

Bates-Hendricks Land Use Committee Created

Neighbors may have noticed that orange public hearing signs are popping up all around Bates-Hendricks. This is not surprising, given the rising interest in the neighborhood over the last couple of years. The neighborhood is seeing lots of exciting changes, such as new neighbors and new businesses, which also means an increase in new construction.

In the past, Bates-Hendricks may have seen three to four of these signs a year; now it's more like three to four a month. To protect the integrity and character of the neighborhood during this time of rapid change, in May of 2018 the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association formed the Land Use Committee to review these petitions.

Most of the homes and buildings in the neighborhood were first developed in the early 1900s, well before zoning restrictions. Therefore, the existing architecture of the neighborhood and the current zoning restrictions don't always mesh. Any time someone wants to change the footprint of a property, like adding a garage or an addition, property owners must petition the city for a variance which then goes to public hearing. As a neighborhood, Bates-Hendricks is given a voice at the public hearings, which can influence whether the petition is approved. This has given Bates-Hendricks the opportunity to work with developers to come up with mutually beneficial solutions.

Every fourth Tuesday of the month, the Land Use Committee meets with petitioners to review their requests at Immanuel United Church of Christ at 6:30pm. Additionally, the Land Use Committee is working to develop a Land Use Plan for the neighborhood, a set of guidelines for development in the neighborhood.

To learn more about the Land Use Committee or how to join, contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org.

Letter from the President

For those who are newer to the neighborhood like me, you might not know the history of Bates-Hendricks that got us to where we are today. Our neighborhood association was founded by a group of concerned neighbors over 20 years ago who wanted to ensure that Bates-Hendricks was a safe and desirable place to live. Through this passion, our streets have become safer, houses are rescued and restored, and green spaces are filled with beautiful plants.

I've heard many people ask me why we still need a neighborhood association since "everything is fixed". To this, I often respond that it's not about our current issues but instead how we got to where we are today. If we continue to sit by and not be active in our community, then I worry that the same issues from before might reappear.



BHNA President, Laura Giffel

Being active in the neighborhood association comes in many ways, and they don't always include meetings and dues. If you know a neighbor with a problem, make sure you empower them with information about the neighborhood association. If you have a concern, make sure we hear your voice. We need to keep vigilant to keep our neighborhood as great as it is today!

Street Fest Raises Funds & Supplies for Neighborhood Schools



The second-annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest was a success! The Street Fest is used as a school supplies drive and fundraiser for IPS School 31 and SENSE Charter School in the neighborhood, as well as a fundraiser for the neighborhood association. Thanks to all who came out and helped set up and tear down. We appreciate everyone's help, especially considering the heat! This year we tried something new – a donut-eating competition! Donuts were donated by General American Donut Company and winners received gift cards and, of course, free dessert! The Retro Brothers played a great set and Injected Infusion closed out the night.

We hope you'll join us next year! And, as always, we love to hear your thoughts, especially in person! Come to any Events Committee meeting to help streamline our events for the neighborhood (email events@bateshendricks.org for details). Everyone is welcome!

Next up, Bates-Hendricks Oktoberfest! It will be on October 6th on Prospect Street just East of Madison Avenue. Check the Facebook events page (www.facebook.com/bateshendricks/events) or our Google Calendar (www.bateshendricks.org/calendar) for details. See you there!



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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Upcoming

- Sep 4** 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.
- Sep 6** 1st Thursday Supper Club, 6:30pm. 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: the "Sunken Beer Gardens" event at the Garfield Park Conservatory (2505 Conservatory Drive). This is a free event open to everyone, including kids and pets! You can bring your own picnic dinner or purchase food from a food truck. Local beer is available for purchase, music is provided, and sometimes they have activities!
- Sep 10** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Hendricks Park (corner of Madison Avenue and Orange Street). The September meeting is our annual cookout; the neighborhood association will supply hot dogs and beverages; please bring a side dish or dessert!**
- Sep 13,27** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Sep 17** 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.
- Sep 18** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Sep 18** 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.
- Sep 24** Food Security Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church, 402 Prospect Street (enter through glass doors on north side of building). This committee works to address food security and urban farming within the neighborhood. Contact FoodSecurity@bateshendricks.org for more info.
- Sep 24** 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.
- Sep 25** Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church, 402 Prospect Street (enter through glass doors on north side of building). This committee considers zoning, development, and property issues in Bates-Hendricks with the goal of ensuring peaceful co-existence among residents and businesses. Contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org for more information.