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May

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Cinco De Mayo Plus One



This year, we are having Cinco De Mayo Plus One on the South New Jersey Street Median on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00pm. This is the day the piano will once again show up under the gazebo. We are planning a short concert and a pitch-in Mexican-themed Picnic. All are welcome.

If you want to be a part of the entertainment and/or the piano concert please call Greg Allen at 972-4484 or see him at the picnic. He needs some more people to play. Tables will be set out for the food you bring to share and you should also plan to bring a blanket to eat on. We also ask that you carry away any trash that is generated by the event, as there are no trash receptacles on South New Jersey Street. See you on May 6!

NUSA May 23 through 26 at the J.W. Marriott

May is finally here and with it comes the NUSA Convention. Neighborhoods USA is at the J.W. Marriott May 23 through May 26. The convention opening night is at the State House and is a grand production featuring Bagpipes, a harp, the Arsenal Tech Marching Band and Drum Corps, North Central High School Counterpoints, and a flash mob from the Eastern Star Baptist Church. The workshops start the next morning at the J.W. Marriott.



Also, there are going to be neighborhood tours on Thursday night throughout Fountain Square and Bates-Hendricks. If you see the bus, let them know you are thrilled they are touring our area (and not Broad Ripple or Meridian Kessler).

For the physically fit and those that wish they were, it costs nothing to join the conventioners for "Ladies and Gentlemen Start Your Engines" at 6:00am Thursday and Saturday mornings. It is a brisk half-hour walk on the canal. Join us and get to know these leaders from all over the nation. To toss things up a bit, Friday morning we are offering Tai Chi. Once again, it is free but at the insane hour of 6:00am, leaving from the J.W. Marriott.

The Friday night meal will be at Victory Field and will include fireworks. Indianapolis and the Southside are excited to host so many city and neighborhood leaders this year. We hope you will make them feel welcome too.

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The Changing Character of Southeast Indianapolis

At the March Congress, we approved having informal discussions about the changing character of Southeast Indianapolis. This discussion was prompted by an essay Jim Mulholland wrote pondering the consequences of working to improve the southeast area over the last 25 years.

Below is a list of eight informal meetings at various times and locations that you are encouraged to attend:

- Wednesday, May 9 at 5:00pm at Fountain Square Library
- Thursday, May 10 at 8:00am at Calvin Fletcher
- Friday, May 11 at noon at La Margarita
- Monday, May 14 at 1:00pm at Pure Eatery
- Wednesday, May 16 at 8:00am at Calvin Fletcher
- Thursday, May 17 at 5:00pm at Fountain Library
- Monday, May 21 at noon at Smokehouse on Shelby
- Tuesday, May 22 at 8:00am at Calvin Fletcher

Jim Mulholland will be facilitating these one-hour conversations. The focus of each meeting will be to allow residents and stakeholders to discuss the changing character of our neighborhood and the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats created by these changes. To register to attend a specific discussion, please visit the web address below. If you aren't certain when you can attend, simply drop in when you can.

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Health Fair on May 22

IPS 31 would like to invite you to their Health Fair on May 22 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at 307 Lincoln Street. Come visit informative booths, enjoy a healthy snack, garden tours, check out the bike safety course, and so much more! Hope to see you there. For more information, contact Sarah David, Parent Community Coordinator, at con031sd@ips.k12.in.us or 226-4231 ext. 180.

Southeast Education Task Force

You are invited to join the Southeast Education Task Force to talk about our childrens' education. Let's be part of creating a system of schools in our neighborhood that focuses on our students' academic achievement. High-quality instruction will lead them to success.

The task force meeting will be held on Thursday May 10 at the Southeast Community Services Center at 901 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, 46203. There will be a Resource Fair from 5:00pm to 6:00pm and Dinner and Activities to follow from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The dinner and child care are provided free of charge.

Please help be a part of creating a bright future for schools in our southeast neighborhood. You can make a difference!

Successful Alabama Esplanade Work Day

On April 19, the south end of the Alabama Esplanade was the beneficiary of some hard work. Thanks to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB), Community Courts, and a couple of neighbors, the beds were replanted and the street next to the curb cleaned up. Jim Mulholland said it was one of the best crews he has worked with. Of course, a great big thanks to the folks living on Alabama Street that keep the esplanade in shape all year around. Everyone should go take a look. Also, there is a chance the other part of the rain garden will be worked on soon. Please come out to help when that happens.

Voter Information Portal

With the recent redistricting, polling locations have likely changed. To find out where your new voter polling location is, visit maps.indy.gov/VIP. Then, just enter your address and the website will locate your new polling location for you.

Additionally, if you want to verify your voter registration, this can also be done on the same website by entering your birth date along with your address.



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

- May 6** Cinco de Mayo Plus One, South New Jersey Street Esplanade, 2:00pm.
- May 7** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- May 9** Informal Changing Character of Southeast Indy Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 5:00pm.
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- May 23 thru 26** NUSA Convention, J.W. Marriott and other locations. See article on page 1 for more details.



Submit Monthly Calendar events to news@bateshendricks.org for publishing in the newsletter.