to talk about the task force and request that a delegate from the Association be appointed to this task force. If this is an interest of yours, please contact President Rob Uppencamp at our June 6 meeting. The next meeting of the task force will be sometime in July. For a full copy of the plan you can go to <http://southeastneighborhood.org> and click on Work Plan and in the section called Safety and Crime look for section 4.3 and click on that.

Mayor Ballard Speaks at 'Keys to the Neighborhood' Event

On Saturday, April 30 a fund-raiser was held to benefit Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND). The event centered around the gazebo on South New Jersey Street where music played on the newly-installed lipstick red piano was featured. Guests also enjoyed historic home tours, a silent auction of local art, and hors d'oeuvres. Mayor Ballard was present to help dedicate the piano and congratulate the neighborhood on our Great Indy Cleanup efforts. Performers from the neighborhood and near area wowed attendees for an hour



and forty-five minutes, playing classics by Beethoven and Chopin and ending with a thrilling version of Dynamite played by James Winter, brother of Wright Street resident John Winter. The SENSE Choir sang beautifully and Wes Tedrow played with thrilling energy and skill. Who would have thought that there was that much talent in and around Bates-Hendricks! Five South New Jersey Street homes were open, including the Historic Bates-Hendricks Home, featuring for the first time the rear part of the house, documented to have been built in 1822. There were many wonderful sponsors for the event, but it should be mentioned that Farm Bureau underwrote all of the costs incurred, making it an amazingly successful fund-raiser that raised over \$6,000 for SEND. The street is quieter now except in the early evenings on most days you are likely to hear an impromptu version of Billy Joel's "Piano Man" or Debussy's "Clair De Lune". Keys to the Neighborhood was intended to last one day, but it appears the residual benefit will last all summer. Already in the works are plans for future free open-air concerts on the median.

Orange-Sanders-Wright Street Cleanup a Success



On Saturday, April 30 the Orange Street Block Club initiated a major cleanup on Orange, Sanders, and Wright Streets. The cleanup was led by four teams, each charged with a different task: cleaning the streets and street gutters, picking up heavy trash in the nearby alleys, picking up light trash on the streets and alleys, and weed control on the sidewalks and abandoned properties. Approximately forty residents showed up throughout the day to help with the beautification effort, which filled five dumpsters.

The Orange Street Block Club is grateful to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, who provided the dumpsters and some of the cleanup supplies, and Sunbelt Rentals for providing a street sweeper and bucket loader at a discounted price. Thank you to all those who lent additional supplies and to everyone who came out to help!

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



- June 6** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- June 8** Summer Showtime: How to Train Your Dragon, Fountain Square Library, 1:00pm. Families are invited for a showing of the film.
- June 9** Science of Magic Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm. Children of all ages and families are invited as magician Daniel Lusk will reveal some of the science behind the tricks. Registration is recommended.
- June 9** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. The book to be discussed is "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman.
- June 11** Garden Days - Weeding out the Weeds, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00 to 11:00am, Free. Attend for a brief garden lesson and then practice your skills by helping out in the garden. Work time can count toward volunteer hours. Registration required. Ages: 18+.
- June 14** Wild About Animals: Live Animal Shows, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm. Children of all ages are invited to experience animals face-to-face during this presentation by Animalia. Learn what animals eat and where they live, along with other facts. Five animals will be presented.
- June 18** Rose Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, Noon to 5pm. The Indianapolis Rose Society will present a stunning show of many different rose varieties. Society members will also be on hand, so bring your questions! \$1 admission.
- June 18** Bonsai Workshop, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to Noon. Learn all you need to know to get started with this unique hobby. Practice your newly-acquired skills on a Golden Gate Ficus and learn how to pot, wire, and train the tree. All tools and supplies will be provided and each participant will go home with a trained tree. Registration required by June 22. Ages: 18+ / \$40 (paid to instructor day of).
- June 25** Nature T-Shirts, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00 to 3:00pm, \$4. Drop by the Conservatory with a one-of-a-kind t-shirt and create a design using objects from nature. Registration required. Ages 7-14.
- June 26** "Trees of Indiana" Walk, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00 to 3:00pm, \$2. Learn how to identify local trees and why they are so important to us and the animals that inhabit them. Registration required. Ages: 8-15.
- June 18-19** Meridian-Kessler Neighborhood 38th annual Home & Garden Tour, 11:00am to 5:00pm. The tour is one of the oldest tours of vintage homes in Indiana, offering a view of unique architecture, innovative interior design, and recent renovations. Go and get ideas for your historic home! For more information, visit www.mkhometour.com.
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