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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Annual Neighborhood Cookout – September 12



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 12. The Association will provide hot dogs, drinks, and paper products. We are requesting that you bring a side dish or dessert. See you there!

## Ringgold Park Workday a Big Success

On Saturday, July 30, we had a great turnout to help with phase one of beautifying Ringgold Park. We had about 20 KIB volunteers and 12 Bates-Hendricks volunteers for this KIB-led workday, where we put down newspaper and mulch to kill the grass for future planting beds. Ringgold Park will be getting a makeover this fall thanks to a Keep Indianapolis Beautiful IPL Greenspace grant.

The Ringgold Park committee is currently discussing fundraising options and feasibility for putting in concrete walks before the plantings go in this fall. Stay tuned for another opportunity to help out in the coming months!



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## Letter from the President

Hi Neighbors!

It's been a great summer in our neighborhood! School is now back in session and we have several hundred children out walking the neighborhood so please keep your speed in mind and pay attention while driving. Unfortunately, a person on a bicycle was recently killed by an impaired motorist near our neighborhood. So, please pay attention! Give bicycle riders on East Street at least 5 feet of clearance when passing them – you don't want to be the person who hits a kid or bike rider!



**BHNA President, Lance Boehmer**

The Bates-Hendricks Board is currently working on a project to rezone several properties along East Street this fall. In 1967, the City Government zoned most of East Street into what's known as "C-3 Commercial". They did this in an effort to promote large areas of commercial development in a time when the city was losing many people to the suburbs. Recently, it was brought to our attention that there are still several occupied residential properties that are zoned as C-3 when in fact they are residential. This means that some mortgage companies might not provide a new home loan to a potential buyer and these homeowners might not be permitted to build a garage or shed if they wanted – and could actually incur several thousands of dollars in fines if they do so.

Homeowners in this area whose property is zoned C-3 will soon receive a letter asking them to opt-in to the rezoning of their property to "Residential D-5". This is completely free to the homeowner (normally would cost each homeowner \$400-\$1200 per property). This is most likely a one-time deal, so if you live on East Street, please take advantage of it! The letter will come from me and if you have any questions, feel free to call at 317-760-2347 or email me at [president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org).

One last reminder: our next neighborhood meeting is a neighborhood pitch-in on September 12 at 6:30pm, in Hendricks Park (Orange/Madison). Feel free to bring your friends and family. I look forward to seeing you then!

–Lance Boehmer

# Ways to Help Out in the Neighborhood

Want to help out in the neighborhood but aren't sure what you can do? Here's some starter ideas:

- Come out to the neighborhood association meetings on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm at Immanuel Church (second Monday if the first Monday is a holiday). Kids are welcome! We usually have an IMPD officer at the meeting to field questions from residents and give a report on recent happenings in the neighborhood.
- Adopt your block with KIB ([www.kibi.org/programs/beautification/adopt-a-block](http://www.kibi.org/programs/beautification/adopt-a-block)).
- Be active on Nextdoor ([bateshendricks.nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)) and share the suspicious activity you see with the police and others on Nextdoor so they can be on the lookout as well.
- Get on the neighborhood blast list for email updates (email [president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org) to ask to be added) and share that information with other neighbors who aren't online and/or follow updates on the neighborhood Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bateshendricks](https://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks)).
- Get involved with any of the task forces working to improve the area ([bateshendricks.org/involvement](https://bateshendricks.org/involvement)).
- Help out when we have neighborhood workdays for doing things like planting trees and flowers, picking up trash, painting murals, etc.
- Get involved with the Southeast Congress, which tries to address bigger concerns affecting the entire southeast ([southeastneighborhood.org](https://southeastneighborhood.org)).
- Come up with your own ways to help out and share your ideas with the rest of us on Nextdoor, Facebook, or email [news@bateshendricks.org](mailto:news@bateshendricks.org).



Even things that seem superficial, like beautification efforts, help in a big way because it tells criminals we're taking ownership of the area and they're being watched. And it helps bring others into the area who are willing to help make improvements in other ways.

**Be sure to check out the neighborhood calendar at [bateshendricks.org/calendar](https://bateshendricks.org/calendar) to see when we're having events, workdays, and more!**

## Need a New Job?

Southeast Community Services can help! Free Financial, Education, and Employment Coaching. 901 Shelby Street, 2nd floor. Contact Gloria for more information, 317-236-7400.



# 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 Kilgore, 1425 S. East 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

- Sep 9 & 23** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Sep 9 & 23** Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theater Building, 1111 Prospect Street, Lesson: 7:30pm to 8:30pm, Dance: 8:30pm to 11:30pm, \$10, or \$12 with lesson.
- Sep 10** Nature T-Shirts, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, \$3/person, ages 3+. Bring a bright or dark-colored t-shirt and use natural materials to make a one-of-a-kind design! Registration required.
- Sep 8** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown.
- Sep 12** Art + Science Brainstorms: A Streamlines Experience, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm. Explore the intersections of art and science while enjoying light refreshment. More info can be found at [StreamLines.org](http://StreamLines.org).
- Sep 12** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Annual Cookout, 6:30pm, Hendricks Park (NE corner of Madison & Orange).**
- Sep 16** Third Friday Music on the Plaza!, Fountain Square Plaza, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Free. A concert series featuring live local bands. This month: Indianapolis Children's Choir.
- Sep 17** **Join Bates-Hendricks in the Art Squared Parade in Fountain Square! Contact [events@bateshendricks.org](mailto:events@bateshendricks.org) for details.**
- Sep 18** Garden Fun Day, Garfield Park Children's Garden, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$5/ family, all ages. Enjoy a variety of activities for all ages and help harvest some of the remaining vegetables.
- Sep 20** 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.
- Sep 21** Teen Young Actor's Theatre Workshops: Auditioning, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to empower themselves for a future audition. This program will help them find a monologue, practice cold readings, and give feedback.
- Sep 24** Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: ¡RITMO LATINO! Frame Drum Making Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am. Children and young people ages 6 and up are invited to make a traditional Latin American frame drum with an authentic sound from common, everyday materials. Registration required.
- Sep 28** Fall-time Fun!, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$5/child, ages 2-5. Have a fun time learning about fall, playing games, and making crafts. Registration required.

