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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Bates-Hendricks 2014 Chili Cook-Off

The 2014 Chili Cook-Off will be held this year at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building at 1850 S. East Street on February 22 from 11:00am to 1:00pm (contestants should show up a half hour earlier). Use the basement entrance on the rear of the building.



There will be prizes awarded for the best in each of the following categories: Red Chili, White Chili, Vegetarian Chili, "People's Choice" Chili, and Best Decorated Booth.

The cost to enter your chili is \$5. Entrants are asked to bring around 2 gallons of chili and any condiments that should be enjoyed with the chili. Attendees wanting to taste the various chili dishes will be asked to donate \$3 (no penalties for donating extra). Drinks will be available for an additional cost. We'll also have Bates-Hendricks t-shirts on hand for those that want one.

Funds raised from the event will be used for new projects in the neighborhood as well as for maintenance of the many projects that have been completed over the years. A special thanks to Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers, who have already provided funds for the cook-off!

Please register by February 17 by e-mail at chilicookoff@bateshendricks.org or by calling Eddie Beagles at 850-4452.

East Street Bridge to Be Replaced

Nathan Riggs from INDOT will be the featured speaker at February's neighborhood association meeting since the January Bates-Hendricks association meeting was canceled. He will be presenting details for the reconstruction of the East Street Bridge over I-70, which will be replaced in 2014. The construction will begin in the spring and will be worked on one half at a time. The project should be completed by the end of 2014.



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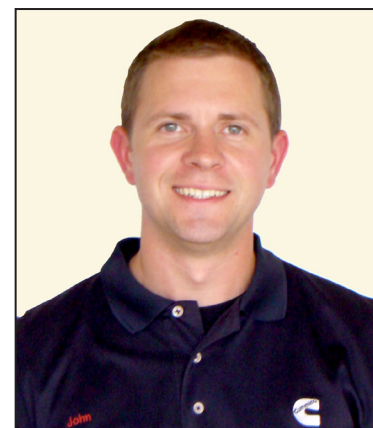
Abandoned Housing Gains Shifts Focus to Other Goals

Once again, Bates-Hendricks had a clean sweep at the County Surplus Sale. People are really taking notice of our neighborhood and all of the potential that lies within. After the sale, I had a chance to talk with some of the new owners. There will be a nice mix of houses that will be flipped for sale, houses that will be used as higher-end rentals, and even a house that will be fixed up for a homeowner. Combining this with the first Transer and Transform (TNT) property to be sold off in the neighborhood, and the fact that Renew Indianapolis is now open for the remaining DMD properties, continues to give me hope that abandoned houses will soon be a thing that we refer to as a problem of the past.

With all of that being said, I can now honestly say that abandoned housing is now off my top three priorities for the neighborhood. Quickly rising to the top, if not the top priority, is working to bring more businesses to our East Street Corridor. As a neighborhood, I feel that this is the next big step in the development of our neighborhood. However, I think that it is equally important that we make sure to patronize our current businesses. We already have a handful of places that have some pretty good food with Sisters' Place, the Tex-Mex restaurant, and the newly added Indy All Night. Supporting our neighborhood businesses is the best way that we can show prospective entrepreneurs that this is a neighborhood that they should invest in. If everyone in the neighborhood could make an effort once a month to support these local businesses, just think what an impact it could make!

In case you're wondering, my other top priorities are focusing on infrastructure, such as streets, sidewalks, lighting, parks, etc., and working on negligent landlords and property owners. Keeping negligent properties from slipping into abandoned housing will help continue our upward trend in reducing abandoned houses in the neighborhood. Other priorities include improving education for our residents (part schools and part perception) and tackling crime.

—John Winter



BHNA President, John Winter

Heat Up Your Kitchen on a Cold Winter Night by Greg Allen

When the winter temperatures dip into the teens and it's so cold that it's hard to breath outside, consider heating up the kitchen by canning. No I haven't lost my mind. Canning is something great to do year round.

