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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Next Great Indy Cleanup on Saturday, April 26!



The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association will host approximately 400 volunteers, both from the neighborhood and Northview Church in Carmel, on April 26 for the Great Indy Cleanup!

There will be approximately 25 teams cleaning up litter in the streets and alleys, clearing invasive plants from the Morris/Prospect corridor and around Pleasant Run Creek, planting trees, flowers, and sprucing up the neighborhood parks.

Volunteers will be meeting at Immanuel Church on the corner of East and Prospect Streets at 8:30am that Saturday to get their assignments. Teams will work in their areas from 9:00am to Noon. We will wrap up the day with a volunteer appreciation picnic at the newly created Baumann Park (corner of Beecher and Singleton Streets). The day is being sponsored by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc., Northview Church, Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association, and Fountain Square Brewery.



We need more volunteer leaders to make this a great day of service! If you're willing to lead a group of 15-20 volunteers, please contact John Winter, BHNA President, at [president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org). If you are interested in volunteering to make our neighborhood even better, please show up at 8:30am on Saturday April 26 at Immanuel Church on Prospect and East Street!

Together, we are responsible for the future success of our historical neighborhood. We need your help to make the place we call home safe, clean, and beautiful. I look forward to seeing you soon!!

Lance Boehmer  
Chair of East Street Quality of Life Committee

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## Presentation on Development at 1202 Shelby Street



A proposal by Deylen Realty to develop the parking lot at 1202 Shelby Street (in front of police station and Family Dollar) into apartments and retail has been submitted to the Department of Metropolitan Development.

The proposal tentatively envisions the construction of a 5-story mixed-use building with 56 apartments, a 62-space parking garage, and 5,920 square feet of first floor retail. There is a pledge to maintain 45 to 55 free public spaces on a surface lot for 5 years. The development would offer 16 studios, 28 one-bedrooms, and 12 two-bedroom apartments for lease. Potentially, construction could begin in 2015.

Green technology is featured in the project design, incorporating a green roof and green temperature control. Deylen Realty has already invested heavily in the Fountain Square and Fletcher Place neighborhoods with the Murphy Arts Building, Fletcher Place Lofts, and the Hinge. The project will require approval by the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission.

You have an opportunity to hear more about this proposal firsthand from the developer, and then weigh in on whether or not this is the type of development that you feel is best for the area.

Those three meeting opportunities are:

- Thursday, April 3 at 7:00pm at 924 Shelby Street, in conjunction with the North Square Neighborhood Association meeting. North Square gladly invites you to join them.
- Thursday, April 10 at 5:30pm at The Fountain Theater Building, 2nd floor Shelby Suites (enter at Imbibe/End of the Line on the Shelby Street side of the building), in conjunction with the Fountain Square Merchants Association meeting. This will be the first item on their agenda. The FSMA invites you to attend.
- Monday, April 21 at 6:30pm at 924 Shelby Street, in conjunction with the Fountain Square Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting. FSNA welcomes you to join them that evening.

# Letter from the President

As I look over my first year as President, I couldn't be happier. There have been so many great accomplishments and so many wonderful people moving into the neighborhood.

The accomplishment that I am most proud of is the reduction in abandoned homes. Most of the homes from the 2012 surplus sales have been fixed up and new neighbors are moving into them. Continuing with the surplus sale success, over 50 additional homes and around 10 lots have been sold in the last year. Many of these homes have already seen appreciable improvement, with a few already being lived in! 6 of the lots are seeing great improvement as they are being used for Bates-Hendricks parks. To continue the charge against abandoned housing, Renew Indianapolis has begun to offer DMD properties, with two properties already being approved since the beginning of the year and many others garnering attention.



BHNA President, John Winter

There have been amazing strides in our beautification efforts. We started with last year's Great Indy Cleanup in April with fantastic representation from the neighborhood. From there, things really began to take off! We collaborated with the TKE fraternity to landscape the Euro Plastering corridor. Next, came a work day with Lilly volunteers clearing great swaths of invasive species along Morris & Prospect Streets. Things really began to ramp up in October. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful brought forth a huge undertaking with the transformation of Baumann Park. Over multiple volunteer days, the park truly became a destination in the neighborhood. Finally, in November, Northview Church brought a volunteer army down over two days. They spent time clearing out an overgrown pathway, installing fixtures in Baumann Park, creating new landscaping beds, and even painting the entire exterior of the East Street Church of Christ!

Another thing that we can be proud of is all of the community events that we have held over the last year. Besides the well-attended September cook-out and December holiday dinner, we held a Chili Cook-off with a new partner in the neighborhood, the VFW. In addition, the New Jersey Street Block Club always puts out a fantastic Cinco de Mayo celebration, with another coming up soon!

I invite everyone to join us in celebrating at the April meeting this coming Monday at 6:30pm. We will celebrate all of the great accomplishments of the last year. Afterward, we will have a chance to discuss the things that we would like to see in the coming year, as well as have an opportunity to voice the concerns that you have in the neighborhood. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Thanks,  
John Winter

## Almost-Cinco-de-Mayo Pitch-In on S. New Jersey

On Sunday, May 4, Bates-Hendricks will celebrate Mexican heritage with a pitch-in Mexican feast starting at 2:00pm at the gazebo on South New Jersey Street. Neighbors should bring a Mexican-themed dish large enough to share. Remember, there aren't any tables and chairs, so you will also need a blanket to eat on. This is a family-friendly event.



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



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## Monthly Calendar

- Apr 5** Singin' Time With Miss Bobbie, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Families with babies and preschoolers up to age 6 are invited to sing and dance in this program with folk singer Bobbie Lancaster.
- Apr 5** Contemporary Collage, Fountain Square Library, 3:00pm. As part of the Library's "Celebrate Brazil" series, children ages 5 and up with an adult are invited to learn about Brazilian culture and create collages. Registration is required by calling your local branch.
- Apr 7** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Apr 10** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson.
- Apr 11 & 25** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Apr 12 & 13** Orchid Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 5:00pm, \$3 per person or \$8 per family (max. 2 adults). The Conservatory will be filled with many displays of blooming orchids from across the Midwest, all competing for awards. Vendors will also be available with orchids for sale.
- Apr 12** Face Painting Workshop for Kids, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Children ages 7 and up are invited to learn the basics of face painting during this hands-on workshop. Registration required.
- Apr 14** Crime Prevention Presentation, Southeast Community Center Senior Center (901 Shelby Street, 2nd Floor), 5:30pm to 7:00pm. This free presentation will discuss simple and effective crime prevention tips to protect your business, home, and personal property.
- Apr 15** 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.
- Apr 25** Discovering Brazil Through Hip Hop, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. As part of the Library's "Celebrate Brazil" series, adults and teens are invited to embark on a brief survey of Brazilian hip-hop as it reveals important lessons of Brazilian society, from social issues and geography to the nation's rich musical history and regional cultural traditions.

