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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Save the Date: December BHNA Meeting/Pitch-In

The December 1st Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting will be our annual pitch-in dinner. The meeting will be at the usual time and place: 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect Streets. The Neighborhood Association will provide ham, buns, condiments, lemonade, water, utensils, and napkins. Everyone else, please bring a side dish or dessert. Hope to you there!



And don't forget about the November 3rd neighborhood meeting at Immanuel at 6:30pm!

## Good Neighbor Weekend, Nov. 1 & 2

On Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2 from 9:00am to 4:00pm, we'll be having our third annual Good Neighbor Weekend, which entails bringing in hundreds of volunteers to work on a bunch of projects and cleanups in the neighborhood. Good Neighbor Weekend is an ongoing partnership between Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood, Immanuel United Church, and Northview Church in Carmel.

Northview Church started this outreach ministry several years ago, and has served the Bates-Hendricks area for the last two years. It is a weekend when their congregation replaces worship services with serving several communities in the Indianapolis area. The work varies and includes basic cleanup, landscaping and mulching, painting, building community gardens, and more. A few examples in our area would be helping with Baumann Park, a new park at the corner of Singleton and Beecher, a community garden across from School 31, and some landscaping off of East Street on the empty lot beside Immanuel Church.

Immanuel Church has been a host for this outreach weekend each year, serving as both a meeting and resting place. This year, there are a couple of projects happening right at Immanuel. We will be painting three bathrooms and the chapel, along with some mulching of the landscaping in the green area.

Outside of the church, we will clean up and beautify the Morris/Prospect Slopes, the Alabama and New Jersey Esplanades, the School 31 Garden, Baumann Park, Coburn Park, Hendricks Park, Neighborhood Gateways, and the Wright Street Path! We will be spreading lots of mulch and planting bushels of bulbs, building on our status of "An Indianapolis Garden District".

If you are interested in volunteering, the basic meeting times are 9:00am and 1:00pm at Immanuel Church each day, but if you can't make those times, just show up whenever you can. If you are interested in working on a particular project, contact John Winter at [president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org) or (317) 414-9108 for specific meeting time and locations for each project.

## Sisters' Place Reopens

Sisters' Place restaurant has reopened with a new menu and new ownership after an extensive interior and exterior remodel. The restaurant remains at its same location at the corner of Terrace Avenue and Madison Avenue. Currently, Sisters' is open seven days a week from 6:00am until 4:00pm, but the goal is to extend those hours until 9:00pm in a few weeks.



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## Letter from the President

Even though spring is my favorite time of year by far, I think that the fall volunteer season is quickly becoming my second! Last weekend we had a great group from the IUPUI fraternities and sororities help out at multiple locations in the neighborhood (photos below), and we have another great one coming up November 1st & 2nd!

We have been very lucky to have partnered with Northview Church beginning 3 years ago and they have been an amazing organization to work with. Every year, they bring very driven volunteers that keep us on our toes the entire time and I expect that this year will be no different. I hope that many of you can help out even for an hour to show how committed the neighborhood residents are to the cause of making the Quality of Life better for all that pass through and live in our great neighborhood. Don't hesitate to call at (317) 414-9108 to find out how you can help!



**BHNA President, John Winter**





# Sarah McAfee Wins Award for Community Garden

Sarah McAfee, Parents and Community Coordinator at James A. Garfield IPS School 31, is a winner of the 2014 Healthy School Hero Award by the Action for Healthy Kids. This group is America's largest non-profit volunteer organization working with schools to fight childhood obesity and improve children's health and readiness to learn. Sarah was recognized for her work in creating a community garden at School 31, turning it into a learning lab and implementing universal school breakfast. Congratulations Sarah!

## Open Burning Laws in Indy



The Indianapolis Fire Department would like to remind residents to use caution and follow set guidelines with regard to leaves and open burning. Burning leaves in Marion County is illegal and fines of up to \$2,500 may be imposed to those in violation. The IFD encourages you to visit the Department of Code Enforcement website at <http://indy.gov/eGov/City/DCE/envsvcs/Pages/Open-Burning.aspx> or call 327-2236.

The website has excellent resources available with information about leaf collection, open burning, and other options such as composting. Legal open burning includes cooking fires such as barbecue grills, campfires, patio fire pits, chimeneas, and dried twigs, limbs, or branches collected from your property within an appropriate

container. The use of a non-combustible metal container with a ventilated mesh covering is mandatory and the fire must be attended at all times. Never let a child or pet play near an open burn.

IFD asks that if you do burn twigs and sticks, please be considerate of your neighbors and let them know in advance. The smoke and by-products produced by open burning may be an irritant to those who live near you and can create or worsen a preexisting medical condition. Any fire considered a nuisance and reported to the IFD or IMPD can and will be extinguished, even if it is legal.

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## DPW Leaf Collection Runs Nov. 10 – Dec. 5

So you can't burn your leaves but, fortunately, the Department of Public Works will be beginning its annual Leaf Collection Program soon to help dispose of the large number of leaves. Here are the guidelines:

- Each household is permitted 40 bags of leaves for weekly disposal.
- Place leaves in large plastic trash bags, specially-built large paper lawn-waste bags, and/or bag leaves and place in your regular trash cart.
- Place the leaf bags out by 7:00am on your regular trash day.
- Keep all leaf bags at least three feet away from cart collection areas to ensure trucks can service the carts.



Other Leaf Season Tips:

- Make sure sewer inlets and drainage pipes are clear of leaves to avoid drainage problems.
- Open burning of leaves is illegal in Indianapolis/Marion County.
- Making your own home compost from organic waste is another way to dispose of your fall leaves. Learn more about composting at [www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/SustainIndy/RRR/Reduce/Pages/Composting.aspx](http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/SustainIndy/RRR/Reduce/Pages/Composting.aspx)

# 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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## Newsletters Online

This newsletter and previous newsletters available online at [bateshendricks.org/news](http://bateshendricks.org/news)

## Monthly Calendar

- Nov 1-2** Good Neighbor Weekend in Bates-Hendricks, see page 1 for details.
- Nov 3** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Nov 13** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "Claire of the Sea Light" by Edwidge Danticat.
- Nov 13** Indy Film Fest presents *20,000 Days On Earth*, White Rabbit, 8:00pm.
- Nov 14 & 28** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Nov 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.
- Nov 19** Fall Writing Workshops: Introduction to Murder, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Explore some of the basic tools for constructing a mystery novel and be prepared to do a bit of writing, too!
- Nov 20** Family Music Time: Dulcimer, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm. Families with children ages 5 and older are invited to sing, play, and move in this hands-on musical introduction. Participants will explore the dulcimer and record a short tune with presenter Sharon O'Connell. Registration required.
- Nov 21** Tonic Ball 13 fundraiser, Fountain Square. More info at [www.tonicindy.com/](http://www.tonicindy.com/)
- Nov 24** Fall Writing Workshops: Getting Started, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This class, presented by the Indiana Writers Center, is for those who have been thinking about writing for a long time and wondering how to connect with other writers in the Indianapolis area. There will be writing exercises and lively conversation about writing and the writing life that's guaranteed to jump-start the process of becoming the writer you want to be.
- Nov 26** Holidays Gone Awry, Fountain Square Brewery, 9:00pm to 11:00pm. Gather 'round and hear a few interesting anecdotes about this year's theme: "Don't Burn the Turkey: Stories of Holidays Gone Awry".
- Nov 27** Thanksgiving!

