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August

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



September BHNA Meeting

Next month's Neighborhood Association meeting will be on Monday, September 8 at 6:30pm since the 1st is Labor Day. As usual, the September meeting will be a cookout in Hendricks Park at Madison Avenue and Orange Street. The Association will provide hot dogs, drinks, and paper products. We are requesting that you bring a side dish or dessert.

Indy Rezone Rep. at August BHNA Meeting

Tammara Tracy will be at the August Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting to give an update on the draft code and overall status of the Indy Rezone project.

Indy Rezone is a project undertaken by the City of Indianapolis to update the city's zoning ordinances and associated development regulations to be more sustainable and more livable.



The places of our community, how they are built and physically arranged, affect us in a myriad of ways. The effects impact us collectively and individually; some we consciously recognize, while others are subliminal.

Zoning is the most common set of tools that a city uses to regulate the location and density of development to create the place we call home and accomplish our community vision for the future. Zoning seeks to protect public health, safety, and welfare by regulating the use of land and controlling the type, size, and height of buildings.

Bates-Hendricks House Launches Website



The Bates-Hendricks House, the namesake of our neighborhood, now has its own website. The website covers a brief history of the house, has some nice photos, and has contact information for those who would like to schedule a tour of the house, which is by appointment only. The Bates-Hendricks House is a great and interesting asset to have in the neighborhood and the tour is quite interesting! Check out the website at: www.bateshendrickshouse.com

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Letter from the President

Over the last year, there have been close to 50 properties that have been sold through the Marion County Surplus Sale. Since Renew Indianapolis has started at the beginning of the year, there have been over 10 properties approved for sale. Even more exciting, I have recently been approached by outside investors inquiring about new home building in the neighborhood. We are truly on the cusp of a major face-lift to the neighborhood!

Before this month's Neighborhood Association meeting, we will plan to assess our homes in our annual abandoned housing survey. I am cautiously optimistic to see that, besides many of the orphaned homes being purchased, many of our vacant "at risk" properties will also be seeing improvement. A big part of this assessment will be to identify the worst vacant properties in the neighborhood. Once we have that list, we can direct resources towards them so that those working to improve their homes will not have the progress negated by a blight next to them.

The signs of improvement continue around the area. Soon enough, we will be the "Next great neighborhood in Indianapolis!"

– John Winter



BHNA President, John Winter

Help Needed to Survey Abandoned Houses

The Abandoned Housing Task Force will meet on Monday August 4 at 6:00pm – right before the Association meeting. We are asking interested residents to gather to prepare for our annual street-by-street inventory, which attempts to count every vacant or abandoned house in Bates-Hendricks and prioritize the worst properties for action. For more information, or to volunteer, contact John Winter at (317) 414-9108 or housingtaskforce@bateshendricks.org.

Volunteers Needed for ROW Barth Street Destination

Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) is looking for volunteers to help out with projects at the Barth Street destination area, which is encompassed by Pleasant Run Creek to the north and west, Beecher Street to the south, and E. Pleasant Run Parkway S. Drive to the east. Help is needed from counting users on the Pleasant Run Trail to helping direct projects at the destination that have been funded, including an outdoor seating area and Ka-Bike-O-Scope art installation. If you're interested in helping out with the exciting things going on in this area, please contact John Winter at president@bateshendricks.org or Nick Zimmerman at nickzimmerman@bateshendricks.org.

Join Our Award-Winning Parade Float Team



Last year, we had an awesome parade float that we entered in the Miracle Mile Parade and the Art Squared Parade. We even won an award and cash prize at the Art Squared Parade. This year we're following it up with a garden-themed bicycle and wheelbarrow entourage instead of a float. We've got a lot of great ideas so far, but we welcome anyone that wants to help out with the planning efforts and we'll also need people to get out there and represent the neighborhood on the parade days!

This year's Miracle Mile Parade is August 30; the Art Squared Parade follows on September 20. To get involved, contact Nick Zimmerman at marketing@bateshendricks.org.

City Introduces New Drug Dropbox

The Drug Dropbox, located at the Marion County Sheriff Department at 40 S. Alabama Street, offers a safe way to dispose of expired or unwanted prescription medications and is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Help keep people and our environment safer by utilizing this resource.



City Unveils Plans for New Recycling Center

Mayor Greg Ballard and Covanta recently announced a plan for a \$45 million recycling center that will process waste from Indianapolis residents' trash to pull out recyclable material for reuse. The facility, touted as one of the most modern recycling facilities in the world, is designed to recover recyclables from regular trash pickup at no extra cost to the city or its residents. It is expected to recover up to 80-90 percent of recyclable materials, increasing recycling in the city by approximately 500 percent.

The recycling plan is subject to approval from the city's Board of Public Works. Covanta expects the facility to be up and running in 2016, following the receipt of necessary permits.

More information about the Covanta Advanced Recycling Center can be found at: www.covanta.com/advancedrecyclingcenter

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

- Aug 4 First day of school for IPS students.
- Aug 4 **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Aug 8 & 22 Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Aug 9 Sunrise to Sunset: Let's Be Healthy, Fountain Square Library, 1:00pm. Preschoolers ages 3 to 6 are invited to get cooking with Gourmet Girlfriends! During this free workshop, young ones will learn about healthy choices and create their own edible treats for breakfast or bedtime snacks. Note for parents: since this is a cooking program, if a child has allergy concerns, please contact a participating branch for a list of ingredients. This program is peanut free. Registration required.
- Aug 14 Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening: How I Learned the Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb and an Open Heart" by Carol Wall.
- Aug 18 Super You: Make the World a Better Place - Preschool Philanthropy Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am. Preschoolers ages 3 to 6 and an adult are invited to explore the superpowers they have to make the world a better place. The Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana will lead stories and activities. Participants will create their own super hero and identify how superpowers can help others.
- Aug 19 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.
- Sep 1 **Labor Day – the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association will meet September 8 instead!**

