

2014
December

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Bates-Hendricks Holiday Pitch-In

Join us on December 1 for our holiday pitch-in at 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ on the corner of East and Prospect Streets. This is a time for us to enjoy visiting with our neighbors and to celebrate all of the achievements we've made as a neighborhood over the past year. The Neighborhood Association will provide ham, buns, condiments, lemonade, and paper products. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. We will once again be enjoying the Technicians from Tech High School. Hope to see you there!



Flood of Volunteers in Bates-Hendricks for GNW!

This year's Good Neighbor Weekend (GNW) on November 1 and 2 saw approximately 600 volunteers come into the neighborhood to help out over two days! Thanks to Northview Church, Immanuel Church, and neighborhood volunteers, the following projects were accomplished:



- Planting nearly 10,000 bulbs at various locations!
- Immanuel Church – painting Chapel and two bathrooms
- Alabama Street Esplanade and Rain Gardens – cleaning and weeding
- New Jersey Esplanade – raking leaves on esplanade and sidewalks, weeding, planting bulbs
- School 31 Garden – weeding, cleaning, and planting
- Baumann Park – weeding, planting flowers and a tree, mulching, and cleaning
- Coburn Park – installing new sign, raking leaves, weeding, and planting bulbs
- North Gateway – installing plants in side medians
- East Gateway – picking up trash, raking leaves, planting bulbs
- Wright Street Path – raking leaves, weeding, picking up trash, planting bulbs, mulching
- Orange Street Garden – picking up trash, weeding, cleaning up street gutter, planting, mulching
- Euro-Plaster Area – cleaning up planting beds
- Morris/Prospect Slopes & Triangles – weeding, clearing out brush, and planting bulbs
- Hendricks Park Shelter House – repainting

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Letter from the President

I'm writing this letter in November, which of course features Thanksgiving. So, I'd like to write about the things that I'm thankful for in the neighborhood. First, I'm thankful of the location of our neighborhood: we are nestled just outside the constantly improving downtown Indianapolis. In a short walk, we can be at major sporting events at Lucas Oil Stadium and Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Bicycles allow us to go just about anywhere in the greater downtown area, hit the Greenways, and Garfield Park to the south. I'm thankful for the amazing restaurants, shops, and venues that keep popping up around us.

I'm thankful for the renewed investment interest in the neighborhood. Not only have the traditional investors been coming in to purchase properties and fix them up, but there are also people coming in to purchase a house and renovate it themselves. In addition, we have an amazing amount of volunteers that come here to invest their time in the neighborhood to create a place that anyone would be proud to live in.

More than anything, I'm thankful for my neighbors. We have amazingly stubborn, kind, dedicated, compassionate, and loving neighbors. Many of the people in this neighborhood are so welcoming and will have folks over for brunch, dinners, and cocktails. People in this area also have a great sense of adventure, which makes for great nights out in the area with great food, concerts, movies, and shows. I hope that everyone can take time during the holiday season to find things around them to be thankful for.

—John Winter



BHNA President, John Winter

Prosecutor's Office Need Your Help

The Prosecutor's Office is seeking neighbors willing to serve on the Community Impact Panel for the Community Court at 902 Virginia Avenue. This group meets every Tuesday from 9:00am to 11:00am. This allows neighbors to tell violators how their actions adversely impact the neighborhood.

The contact for Community Courts is Leah.Weidner@indy.gov.

Rediscovering Ringgold Park

Bates-Hendricks is a neighborhood visibly growing greener each spring. You might say we've developed a knack for creating and enhancing inspiring green spaces. In recent years, residents and partners, such as Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, have tackled and improved everything from existing city parks and medians to rugged empty lots. Boldly bearing the title "An Indianapolis Garden District" in the Miracle Mile Parade this year, we've got the parks to prove it: Baumann, Czerny, Hendricks, Orange, as well as School 31 Garden, New Jersey Street Esplanade...to name just a few of our green spaces.

The Bates-Hendricks approach to reshaping earth is far from haphazard. Before undertaking a project, leadership works to ensure changes are sensitive to traces of the past, reflective of current needs, and striving to meet the anticipated desires of the future. That's why when long-time residents' fond recollections of Ringgold Park reached the ears of BHNA leadership, research and reflection on the journey of the park ensued.

Currently located at the corner of Cottage and Ringgold Avenues, the relocated park is a downsized victim of transportation development and a shadow of its former self. Using local history collections of several Indy institutions and the Drawings and Documents Archive at Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning, here's a chronology of what was discovered:

19XX: park established sometime in the early 20th century.

