



## December Meeting to Be a Social Gathering



The December 5 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting will be a time for socializing with neighbors. The association will provide sandwiches and drinks and will rely on all you good cooks out there for side dishes and desserts. We usually have some type of entertainment as well. Hope to see everyone there! The November 7 meeting will be a normal meeting at Immanuel United Church of Christ at 6:30pm.

## Leaf Season Has Arrived

Leaf pickup will start on Monday, October 24 and go through Friday, December 2. All leaves need to be bagged for pickup. Kraft paper bags are acceptable, but not recommended. Residents may set out up to 40 bags of leaves per week in addition to regular trash. The bagged leaves should not be set directly in contact with the 96-gallon cart but kept three to five feet away (or else the cart may not be able to be emptied). The leaves will be picked up separately from regular trash. The leaves that are collected are taken to Southside Landfill where they are turned into compost. When ready, the compost is made available to Indianapolis residents at no charge. Call 247-6808 for availability.



## Update on the Keys to the Neighborhood Project

Neighbors recently moved the lipstick red piano and piano bench that lived on the median under the gazebo on South New Jersey Street all summer and autumn to its winter storage place. It was an amazing season of musical surprises. Often music from the piano wafted through the neighborhood in the early evening. Sometimes the sounds were more experimental, but all that were within earshot agreed that it was an amazingly successful experiment. Thanks to the many that brought music to our collective garden. It is significant to note that the piano was shown a great deal of respect and for that we are thankful. Both the piano and bench are in great shape and in remarkable tune. Barring no unforeseen circumstances, the piano will return with a fresh coat of outrageous paint next May. If you are in Backyard Birds picking up birdseed, chicken feed, or a birdfeeder for winter please thank the owner, Brandt Carter, who donated her family piano for this project. Backyard Birds is on 54th Street west of Marco's Restaurant. Brandt Carter is a lifelong friend and longtime supporter of Bates-Hendricks.



By Greg Allen

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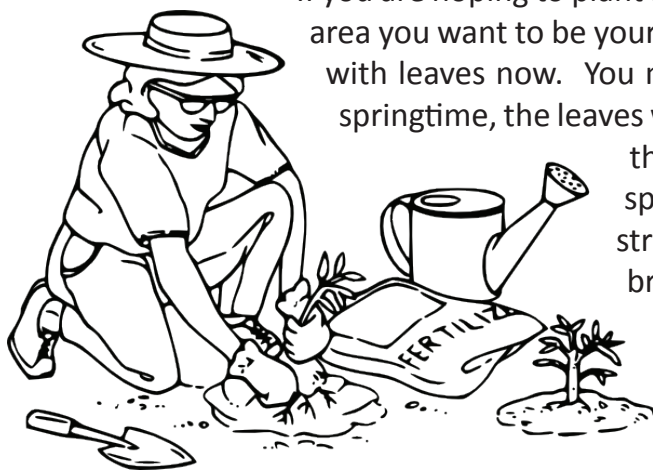


Sisters' Place Restaurant

## Community Gardens are in the Works

Two community gardens are in progress in the Bates-Hendricks and Fountain Square areas. One is the School 31 winter garden on the corner of Alabama and Lincoln. This garden was recently planted with plants and flowers that are frost-hardy, including pansies, red cabbage, various kinds of lettuce, and swiss chard. Parents have worked leaves in among the plants to keep weeds down, attract worms, and build the soil. Depending on the severity of the winter and the amount of surrounding mulch, these plants could survive the entire winter and be harvested for healthy food. If you want to help with this garden, now is the time to build the soil. Bring bags of leaves to the site and they will be spread by volunteers. The leaves are even more important than mulch because a single one-foot coating of leaves on a garden in the fall can transform even the worst dirt for a spring garden. If you want to help with this garden contact Janda Fiscus at 363-5351 or Greg Allen at 697-7375.

