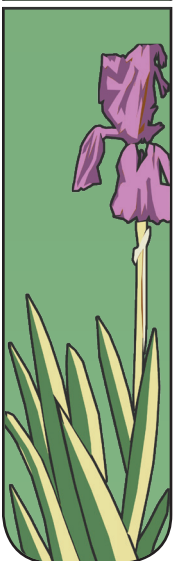


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Great Indy Cleanup on April 6 This Year

On Saturday, April 6 it is time for another big annual cleanup. If a Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Adopt-a-Block Coordinator near you has requested a dumpster to use, Saturday would be a great time to help pick up trash in your area and clear your sidewalk and street gutter of weeds and other debris to help make Bates-Hendricks a cleaner place!



Even if your block doesn't have a Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Dumpster, it's still a good time of year to take your trash cart out and help clean up your block. More information about the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Cleanup is available at www.kibi.org/great_indy_cleanup.

Information about adopting your own block through Keep Indianapolis Beautiful can be found at www.kibi.org/adopt-a-block. In addition to being able to request a dumpster for your block every year, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful will give you cleanup tools and supplies to help get you going.

Neighborhood Cinco de Mayo Celebration



On Sunday, May 5, Bates-Hendricks will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on the South New Jersey Street Median at 2:00pm with a concert and pitch-in picnic. On that date, the outrageously painted piano will return to the gazebo for the summer and local artists will play the piano and other instruments to entertain neighbors. This is the day we will celebrate our Hispanic Heritage. If you are not Hispanic, no problem...we will allow you to pretend for the day. So bring your family and your favorite Hispanic dish to share with your neighbors. And don't forget to bring several copies of the recipe you are sharing. You know everyone will be asking for them. Great Hispanic food and fun music is the theme for the day.

There are no tables and chairs on the median, so don't forget to bring a card table to eat at and some chairs to sit in. Greg Allen is coordinating the music for the day. If you would like to play the piano, play your own instrument, or have your church or school choir perform, please call Greg at 972-4484 so he can include you in the schedule. Dress for the day is Fountain Square eccentric and fun.

Letter from the President

When I became the president of the neighborhood association in January 2010, I promised a three-year commitment. We have maintained the good continuity and consistency that Jim Mulholland established six years ago and continue our strong momentum. But I also believe that no organization should become too strongly connected to a single person, which is why we've continued our three-year term for presidency. I have, however, become quite attached to this neighborhood. The best organizations are a collaboration of many volunteers and hard workers, people with ideas, people who are leaders, people who are doers, and people that are encouragers. We have all of this in Bates-Hendricks. **Continued on page 2**



BHNA President, Rob Uppencamp

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I was recently asked if there was any community control in our neighborhood by a particular organization. I said “no, there is no organization that controls our neighborhood. The many residents we have control our neighborhood together as one entity”. I am so proud of the leadership of our association and neighbors and all we have accomplished in the past three years.

We continue to move forward as one of the greatest neighborhoods in the city and it is with great confidence that I turn the presidency over to John Winter. John has already been a leader in this neighborhood for a while now and will continue to advance the work we’ve begun. He shares my vision and enthusiasm and understands the hard work necessary for success. He is surrounded by a terrific board with many talented people. What we’ve begun cannot be stopped. We’ve seen what we can do, we’ve been patient, and we are committed.

As far as myself, I don’t anticipate that I will be any less active or visible in the neighborhood. Actually, I’ll probably be more active now that I have less accountable responsibility. I will remain on the BHNA board as a director. The entire BHNA board is a group of leaders and is very active. I will still be on the board of directors at Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) and will continue to advocate for our neighborhood in that forum. I will continue to participate in the various committees and groups in the neighborhood, including the current Building Blocks project. I’ve also expanded my involvement by working with the city council and our state representatives in developing ordinances and policies that help improve our great neighborhood.

At our upcoming annual board meeting, we’ll be electing a new president, re-electing directors and officers that are up for re-election, and presenting new nominees for election to the board. Regretfully, I must announce that we have three board members that have resigned. Floyd Shoults resigned late last year and, more recently, Beth Stafford and Craig Dukate have also resigned. We appreciate their service on the board and they will be missed.

