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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Save the Date: Great Indy Cleanup April 25

The spring Great Indy Cleanup, a partnership between the City of Indianapolis and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, will be upon us April 25. Any Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Adopt-A-Block Captain can register for a dumpster or packer truck and organize a cleanup, but we also do neighborhood-wide undertakings as well. Be sure to mark off the date on your calendar so you can join other neighbors and volunteers in helping to beautify our neighborhood in April!



## Next Southeast Neighborhood Congress March 26

The Southeast Neighborhood Congress will assemble once again on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00pm at Southeast Community Services (SECS), 901 Shelby Street. Childcare is provided to attendees at no cost.

The Southeast Neighborhood Congress is a gathering of Southeast residents and stakeholders to monitor quality of life in Southeast neighborhoods. Attendees work together to identify the issues facing Southeast's neighborhoods and implement action plans to address them, thereby updating the Southeast Quality of Life (QOL) Plan. If you wish to view the QOL Plan, you may visit [southeastneighborhood.org](http://southeastneighborhood.org). The March Congress will be an exciting event with updates on happenings in our neighborhoods and the City.

The Congress is held three times a year in March, June, and October at a different location in the southeast area each time. A new moderator is used for each session, elected with 75% approval by secret ballot at a previous congress. There is an open floor to any attendee wishing to speak for up to three minutes, unless delivering a formal presentation. There is a dedicated recording secretary and time keeper to document the actions of Congress and update the Southeast Quality of Life Plan. Additions and amendments cannot be made to the Southeast Quality of Life Plan without a minimum of 60 participants in attendance at the Congress.

The Congress agenda includes celebrating accomplishments, acknowledging revisions, addressing concerns that were brought to the moderator prior to the Congress, adopting actions, and monitoring progress.

Between sessions of Congress, the Community Building Team (CBT) monitors progress of the Southeast Quality of Life Plan goals and actions. Accomplishments, issues, and concerns are identified. One week prior to Congress, the CBT provides residents and interested parties with a summary and agenda for the upcoming session.

For those wishing to bring a concern or update to the Congress, contact either the March moderator, John Winter at [jwintr@gmail.com](mailto:jwintr@gmail.com), CBT chair, Rob Uppencamp at [robert.uppencamp@arcadis-us.com](mailto:robert.uppencamp@arcadis-us.com), or the Congress Secretary, Glenn Blackwood at [Glennblackwood@gmail.com](mailto:Glennblackwood@gmail.com).

This is a great way to get involved with other neighbors to help improve our neighborhoods! See a list of all the current task forces you can join on page 3.

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## 2015 BHNA Chili Cook-Off

Despite the snow and unplowed roads, we still had a great turnout for the 2015 Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off at the Hinge Bureau! Twelve people entered the chili and four of them took home prizes. A number of others won great raffle prizes, including a year membership to BlueIndy, the new electric car-share company. This year's chili winners were Rob Uppencamp – Best Red; Sara Hess – Best White; John Winter – Best Vegetarian; and Waylon & Stephanie Gross – People's Choice Winner. Greg Allen won in the Best Decorated Booth category. Thank you to all of our entrants for bringing your delicious chili dishes!

Also, thank you to this year's judges: Captain Stanton – IMPD, Phillip Heller – Heller Dentistry, and Danny Adamopoulos – Sisters' Place restaurant. This year's cook-off wouldn't have been the success it was without these sponsors: Hinge Bureau (venue), Chilly Water (beer), Flanner and Buchanan – Market Street (soda & water), and raffle prizes from BlueIndy, Cheesecake Diva, Indiana Repertory Theatre, La Margarita, Mama Irma's, New Day Meadery, and Sisters' Place. Thank you!

Check out more photos of the event on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bateshendricks](http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks).



# Southeast Congress Task Forces

When a concern is brought to the Congress and the majority of the attendees agree with the concern (by voting), a task force is created to study the concern and make recommendations. The task force may then propose new language or revise existing language in the Quality of Life Plan and continue to work toward addressing the concern. Anyone and everyone are welcome and encouraged to participate in the task forces. It is important to have participation from Bates-Hendricks residents. It is at the task force level that residents who share a common concern can work together to improve the quality of life in Southeast Indianapolis. Task forces meet on a regular or as-needed basis depending on the concern and if it is eventually adequately addressed. A list of the current task forces with the meeting place and time is shown below. If you are interested in participating in a task force, please contact the Congress at [seindycongress@gmail.com](mailto:seindycongress@gmail.com).

