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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Neighbors Enjoy Another Great Chili Cook-Off

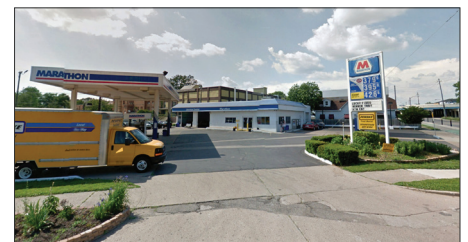


On Saturday, February 20, neighbors once again gathered at The Bureau at the Hinge to socialize, win prizes, and, of course, to eat chili. This year's winners were: Robyn Toole – Best Vegetarian; Angela Smith/Jacob Pactor – Best White; Laura Tease/Tyler Giffel – Best Red; and Susan Gaw (from Fountain Square Alliance) – People's Choice. This year's judges were new IMPD Southeast District Commander Dawn Snyder, our own Greg Allen, and Lisa Laflin, our Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison.

Thank you to everyone that came out to the cook-off to help support the neighborhood! Also, thank you to everyone that helped put this event on and a big thank-you to our local sponsors: BlueIndy, The Bureau, Chilly Water Brewing Company, Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers, Indiana Repertory Theatre, La Maragarita, Mama Irma, Marrow, Regions Bank (Madison and Terrace), and Sisters Pancake House.

End of an Era – Nelson's Marathon Sold

Nelson has sold his Marathon station and February 24 was his last day there. He is moving his auto repair business and Penske truck leasing to 2936 Stanley Avenue, so we can still use his services. The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood is very thankful for all he has done and will miss him.



Nelson Gum went to work at the Standard Station on the corner of Shelby and Pleasant Run Boulevard in 1963 when he was a student at Manual High School. Upon his graduation in 1965, he went to work full time for owner Bob Nesmith. When Mr. Nesmith retired, Nelson purchased the station and has been there ever since, the last many of the 52 years as Nelson's Marathon. He served two years in the military during Vietnam, keeping their vehicles in running order.

Quietly, behind the scenes, Nelson has done so much for the neighborhood. He has received numerous outstanding awards from Marathon and, in 2012, he was awarded the Helen Fehr Award for Outstanding Community Service from the Southeast Neighborhood Development Corporation (SEND) for his work in the neighborhood.

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Letter from the President

I don't know about you, but this unseasonably warm weather over the last few weekends has me thinking about Spring. Have you noticed the crocus flowers we planted in 2014 are already starting to bloom?

If you'd like to use flowers and other plants to brighten up your yard, but you're worried that you have a "black thumb," I'm going to let you in on a little secret: the real trick to gardening is knowing what kind of plants to use! Native plants are a great way to start because they don't take a lot of work to maintain. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) and Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (INPAWS) have websites listing plants native to Indy.

Irises, daylilies, catmint, knockout roses and Karl Foerster grasses are also low maintenance and hard to kill. We've used them in many neighborhood planting beds. With the exception of knockout roses, these plants can be split after a few years, allowing you to add more plants to your yard or share with a neighbor. If you'd like to learn more, KIB has a workshop on March 26 about how to split all kinds of perennials.

Together we can continue to make Bates-Hendricks a Garden District!!



BHNA President, John Winter

Ringgold Park Presentation on Monday, March 7



KIB, Mader Design, Indy Parks, and a group of neighbors have been working hard pulling together concepts to transform Ringgold Park. There will be a brief presentation at the March Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting highlighting the proposed improvements and the implementation. The meeting will be at the usual time and place: 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church (corner of East and Prospect Streets).

Update from SEND

Here's an update on what our local community development corporation, Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) has been up to lately:



SENSE Charter School

SEND successfully transferred ownership of the SENSE Charter School real estate to SENSE. SEND is proud to have played a major role over the past 10 years in the development of the SENSE Charter School.

P. R. Mallory Real Estate

SEND successfully transferred ownership of the former P. R. Mallory Complex real estate located in the 3000 block of East Washington Street to the City of Indianapolis. The City asked for this property transfer to facilitate its environmental cleanup efforts at the site. The P. R. Mallory project was not included in either of SEND's short- or long-term plans and the continued ownership did not comport with the furtherance of SEND's mission statement.

