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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Neighborhood Yard Sale – August 8

On Saturday, August 8 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, neighbors are encouraged to join in a neighborhood yard sale by setting up a table in the empty lot at the northeast corner of East Street and Orange Street.

For those setting up a table to sell their items, any donation to the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association is welcome but not required. Please bring any tables and chairs to make yourself comfortable while selling your goods.



For everyone else, come out and see what deals are to be had!

## Neighbors Enjoyed Outing at Indians Game in July



About 20 neighbors enjoyed our outing last month on the lawn at an Indianapolis Indians game. Most of the group were sporting their neighborhood t-shirts, which made for a nice sight. There were good stories, good laughs, and a few people even watched the game! (by the way, the Indians won)

## Contribute to the Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Do you have an article to add to an upcoming edition of the Bates-Hendricks newsletter? Have photos to share from a recent event? Have an event to add to the Monthly Calendar? Send your suggestions to the editor at [news@bateshendricks.org](mailto:news@bateshendricks.org)!



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## Letter from the President

Over the years, we have seen a steady improvement of the housing in our neighborhood. More and more rehabilitation and renovation projects are popping up. Houses that have stood abandoned for multiple years have been gutted, sometimes down to the foundation, and rebuilt. One example is a home located at the corner of Ringgold and Pleasant Run Parkway. The house was burnt to a total loss, was taken down to the foundation, and a brand new house is being built in its place!

To keep the forward momentum in the neighborhood going, we will begin our annual abandoned housing survey this month. An important part of this assessment will be to identify the most problematic of the vacant and abandoned properties. After we compile that list, we will direct resources towards improving these “problem” properties, bolstering the neighborhood improvement efforts of the neighbors around them.

With all the improvement in the neighborhood, we are one step closer to being the “Next great neighborhood in Indianapolis!”

–John Winter



BHNA President, John Winter



## Help with the Abandoned Housing Survey!

The Abandoned Housing Task Force will meet on Monday, August 10 at 7:00pm at 1302 Wright St. 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](mailto:housingtaskforce@bateshendricks.org).

# Bates-Hendricks Has a Soccer Team!

Bates-Hendricks has joined the Indy City Futbol league, a neighborhood themed downtown recreational soccer league created by Big Car Collaborative in partnership with Indy Eleven. With coed games played Thursday evenings at Arsenal Tech High School/The Chase Legacy Center, neighborhood teams compete for the Indy City Futbol Championship Trophy and the chance to claim the title as best neighborhood soccer team in the city.



Come out and support your team on Thursdays at the Arsenal Tech Chase Legacy Center at 6:30pm or 7:30pm! The schedule is posted on the Indy City Futbol website at [indycityfutbol.com/pages/schedule](http://indycityfutbol.com/pages/schedule).

The Indianapolis Star did a write-up about the league and has photos from the first games on their website at [indy.st/1MrhTk8](http://indy.st/1MrhTk8).



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## National Night Out 2015

On Tuesday, August 4, neighborhoods throughout Marion County will participate in the 32nd annual National Night Out, America's night out against crime. National Night Out (NNO) is a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).

National Night Out is designed to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug, and violence prevention; safety and neighborhood unity. Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights, neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events such as block parties, cookouts, ice cream socials, neighborhood parades, pizza parties, and youth activities.

Be sure your neighborhood is part of the nation's largest annual crime prevention event. Let criminals know neighbors are organized, fighting back against crime, and united to building a safer, more caring community.

Don't miss this opportunity to show your support for law enforcement and crime-free neighborhoods; strengthen police-community partnerships; and celebrate neighborhood unity and pride.

If you have any questions, contact Ann Westropp, IMPD Southeast District CrimeWatch Specialist, at 327-6365 or [Ann.Westropp@indy.gov](mailto:Ann.Westropp@indy.gov).



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# 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 Laura Tease, 402 Orange 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

- Aug 3** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Aug 4** National Night Out, see page 3 for details.
- Aug 6** Little Green Thumbs, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$5, ages 2-6. Bring your little gardener to get their hands dirty in the Children's Garden planting, caring for, and harvesting crops in the Garden. Registration required.
- Aug 8** Early Morning Meditation, Garfield Park Conservatory, 8:30am to 9:30am, \$10, adults only. Enjoy a tranquil morning in the tropical Conservatory with an instructor-led meditation and breathing exercise. Registration required.
- Aug 8** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Yard Sale, 10:00am to 2:00pm, see page 1 for details.**
- Aug 10** **Bates-Hendricks Abandoned Housing Taskforce Meeting, 1302 Wright St., 7:00pm, see page 2.**
- Aug 13** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt.
- Aug 14 & 28** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Aug 15** Bug Hunt!, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4, ages 2-8. Worms, snails, beetles, and butterflies, oh my! There are so many bugs living in the Children's Garden and all around us! Go in search of these cool critters and learn interesting facts about them.
- Aug 17** Backyard Nature: Birds, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4, ages 2-8. Fly on over to the conservatory and discover our feathered friends through books, games, crafts, and bird-watching in the Children's Garden.
- Aug 18** 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.
- Aug 22** Creatures of the Night: Preschool Animal Program, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Preschoolers ages 3-6 and an adult are invited to join Silly Safaris to explore the lore surrounding nighttime animals and learn about how they survive in the dark.

