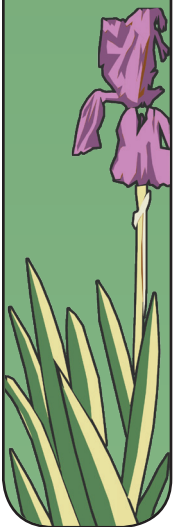


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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



# Air Quality Discussed at July Bates-Hendricks Meeting

Are you concerned about air quality in Bates-Hendricks? Do you or your family and friends suffer from asthma or breathing difficulties? The Sierra Club's Indianapolis Beyond Coal Campaign will be discussing the impacts of coal pollution and how we can move Indy Beyond Coal at the next meeting of the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association on July 1, at 6:30pm. The Indianapolis Beyond Coal Campaign is a movement encouraging Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) to retire the Harding Street Generating Station and move Indianapolis beyond coal toward clean energy. IPL's Harding Street coal plant is an outdated coal-burning power plant located just five miles southeast of Bates-Hendricks. It exposes more than 800,000 people living and working in central Indiana to dangerous coal pollution.

The Harding Street coal plant is responsible for 88 percent of the industrial toxic emissions in Marion County, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Our health suffers from this outdated and dirty approach to power generation. The Clean Air Task Force estimates pollution from the plant contributes to 76 deaths, 120 heart attacks, 55 hospitalizations, and 1,300 asthma attacks every year in the Indy area. In addition, the coal plant is the largest point-source carbon polluter in Indy, leading to dangerous climate disruption. IPL's Harding Street coal plant dumps dangerous toxic metals, including arsenic, boron, cadmium, mercury, lead, and selenium, into our waterways.

IPL can move away from its dependence on outdated coal facilities toward clean energy, making us truly a world-class city with air that is healthy to breathe. Yet, IPL's current plans are to raise rates to extend the life of the Harding Street coal plant, burdening families, the elderly, and small businesses with higher rates and health care costs. Join us to learn more about the growing movement locally and nationally to secure a coal pollution-free, clean energy future for America! Let's make Indy the crossroads of clean energy, not toxic coal pollution!

## Proper Times to Set Off Fireworks

The City of Indianapolis wants to remind everyone to be courteous to their neighbors by setting off fireworks at the appropriate times. It is only legal to set off fireworks during the following times:

- June 28 through July 3 between 5:00pm and two hours after sunset
- July 4 between 10:00am and 12:00 midnight
- July 5 through July 9 between 5:00pm and two hours after sunset
- December 31 and January 1, between 10:00am on December 31 and 1:00am on January 1



For the first offense in any twelve month period, violators shall be subject to admission of violation and payment of the civil penalty. For the second offense in any twelve month period, the civil penalty is fixed at a minimum of \$500. For the third and subsequent offenses in any twelve month period, a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 shall be imposed.

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## Letter from the President Celebrating the Front Porch

Summer is finally here. The temperature over the last week or so definitely reminds us of that. One of my favorite parts of the summer is sitting out on my (or my neighbors') front porch enjoying a refreshing beverage.

The front porch is tragically a lost feature from many suburban homes. Out in the 'burbs you come to a house and are greeted by their garage, you quickly are brought inside the house, and if you are to socialize outside, you end up in the backyard trying to forget that there are neighbors around.

I love the fact that I have a front porch on my house. Not only is it a nice way to greet guests, it also is a great way to get to know your neighbors. In a neighborhood like ours, there are constantly people driving by, walking, biking, and even running. Just waving "hi" is a small step that helps build a community. On occasion, I have even been part of porch parties with many neighbors coming over to chat, eat, and drink. A fantastic example of that was the Cinco de Mayo celebration on S. New Jersey Street. Even with the rain, we had an amazing time!

So, make sure to celebrate your front porch. Have friends over and say "hi" to your neighbors out on their front porches and to those walking by. More than anything, enjoy one of the many amenities that our neighborhood boasts so well!

—John Winter



**BHNA President, John Winter**

## FoodCon at the Harrison Center and Worms

On July 5 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, the Harrison Center is hosting FoodCon, an unconventional convention and one-of-a-kind showcase and exploration of the art and culture of food in Indianapolis. The event attracts over 2,000 attendees. Greg Allen from Bates-Hendricks will host a table on using worms to compost our food scraps.