Twin Aire

SEND spent a great deal of its 2015 time, energy, and resources meeting with folks in the five neighborhoods who comprise the greater Twin Aire community (Norwood Place, Twin Aire, Christian Park, WECAN, and SECO). Leaders from each neighborhood gathered as the Greater Twin Aire Neighborhood Coalition Committee to create a vision plan that focuses on the community's needs and priorities. SEND intends to make the Twin Aire community a major focus in 2016 and hopes to announce some exciting plans soon.

SEND Real Estate

SEND's real estate goals for 2015 included a comprehensive and strategic review to determine mission statement applicability, review of individual asset performance (or lack thereof), and recommendations for appropriate disposition. SEND has begun its process of removing property holdings through the transfer of the SENSE Charter School and the P. R. Mallory complex and will continue this process in 2016.

Catchment Area Expansion

At the urging of community leaders, SEND amended its bylaws to allow for the expansion of the SEND catchment area. Washington Street remains the northern limit; the White River is now the new west limit, with the eastern limit expanding to Emerson Avenue (excluding Beech Grove) and the southern limit changing to Troy Avenue. This was done at the request of several neighborhoods who didn't have the benefits of a CDC in their area. SEND is proud to add these neighborhoods to their family and looks forward to including them in their development plans during the coming years.

SEND Board

In 2015, SEND increased its Board Members, adding local architect, Mike Halstead; Jay Weddle of First Merchants Bank; Ed Mahern, Garfield Park resident and political activist; Chad Dickerson, lawyer; Peggy Frame from Southeast Community Services; Rhonda Harper from Citizens Energy; and Bernice Corley, North Square resident and Past Board President. This addition of talent will help SEND continue and improve its mission.

Debt Reduction

SEND spent the last several years in a tenuous financial position, being adversely impacted by the down-turn in real estate in the late 2000's, forcing them to carry unsold properties and associated debt. SEND has reduced its total corporate liabilities from \$5.9 million at the beginning of the year to \$1.9 million at year end and enters 2016 with a balanced budget.

Fundraising

2015 was a good year for fundraising. SEND received support from the City of Indianapolis, INHP, Lilly Endowment, and Farm Bureau Insurance. The annual fundraiser was also very successful. SEND has always enjoyed the support of its neighbors and friends and this support has become ever more necessary to help promote and develop our neighborhoods.

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.



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This newsletter and previous newsletters available online at bateshendricks.org/news

Monthly Calendar

- Mar 4-12** Bulb Show, Garfield Park Conservatory. For details visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org.
- Mar 7** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Mar 8** Jungle Tales, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$5, ages 2-5. This preschool program focuses on the rain forest and our local environment and features a story, activity, and craft. Registration required.
- Mar 10** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to discuss the book "But They Can't Beat Us: Oscar Robertson and the Crispus Attucks Tigers" by Randy Roberts.
- Mar 11 & 25** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Mar 11** Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theatre (1111 Prospect Street), with dance lesson: 7:30pm to 11:30pm (\$12), without dance lesson: 8:30pm to 11:30pm (\$10), all ages.
- Mar 13** Ceramic Workshop, Fountain Square Clay Center (950 Hosbrook Street Studio A), 1:00pm to 6:00pm, Free.
- Mar 15** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to come together to play old fashioned board games, as well as Minecraft and Wii Big Brain Academy.
- Mar 19** Hatha Yoga, Garfield Park Conservatory, 8:30am to 9:30am, \$10, adults only.
- Mar 19-Apr 3** Gnome Show, Garfield Park Conservatory. For details visit www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org.
- Mar 21** Little Farmer's Market: Healthy Eating Class for Preschoolers, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am. Preschoolers ages 3-6 and an adult are invited to learn about fruits and vegetables through games, stories, and even a little snacking! Contact the branch with any allergy concerns. Registration required.
- Mar 21** Dog Communications Class, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm. Families and children of all ages are invited to learn about pets and pet ownership, especially dogs! Allergy advisement: a real dog may be in attendance.
- Mar 22** Character Club House Design Class for Kids, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm. Children ages 8 and older are invited to design a space for their favorite character or super hero through model making. Participants are asked to bring an empty shoe box for their design. Registration required.
- Mar 25** Minecraft-Inspired "Selfie" Portrait Class for Kids, Fountain Square Library, 3:00pm. Children ages 8 and older are invited to create a pixelated self-portrait using square paper pieces. Registration required.
- Mar 25-26** Fountain Square Music Festival, Fountain Square. For all info, visit www.fountainsquaremusicfest.org.

