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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Fun Time Had by All at Neighborhood Cookout

The September meeting of the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association was a cookout in Hendricks Park. It was a beautiful day and the food everyone “pitched in” was fantastic. Lisa Laflin’s cheesecake was very popular. It was fun seeing everyone and being able to visit and catch up. Capt. Greg Stanton from IMPD Southeast conducted roll call at the park and we all had an opportunity to meet the police officers who watch out for us. Please put us on your calendar to join us next September.

Art Squared a Big Hit

On Saturday, September 22, three great art events took place in Fountain Square. The theme, “Make Art, Buy Art, Be Art” proved to be a success.

MAKE ART – Masterpiece in a Day – a one day art, music, and writing competition gave away cash prizes.

BUY ART – Fountain Square Art Fair – provided many booths of creative art and also free music to entertain us. Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association even had a booth manned by John Winter to let the visitors know all about us.



BE ART – Fountain Square Art Parade – is always a fun experience. It was great visiting with friends, neighbors, and visitors participating for the first time.

“America We Remember” to Be in Garfield Park

Garfield Park is planned to host the 15th annual “America We Remember” Celebration and Fireworks this year with an added touch of Oktoberfest. The remnants of Hurricane Isaac came through Labor Day weekend, forcing the postponement of the 15th annual “America We Remember” celebration and fireworks. America We Remember has been rescheduled for 6:30pm on Friday, October 19 in Garfield Park’s MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts. This year’s free concert features 7 Bridges, the nation’s premier Eagles tribute band, and will pay tribute to those who have served, and are currently serving, in the five branches of the United States armed services, especially those wounded in action.

The free event kicks off with the Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers. The patriotic program will also feature the Manual High School Manualaires and Indianapolis’ best fireworks show. A new addition to the event this year is an Oktoberfest Garden, featuring selections from the Sun King Brewing Company, with proceeds going to help programs held within Garfield Park. This is a great opportunity for free, family fun!

IMPD Online Traffic Complaint Form

IMPD now has an online form that you can submit for the purpose of asking for additional patrols to help control speeding or other traffic infractions in a specific area. The form can be found at: www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPS/IMPD/Enforcement/Traffic/Pages/traffic-problem.aspx

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Letter from the President

Exciting Events Coming Up

First, I'd like to inform everyone about our exciting October 1 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting. Through a program the city has initiated to reach out to neighborhoods, Deputy Mayor Olgen Williams and senior staff from the Department of Code Enforcement (DCE), Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), Department of Public Works (DPW), and Public Safety will be present to answer questions about issues the neighborhood faces. This is equivalent to the Mayor's Night Out, only with the Deputy Mayor. This kind of opportunity does not happen often, so I encourage everyone to come out and take advantage of it, and to spread the word.



BHNA President, Rob Uppencamp

Second, for the last couple months we have been promoting a huge neighborhood volunteer effort that is coming up on October 13 and 14 called "Good Neighbor Weekend". We have 400 volunteers coming into the neighborhood from Northview Church (www.northviewchurch.us) to help with various projects. Northview is providing volunteers, some funds, and some tools and equipment. Our own Immanuel United Church of Christ will also be providing volunteers and their facilities for meeting and eating. Many neighborhood residents are volunteering and leading volunteer groups. Of course, this wouldn't be possible without Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (KIB), who is providing several dumpsters that will be staged throughout the neighborhood, mulch, plants, trash bags, gloves, water, and some tools.

Last week, we toured the neighborhood with the volunteer coordinators from Northview, looking at each of the projects we would like to work on to solidify a plan. On both Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, at 8:30am, we will meet in the parking lot at Immanuel United Church of Christ (402 Prospect Street). Around 9:00am, we will send teams out to work on the Morris/Prospect triangle gateway (embankment along Morris and Prospect). A group will go to the community center (former Sassy Kats) to help with remodeling. A group will work on the New Jersey Street Esplanade. We have also coordinated with School 31 to help them build their garden at Lincoln and Alabama Streets. Groups will be dispatched to each of the neighborhood quads to pick up trash, trim vegetation, and clean gutters. Various other small projects will be completed as time and resources allow.

We are grateful to Northview for choosing our neighborhood. The Good Neighbor Weekend is not just about getting a bunch of people to do a bunch of stuff. It's about forming relationships and building bridges as well. If you see people out working on October 13 and 14, make sure to thank them. Lunch will be provided to all neighborhood residents who participate. If you know ahead of time that you will be participating, please let me know for food planning purposes. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@bateshendricks.org or 752-3664. The more people we have, the more we will accomplish. It should be a very exciting weekend! --Rob Uppencamp

Creating Landscape Beds: It's Planting Time

Have you started your new landscape bed spaces yet? It isn't too late. Last month, we talked about alternatives to lawn in the yard (archived newsletters available at bateshendricks.org/news). Mulched or stone-covered landscape beds are a great option for reducing mowing maintenance and making your house a home.

