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January

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Upcoming Bates-Hendricks Meetings



The January Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting will be on the second Monday of the month, January 9. The February 6 meeting will be back on the normal first Monday of the month schedule.

Abandoned Housing Task Force Meeting

The Abandoned Housing Task Force will be meeting Monday, January 9 at 5:45pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ before the next Neighborhood Association meeting. The meeting will focus on discussing the status of homes on the demo list and determining if any new action needs to be taken on the houses to be potentially demolished. There will also be a discussion of some new strategies to deal with the abandoned housing problem. For more information, contact John Winter at 414-9108 or at jwintr@gmail.com.



Post Holiday Tree Disposal & Electronics Recycling

The City's Office of Sustainability, in partnership with Indy Parks, will offer eight drop-off locations in Marion County for residents to recycle their Christmas trees beginning December 26, 2011 through January 31, 2012.

The City's tree recycling program diverts waste from the landfill and adds mulch to our parks and street trees. Last year, nearly 15,000 Christmas trees were recycled through the City's collection program. Residents are encouraged to help make Indianapolis a more sustainable city and take advantage of this easy, environmentally friendly way to dispose of their trees.



Residents are asked to remove all ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, nails, and other decorations before drop-off. No artificial trees will be accepted.

Trees for our neighborhood can be dropped off at Garfield Park MacAllister Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, during normal park hours (dawn to dusk), seven days a week.

Additionally, there will be the annual Post Holiday Recycling event on Saturday, January 14 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, with one of the drop-off locations being in the Garfield Park Family Center parking lot. The event will take electronics, cardboard, white molded foam packaging, paper shreadings (5 box maximum per vehicle), and Christmas trees too. This is a great opportunity to dispose of electronics that you can no longer put out for heavy trash, like television sets. This is the one time of the year you can dispose of televisions and computer monitors for free.

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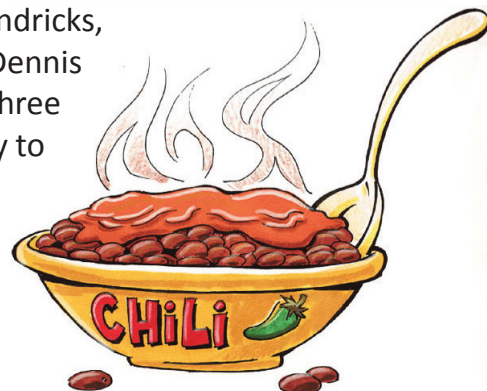
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Sisters' Place Restaurant

Need Help Planning Chili Cook-Off

Now is the time to plan for another Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-off. Funds from the cook-off are to be used to maintain the South New Jersey Street median. Several bushes need to be replaced that did not survive the drought last year and we need to replace the floor of the gazebo. There will be a meeting the night of the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood meeting to pick a date and find a location for the cook-off. So now is the time to pour through those recipes and come up with Bates-Hendrick's best chili. At the last chili cook-off held at Maria's Pizza, Cami Pollard won with her version of Buffalo chili made with real Buffalo meat. And while it was an amazing recipe, almost all the chilies offered were good enough to win. Tom Smith never cooks anything, but out of loyalty to Bates-Hendricks, he prepared a white chili. Accidentally, he tripled the jalapeños. Dennis Pappenmeier could not get enough of it. I know he had at least three bowls. The cook-off is a Bates-Hendricks tradition and is the fun way to bring in the new year. Depending on the wishes of the committee, this year we could have several categories to be judged. At any rate, plan to stay after the regular neighborhood meeting a half hour if you want to help plan the event. We need everyone's help to make this a huge success. If Bates-Hendricks folks do it, it will be great!



We Care Trash and Litter Campaign Update

The Southeast "We Care" Trash and Litter Campaign is gaining steam. Garden signs have been ordered and decals for windows will also be available soon. We're hoping to make a big splash in the Spring of 2012.

If you have not yet signed a pledge, it is now even easier. You can complete and submit your pledge electronically by going to southeastneighborhood.org. Join the nearly 100 residents and businesses that have already made this pledge to clean up Southeast Indy.



Bates-Hendricks Participates in School 31's Winter Festival

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association had a booth at School 31's Winter Festival on Tuesday, December 6. This was an opportunity for the entire community to visit the school, meet teachers and students, and see what is happening in our neighborhood school. Several other community partners had booths along with a Santa Storyteller, Bingo-for-Books, a uniform and coat exchange, and a community Blood Drive. Several families stopped by the booth to see a presentation about Bates-Hendricks and learn about many of the activities the association is involved with. There were copies of the December newsletter for people to take with them.



December Meeting Was a Holiday Celebration



The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association met for a holiday celebration on December 5 at Immanuel United Church of Christ. This was a wonderful opportunity to visit with our neighbors and share a meal. The folks in Bates-Hendricks are certainly great cooks and we especially enjoyed Monte and Shirley Conover's pineapple side dish (recipe below). We also welcomed people from the DAT house located on East Street. It was good to see so many children in the room. Here is hoping that all of you have a great New Year!

Delectable Dishes

Eunice Slagle's Pineapple Side Dish

- 2 cans 20 oz chunk pineapple (drained)
- 3/4 cup Sugar
- 5 tbsp Flour
- 1 cup Mild cheddar shredded cheese
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers (crushed)
- 1 stick Margarine or butter (melted)



Mix pineapple, sugar, flour, and cheese together. Put into a 9x13 baking pan. Spread the crushed Ritz crackers over the mixture, pour the margarine/butter over all and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serve hot.

Submitted by Shirley and Monte Conover

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.

Monthly Calendar



- Jan 1** Happy New Year!
- Jan 9** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Jan 12** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "In the Garden of Beasts, Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin" by Erik Larson.
- Jan 13** Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theatre. Beginning Swing Dance Lessons by Naptown Stomp, 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Entertainment: The Blue Skies Big Band from 8:30pm to 11:30p.m. Admission \$12 at 7:30pm or \$10 at 8:30pm.
- Jan 14** Winter Tree ID, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:30am to Noon, \$3. Bundle up and join us for a basic lesson on winter tree identification using twigs, nuts, and bark. We will then put into practice our new knowledge to explore the park's winter landscape. Age 18+.
- Jan 14** Guided Conservatory Tour, 2:30pm, FREE. Join Southside Master Gardeners as they conduct tours highlighting information about the interesting and unusual plants in the Conservatory. Age 3+.
- Jan 15** Plants that Bite Back!, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$2. Can plants really bite? Come learn about carnivorous plants and other unique plants found in the Conservatory. See live plants in action and make a craft to take home. Registration required, 327-7580. Ages 5-15.
- Jan 21** Super Spirit Craft Program, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Children ages 6 and up are invited to make a headband for their favorite sports team using recycled materials and clever attachments. Local artist Sofiya Inger will lead this fun program. Registration required.
- Jan 21** Mini Greenhouses, Garfield Park Conservatory, 11:00am to Noon, \$3. Explore the 'tropics' and make a mini greenhouse of your own to liven up your house this winter. Registration required, 327-7580. Ages 5-14.