

2015
January

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



State Reps at the January Bates-Hendricks Meeting

The 2015 Legislative Session begins at the State House on January 6. This is the long session in which the 2-year State Budget is crafted to fund state government agencies, schools, universities, and infrastructure improvements. There will be a lot of discussion surrounding the way we fund K-12 education and other proposed changes to our education system.



As your State Representatives, Dan Forestal and Justin Moed remain committed to addressing blight and abandoned houses, efforts to curb neighborhood crime, improve our local schools, and find ways to jump-start our local economy. If you have any ideas for policy initiatives, please email them to: h100@in.gov for Dan Forestal, h97@in.gov for Justin Moed, or bring them with you to the January Bates-Hendricks neighborhood meeting. This will be a very informative meeting as well as a great opportunity to meet your state representatives. It should be a great time!

Also speaking at the January meeting will be Matt Wright, Manger of RW LLC Security, who will be discussing current crime trends in our area based on what crime has occurred during the month of December until January 5, 2015. Matt will also talk about basic safety tips during winter months for warming up your vehicles and walking to and from your vehicles, some home safety tips when answering the door, and leaving your home for the day/evening or for vacations. Additionally, Matt will tell us what services RW LLC Security can offer to neighbors.

Save the Date: 2015 Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off



This year's Chili Cook-Off will be February 21 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at The Hinge Bureau at 719 Virginia Avenue, Suite 101. If you would like to enter your chili into the competition this year, let Eddie know by sending a request to chilicookoff@bateshendricks.org!

Christmas Tree Collection Begins in January

Marion county residents can dispose of their live Christmas trees at the curb during the month of January. In this specialized collection season, crews will pick up trees in addition to trash on their regular routes. To be collected, trees must be cut and bundled in 3-foot to 4-foot sections with all decorations and lights removed. Christmas trees will be picked up on regular trash collection days and will not affect regular trash limitations.

Additionally, residents may set out their trees for collection on their monthly heavy trash days year-round. A Christmas tree will count as one heavy trash item. Christmas trees collected on heavy trash days do not need to be cut and bundled.

The public should not leave its discarded Christmas trees at Indy Parks sites as some have in years past. Residents who wish to dispose of their Christmas trees personally may deliver them to Southside Landfill, GreenCycle, or other private waste disposal or recycling companies that accept Christmas trees for a small fee.

For more information on Christmas tree removal season or solid waste removal, visit www.indy.gov/trash.

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Letter from the President

2014 was a very exciting year: East Street got quite the face-lift, including a new bridge over I-70 and medians that will soon greet drivers into the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood; we planted thousands of bulbs that will provide a greatly needed burst of color in the late winter months; and the housing market took a turn that proves that the houses in this neighborhood are desirable and that people want to live here!

More exciting will be what happens in 2015. First, there are two big changes at the city level that will improve the quality of life for residents. Beginning January 1, 2015, landlords will be required to provide contact information for every property that is rented (grace period to March 31 for this first year). This also requires landlords to ensure that they have paid up on property taxes, as well as verify that there are no open code violations. This will allow us to target negligent landlords and ensure that we only allow high-quality property owners into our neighborhood. Also, for the record, I have already signed up and it took me about 30 minutes to register my 3 rentals!

A second big initiative coming in 2015 is Indy Rezone. This will update the Zoning to better reflect our "compact" neighborhoods, which will allow for more flexibility with garages, carriage houses, etc. The Rezone will also encourage multi-use properties, alternative transportation, and require more green space for businesses. The last part may be very exciting, requiring many of the current businesses in our neighborhood to improve their landscaping as well as any new businesses that come into the area. All of this, plus more housing development, street repaving, and more great neighbors moving in may make 2015 the best year for the neighborhood yet!



