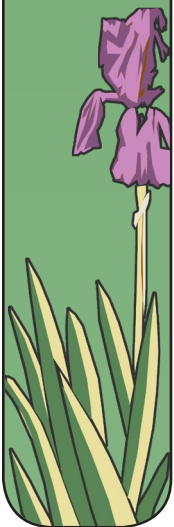


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Great Indy Cleanup, Spring 2014



New Jersey Street Median

The morning of Saturday, April 26 came with a buzz of energy as more than 350 volunteers spread out across our great neighborhood! Teams of 10-15 volunteers cleaned litter and trash from every street and alleyway, cleared invasive plants from the Pleasant Run Creek and the Morris/Prospect greenscapes, planted trees, and built fences! In all, over 1,500 work hours went into the Bates-Hendricks Great Indy Cleanup this Spring! To accomplish this task, we had some amazing help from Northview Church in Carmel, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and the City. After everyone was finished with their section, volunteers gathered at the newly-created Baumann Park for hot dogs and refreshments, thanks to a donation by Fountain Square Brewery.

Projects Completed:

- Fence built on Wright Street Walkway
- New landscaping and trees on Wright Street Walkway
- Invasive plants cleared from Pleasant Run Creek
- Trash cleanup crews sent down every block and alleyway
- New Jersey Street median refreshed with new mulch and plants and weeds pulled (just in time for the Almost-Cinco-de-Mayo Celebration on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00pm!)
- Painted shed and continued landscaping work at Immanuel Church
- Maintenance of existing landscaping beds throughout the neighborhood
- School 31 Garden cleanup
- Continued work on the Lincoln Center

Thank you to everyone that came out to help with the cleanup efforts, and especially to those who helped plan this undertaking – there were a lot of projects and volunteers to coordinate and this was no small task!

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Letter from the President

Now that the Great Indy Cleanup weekend has passed, I'm happy to be able to announce another very successful cleanup! We cleared lots of invasive species, cleaned up hundreds (if not thousands) of pounds of trash, replaced a fence, cleaned up many planting beds, and expanded the landscaping along the I-65 South on-ramp. Afterwards, many gathered at Baumann Park to celebrate the accomplishments with some tasty beverages and some good eats.

The cleanup and celebration highlighted what a great relationship that the neighborhood has with its partners in Immanuel, Northview, School 31, SENSE, SEND, KIB, and DatHouse. One of the most important parts of the continued relationships is you, the neighbors. The fact that we had 40+ neighbors directly helping out the cause really makes the folks from Northview feel that their efforts are appreciated. Even better is the fact that not only were there neighbors actively participating in the official cleanup, but many others came out from their houses to mow their grass, pick up trash in their yards, and even do some landscaping work.

Ultimately, I would like to send a big THANK YOU to all of you! Without so many great neighbors and partners, none of the improvements in the neighborhood would be possible, so please give yourselves a big pat on the back and enjoy the fantastic neighborhood that we are creating day by day.

—John Winter



BHNA President, John Winter

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More photos are available on the Bates-Hendricks Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bateshendricks



Pleasant Run Creek Invasives Removal



Wright Street Path Fence & Landscaping



Immanuel Church Landscaping & Painting



Street & Alley Trash Pickup



School 31 Garden Maintenance



Post-Cleanup Celebration in Baumann Park

Graffiti Free Indy

On April 1, 2014, in the City of Indianapolis, a new graffiti ordinance went into effect. Property owners, both private and public, are responsible for removing graffiti from their property (this does not apply to easily removable chalk markings on the public sidewalks and streets). If a property is reported through the Mayor's Action Center (MAC), 327-4622, an inspector will come out. If the property is found to be in violation, a letter will be sent informing the property owner that the graffiti must be removed within thirty days or there will be a fine.

The good news is that there is help for you. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) and Lowes have teamed up to provide you with a graffiti abatement kit, which includes a gallon of standard grey or white paint, one paint roller, and one paint brush. The kit will also include a discount for tinted paint if any is needed.

Before you can receive this kit, you must first register through KIB. Just go to their website at www.kibi.org/graffiti_free_indy or call 264-7555 x106 and fill out the application. You will be given an ID number to take with you to Lowes on the kit giveaway dates. The upcoming dates are: Friday, May 2 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Lowes on Post Road and Friday, June 13 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Lowes in Beech Grove. You may have neighbors who would like this information and maybe even help with the project. Just remember, you may not go onto private property without permission from the owner unless it's an abandoned property. For further information, go to the KIB website listed above.

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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Monthly Calendar

- May 4** **Almost-Cinco-de-Mayo Pitch-In, S. New Jersey Street, 2:00pm.** Join your neighbors for a pitch-in Mexican feast at the gazebo on S. New Jersey Street. Bring a Mexican-themed dish large enough to share and a blanket to eat on. This is a family-friendly event.
- May 5** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- May 8** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to discuss "Restaurant Man" by Joe Bastianich.
- May 9 & 23** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm.
- May 12** Chalk Art Festival and Competition, Garfield Park. Help decorate Garfield Park by creating works of art on the sidewalks with colorful chalk! Visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org for more info.
- May 15** IMPD Southeast District Community Day, Garfield Park, 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be a bike give-a-way, music, games, Indy car, IMPD special service units, and community organizations. Free food and fun!
- May 16** Folk Art Prints, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm. Children ages 5 and up with an adult are invited to create their own printing block and prints based on the work of José Borges. Registration is required by calling the branch.
- May 17** Master Gardener Plant Sale, Garfield Park Conservatory, 9:00am to Noon. Buy annual and perennial plants and get advice from the Master Gardeners. Visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org for more info.
- May 18** Family Garden Day: Butterfly Planter, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$8/planter. Create a beautiful planter that butterflies will love. Visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org for more info.
- May 20** 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.
- May 20** El Día 2014: Reading Around the World, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm. Children of all ages and families are invited to join Yurtfolk for an interactive hour of music, stories, and folk dance from around the world.
- May 21** May Flowers: Pre-School Program, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, ages 2-6, \$4. Preschoolers can discover what is blooming in the spring and have some flowery fun. Registration required.
- May 27** Author Signing with Philip Johnston, Fountain Square Library, 5:00pm. Indianapolis author Philip Johnston will share stories from his book, "The Poor With Me: Reflections of a Career of Healthcare in the Inner City," which chronicles his 41 years as a physician at Southeast Health Center. A book signing will follow.
- May 27** Stepping Stone Workshop, Garfield Park Conservatory, 5:15pm to 5:45pm & 6:00pm to 6:30pm, \$8 per stone. Enjoy creating a decorative stepping stone, just in time for summer! Stones must be left to dry and can be picked up later. Registration required by May 23.
- May 28** Self-Representation in Civil Court: What You Need to Know, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm. Learn the basics of civil procedures and the issues that may arise by representing yourself in court.

