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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Next Bates-Hendricks Meeting is April 6



The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association will be holding its annual meeting on Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ (402 Prospect Street). President John Winter will be giving a presentation of all our accomplishments over the past year, as well as field ideas for projects for 2015. We'll also be electing new Board Directors. Please join us!

## Help Out at Our Great Indy Cleanup – April 25!

On Saturday, April 25 we will have our annual Great Indy Cleanup. The Great Indy Cleanup, a collaboration between the City of Indianapolis, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and neighborhood volunteers, provides a way for residents to make a real impact cleaning up their area. The City of Indianapolis provides dumpsters for large quantities of waste removal, while Keep Indianapolis Beautiful furnishes cleanup supplies and sometimes volunteers. There are three areas you can help out in our neighborhood this year:



### Orange Street Block Club Cleanup

The Orange Street Block Club cleanup area is east of East Street and west of I-65, in the streets and alleys of Sanders, Orange, Parkway, and Wright Streets. Volunteers are asked to meet at the dumpster in the 1200 Block of Wright Street (between Sanders and Orange) at 9:00am. The cleanup is expected to run until Noon. If you can't make it out there right at 9:00am, please still come and help out as you can! Trash grabbers and trash bags will be provided.

### Madison Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Cleanup

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood cleanup will focus on the east side of the Madison Avenue Pedestrian bridge. This will compliment the Old Southside Neighborhood, who is holding a cleanup for the west side of the bridge. We will meet at the dumpster at the dead end of the 200 block of Lincoln Street at 1:00pm. We will pick up trash, remove brush, and cover up graffiti along the sidewalk leading up to the bridge. The cleanup is expected to last until 4:00pm, giving you plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the day! Trash grabbers, gloves, bags, and pruning equipment will be provided.

### Your Block

If you can't make it out to help out at either of the above cleanups, just come out and cleanup your block. Everyone doing a little bit can make a big impact.

Please remember that these dumpsters are for our three cleanups only and are intended for public waste. Using the dumpsters for personal trash could compromise our ability to get dumpsters in the future. Thanks!

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## Preschool Applications Now Being Accepted in Marion County

Marion County families may now submit applications for preschool education grants for the Indianapolis Preschool Scholarship Program (Indy PSP) and the State's On My Way Pre-K program. Families will fill out a single application to apply for both programs.

Families must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply:

- The family must have an income below 185 percent of the federal poverty level
- The family must reside in Marion County
- The child must be at least three, but younger than five years old by August 1, 2015

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2015. If more families qualify than there are grants available, awards will be made through a randomized lottery process to be held on or around May 4, 2015. Grants for both programs will be available beginning in the fall for the 2015-16 school year.

The application and instructions can be downloaded at the links below:

<http://oei.indy.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Marion-County-Family-Application.pdf>

<http://oei.indy.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Marion-County-Family-Application-Instructions.pdf>

## City Begins Hot Asphalt Pothole Patching

Crews have already begun using hot mix asphalt to patch potholes on City streets. DPW is activating 10-15 crews five days a week to fill pothole service requests reported to the Mayor's Action Center (MAC). Since January 1, 2015, DPW crews have completed more than 2,000 pothole service requests, which can represent up to a dozen potholes each.



The City is asking drivers to report potholes they encounter to the MAC. Potholes reported to the MAC are typically filled by DPW crews in less than 4 days. There are three ways to report them:

- Call the Mayor's Action Center at (317) 327-4622
- Use the RequestIndy mobile app; more info at [indy.gov/mac](http://indy.gov/mac)
- Use the Indy Pothole Viewer at [indy.gov/indypotholeviewer](http://indy.gov/indypotholeviewer)

## Letter from the President

After two whole years as the president of the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association, I am completely amazed at the changes we have seen in this time!

Thanks to the neighbors of Bates-Hendricks and all your hard work and dedication, we have an impressive list of accomplishments from 2014. My personal favorite over the last year is all the work that has gone into neighborhood beautification.

The Great Indy Cleanup kicked off the year in April with a fantastic partnership with Northview Church and neighbors. At that cleanup, neighbors picked up loads of trash, planted trees along the I-65 S on-ramp, and built a Mural Fence at the corner of Wright and Sanders.



