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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



SEND President Paul Smith at Next BHNA Meeting

Paul Smith, the new President of Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND), will be speaking at our next neighborhood association meeting on **Monday, February 2**. SEND is a non-profit community development corporation created by neighbors to revitalize the near southeast side of Indianapolis and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

Paul will be letting us know what he has done in his first 100 days as SEND President, but he also wants to get feedback from residents for suggestions on ways SEND can better serve the southeast, including Bates-Hendricks.

Paul has an impressive résumé, with professional experience in accounting and real estate development and management. He has also worked for several non-profits, including Indiana Landmarks. Paul has lived in the Old Northside Neighborhood for 38 years and has served 5 separate terms as President of the Association there.

2015 Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off February 21



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. There will be prizes awarded for the best in each of the following categories: Red Chili, White Chili, Vegetarian Chili, "People's Choice" Chili, and Best Decorated Booth. We'll have raffle prizes for both entrants and attendees too!

The cost to enter your chili is \$5. Entrants are asked to bring around 2 gallons of chili and any condiments that should be enjoyed with the chili. Contestants should show up about 20 minutes earlier to setup. Power will be provided to plug in your slow-cooker. **We still need people to enter their chili into the competition;** if you're interested, send a request to Eddie by February 16 to chilicookoff@bateshendricks.org!

Attendees wanting to taste the various chili dishes will be asked to donate \$3 (no penalties for donating extra). Drinks will be available for an additional cost. We'll also have Bates-Hendricks t-shirts on hand for those that want one.

Funds raised from the event will be used for new projects in the neighborhood as well as for maintenance of the many projects that have been completed over the years.

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Letter from the President

February is typically my least favorite month of the year. Even though January is typically the coldest, there are usually a few rogue Christmas lights still on, which make me happy. February for me is the in-between month that is cold, and without much going on. Fortunately, this February is shaping up to be quite exciting! Besides the Chili Cook-Off coming up on February 21, there are other big things happening.

One of the most exciting things to me is all of the housing that is being constructed or redeveloped. As you drive through the neighborhood, almost every street has some sort of major housing project going on. What is especially interesting is that many of these houses were abandoned and at risk of being knocked down just a few years ago! There is even a previous “Biker Bar” that will also be rehabbed this year. February is kind of turning into an early spring for housing rehabs this year!

Speaking of spring, to finish up the month of February, we should start to see all of the thousands of “lawn bulbs” begin to bloom that were planted last fall. We will be greeted with Crocus, Scilla, and Chionodoxa popping up along Morris & Prospect Streets. These will also be blooming in the esplanades at New Jersey and Alabama Streets, and in the tree lawn at Baumann Park too. Depending on how this month continues, I may start to look forward to February next year!



BHNA President, John Winter

Prescription Drug Drop-Off Locations

There are now two locations for citizens to dispose of their expired or unwanted prescription drugs:

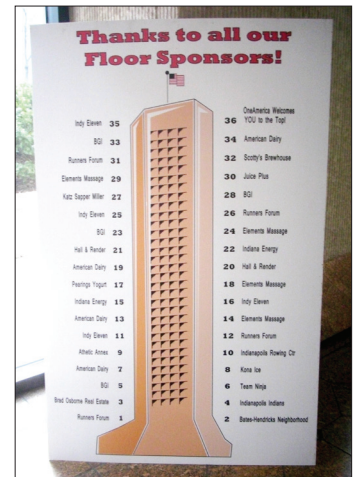
- Marion County Sheriff’s Department, 40 S. Alabama; drop box clearly marked in public area.
- City of Lawrence Public Safety Communication Center, 4450 McCoy Street; drop box located inside.

By using a drop box to discard unwanted prescription drugs, Indianapolis residents lessen the chances of access by youth, help the environment, and make their homes safer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Fischer, IMPD Prescription Fraud Unit Sergeant, 327-4476.