1915: Ringgold Play Grounds is detailed on the Indianapolis Sanborn Map #144, 1915. A bathing pool is depicted. A playground block (with residential plats to the north and south) is bordered by Cottage, Ringgold, Orange, and presumably Hartford Street.

1916: Baist Atlas Plan depiction of park is consistent with the 1915 Sanborn map. Hartford can be confirmed as fourth border street.

1936: The park is depicted on a March 25, 1936 Indianapolis Parks plan. A 0.9 acre playground (Playground, Ringgold Ave) is bordered by residential plats to the north and south (south configuration changed). The border streets are Cottage, Ringgold, Orange, and Hartford. Details (swings, volleyball court, etc.) are penciled in on the plan. A bathing pool is no longer depicted.

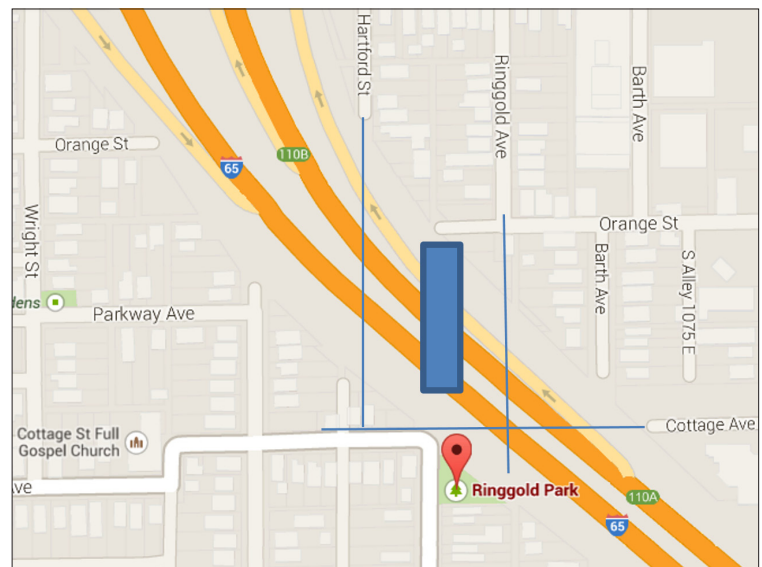
1956: The park is depicted in the original location on a Sanborn map and MapIndy aerial views.

1968-1971: I-65 interchange construction. It is unknown if the park was relocated during this phase.

1978: Interstate complete, as per MapIndy, and a green space at the park's current location is discernible.

The full report, with all images and links to sources, can be downloaded from the Bates-Hendricks website News page at bateshendricks.org/news or directly at bateshendricks.org/news/downloads/2014/RinggoldPark.pdf.

We're forming a project taskforce to brainstorm ideas for the park space and apply for grants to fund improvements to Ringgold Park but need your help. What do you think the future Ringgold Park should look like? What elements would you add or change? What community needs could changes to Ringgold Park meet? Share your thoughts or join the taskforce by emailing ringgold@bateshendricks.org.



Google Maps with Graphic of Original Location, 2014

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

- Dec 1** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Dec 5** Winter Wonder-Jam (First Friday), Radio Radio, 8:00pm doors, 9:00pm show, \$7, ages 21+.
- Dec 12 & 26** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Dec 13** Christmas at Garfield Park, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Free. Visit the Conservatory to meet Santa and see Conservatory Crossing. You can also visit the Arts Center to make toys with Santa's elves and head to the Burrello Family Center for more festive fun. All activities are free. Bring your own camera to take photos with Santa.
- Dec 14** Santa on the Square, PNC Bank & Fountain Square Library, 10:00am to Noon. Get your picture taken with Santa at the PNC Bank in Fountain Square and enjoy a carriage ride. Then visit the Fountain Square Library to make a frame for your picture, decorate a cookie, sign up for a Bunny Book Bag Card, listen to stories, and enjoy the seasonal window displays.
- Dec 16** 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.
- Dec 25** Merry Christmas!
- Thru Dec 31** Conservatory Crossing, Garfield Park Conservatory, Mon.-Sat. 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sun. 1:00pm to 5:00pm, \$3 per person or \$8 per family (2 adults max). Open extended hours until 8:00pm Dec. 18-20 and 26-27 – the perfect time to see the lights! See the Conservatory decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias and enjoy model trains, the train village, and thousands of twinkling lights.
- Dec 31** Happy New Year!

