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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Bates-Hendricks Holiday Pitch-In Dinner Dec. 7!



Our next Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting is our annual Holiday Pitch-In Dinner, which falls on **December 7** this year. We'll kick off the event at the usual time and place: **6:30pm at Immanuel** United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect Streets. The Neighborhood Association will provide ham and turkey, buns, condiments, lemonade, water, utensils, and napkins. Everyone else, please bring a side dish or dessert. We will once again be enjoying a performance by the Tech High School Technicians. Hope to see you there!

## 2015 Good Neighbor Weekend

October 31 and November 1 was another busy Good Neighbor Weekend, an annual event where hundreds of volunteers from Northview Church in Carmel come down to help us out with a number of projects. This year, we added an awesome mural under the interstate overpass between Bates-Hendricks and Fountain Square, which was designed by Big Car. Big Car also led the project, directing volunteers to fill in the outlines of the mural.



Other work included maintenance at previous projects sites, including the School 31 Garden, Morris/Prospect Slopes, East Gateway, Baumann Park, Coburn Park, Alabama Street Median, New Jersey Street Median, and the Lincoln Street Pedestrian Bridge. We were also able to do some cleanup work on Olive Street in the recently annexed southeast portion of the neighborhood and transform an abandoned house at 1401 Alabama Street.



Check out all the photos on the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bateshendricks](http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks)! Many, many thanks to Northview Church, our own Immanuel United Church of Christ, Big Car, and all the Bates-Hendricks residents that came out to help!



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## Letter from the President

Finishing Thanksgiving, and looking forward to the winter holidays, I like to think about what the holiday season means to me.

As much as I enjoy lighting up my home with lights, trimming the tree, holiday parties, progressive dinners, and shopping for my friends and family, the importance of the holiday season is so much more than that.

For me, the holidays are a time of togetherness, a time to spend with friends, family, and neighbors – all the ones I love. It's a time to slow down, look around, and reflect. It's the time of year that I think about all of the different ways that I've been blessed, and it's a time to be grateful for what I have today, and not worry about tomorrow.

More importantly, the holiday season is time to set aside strife and negativity, to lay down arms, and spread love, joy, and peace to our foes as well as our friends. It's time to open our hearts and hands to the strangers around us. For me, this is the meaning of the holidays in the community and neighborhood.

To all of my neighbors, regardless of your holiday tradition, from my home to yours, I wish you the warmest holidays full of peace, love, and joy.

–John Winter



BHNA President, John Winter



## Feral Cats in the Neighborhood

I'm sure you've seen all of the kitty cats running around the neighborhood, and I'm guessing you know that most of these little guys don't have a home to go to. But what many of you may not know is that these cats are Feral Cats, and there is an organization right downtown that will help us get these guys spayed/neutered, fed, and sheltered! This amazing organization is Indy Feral and is affiliated with the FACE Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic on Mass Ave.

"Why should I care about these cats, or bother with neutering them, if they are wild", you may ask? Well here are a few reasons why:

- These cats control the rodent population in the neighborhood
- If these cats are fixed, they are less likely to "spray" near your homes and in your gardens
- Neutering the cats helps to control the over-population
- Neutering the cats helps to reduce their nuisance and mating behaviors

If you would like to learn more about the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program with Indy Feral, please visit their website at:

[www.facespayneuter.org/indyferal](http://www.facespayneuter.org/indyferal)

If you would like help with the feral cats on your street, please contact me, Sylvia Smith, at [cats@bateshendricks.org](mailto:cats@bateshendricks.org). I am more than happy to act as a liaison between the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood and Indy Feral to get as many cats TNR'd as possible!

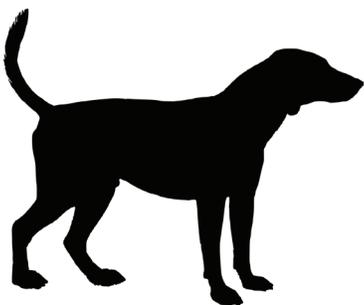


## Consider a Canine Good Citizen Certification for Your Dog

Do you have a dog that you believe to be well-behaved and well-mannered? Would you like your dog to be well-behaved and well-mannered? Well, check out the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) page with the American Kennel Club (AKC): [www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen](http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen)

What should you know about the CGC certification?

- Any breed, pure or mixed, can test for the certification, even if they aren't registered with the AKC
- There are only 10 tasks for your dog to complete to pass the CGC test
- Some places/rentals that do not allow "bully breeds" or "aggressive breeds" will often allow these dogs if they hold a CGC certification
- Some places/rentals will waive or reduce their pet fee if your dog holds a CGC certification



If you would like more information about the CGC test, would like to train your dog to take the CGC test, or have any questions about dog training in general, please contact Sylvia Smith at [woofu.indianapolis@gmail.com](mailto:woofu.indianapolis@gmail.com). Sylvia will help to provide, or find the resources you need, to help your furry friend be the best family member that he or she can be!

# 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

- Nov 27- Dec 31** Conservatory Crossing, Garfield Park Conservatory, Mon-Sat: 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sun 1:00pm to 5:00pm, \$3/person or \$8/family (2 adults and 1 or more children), all ages. See the Conservatory decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias and enjoy model trains, train village, and thousands of twinkling lights. Evening dates (open until 8:00pm): Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 26, 27.
- Dec 7** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Holiday Pitch-In Dinner, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Dec 9** Hour of Code, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:00pm, ages 6 and up. Learn the basic concepts of computer science with drag-and-drop programming during this game-like, self-directed tutorial. Also learn about repeat-loops, conditionals, and basic algorithms. Registration required.
- Dec 10** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel.
- Dec 11** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Dec 11** IndyProv Sketch Comedy, White Rabbit Cabaret, Doors: 7:00pm, Shows: 8:00pm & 9:00pm, \$5. More info on INDYPROV at [www.indyprov.com](http://www.indyprov.com).
- Dec 12** Christmas at Garfield, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Free, all ages. Visit the Conservatory to meet Santa and see Conservatory Crossing, the holiday train, and poinsettia show. You can also visit the Arts Center to make toys with Santa's elves and head to the Burrello Family Center for more festive fun. All activities are free. Bring your own camera to take photos with Santa.
- Dec 12** Santa Comes to Fountain Square, 10:00am to Noon. Families are invited to PNC Bank in historic Fountain Square for carriage rides, photos with Santa, and a craft program at the Fountain Square Library, where families can make a frame for their picture, decorate a cookie, sign up for a Bunny Book Bag Card, listen to stories, and enjoy the seasonal window displays.
- Dec 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.
- Dec 15** Art + Science Brainstorms: A Streamlines Experience, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm. Young and old alike are invited to bring their imagination and explore the intersections of art and science. Light refreshments will be served. More information can be found at [StreamLines.org](http://StreamLines.org).