BHNA President, John Winter

New Scooter Laws

Changes in the law concerning low-speed scooters will go into effect on January 1, 2015. Moped scooters with engines of 50 cubic centimeters or less will need to have license plates for \$26.35. Drivers of these scooters will also need to take a street sign test at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and carry a state of Indiana identification card for \$11.50. No driver's license or insurance will be required. The speed limit for mopeds will go up from 30 mph to 35 mph. Lastly, the new laws will prohibit the carrying of passengers.



ROW – Barth Destination Update



The Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) Barth Destination project recently received some exciting news: the Pleasant Run Waterway, of which the Barth Destination is a part, has been awarded \$580,000 of CDBG/Kresge funds to rebuild the Barth Avenue Bridge in 2015! A big thank you to the Pleasant Run Chairs and Jonathan Mirgeaux for putting the grant proposal together!

The former vehicular bridge is currently a pedestrian-only footbridge. The project would see the bridge rebuilt as a pedestrian bridge that is more structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing than the existing one.

The Reconnecting to Our Waterways Pleasant Run taskforce (Barth Destination & Prospect Falls Destination) meets on the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6:30pm on January 26 at the SECS Youth Center (924 Shelby Street).

Aside from the bridge project, the current plan proposes an outdoor seating area composed of stone boulders with a small stage area. The two Ka-Bike-O-Scope interactive art installations on the site are also scheduled to be underway soon. See the latest Reconnecting to Our Waterways – Barth Destination conceptual drawing and Master Plan at: bateshendricks.org/news/downloads/2014/ROW-Barth.pdf

Indy's Snow and Ice Plan

Follow the Department of Public Works on Twitter this winter for real-time updates on each snow fight @IndySnowForce. If that's not enough, you can also sign up to receive email alerts from Indy Snow Force on current road conditions or track which streets are being plowed in real-time to see what's been plowed in the last 8 hours with Indy Snow Force Viewer: maps.indy.gov/IndySnowForceViewer/



More info is available at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Snow/Pages/SnowHome.aspx

IRS Scam

The Internal Revenue Service has issued a consumer alert about telephone scam artists calling and pretending to be with the IRS. Bottom line – the IRS does not use email, text, or any social media to discuss your personal tax issues. For more information, go to www.irs.gov and type “scam” in the search box.

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

- Jan 5** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Jan 9 & 23** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Jan 10** Teen Night, Salvation Army (1337 Shelby Street), 4:00pm to 10:00pm, \$3, Ages 13-17. There will be archery, video games, sports, music, and concessions. Tickets must be purchased by January 5. Call Brian Spangler at (317) 632-0156 x305 for more info.
- Jan 12 & 24** eBook Tinker Station, Fountain Square Library, Jan. 12 – 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Jan. 24 – 2:00pm to 16:00. Patrons are invited to learn how to select and use eReaders, as well as search and download materials from the Library's extensive collection of eBooks, audiobooks, and digital music. Drop in anytime during this two-hour window or call the Tinker Helpline at 275-4500.
- Jan 17** Healthcare Navigators @ the Library, Fountain Square Library, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Individuals wishing to enroll for health care under the Affordable Care Act are invited to receive further assistance from trained health care navigators with SRA International. Come by anytime during the session to receive one-on-one assistance.
- Jan 24** Family Fish Day, Garfield Park Conservatory, 1:30pm to 2:30pm, \$4 per child, Ages 3-10. This is an opportunity to feed the fish in the Conservatory! Also make a fishy craft and practice your "fishing" skills. Registration required.
- Jan 28** Furry Friends, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4 per child, Ages 2-5. Ever wonder what our furry friends do when it's cold out? Bring the little ones to find out with a story, craft, and fun. Registration required.
- Jan 31 - Feb 15** Dancing Waters, Garfield Park Conservatory, Mon.-Sat: 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sun.: 1:00pm to 5:00pm, \$3 per person or \$8 per family (2 adults max.). Enjoy the tropical Conservatory this winter and see a fountain show like you've never seen. Each unique piece of art is made of repurposed items and constructed by Dennis and Daniel Baar of Two of a Kind Studio.

