

## Important Neighborhood Meeting April 3

Our April neighborhood meeting will be our annual meeting, where Board appointments come up for a vote. At the request of the Board, Laura Giffel has taken over the President position since Lance Boehmer moved out of state, but we would like to vote to affirm Laura officially by the full membership so that her term can be begin. We also have to vote on a Vice President position and appoint two new board Director positions. We'll have a recap of BHNA's biggest achievements over the last year as well.



## Letter from the President



BHNA President, Laura Giffel

Neighbors,

After many years of challenges, I am ecstatic to announce that we have applied for permits to install a few new gateway signs in our neighborhood! The first area targeted for development are the medians at East and Morris Streets in front of the Speedway gas station. The medians will be landscaped and a large sign welcoming everyone to "Historic Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood" will be installed on the north median. In the south median, we plan to install landscaping and a tall wooden post with two banners with the Bates-Hendricks logo.

Our southern border will also have a welcoming sign that will be installed on the corner of the East Street Apostolic Church's property. We are immensely thankful for their assistance in securing this home for our sign, as putting the sign in on CSX Railroad property has proved to be problematic.

While signs may seem like a small change in our large neighborhood, these will help identify our neighborhood to visitors who may be passing through on East Street. Most importantly, the signs will be the first step in further developing the East Street corridor, an area of the neighborhood that has needed more attention for quite some time.


Both signs will look similar to the gateway sign located at the Prospect Street / Morris Street interchange. Installation and plantings are scheduled for early summer, and I hope that you will take pictures and share the beautiful signs with others!


—Laura Giffel




# 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, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at [bateshendricks.org](http://bateshendricks.org).

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## Upcoming

- Apr 1** Great Indy Cleanup, neighborhood-wide. Working with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and the City of Indianapolis, we will be having a large cleanup in the neighborhood. **There will be a packer truck at 8:00am at Beecher and Singleton that needs volunteers to go through the alleys to throw trash in it.** We will have several dumpsters as well. More details are on the Bates-Hendricks Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bateshendricks](http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks). For more general information about the Great Indy Cleanup, see [www.kibi.org/programs/beautification/great-indy-cleanup](http://www.kibi.org/programs/beautification/great-indy-cleanup).
- Apr 3** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect Street.**
- Apr 22** Ringgold Park Workday, 1500 Ringgold Avenue, 9:00am to Noon. Join us for our next workday for this project funded by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's IPL GreenSpace grant. We'll be putting down fresh mulch, touching up plants, weeding, and installing birdhouses. KIB should have a number of tools and gloves on hand, but feel free to bring your own as well. For more information about this workday, contact [ringgold@bateshendricks.org](mailto:ringgold@bateshendricks.org).
- Apr 24** Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) – Pleasant Run meeting, SECS Youth Center (924 Shelby Street), 6:30pm. ROW focuses on improving the areas around our waterways while ROW – Pleasant Run specifically focuses on the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more information, contact Kelly Brown at [row@bateshendricks.org](mailto:row@bateshendricks.org).

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