Board members that are up for election are as follows:

John Winter (re-election for board – 2 years)	Angie Calvert (re-election for board – 2 years)
Allen Janke (re-election for board – 2 years)	Kathleen Blackham (nominated – 2 years)

Officers that are up for election include: John Winter, President (election)

As always, we will also be giving a presentation of our accomplishments and highlights over the past year. It should be a very exciting meeting. I really hope to see you all there! –Rob Uppencamp

Three Kudos for Bates-Hendricks

The Alexander – the new hotel at CityWay – has named their conference rooms after nearby neighborhoods. The Bates-Hendricks Room is joined by neighboring Fountain Square, North Square, Irish Hill, and Fletcher Place Rooms. Another notable achievement for Bates-Hendricks and the Southeast as a whole is that Marion, Indiana has launched their own neighborhood congress using our model. Finally, West Indy is planning to adopt our WE CARE trash and litter program in 2013. Soon there will be WE CARE signs sprouting up on the West Side!

Spring Cleaning for Your Yard

As I write this article about the joys of returning to the outdoors and stretching our collective legs in the yard, I am gazing out the window at somewhere in the neighborhood of 5-10 inches of thick, mushy, dreary snow. But surely as soon as this (hopefully) last major snow of winter blankets us in powder, the rising thermometer will turn those flakes to fresh drops of water, conditioning our outdoor spaces for a new season of growth. In fact, by the time you read this, we may very well be in the mid-60s preparing for the first cookout of the year.

Now, before we can put hamburger to hot coals, there are a few things to warm up with around the grill. That's right, it's time to spring clean the landscape. Please, hold the applause. I do realize I'm one of the few to actually get excited about things most people would consider work, even after having to comply with the mandatory indoor 'spring cleans' that come with this time of year. So for those of you who are also looking forward to getting out of the house again and breaking a sweat in the process, read on. Because if there is a method to the frenzy that is borne with the warming weather, I'll attempt to outline it here.

First, there are deadheading and cutting back perennials and ornamental grasses in existing landscape areas. These can be done with any of the following: scissors, handheld pruning shears, handheld bypass pruners, gas/electric shears, weed-eaters, or a small chainsaw. I'd limit the chainsaw use. But seriously, sometimes you need the extra power. (Insert Tim Allen grunt here.) Try to get to this first step before the spring bulbs pop up, or you may be dodging flower buds left and right—which is hard to do unless you opted for the scissors.

Next, you can focus on pruning back larger branches or aggressive hedge rows. Newer varieties of established Knockout Roses, Privet, Red Twig Dogwood, and fruit trees can all be pruned back before the weather turns. Invasive trees growing in stands of desirable plants can also be taken out most effectively at this time, before leafy growth shields them from view.

Once the light- to medium-range trimming is complete, a quick raking of your mulched and grassy areas will help clean the yard. Whether it be seed pods from daylilies, leftover fall leaves, or a few fallen branches from the last storm, this step goes a long way to giving a space a cared-for appearance. Use a few heavy duty trash bags or pile excess (light) debris into our 96-gallon trash containers. This is also a great time to dispose of any trash that has accumulated in the yard or around the street over the winter. I'd recommend bagging these trash items before putting them in the cart unless you feel like recycling that same trash down the street. By cleaning your outdoor areas now, they become less overwhelming for the rest of the year.

After the cleaning is done, it's time to move on to the more rewarding aspects of the outdoors. Meaning laying a fresh 2" topdressing of mulch on bed spaces, overseeding the lawn, and planting a perennial layer in front of your shrubs. Wait... you thought I was going to say you could have that cookout now? Oh. Well okay, I guess you've earned it.

For questions regarding springtime prepping and planting, email allenjanke@bateshendricks.org.

Allen Janke
GreenApple Landscape Design

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

- Apr 1** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Apr 2** El Día 2013 – World of Families: Bilingual Storytime, Fountain Square Library, 6:30pm. Presented in partnership with the Immigrant Welcome Center in celebration of El Día 2013, families are invited to join Natural Helpers from the Immigrant Welcome Center for a fun, interactive bilingual storytime and activity. This program encourages literacy to all people in all languages. Each child will receive a free book for attending.
- Apr 2** Drawing Comics, Fountain Square Library, 4:30pm, registration required. Children ages 8 and older are invited to learn the basics of comic book drawing during this class led by instructors from Art With a Heart. They'll gain knowledge of various styles, techniques and best methods to tell a story through art.
- Apr 6** Great Indy Cleanup, see page 1 for details.
- Apr 12 & 26** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm. Free, or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Apr 13** Dog Communications Class, Fountain Square Library, 3:30pm. Adults and families are invited as representatives from the Humane Society explain what your dog may be saying to you when he is stubborn, bites, or doesn't seem to be listening. Attendees will learn the tools to "speak dog". A dog will be in attendance.
- Apr 16** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational board games with their children.
- May 5** **Cinco de Mayo, S. New Jersey Street Median in Bates-Hendricks, 2:00pm. Join your neighbors in celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a concert and pitch-in picnic. See page 1 for details.**