BHNA President, John Winter

In September, MDWise came across Madison to help the neighbors beautify Hendricks Park. They painted the shelter and tables, removed honeysuckle, and helped spread mulch. In October, IUPUI Greek Life came out in force to help neighbors pick up trash and remove the remaining honeysuckle against the Madison Bridge over Morris and Parkway. In November, Northview Church brought another volunteer army down for two days. They finished the beautification for 2014 by helping us spread over 80 yards of mulch, planting hundreds of irises, and thousands of bulbs! All of these actions contribute to making the neighborhood a great place to drive through, visit, and live.

Renew Indianapolis facilitated the transfer of multiple properties to homeowners and investors in 2014. 11 of 14 available houses have been transferred and should all be complete within the next year. There has even been interest in the vacant lots that are part of Renew Indianapolis. We will very likely see new home construction beginning in Bates-Hendricks in 2015! Additionally, many of the previous county surplus properties have been purchased and fixed up over the last year. The abandoned housing survey this year will certainly tell a very different story than in years past.

Another thing that we can be proud of is all of the community events that we have held over the last year. Besides the well-attended September cookout and December holiday dinner, we held our annual Chili Cook-Off in a new co-working space, The Bureau, that allows many entrepreneurs in the area to have an office space. We celebrated the completion of Baumann Park with food trucks and beer. In addition, the New Jersey Street Block Club put on another fantastic Cinco de Mayo celebration. Bates-Hendricks participated in both the Miracle Mile Celebration as well as Art Squared, where we won a prize for Community Spirit!

Please join us in celebrating the neighborhood's accomplishments at our annual meeting this coming Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm. We will celebrate all of the great endeavors of the last year. Afterward, we will have a chance to discuss the things that we would like to see in the coming year, as well as have an opportunity to voice the concerns that you have in the neighborhood.

Thank you for all of your hard work in making Bates-Hendricks the Next Great Neighborhood in Indianapolis!

## Volunteers Needed for Newsletter Delivery

If you would be willing to deliver the neighborhood newsletter on your street or any other street in the neighborhood, please contact Lydia Brasher at 636-831 or [secretary@bateshendricks.org](mailto:secretary@bateshendricks.org). Thank you to all the people who deliver the Bates-Hendricks newsletter to our neighbors!



# 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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## Monthly Calendar

**Apr 6** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.

**Apr 9** IndyProv Comedy, White Rabbit Cabaret, doors at 7:00pm, performances at 8:00pm and 9:00pm, \$5, ages 21+. More info on IndyProv at [www.indyprov.com](http://www.indyprov.com).

**Apr 10 & 24** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.

**Apr 11** Parent and Preschooler Yoga, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm, ages 3-5. Preschoolers and an adult are invited to enjoy the health benefits that yoga can offer during this 45-minute program.

**Apr 11** Family Garden Day: The Early Spring Garden, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00pm to 3:30pm, \$6. April isn't too early to be thinking about your garden. You can start crops now so you can enjoy them and then replace them with a summer crop. Discover hardy cold crops that you can plant in early spring and fall such as spinach, Swiss chard, and kale. Learn how to get more out of your garden by taking advantage of every season.

**Apr 14** Jungle Tales, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4 per child, ages 2-5. This popular preschool program focuses on the rain forest and our local environment. Pre-registration required.

**Apr 18 & 19** Spring Orchid Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 5:00pm, \$3 per person, \$8 per family. The Conservatory will be filled with many displays of blooming orchids from across the Midwest, all competing for awards. Vendors will also be on hand with orchids for sale.

**Apr 21** Family Game and Craft Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play board games and have fun while hanging out with friends and family.

**Apr 22** April Showers, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4, ages 2-5. Have fun with water, with a story, craft, and fun activity about nature. Registration required.

**Apr 25** Great Indy Cleanup, 9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm, see page 1 for details.

**Apr 25** Superhero Magic Show, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Children of all ages and families are invited to dive into the world of superheroes and super villains during this fast-moving magic show.