Last week, all of my "out of state" children and grandsons gathered on South New Jersey Street. They come about twice a year and their winter visit is their favorite because of the likely possibility of snow. This year to celebrate, the whole Allen clan gathered for chili. As fate would have it, the snow storm and slick roads kept some away. But the grandsons were thrilled that we had so much "glorious" snow.

As a result of the storm, we had around 3 quarts of chili and a head and a half of cabbage left. The stand-alone freezer croaked last year so the freezer in the refrigerator was the only choice for the chili, but it was maxed out. And the cabbage – well, we just couldn't eat any more coleslaw.

I got out the pressure canner and canned the chili so it could be stored in the basement on a shelf. Yes, you can safely can meat. And to use the leftover cabbage, I found a recipe called "pickled red cabbage" in the "Ball Complete Book of Home Preserving". This book is my bible when it comes to canning. It gives step-by-step instructions that are easy to follow. The red cabbage recipe used only a water bath canner and so it was "easy peasy", as they say on TV.

The result was a kitchen filled with wonderful aromas of clove, cinnamon, all spice, and vinegar. And then there is the glorious heat that canning generates. Seeing how easy it was, the grandsons asked if I had any more of my homemade blackberry jam. They were all out at home and couldn't think of eating pancakes without it. I had all the ingredients and so in an hour I whipped up several jars to send home with them.

Other than saving leftovers and making jam, my favorite things to make and share are bread and butter pickles, pickled beets, green beans, bean soup, red onion/orange marmalade (a delicious topping for meats and burgers), peaches, applesauce, and every sort of tomato concoction. And while I always can in the late summer, canning in the winter is a great way to create and save healthy additive-free food while at the same time heat up the kitchen on a cold winter night.

Get on Lisa Laflin's E-mail List for City Updates and More



If you don't know Lisa Laflin, our mayor's liaison, now is as good a time as ever to. Lisa sends out important and useful information frequently to her e-mail "blast list". The information she shares comes from various sources, but this winter in particular she has shared the latest news on snow removal activities, trash pickup delays, and winter weather alerts for the City in addition to everything else. Stay in the know and contact Lisa at Lisa.Laflin@indy.gov to get on her "blast list".

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 Kate Reinhardt, 1407 S. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



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Newsletters Online

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Monthly Calendar

- Feb 1- Mar 2** Neo Natural: Botanically Inspired Art Works, Garfield Park Conservatory, Mon.-Sat. 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sun. 1:00pm to 5:00pm, \$3 per person or \$8 per family (max. 2 adults). Artists from Ball State University have created pieces in response to inspiration from the botanical collection to create a unique exhibit.
- Feb 3** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Feb 4, 18, & 25** Parent and Preschooler Yoga, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm, registration required. Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and their parents are invited to this 45-minute program presented by certified yoga instructors from the YMCA.
- Feb 6, 13, 20, & 27** Sight Word Club, Fountain Square Library, 5:00pm to 5:45pm. Children who are beginning to read are invited to play games with sight words and explore iPad sight word apps. Each week they will be rewarded with take-home activities to help them as they venture into the world of reading.
- Feb 8** Healthcare Information at the Library, Fountain Square Library, 11:30am to 1:30pm. Adults are invited to drop in anytime during the scheduled time for one-on-one information about the Affordable Care Act and the health care marketplace from representatives who can explain and answer questions.
- Feb 10** Let's Make Music! Preschool Workshop with the ISO Learning Community, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am. Preschoolers ages 3 to 6 and an adult are invited for music and movement activities led by Linda Noble from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Learning Community. They'll cultivate singing and rhythm skills through the use of song tales, finger plays, rhymes, and simple songs. Registration required.
- Feb 13** One Book, Two Cities: "Vienna" Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm to 2:30pm. As part of the One Book, Two Cities shared reading experience with Cologne, Germany, adults are invited to discuss the book, "Vienna" by Eva Menasse. A trained facilitator will guide the group and invite open discussion.
- Feb 14, 28** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Feb 18** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational games, including Wii Brain Academy, with their children.
- Feb 22** **Bates-Hendricks 2014 Chili Cook-Off, see page 1 for details.**
- Feb 22** One Book, Two Cities: Preserving Family Photos, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Adults are invited to learn about preserving family history through photos.

