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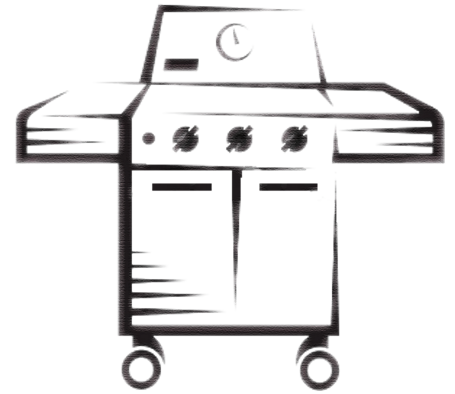
# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Annual Neighborhood Cookout – September 14

Instead of our usual monthly meeting, we'll be having our annual cookout at the shelter in Hendricks Park (Madison Avenue & Orange Street). This will be the *second* Monday of the month instead of the usual first due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The cookout starts at 6:30pm on Monday, September 14. The Association will provide hot dogs, drinks, and paper products. We are requesting that you bring a side dish or dessert. See you there!



## Baumann Park Cleanup



On Wednesday, August 12, a group of volunteers from CINTAS and some Bates-Hendricks neighbors spent some time cleaning up, mulching, removing debris, and repainting the graffiti wall at Baumann Park under the direction of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB). Dedicated in June of 2014, Baumann Park was the culmination of many months of planning and work to bring this beautiful pocket park to the southeast corner of the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood (Singleton and Beecher Streets).

The park features a playground, landscaping, pergola, grilling area, graffiti wall, and a recreational grassy area. This project was a collaboration with KIB, who worked with the neighborhood using funds through an IPL Project GreenSpace Grant.

We want to thank everyone who has helped from the beginning, the neighbors under Rob Uppencamp's leadership who maintain the park, and groups such as CINTAS and KIB who plan workdays to keep the park a place to be proud of.

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## Letter from the President

Right now, I am beaming with pride about Bates-Hendricks and how committed neighbors are to making this a great place to live. Over the last few weeks, Bates-Hendricks has had a rash of front porch thefts. Understandably, neighbors are frustrated and upset. However, that didn't stop us from banding together, communicating with each other, and by working with police, we successfully caught one of the culprits! No neighborhood is without its issues, but it's the way that neighbors work together to solve these issues that make a neighborhood strong. So my hat's off to you!



BHNA President, John Winter

Our neighborhood isn't just about working hard to solve problems. It's also about getting together, celebrating our accomplishments and having fun! So come join us this month to celebrate our summer of successes! Our neighborhood picnic is just around the corner. We will be getting together on Monday, September 14 at Hendricks Park. Bring a side dish or dessert and get ready to meet some new neighbors!

On Saturday, September 19, Art Squared returns to Fountain Square. The festival includes multiple booths with art for sale as well as artists around the square creating art as part of "Masterpiece in a Day" – and there's the Art Parade! Once again, Bates-Hendricks will have an entry in the Art Squared parade. Want to help us with the float? E-mail [marketing@bateshendricks.org](mailto:marketing@bateshendricks.org) to get more information. We'd love your help!

Whether it's collectively solving a problem, or it's celebrating our successes, Bates-Hendricks is showing its true colors as a neighborhood that comes together. This is the kind of neighborhood I want to live in.



## Join the Conversation on Nextdoor

Many of your neighbors have already signed up on the neighborhood-focused social networking site, *Nextdoor.com*. Consider joining them in meeting new neighbors, discussing crime activity in the area and what do about it, finding lost pets, and more.

## IndyGo's Red Line Rapid Transit

IndyGo is in the process of planning Phase 1 of the Red Line, a new rapid transit line running from Broad Ripple to UIndy on the south side. This new line will provide more frequent service with fewer stops, connecting you with more places to work, shop, and experience our great city – all with passenger fare staying the same.

There's even a stop planned that will touch the edge of our neighborhood at E. Pleasant Run Parkway S. Drive and Shelby Street! Visit [www.IndyGo.net/Redline](http://www.IndyGo.net/Redline) to learn more about this exciting project!



