



Join Us for Our Annual Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off!

This year's Chili Cook-Off will be Saturday, February 23 and will be at a new venue this year: The Southside Turnverein, located at 306 Prospect Street in our neighborhood. The cook-off runs from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and the admission fee to taste the chilis is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under, which includes a beverage. For additional beverages, we're asking \$1 for non-alcoholic and \$2 for alcoholic.

If you would like to enter your chili to compete, the cost is \$10 and includes the entry fee as well. We typically have about 14 to 16 entries in various categories (red, white, vegetarian), but only if you (yes YOU!) sign up! To register your chili or chilis, sign up on the Google Form at <http://bit.ly/2019ChiliCookOff> or email Michelle at Events@bateshendricks.org.



This event is a great fundraiser for the neighborhood and it's always a lot of fun, so we hope you can make it!

Letter from the President

Bates-Hendricks has been working in partnership with our community school, James A. Garfield School 31, to determine the possibility of making this school the focus of Indianapolis Public School's efforts on the south side. I'm happy to report that both the school and school board have given us the go-ahead to host a community forum to start educating the community on options, as well as soliciting feedback on the direction of the school.

This forum will be held on February 27 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at School 31. Childcare will be available for families as well. The purpose of this community forum is to ensure the needs and desires of the community are considered in the decision-making process. We believe that this school and our community has an amazing opportunity to lead the way in creating a school that best fits our neighborhood's mission of inclusive growth.

Attendees will learn about the current state of education on the Southeast side and the options for School 31. Small group sessions will be moderated by community leaders, school staff members, IPS School Board members, and IPS administration. Surveys will be available in person, online, and at locations throughout the community starting this month.

I hope that current and future families will join community members at this meeting so we can begin to advocate for our needs.



BHNA President, Laura Giffel

Looking Forward and Back Through Storytelling

The Bates-Hendricks Marketing Committee is looking to put a new twist on utilizing social media and our website to feature the stories of neighbors. As author Graham Greene described, "A story has no beginning or end: arbitrarily one chooses that moment of experience from which to look back or from which to look ahead".

The neighborhood is looking to gather stories that both reflect on the past and the bright future that lies ahead. Stories are being sought on topics such as what "Bates-Hendricks means to you", "favorite neighborhood memory", and "what are you looking forward to seeing (or wish to see)" in the neighborhood's future. Marketing Committee Chair, Erin Chatten, remarked, "I want people who visit our website and social media to truly feel what this community experience is like. There is no better way for us to emphasize that than to share the words of those we share a community with".

Neighbors who are interested in sharing a story are encouraged to email two relevant photos and their story to marketing@bateshendricks.org. The committee is also open to setting up interviews to collect and write stories for those who want to share, but not write. You can look forward to a brand new website, stories and all, to be launched in the coming months.

Storytelling for the new website is not the only opportunity neighbors have to share neighborhood history. As part of the Indianapolis Bicentennial Collecting Initiative, the Indiana Historical Society Archive & Library is collecting neighborhood histories from Bates-Hendricks residents on Feb. 16 at Lincoln Lane Coffee House (516 Lincoln Street) from noon to 3:00pm. Contact Jordan Ryan, project archivist, at JRyan@indianahistory.org with questions.

Quality of Life Committee's Efforts Featured in IBJ

The Quality of Life committee is excited to have been featured in the Indianapolis Business Journal (IBJ) in January on the topic of our plans for the economic development of East Street and the broader community here in Bates-Hendricks. The article emphasized our hopes for commercial development that would be accessible to all of our neighbors that comprise our mixed-income community. Since the article's release, our committee has had a tremendous response from investors and businesses who are interested in helping us develop the commercial district here. We're so excited to continue the process of making East Street more walkable and having more destinations for neighbors to gather and enjoy. If you'd like to be a part of this process, our committee meets on the second Monday of every month at 6:30pm at The Lincoln Center (516 Lincoln Street).

SENSE Charter School Receives Sustainability Certification



SENSE Charter School was one of 53 schools in Marion County to be awarded the inaugural Indianapolis Thriving School Challenge (ITSC) certification for demonstrating their existing desire for sustainability education and programming in schools. Mayor Hogsett and the Office of Sustainability joined this celebration at the Indiana State Museum on January 17 to give out the awards. Two SENSE staff members and five students were on hand to receive the award.

The Indianapolis Thriving Schools Challenge is a green schools certification program for Marion County. Schools may reach certification either by starting new projects or demonstrating their existing initiatives. Selected schools are eligible for up to \$5,000 in funding for implementing new projects or expanding existing projects. SENSE Charter was awarded the highest honor possible – the Gold certification – for their established green programming implemented at the school. Now, the plan is to expand the school's community garden, recycling, and composting projects with this new funding.

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

- Feb 4** 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!
- Feb 7** 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: Duke's Indy (2352 S. West Street).
- Feb 11** Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor. For more information, contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org.
- Feb 14, 28** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Feb 16** Parent Monthly Meetup, 9:30am, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. Come join with other parents for a monthly meetup for parents or soon-to-be parents to meet and support each other.
- Feb 18** Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact Marketing@bateshendricks.org for more information.
- Feb 19** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Feb 20** Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. 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.
- Feb 23** Annual Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off, 4:00pm to 6:00pm, The Southside Turnverein (306 Prospect Street). See page 1 for details.
- Feb 25** 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.
- Feb 26** 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.