

April 2 is Bates-Hendricks' Annual Meeting

Our April meeting will be our annual meeting, where Board appointments come up for a vote (read about the candidates below). This meeting is also used as a recap to celebrate the previous year's achievements in the neighborhood and is a great introduction to Bates-Hendricks for new neighbors.

Kate Kilgore, up for re-election as Treasurer

Kate has been a resident of Indianapolis for the past 9 years. She bought her home on East Street with her husband Casey in 2015. She earned her BA degree in Biology from Purdue School of Science at IUPUI in 2014 and currently works as a Microbiologist for Eli Lilly and Company. She is an Adopt-a-Block Captain for her block of East Street, and enjoys helping with the beautification efforts throughout the neighborhood.

Matt Nunley, up for Director

Matt is a lifelong resident of the Indianapolis area who originally grew up in the Irvington neighborhood. He has since graduated from St. Therese of the Little Flower Catholic School and Cathedral High School; he earned his undergraduate degree in public financial management from Indiana University-Bloomington and his MBA in Finance from Butler University's Evening MBA program. He currently works as an Assistant Vice President for PNC's Public Finance Group. Matt looks forward to playing a vital role in the ongoing economic development of Bates-Hendricks and community engagement efforts.

Rob Uppencamp, up for re-election as Director

Rob has been a resident for over 14 years and has been on the Bate-Hendricks Board of Directors for 12 years, serving as President from 2010-2013. Rob lives on Singleton Street with his 6-year-old son, Oliver, in a historic house that he is rehabilitating. He helped design and build, and is the curator of, Baumann Park. Rob also serves as Chair of the SEND Board of Directors. Professionally, Rob is an environmental scientist. Rob is a volunteer co-leader of an environmental science club at SENSE Charter School and coaches pee wee baseball at Garfield RBI.

Nick Zimmerman, up for re-election as Director

Nick has lived in Bates-Hendricks with his wife since 2009, during which time he has been actively engaged in improving the area. He is currently a Bates-Hendricks Board Director and edits the Bates-Hendricks Newsletter, manages the website, and picks up trash around his block. He's at most neighborhood events and projects, ready to help out.

Letter from the President

Neighbors,

Much to our surprise, Bates-Hendricks was named Neighborhood of the Month for March by Mayor Hogsett. We used the designation to highlight the wonderful assets in our community through social media. If you are interested in learning more about some of our history, you should search for #indyNoM or check out our social media pages to learn more. We were honored to host Mayor Hogsett at Lincoln Lane Coffee Co. / Community Center on Monday, March 26 for coffee and conversation (below photo). The entire proclamation can be seen in the community center.



April restarts our year as a neighborhood and we have a full set of goals and agendas for this year. A significant, but unnoticeable change, will be our legal status and legal name. As of April 2018, as part of our application for tax exempt status, our legal name will change to "Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Development" with our common name staying "Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association". This change signifies a commitment to our mission of developing and improving the quality of life for neighbors in our boundaries. For the most part, neighbors will not notice a difference with this legal

change. Once we are awarded tax-exempt and charitable status, we will pass this information along to the neighborhood. We hope this tax-exempt status will allow us to receive larger grants and continue to further our mission.

I hope to see you at our annual meeting this month to celebrate the great year Bates-Hendricks closed out!



BHNA President, Laura Giffel

Host a Porch Party!

Calling all Block Captains and Social Butterflies! May is unofficially "Porch Party" Month in Indianapolis! The Harrison Center for the Arts has been encouraging Indy residents to host Porch Parties since 2007 (officially since 2014) and we'd love for Bates-Hendricks to really represent in the month of May. What is a Porch Party? It's whatever you make it! This is a great time to meet the neighbors you see riding bikes down the street, walking their dogs, or out enjoying the neighborhood. Simply contact your Block Captain and let them know you want to host a Porch Party. Or, let neighbors know through social media or simply by going door-to-door. Ideas include: morning porch parties with coffee and doughnuts, afternoon 'front yard' parties with yard games, or even open up your backyard for a back porch party! For party ideas and information on how to register your Porch Party, please contact Events@bateshendricks.org. Let's show Indy how Bates-Hendricks does Porch Parties!

Kindness is Spreading at James A. Garfield by Michele Whaley, IPS School 31

It is Amanda Jacobs' first year at James A. Garfield and she is having a major impact on our 7th grade scholars and school community. Mrs. Jacobs believes her job goes beyond teaching math into the realm of teaching kindness and compassion. Together, Mrs. Jacobs and her 7th grade scholars have spearheaded several kindness initiatives, leaving a lasting impression on our school and our scholars. As a team, they have painted ceiling tiles with positive messages, created a teacher appreciation wall, encouraged younger scholars during testing, created items for our sensory room, and raised money for hurricane victims, among other initiatives. Recently, we asked her 7th grade scholars a few questions about kindness. Here are some of their responses:

"To me, kindness is something that you do where you don't want a thing in return. Kindness is when you're nice even when the crowd is being wrong or mean."

"Kindness to me means a lot of things. It means not bullying, listening to your friends and family, and trying not to disrespect anyone."

"Our random acts of kindness have impacted our school by showing the younger children, and even some of the teachers, how to be a good person. It taught a lot of children how to be strong and confident in tests and other work."

"Around the school many of the classrooms have spread kindness. The teachers know that they are appreciated and they also want to show kindness."

"[Random acts of kindness have] impacted me by making my life better at school and at home."

"[Random acts of kindness] have affected me a lot by letting me know that even a small thing that you make and give to someone will make them happy."



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 \$5 for households 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.



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Realtor Open House

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association is focused on connecting with local realtors in our area. We are pleased to announce the start of a great effort to partner with realtors to promote Bates-Hendricks to potential residents. On Friday, April 20 from 11:00am to 1:00pm, the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Marketing Committee will host a Realtor Open House to welcome realtors in our area. We'll have an opportunity to meet other realtors in the area, as well as enjoy appetizers and coffee from Lincoln Lane Coffee Co. The Marketing Committee will present key information about our neighborhood and provide materials for realtors to take to open houses and provide to new homeowners. If you are a realtor in our neighborhood, please stop by for this event!

Upcoming

- Apr 2** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect Street. The Association meets on the first Monday of every month except holidays (then it's the second Monday). Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!
- Apr 3** The Land Use Committee considers zoning, development, and property issues in Bates-Hendricks with the goal of ensuring peaceful co-existence among residents and businesses. The meeting is at Immanuel Church at East St. & Prospect St. (enter through glass doors on north side of building). Contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org for more information.
- Apr 5** Join your neighbors for this get-together at a different location each month! Please RSVP by signing up on the events page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/bateshendricks/events, or by emailing Events@bateshendricks.org. This month's location: Siam Square (2nd floor).
- Apr 12,26** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Apr 16** Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church, 402 Prospect Street (enter through glass doors on north side of building). This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact Marketing@bateshendricks.org for more information.
- Apr 17** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Apr 17** Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church, 402 Prospect Street (enter through glass doors on north side of building). This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact Events@bateshendricks.org for more information.
- Apr 20** Realtor Open House, 11:00am to 1:00pm, Lincoln Lane Coffee Co. See above article for more information.
- Apr 23** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, 6:30pm, 924 Shelby Street. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more info, contact ROW@bateshendricks.org.
- Apr 24** East Street Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church, 402 Prospect Street (enter through glass doors on north side of building). This committee works to improve the East Street corridor. Contact EastStreet@bateshendricks.org for more information.