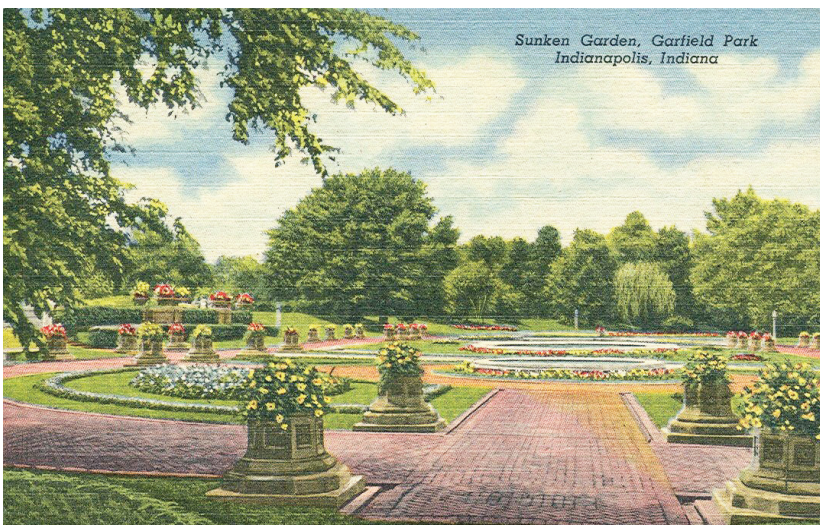
Greg Allen's Garden

This is a movement that is not just for kooks. New York City announced Monday, June 17 in the New York Times that the city will start a gradual rollout of a plan to recycle food scraps. The goal is to keep them out of the land fill and use these scraps for fertilizer or to generate power.

San Francisco and Seattle already have programs in place. The savings for these major cities are in the \$100's of millions, and those are millions that can be spent elsewhere. Greg uses his worms to generate worm castings that improve the soil of his garden and for "tea" that he uses to fertilize the food he eats out of the garden.

Have you ever wondered what is in all the chemicals what we use to fertilize our gardens? .....And while we are feeding our children tomatoes, lettuce, and corn out of our gardens are we also feeding them a cocktail of chemicals that causes all sorts of health issues? Worm castings and worm tea are chemical-free and known to be safe. The results are amazing! And it's easy. Come to FoodCon and learn how to do it with a few red worms, some peat moss, and an old cooler that has a spigot. See you there!

## Garfield Park Walking Tour Presentation



Join the Marion County Historical Society Thursday, July 25 at 5:30pm for a brief history of Garfield Park. Carol Hall will be leading a one-hour walking tour of Garfield Park with a talk about the history of the park. The walk will begin and end at the MacAllister Amphitheater. Carol Hall presented a paper on the history of Garfield Park before the Indiana Association of Historians. The walking tour will trace notable park history beginning in the 1850's.

# 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](http://bateshendricks.org).



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## Monthly Calendar

- July 1** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- July 10** Conservatory Fire Jam, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:00pm to 9:00 pm, Free. Enjoy family-friendly fire arts, performances, and the percussive beats of local musicians. More details at: [www.garfieldconservatory.org/conservatory-fire-jam.htm](http://www.garfieldconservatory.org/conservatory-fire-jam.htm)
- July 11** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. **Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion. This month's book is "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo.**
- Jul 12 & 26** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Jul 13** CLANG! Concert, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Children and families are invited to a fun music concert featuring the percussion group, CLANG! Its musicians play homemade and wacky instruments. Kids will have a chance to help out with the music!
- Jul 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.
- July 24** Public Practice, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Free. Bring your violin, your harmonica, your ukulele, or whatever instrument it is you play and practice it anywhere in the Conservatory or on the Conservatory grounds. More details at: [www.garfieldconservatory.org/public-practice-at-garfield-park-conservatory.htm](http://www.garfieldconservatory.org/public-practice-at-garfield-park-conservatory.htm)
- July 27** Neighborhood Jazz Night, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Free. As part of the Chicago Jazz's Festival Neighborhood Nights, the Garfield Park Conservatory will offer a free showcase of Grammy nominated jazz guitarist, Henry Johnson. Bring a blanket, some cheese, a friend, and your relaxation bone. More details at: [www.garfieldconservatory.org/neighborhood-jazz-night.htm](http://www.garfieldconservatory.org/neighborhood-jazz-night.htm)

