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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

### Sixty New Trees Added in Bates-Hendricks



That great hoard of people you saw up and down East Street on Saturday, September 10 was neighbors and volunteers who turned out to plant sixty trees along East Street, Lincoln, Minnesota, and Singleton. It is known that trees not only keep our neighborhood beautiful, they are essential to our health. Thanks to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful for their leadership and providing the trees for this project. Thank you to

the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for turning out so many members to help us. Thanks to the volunteers who work all over the City through KIB. And thank you to all the neighbors who turned out to help and all the neighbors who allowed us to plant trees on their property. This project required a lot work by many people. However, the work continues as we need people who would be willing to help water these trees over the next two to three years. If you can help, please contact Rob Uppencamp at [president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org).

### Public Meeting for Bicycle Lanes on East Street

At the June Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting, those present were overwhelmingly in favor of extending the existing bicycle lanes on S. East Street all the way down to Garfield Park. The Association believes the bike lanes will improve the image of the neighborhood and encourage positive investments in the area. There will be a public meeting at Immanuel United Church of Christ (402 E. Prospect Street) to discuss the possible extension on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30pm. Come out to express your support or concerns for this exciting project!



### Urban Gardeners Committee Collecting Leaves

The southeast "Ugger" (Urban Gardeners) committee needs your help! They have decided on a location for their future community garden and need to start preparing the soil. The community garden will be located at 984 Shelby Street, across from Southeast Community Services and next to the future site of the youth programming building. You can bring your leaves to the site and dump them in the fenced-off areas. The leaves will break down over the winter and become a great source of nutrients for the garden. Please make sure that your leaves are free of garbage and debris. Drop-off times are Saturday, October 15, 9:00 to 10:00am and Saturday, October 29, 9:00 to 10:00am.

Thank you for supporting your local "Uggers". If you are interested in learning more about the group or would like to join, please call Jamie Fahrner at (219) 776-8270 or (317) 423-0204 ext. 118.



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## New Building Blocks Project in 2012

by Rob Uppencamp

It happened in 2009 and the result landed us a national third place finish from Neighborhoods USA ([www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org)). I'm talking about the Building Blocks program. The Building Blocks concept is to improve the quality of life in a neighborhood one block at a time. While many other groups, such as block clubs, implement this concept on a regular basis and over time, the Building Blocks program is designed to aim a lot of resources at a specific area and make a significant and lasting impact in a relatively short period of time.

In 2009, you witnessed the entire transformation of the 1500 block of South New Jersey Street. This time, the target is a portion of the southeast quadrant of the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood. The focus area for the 2012 Building Blocks plan covers the 1800 blocks of New Street, Applegate Street, Orleans Street, and Singleton Street, as well as the 600-800 blocks of Iowa Street and Beecher Street, with an emphasis on Iowa Street and Singleton Street. This area wasn't selected at random. There was already momentum in this area from an IMAGINE grant project that was implemented by the New Street Block Club in the Fall of 2009. From that project, increased interest, friendships, and enthusiasm ensued from engagement that stemmed well beyond New Street. When the time came to assemble a steering committee, there was no shortage of volunteers.

Curtis Northern, a resident on Applegate Street, is the 2012 Building Block steering committee chair. When the time came to host a gathering with area residents, the turnout was impressive. We think it is going to be another good project. Based on a door-to-door survey that was conducted and discussion at the gathering, a list of concerns and suggested improvements were taken to the committee, and a plan was developed. This plan can be viewed on the Bates-Hendricks website at [bateshendricks.org/news](http://bateshendricks.org/news). The gist of the plan is to rehab/repair some homes, make some infrastructure improvements (such as streets and sidewalks), do some cleanups, install some landscaping and lighting, develop a small park, and form block clubs and crime watches. Neighbors will partner with SEND, local businesses, KIB, the City of Indianapolis, and each other over the next 15 months to pull this off. So far so good... 25 trees have already been planted on the Singleton Street tree lawn.

There is a lot of work ahead. What occurred on South New Jersey Street in 2009 took countless volunteers and hours. We don't expect this time to be any different. So, if you want to volunteer for the current effort, or if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Curtis Northern at [ctnorthern@live.com](mailto:ctnorthern@live.com) or 777-3854. I would like to end by thanking the Wesleyan Christian Church on Iowa Street for letting us use their facilities for meetings and events and for being a good neighborhood partner since the momentum in this area began in 2009.

# Next Southeast Congress in October

Thursday, October 27, 7pm.

The next Southeast Neighborhood Congress will be held at the Pride Center at 1129 Vandemann Street in the Norwood Place neighborhood. The Congress is a tri-annual gathering of residents from the eleven Southeast Indianapolis neighborhoods to celebrate successes, consider failures, discuss concerns, and adopts actions. The Congress creates, monitors, and implements the Southeast Quality of Life Plan, which can be seen at [southeastneighborhood.org](http://southeastneighborhood.org). Bates-Hendricks residents have been crucial to the creation of this plan. The October congress will focus on 2011 accomplishments, issues around transportation, education, housing and crime, and safety.

