

Ringgold Park Beautification Continues



On Saturday, April 22, a handful of volunteers came out to weed and spread mulch at Ringgold Park, which is nearing its last phase in its transformation. The project, which is funded through a Keep Indianapolis Beautiful IPL Greenspace grant, has involved planting a ton of plants and a few trees, putting down new mulch, removing the old railroad ties, and soon birdhouses will be installed.

We have a strategy in place to maintain the park over the coming years. If you'd like to be a part of that effort, email Sara at ringgold@bateshendricks.org.

On Sunday, May 7 we'll be celebrating the completion of the park – see page 2 for details!

Letter from the President

Neighbors,

It's porch party season! Break out those extra patio chairs and mimosa glasses; it's time to celebrate a great tradition in our neighborhood. Porch parties are simply a casual gathering of neighbors on a willing family's front porch. These get-togethers enhance our sense of community as well as show unwelcome visitors that we are a unified front against crime and other negative activities in our neighborhood. And, because these only involve hanging out on porches, you don't have to mess with cleaning house!

Want to host a porch party? Here are a few things to consider:

- 1. Notifying neighbors:** On our website (bateshendricks.org/contact), we have contact information listed for block captains who have email lists for neighbors on various streets. Don't see a block captain for your street? Contact us and we'll get you signed up! You can also print invitations and deliver them to your neighbors.
- 2. Food and Drinks:** Not all porch parties involve alcohol, but they often involve some sort of food, even if only light snacks. Pitch-ins are a great way to encourage guests to bring their favorite dishes!
- 3. Bragging:** Did you have an awesome porch party? Send us pictures or post information to social media and tag Bates-Hendricks so we can share the wonderful events our neighbors hold.

Keep being awesome, Bates-Hendricks! I hope to see you around the porches!

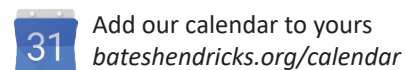
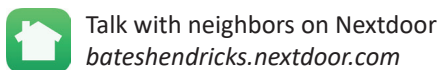
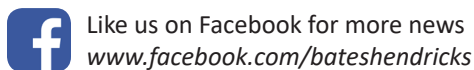
-Laura Giffel



BHNA President, 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.



Upcoming

- May 1** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect Street.
- May 6** 1st Saturday Cleanup, 9:00am to Noon. On the first Saturday of each month we spend a couple of hours maintaining our public spaces in the neighborhood, focusing on a different public space in the area each month. This month will be a special cleanup in Baumann Park. Not only will we be weeding and picking up trash, but we plan on repairing and re-installing playground equipment. Come join us!
- May 7** Ringgold Park Celebration, Ringgold Park (1500 Ringgold Avenue – corner of Cottage and Ringgold Avenues), 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Join us at this free Cinco de Mayo themed celebration in Ringgold Park! We're celebrating the completion of Ringgold Park with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. We'll have a taco bar from Mr. Tequila's and a few other dishes; you show up! For more information about the transformation of Ringgold Park, visit bateshendricks.org/parks/ringgold.
- May 13** Virginia Avenue Folk Fest, Virginia Avenue in Fountain Square and Fletcher Place, Free. The Virginia Avenue Folk Festival was created in 2015 by Mike Angel and Patrick Burtch to bring local musicians, artists, businesses, and the local community together. Each year, the Virginia Avenue Folk Fest benefits a different hyper-local non-profit, with this year's beneficiary being Southeast Community Services. More at virginiaavenuefolkfest.com.
- May 17** BHFC vs. Fletcher Place (Field 3), Central Greens (corner of Tibbs Avenue and Steeples Boulevard), 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Come support Bates-Hendricks Futbol Club, your neighborhood soccer team!
- May 22** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, SECS Youth Center (924 Shelby Street), 6:30pm. Reconnecting to Our Waterways (reconnectingtoourwaterways.org) focuses on improving the areas around our waterways. ROW – Pleasant Run specifically focuses on the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more information, contact Kelly Brown at row@bateshendricks.org.
- May 24** BHFC vs. Old Northside (Field 1), Central Greens (corner of Tibbs Avenue and Steeples Boulevard), 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Come support Bates-Hendricks Futbol Club, your neighborhood soccer team!
- May 25** IFD/BHNA Smoke Alarm Event, The Lincoln Center (1549 S. East Street). Firefighters will install free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for Bates-Hendricks residents. Contact Laura at president@bateshendricks.org for details.
- May 30** Good Bones Watch Party, Location TBD, 10:00pm. We're getting together to watch the first episode of the next season of Two Chicks & a Hammer's show, Good Bones! Contact Laura at president@bateshendricks.org for more details and/or check our live calendar at bateshendricks.org/calendar.
- May 31** BHFC vs. Meridian-Kessler (Field 2), Central Greens (corner of Tibbs Avenue and Steeples Boulevard), 8:00pm to 9:00pm. Come support Bates-Hendricks Futbol Club, your neighborhood soccer team!