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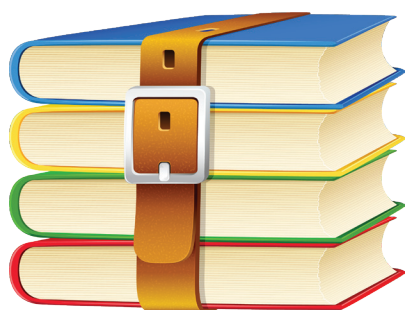
Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Fun Had at Cinco de Mayo Celebration Despite Rain

Cinco de Mayo marked the return of the piano to the gazebo on the New Jersey Street esplanade for the summer. The gazebo was restored to mark the occasion. A team of local painters, Ellen and Colin DuKate, did an amazing job! Many thanks! A Mexican Food pitch-in picnic was held to celebrate its return. Around 50 people showed up and the food was amazing. The piano is painted orange this year with Jackson Pollack inspired spatter over-painting. One of the piano players was Cami Pollard, who played Somewhere Over the Rainbow and a Jazz inspired piece. Another was Greg Allen who played the Bohemian Rhapsody and We are the Champions. It did rain, but spirits did not seem to get dampened. Stop by and lay your hands on this fun work of art.



Read Together, Right Now!



This is the theme for the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library's 2013 Summer Reading Program, June 3 through July 27. Everyone can participate and earn points for every book read and then exchange points for free prizes. There are many prizes, ranging from Retro Tattoo, Indiana Fever Pass (buy 1 get 1 free), Marion County Fair Family Fun Pass (buy 1, admit 4), Dr. Seuss pencil or pen, Little Caesar's Crazy Bread coupon, Drink Squeezie, Children's or Teen Paperback, Indy Parks Pool Pass (buy 1 get 1 free), Children's Museum Guild Haunted House Pass (1 per card) to the big prize: an Indiana State Fair Admission Ticket (1 per card). You and your children can sign up at the Fountain Square Library or any branch.



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Letter from the President

KIB Adopt-A-Block

On April 27, we completed a very successful beautification on South East Street at the Euro Plastering site, which had an immediate impact. Allen Janke brought us 2 trailers full of plants and we spread 10 yards of mulch. We had many volunteers from the neighborhood, and the TKE fraternity came out in force to help the project come together. In total, we had around 35 people and we were able to get the entire site planted and mulched in under 4 hours! Events like this really show what we can do as a neighborhood.



BHNA President, John Winter

Each of us has the ability to make a similar impact closer to home. Every time that you pick up trash around your home or plant something in the ground, you make an impact on your neighborhood! For those who have not heard, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) offers an Adopt-A-Block program that really incentivises these simple improvements. When you adopt your block(s), you make a commitment to pick up litter on your street. I have seen many neighbors doing this on a regular basis already.

Once you officially adopt your block, KIB will provide you with trash bags, gloves, and other equipment for picking up trash. After you have established a track record of having a "clean" block, you are eligible for goodies! In the spring, there is a flower distribution for both annuals and perennials. Then, in the fall, you are eligible for a tree (3-foot to 5-foot tall!). As you can see, the process has the ability to continually improve your block. I have found that these plants are an excellent way to help neighbors spruce up their yards, especially for those who do not have disposable income to spend on such luxuries. To sign up, you can go to www.kibi.org/adopt-a-block or contact Joe Jarzen at jjarzen@kibi.org or (317) 264-7555 x106.

So, get out there and help us make an impact at your home and on your block. Bit by bit, we will create the next great neighborhood in Indianapolis!

—John Winter

Summer Showtime – Family Movies 2013

Another part of the IMCPL Summer Reading program is free movies for all ages. The following movies will be shown at the Fountain Square Library Branch at 1:00pm:

June 5 Paranorman (PG)

July 3 Madagascar 3 (PG)

June 12 Dr Seuss' The Lorax (PG)

July 10 Peter Pan (G)

June 19 Hotel Transylvania (PG)

July 17 Wreck-it Ralph (PG)

June 26 Brave (PG)

July 24 Rise of the Guardians (PG)