## 2015 Storm Water Utility Fee Rate Adjustment

In December 2014, the Indianapolis City-County Council approved a proposal that may change your storm water utility fee. Effective July 2015, storm water fees for all types of parcels (residential, commercial, churches, schools, etc.) will be calculated based on the City's measurement of the impervious surface area on the parcel. You can see the amount of impervious surface area on your parcel as well as your storm water utility fee amount by using the Customer Service Interface found here:

<http://maps.indy.gov/MapIndy/Index.html?theme=ImperviousAreas>

Due to our small urban lots, this means most of us will only be facing about a \$10 to \$15 increase *per year*. This fee will show up on your semi-annual property tax statement as usual.

With the storm water user fee restructuring, the City can begin addressing the \$320 million in storm water capital infrastructure needs and better maintain the existing system. An updated storm water master plan, including a high priority list with \$81 million in projects to be completed through 2018, will alleviate neighborhood and street flooding, improve water quality in our rivers and streams, improve streets and sidewalks, and resolve many drainage complaints.

There is a storm water credit program that has opportunities for residents who choose to participate in City-approved storm water management on their properties. The credit program encourages the use of sustainable practices, such as using a rain barrel, planting a rain garden, and utilizing vegetated filter strips.

If you have questions regarding the 2015 Storm Water Utility User Rate Adjustment, send an e-mail to [stormwater@indy.gov](mailto:stormwater@indy.gov), call 327-2015, or visit [www.Indy.gov/StormWater](http://www.Indy.gov/StormWater).

## Get Your Free 10-Year Smoke Detector

While supplies last, you can get a free standard wall-mounted 10-year smoke detector through the Indianapolis Fire Department that runs on a lithium-ion battery. One per household can be picked up on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month. The nearest station for most of us is at 602 E. Pleasant Run Parkway in Garfield Park.



To get your free detector, you'll need to take identification with the address of where you live. You should also call ahead to verify availability and let them know if you need help with the installation. Call Lana at 327-6093.



# 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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## Newsletters Online

This newsletter and previous newsletters available online at [bateshendricks.org/news](http://bateshendricks.org/news)

## Monthly Calendar

- Sep 7** Labor Day – Association meeting moved to **September 14**.
- Sep 10 & 11** IndyProv Sketch Comedy, White Rabbit Cabaret, Doors: 7:00pm, Performances: 8:00pm & 9:00pm, \$5 cash. More info at [www.indyprov.com](http://www.indyprov.com).
- Sep 11 & 25** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Sep 12** Garden Groceries, Garfield Park Conservatory, Noon to 1:00pm, Free. Stop by the Children’s Garden and learn about the benefits of eating your fruits and vegetables and have the chance to pick some fresh produce to take home! No registration required.
- Sep 14** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Annual Cookout, 6:30pm, see page 1 for details.**
- Sep 15** 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.
- Sep 19** Art Squared, Fountain Square, Noon to 6:00pm, Free. Enjoy Masterpiece in a Day, the Fountain Square Art Parade, and the Fountain Square Art Fair. More info at: [www.discoverfountainsquare.com/events/annual/art-squared](http://www.discoverfountainsquare.com/events/annual/art-squared)
- Sep 19** Landscape Watercolor Fun, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Adults, teens, and children of all ages are invited as resident artist Robert Carey will help them learn landscape watercolor techniques to create a personal masterpiece. Materials will be provided. Registration required.
- Sep 23** Leaf Hoppers, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4, ages 2-5. Do a leaf craft and find all different kinds of leaves – and, of course, find out why leaves are so important to plants! Registration required.
- Sep 26** House Plants 101, Garfield Park Conservatory, 1:30pm to 2:30pm, \$6, ages 16+. Learn the basics of how to transition your house plants from outdoors to inside for the winter. Also learn basic care for many varieties of house plants from spider plants to orchids. Registration required.