Bates-Hendricks at Bop to the Top

Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association was a sponsor at this year's Bop to the Top event, a 37-floor, 805-step (515 feet) climb up to the top of the OneAmerica Tower. The event is a benefit for Riley Hospital for Children.

We had a table with brochures, buttons, and t-shirts in the lobby and a neighborhood sign on the second floor, and may have interested a few people in our neighborhood!



Indy's New Downtown Transit Center



Ground was broken for Indianapolis' Downtown Transit Center (DTC) this past September at 201 E. Washington Street. The DTC construction project has come a long way in the past few months. If you've had the chance to drive by, you may have noticed a concrete structure rising up from the ground and some framework being built around it. This is the elevator and central shafts for the transit center building. The metal framework of the transit center

is coming along quickly too. The building has been designed with a modern aesthetic and will feature a swooping roof. Soon, foundations will be going in for the canopies that will cover the 19 bus bays.

Building the beginnings of the DTC hasn't been without challenge though! The project team is working to make the building LEED Silver certified. One component of doing this is that any storm water waste (from rain and snow runoff) stays on the property and isn't made to burden the municipal sewer and storm water systems. To ensure this, they have to dig deep and design the site so that all water runoff is filtered and then absorbed naturally into the ground below.

The location for the DTC is in a great place: centrally located downtown, across from the City-County Building, adjacent to the future Cummins Headquarters, and an easy walk from any business in the downtown area. The site has some interesting history, though, which was uncovered when digging began. According to an archeologist and historian that was consulted, the site was home to a Civil War training and prison camp (there was also a large Civil War prison camp where Herron-Morton neighborhood sits). Underneath the pavement that was once a parking lot for the Marion County Sheriff's Department, multiple structures, foundations, and pieces of history were found. One wall goes into the ground more than 16 feet deep and, after some testing, it was determined that the bricks are over 150 years old!

Before modern excavation practices were used, it was the standard to just collapse a building into its own basement and pour dirt on top. Because of this, there is evidence on the site that it was once home to a large shoe-making factory, a linoleum factory, and a large medical office. There were even some tunnels discovered that once ran underneath Delaware Street, but they have since been filled in.

Who knows what will be uncovered next?! Follow the progress of Indy's future Downtown Transit Center at IndyGo.net!

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

- Feb 2** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Feb 7** Early Morning Meditation, Garfield Park Conservatory, 8:30am to 9:30am, \$5/person. Enjoy a tranquil morning in the tropical Conservatory with an instructor-led meditation and breathing exercise and quiet time for restorative peace. Registration required.
- Feb 11** Classical Guitar Pop-Up Concert, Fountain Square Library, Noon. Individuals of all ages are invited for a 20-minute classical guitar performance by Random Acts of Music.
- Feb 13/27** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Feb 14** Sweets for Your Sweetie, Garfield Park Conservatory, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, \$8/person or \$15/couple, ages 16+. Celebrate Valentine's Day with treats from the tropics including chocolate and coffee, all while enjoying the candlelit romantic atmosphere of the Conservatory. Reserve your spot by February 13 with the code 224850.
- Feb 17** "We Love Our Libraries" with CEO Jackie Nytes, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The public is invited to meet with Library CEO Jackie Nytes and express their views about Library service in their community. A focus of the meeting is to gauge where individuals are on their personal digital journey. Joining the CEO will be the Library's new Manager of Digitization, Meaghan Fukunaga, who will work to develop projects and community collaborations for the preservation and storage of items of local historic interest.
- Feb 21** Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off, The Hinge Bureau, 11:30am to 1:30pm, see page 1 for details.
- Feb 23** Crunch and Munch, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4/child, ages 2-5. Take the little ones to meet some of the Conservatory's critters and learn what they like to eat. Have fun with a craft and more! Registration required.
- Feb 28** Early Morning Photography, Garfield Park Conservatory, 8:00am to 10:00am, \$5/person, for adults. Don't miss this opportunity to practice your photography skills before the Conservatory opens. Make sure to register, as space is limited.