Fall is the ideal time of year to start new bed spaces and install new plants. In fact, now is the best time for planting many favorite trees, shrubs, and perennials. With lower watering requirements than spring or summer and less aggressive weed growth, creating new spaces is never easier. It's also the best time of year to plant popular spring flowering bulbs, such as Daffodils, Crocus, and Tulips. Even better, many of these plants will soon go on clearance at retail nurseries, such as Lowe's, at 50-90% off original prices! That's a lot of bang for your buck.

If you followed the tips from last month's article, you've marked out and sprayed RoundUp on your new bed space. The grass/weeds may or may not be fully dead yet because of the cooler temperatures and rainy days we've had lately in the neighborhood. A final spray of anything still green should be effective, and if you're unsure, dig out the toughest weeds. Wait a day or two before planting smaller perennials and bulbs to make sure any excess spray has broken down to a harmless state.

Now you're ready to pick out your plants. I like to select varieties that have multiple flower and color seasons, and whose full size works well in the space. Knockout Roses, Boxwood, Viburnums, and Sweetspire create great background form and color through multiple seasons. Karl Foerster and other ornamental grasses give midsummer and winter interest. Most trees and shrubs can be planted nearly any time of year, except for Flowering Dogwoods, some Oaks, and Roses, which like spring or summer planting. For perennials, Walker's Low Catmint, Liriope, Coreopsis, Shasta Daisy, Russian Sage, and Sedum are excellent accent and border plants. Because we're so far into the urban heat island of downtown Indianapolis, we have an extended planting season for perennials. In most areas of the county, the last weeks to stop planting perennials is the middle or end of October, but ours normally includes the first week of November. But don't try to plant or transplant perennials between the middle of November and the middle of April unless you want to replant next year.

The plants we've talked about so far can be used with the following techniques and tips:

1. **Massing:** This involves buying or transplanting large numbers of a single plant and grouping them in 3's, 5's, or larger numbers. Especially effective with perennials, massing will make your smaller specimens look like one larger plant. You can create a border using your favorite short perennial to bring a bold unified look to the front of your beds.
2. **Layering:** A very effective way to place groupings of plants, layering can organize a space by including masses of shorter perennials in front of larger forms. By applying this technique, you can increase the visual space of our sometimes small front yards. Or it can help bring additional color into an area that has a background planting of evergreens.
3. **Balance:** This is the one that takes the most practice. When you think of balance, the tendency is to go for symmetry – five plants here, five plants there. But really, balance has more to do with form than symmetry. For example, a large tree to the left of the door can be balanced by a denser massing of colorful shrubs to the right of the door. Certain features of your house (offset porch, brightly colored door, etc.) will prove to be like a large tree in that they need to be visually balanced with a similarly eye-grabbing form.

Keep up the good work out there! If you have specific planting questions this month or need plant selection help, e-mail me at AllenJanke@BatesHendricks.org.

Allen Janke
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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.



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Monthly Calendar



- Oct 1** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**

- Oct 6** Journey Through Eastern Europe: Russian Lacquer Boxes, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Ages 12-17, registration required. Learn about Russian lacquer boxes and paint a paper mâché version of your own.

- Oct 7** Orchids 101, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00 to 3:00pm, \$6. Learn the basics of watering and re-potting orchids, and which orchids make the best houseplants.

- Oct 13** A Beginner's Guide to Zombie Apocalypse Survival: Zombie Stage Makeup, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Ages 13-17, registration required. Artists from the Indiana Repertory Theatre will show how to do zombie makeup. More details at www.imcpl.org/events/detail/?event_id=3162

- Oct 16** Fall Break Nature Craft, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:30 to 3:30pm, \$5. Ages 6-15.

- Oct 16** Natural History Series, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:30 to 7:30pm, Free. Learn about Natural Indiana from a natural resource expert and highlight the ecology of Central Indiana.

- Oct 19** "America We Remember" Celebration and Fireworks, Garfield Park MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts, 6:30pm, Free. See page one for more details.

- Oct 20** Fall Reptile and Amphibian Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Free. See live snakes, frogs, lizards, and more!

- Oct 25** **Southeast Neighborhood Congress, Salvation Army (1337 Shelby Street), 7:00 to 9:00pm.** Participate in this coalition of Southeast Neighborhoods to celebrate accomplishments, address failures, discuss emerging concerns, and adopt goals and actions, including voting on Quality of Life goals around parking. More info at southeastneighborhood.org.

- Oct 29 & 30** Ghoulish Garfield, 5:30 to 9:00pm, \$1. This costumed Halloween celebration has goblin games and treats at the Burrello Family Center, creepy crafts at the Arts Center, and tours of the Haunted Conservatory! The Haunted Conservatory will be less scary from 5:30 to 7:00pm, with the real haunting beginning at 7:00pm (recommended for ages 8+). \$1 admission to Conservatory, \$3 hayride, all other activities free.

- Oct 31** Scare-in-the-Square, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm to 6:00pm. All ages. Wear your Halloween costume and stop by the Smallest Halloween House in Fountain Square to get a treat.