The other garden in the works is the community garden that is just taking form in the vacant lot across the street from 901 Shelby. This week, just the trees will be trimmed, but in the near future, neighbors are being asked to bring bags of leaves to this site as well. This will be a model urban garden planted and maintained by neighbors from all of SEND's southside neighborhoods. The hope is to use it as a teaching model to promote urban gardening throughout the entire southside. If you want to help or find out when to drop off bags of leaves, contact one of the following people: Josh Stephens, Project Chairman, 919-1956; Jim Mulholland, SEND Coordinator, 503-5852; or Greg Allen, 697-7375. This is a project that has evolved out of the Urban Gardening Study Circle and the Ugger garden group. Everyone is welcome.



If you are hoping to plant a garden on your own property, line the perimeters of the area you want to be your garden with a two-foot tall fence and fill the fenced area with leaves now. You may have to wet them down to keep them in place. By springtime, the leaves will have transformed the area below them so completely that you will not have to till before planting. The first spring planting time is early March, when you can plant strawberries, potatoes, peas, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, lettuce, radishes, and so much more. All of these can survive the frost, but in order to plant in the spring, you need to prepare now and order your supplies in February.

# Mayor's Liaison Now Has Community Office Hours

Our Mayor's Liaison, Lisa Laflin, now has community office hours every week on the west and south sides of town. Every Monday you can find her at the West Indy Library at the corner of Kappes and Morris, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Every Wednesday you can find her at the RROSS CDC offices in Barrington at 2618 Bethel, from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. You're welcome to just walk in and talk to her about issues that you have in your area, or you can call ahead and make an appointment. Lisa's office number is 327-5595; her mobile number is 452-0316.



She's present in the community to make it easier for those who don't have internet access, who can't easily get to the City County Building, and for those who might need assistance one-on-one. She'll be able to enter complaints from her office as well. Feel free to drop in and pay a visit at either location with your concerns.

## Delectable Dishes

### Pumpkin Bread Pudding

#### Ingredients:

- 8 ounces French bread, torn into small pieces, about 5 cups
- 2 cups half-and-half, or half milk and half cream
- 3 large eggs
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin puree
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Cinnamon sugar, optional



#### Preparation:

Butter an 11 x 7-inch baking dish. Heat oven to 350°. In a bowl, cover the torn bread with the half-and-half; set aside. In another bowl, combine eggs, sugars, pumpkin, cranberries, melted butter, spices, and vanilla; blend well. Pour pumpkin mixture over soaked bread and stir to blend. Pour mixture into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle top with cinnamon-sugar, if desired. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, or until set.

Serve with a vanilla dessert sauce or brown sugar sauce, whipped cream, or vanilla ice cream.  
Serves 8.

# 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

- Nov 5 to 13** Orchid Fest, Garfield Park Conservatory, \$3/person, \$8/family. Hundreds of blooming orchids will be on display. Orchids and growing supplies, as well as growing advice, will also be available during this special event.
- Nov 7** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Nov 10** Allies of Art, 6:30pm to 10:00pm, Big Car Service Center (in front of Lafayette Square Mall). Allies of Art will be an evening of live music, art, food, and big ideas. Food will be provided. Tickets are free to the public. RSVP required. Tickets can be reserved at [www.alliesofart2011.eventbrite.com](http://www.alliesofart2011.eventbrite.com).
- Nov 12** Journey through the Middle East: Egyptian Weaving, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Fountain Square Library. Learn about the use of woven textiles in Middle Eastern culture and the basics of weaving to make a small tapestry in the Egyptian tradition. Registration required, 275-4390.
- Nov 18** Tonic Ball 10. <http://www.tonicindy.com/>
- Nov 20** Reptile Roundup, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$3. Come learn about and meet the resident reptiles. Ages: 3 to 15, Registration required.
- Nov 24** Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov 25** Circle of Lights, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Monument Circle, Free.
- Nov 29** Workshop for Writers Memoir Writing, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Adults are invited to gain insight into writing the stories that define us, validate us, and bring resolution in the telling during this two-hour workshop presented by The Writers' Center of Indiana. Registration required, 275-4390.
- Nov 29** Introduction to Business Ownership, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Free (for the first 15 registrants). Learn what it takes to start a business, assess your readiness, set your goals, plan your path towards business ownership, and learn about the resources that can help you each step along the way. Those who attend will be eligible for start-up loans. To register, e-mail Jim Mulholland at [jim@sendcdc.org](mailto:jim@sendcdc.org) or call 503-5852.