Task Force	Chairperson	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
Animal Care & Welfare	Marti Lamar	No Longer Meeting	
Alternatives to Demolition	Connie Ziegler	Work Finished	
Barth Street Bridge / ROW	ROW	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of Month at 6:30 pm	Youth Center, 924 Shelby Street
Code and Permit Compliance	Chair Needed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Month at Noon	Fletcher Place Arts and Books, 642 Virginia Ave.
Education	Mark Hazelgrove	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of Month at 5 pm	SECS, 901 Shelby Street
Fountain Square Arts Council	Elizabeth Ryan	Last Thursday of Month at 6 pm	The Hinge Bureau, 719 Virginia Ave.
Library Task Force	Ashley Lewin	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month at 10 am	Fountain Square Library
Inclusion and Boundaries	Aryn Schounce	As Needed	The Hinge Bureau, 719 Virginia Ave.
Landlord Certification	Amelia Smith	Work Finished	
Parking	Linton Calvert	As Needed	
Time Banking	Nicole Markle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month at 5:45 pm	SECS, 901 Shelby Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Transportation/Bus Rapid Transit	John Winter	As Needed	
Urban Gardening	Chair Needed	As Needed	
Voter Turnout	Susan Gaw	Finished Work for 2014. Begins again in 2015.	

## Letter from the President

It seems like I may have jinxed us with my last Letter from the President.... After making it through January, I thought that we were past the worst of Winter. Just after that, the groundhog saw its shadow, predicting six more weeks of Cold!

The good news is that we are almost through that period. Even better, the resilience of our neighbors shows that a little bit of cold won't stop us, neither will snow as shown by the awesome turnout at the chili cook-off after the worst snow of the season! So we can all be proud that we've made it through one of the coldest February's in history and look forward to it getting warmer with lots of flowers popping up this month!



BHNA President, John Winter

# 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

- Mar 2** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Mar 6** Friends of the Library presents the Marian McFadden Lecture, Clowes Hall, 7:00pm, Free. The speaker will be Khaled Hosseini, author of "The Kite Runner", "A Thousand Splendid Suns", and "And the Mountains Echoed". Doors open at 6:00pm and Friends of the Library will have preferred seating until 6:45pm. Even though the event is free, tickets are required. Tickets started being available on February 2 at the Clowes box office (free) or at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) (with a handling fee).
- Mar 11** Voter Registration Information, Fountain Square Library, 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Register to vote, update your registration, and receive information on upcoming municipal elections in the spring and fall.
- Mar 12** The Big Read: Book Discussions, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. This month's book is "The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears" by Ethiopian-American author Dinaw Mengestu.
- Mar 13&27** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Mar 24** Reading Around the World with Yurtfolk!, Fountain Square Library, 1:00pm. Preschoolers and families are invited to explore music, stories, and folk dance from around the globe. They'll sing in different languages and dance together as they learn about different cultures, literature, and unique instruments.
- Mar 27** Teen Tech Week: Art With a Heart, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm, Ages 12-17. As part of Teen Tech Week, teens and tweens are invited to create an LED light project during this craft workshop. Registration required.
- Mar 28** Meet the Herb of the Year, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$5 per person, ages 3+. Join the Central Indiana Herb Society for an introduction to this year's Herb of the Year: Savory. Learn all about the uses of this herb and how to grow it. Registration required, payment taken by instructor on day of program.
- Mar 28** Gnomes and Fairies Workshop, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$6 per person, ages 3+. Celebrate the Gnome Away from Home Show with a family-fun program making small gnome and fairy houses and figures out of natural objects. Registration required by March 18.
- Mar 28** Art Monsters: Preschool Art Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Preschoolers ages 3-6 and an adult are invited to explore sculpture, simple shapes, and drawing and painting. Listen to a favorite monster story, hand-build a mixed-media sculpture, and draw and paint with watercolor and crayons. Registration required.
- Mar 30** Tree Bud-dies!, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4 per child, ages 2-5. Explore tree buds, the start of next year's leaves, through games, stories, and crafts. Registration required.