## Join Others to Improve Education by Angie Calvert

At the July Southeast Neighborhood Congress, it was voted that the neighborhood would take on improving local education as an initiative. People who were interested in the subject agreed to be on the Education Task Force to discuss what the goals should be to present at the next Congress meeting. Those that agreed to be on the committee include Southeast librarians, parent liaisons, organization representatives, and school principals. The task force, lead by Bates-Hendricks resident Angie Calvert, has been meeting on a monthly basis to narrow down the focus of the goals to be presented.

As part of identifying educational goals for our neighborhood schools, the Education Task Force has identified assets in Southeast neighborhoods. The group has invited Success By Six (United Way program), School Choice Indiana, neighborhood school principals, and school parent liaisons to speak about their programs. Through identifying assets, the group has discovered educational gaps that need to be filled in the area.

Since 2000, the Southeast population of children 18 years and younger has doubled from 13% to 26%. By keeping this incredible population growth in mind, the Southeast Education Task Force has narrowed down a draft of goals to present at October's Southeast Neighborhood Congress. You can view the proposed list at [bateshendricks.org/news/downloads/2011/SECongressOct.pdf](http://bateshendricks.org/news/downloads/2011/SECongressOct.pdf). Note that the link is case-sensitive.

## SEND Extending Small Business Micro-Loan Program

Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND), in cooperation with the Stanley K. Lacey (SKL) Executive Leadership Program, launched a small business micro-lending program for Southeast neighborhood residents in the spring of 2011. This program provides micro-loans to assist residents in starting their own business. Loans range from \$500 to \$5,000 and must be paid back in one year. This program targets residents that can produce immediate revenue. More information and the micro-loan inquiry form can be found at [bateshendricks.org/news/downloads/2011/MicroLoanProgram](http://bateshendricks.org/news/downloads/2011/MicroLoanProgram) (link is case-sensitive). Submit the completed form to Jim Mulholland, SEND, 1030 Orange Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

Applicants will be invited to meet with the Micro Loan group -- composed of present loan recipients and support staff -- to present their business idea. Those approved by the group will begin attending the bi-monthly meetings and, when the group feels they are ready, will receive a loan.

# 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 Craig Dukate, 1435 S. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at [bateshendricks.org](http://bateshendricks.org).

## Monthly Calendar



- Oct 3** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Oct 8** Garden Work Day: Invasive Exotics, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00 to 11:00am, Free. Learn about the invasive species that could be present in your landscape and help with removal efforts in the park. Ages 18+. Registration req'd.
- Oct 9** "Trees of Indiana" Hike, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00 to 11:00am, \$3. Take an autumn stroll in the park and learn how to identify local trees. Ages 18+. Registration required.
- Oct 9** Leaf Collection (Kids), Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00 to 3:00pm, \$2. Take a walk in the park and learn how to identify local trees and have a chance to start your own leaf collection. Ages 6-12. Registration required.
- Oct 13** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30 pm. The book to be discussed is "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova.
- Oct 14** KIB Grounds Happy Hour Weeding Party, KIB headquarters, 4:00 to 6:00pm. KIB needs volunteers to help with weeding, mulching, watering, and general landscape work. Complimentary adult beverages courtesy of Sun King Brewery. For more information call 264-7555.
- Oct 15** Indianapolis Financial Planning Day, University of Indianapolis, Schwitzer Student Center 1400 East Hanna Avenue, 10:00am to 3:00pm, Free. Get a private financial consultation from experts. There will also be workshops on a variety of financial topics throughout the day. Stay as little or as long as you'd like. Register today for free at [www.FinancialPlanningDays.org/Indianapolis](http://www.FinancialPlanningDays.org/Indianapolis) or 877-861-7826.
- Oct 15** Garden Folklore, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00 to 11:00am, \$4. Learn about some of the folklore surrounding popular plants and try your skills at making herbal teas. Ages: 18+. Registration required.
- Oct 18** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00 to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational board games with their children.
- Oct 27** SE Neighborhood Congress, Pride Center, 1129 Vandemann Street, Norwood Place neighborhood, 7pm.
- Oct 27 to 28** Ghoulish Garfield, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:00 to 9:00pm. Put on your costume and take part in a fun Halloween celebration! Enjoy goblin games and treats at the Burrello Family Center, creepy crafts at the Arts Center, and get spooked on your tour of the Haunted Conservatory. The Haunted Conservatory will be less scary from 6:00 to 7:00pm, with the real haunting starting at 7:00pm (recommended for ages 8+). \$1 admission to Conservatory, \$3 hayride, all other activities free.
- Oct 31** Creepy Crawlies, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00 to 11:00am, \$4. Bring your little one to explore the world of all things that creep and crawl. Learn about these creatures and make a craft to take home. Ages 2-5. Registration required.
- Oct 31** Scare in the Square, Fountain Square, 4:00 to 6:00pm. Trick or Treat at participating Fountain Square merchants.