Our Lilly Neighbors Are Raising Worms by Greg Allen

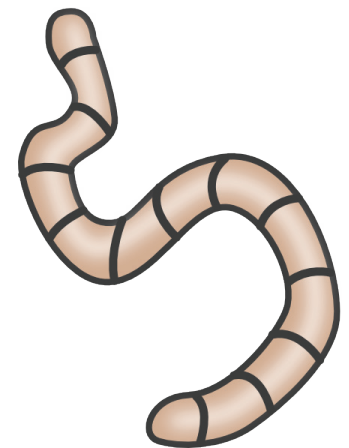
Last month, I ran into a dear friend from Carmel, Carolyn Yost. I have been telling her about Bates-Hendricks and all the interesting and leading-edge things this neighborhood has been taking on. Carolyn is one of those charming people who is always ahead of the curve and is constantly trying new things. At least one of the discussions we had was about gardening in an urban environment. As a result of those conversations, she offered me a setup that she had been storing in the attic. It is called Can O Worms and has a bottom tray with a spigot for gathering liquid, three trays for worms, and a lid.

The idea is the worms eat your kitchen waste instead of you putting it in the trash can and therefore the landfill. The worms generate worm castings that can be used as a dressing for your garden and tea for a earth-friendly fertilizer. This afternoon, I noticed on YouTube that this is a concept that Lilly has adopted for their cafeterias. Carolyn's problem was that her insatiable curiosity was not in sync with her family's disgust with worms in general. They wouldn't let her use it. And so Carolyn offered the Can O Worms setup to me.

I called the Can O Worms company in Australia. They gave me instructions and I ordered special worms that are best for this kind of composting. With a little bit of experimenting, I am off and running. With each meal, I finely chop my peels, egg shells, coffee grounds, etc., and put them under damp newspaper in the first tray. I called Worm's Way in Bloomington to make sure I was doing it right. They were really helpful. Lifting the newspaper is kind of like looking in the snake pit in the Indiana Jones movies. These guys or girls are amazing eaters.

Once a week, I pour water through the worms, collecting it in the bottom pan and use it as a tea to fertilize my house plants and raised garden beds. And it returns a lot of the original micro-organisms to the earth that were there before I started using chemicals to fertilize my lawn and plants. If all goes well, two thousand worms will multiply into 30,000 within 90 days. Other than making sure they don't get too hot (no hotter than 80 degrees) or too cold (no colder than 35 degrees), they are pretty low maintenance. The only other danger they face is my brother and his wife, who love to fish.

Before Carolyn offered me this setup, I had heard of people growing worms in coolers filled with peat or coir (a renewable coconut fibre). I think if your cooler has a drain hole it will work. If Lilly can do it, so can we. I just wish we could see their setup and see what they are doing. This is so easy and it really works. Here's to learning more ways to be green!



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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This newsletter and previous newsletters available online at bateshendricks.org/news

Monthly Calendar

- Jun 1** Accordion Travel Map Collage Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Children ages 8 and up are invited to create a road map to guide their travels using stickers, old maps, and other images. Registration required.
- Jun 3** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Jun 4, 11, & 18** Critter Chats, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Children and families are invited to meet an animal face-to-face and spend time getting to know about it. Presented by Animalia, this program will allow attendees to ask questions about the animal they see.
- Jun 7, 14, 21, & 28** Summer Films for Teens, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. June 7: "Avengers" (PG-13); June 14: "Fast Five" (PG-13); June 21: "Men in Black 3" (PG-13); June 28: "Inception" (PG-13).
- Jun 8** IndyCARES, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am to 1:00pm. Learn how to recognize cardiac arrest and how to perform effective CPR during this information session.
- Jun 14 & 28** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Jun 15** Altered Album Cover Art Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 3:00pm, children ages 8 and up. This workshop will show young ones how visual art and music work together. Using collage materials and old LP sleeves, participants will alter an album cover to create a new, original cover for the recording artist or group of their choice. Registration required.
- Jun 18** 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.
- Jun 20** Duct Tape Messenger Bags: Teen Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm. Teens are invited to create a one-of-a-kind messenger bag during this workshop. Registration required.
- Jun 25** Can You Dig It Juggling Show with Troy Roark, Fountain Square Library, 6:30pm. Children and families are invited for a funny and insightful educational program by Master Entertainer Troy Roark. His show is filled with juggling, magic, and comedy.

