

Upcoming March Bates-Hendricks Meeting

We are meeting on Monday, March 4 for our monthly meeting at Immanuel United Church of Christ at 402 Prospect Street at 6:30pm. This month, we'll hear from Tyler Richardson from the City Infrastructure Committee on the progress being made in this committee. Adrienne Kuchik from James A Garfield School 31 will provide us updates on the school and the community forum this past week. We'll also hear about the *two* awards Bates-Hendricks was nominated for and how you can participate in the awards ceremony. Committee members will give updates on their work, including plans for park improvements at Baumann Park.

Letter from the President

Neighbors,

As a neighborhood association, we are tasked with improving the quality of life for the residents in our community. As our community changes, we must ensure that our work supports those who live here. Through discussions with various community partners and neighbors, we identified a need for family support in our neighborhood, both generally and at neighborhood events. Our monthly parent meetups at Lincoln Lane have been a great source of general parent support and connection, as well as a sounding board for me to ensure that our events are family-friendly. Through feedback, we are working on a few changes to our events and including new focuses for our neighborhood.

At our chili cook-off last month, we offered a kids' section full of toys and kid-friendly food options thanks to the Bulow Family. We are discussing childcare at our monthly meetings to allow families to attend without worrying about securing care. A major focus for the parent group is regarding improvements to Baumann Park, including new, natural playground equipment and safety measures. We're also discussing bringing low-cost or free music and art classes to the Lincoln Center for families. This week, we partnered with James A. Garfield School 31 to host their first community forum on the future of the school. A full report will be released from this meeting soon, but I was glad to see many familiar faces participating in the future of this school.

All of these initiatives are led by our community for the good of the community. This is what makes me proud to live in Bates-Hendricks, and I hope that is true for you!



BHNA President, Laura Giffel

SENSE Thanks Bates-Hendricks Neighbors for Donations

SENSE Charter School sends their heartfelt thanks to the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association and neighbors for all the hygiene and cleaning supply donations made to the school over the last couple of years. They are so appreciated towards keeping the SENSE Charter food pantry shelves stocked. Please keep the donations coming!

Neighbors Enjoyed Annual Chili Cook-Off at Turnverein



On Saturday, February 23, neighbors and friends gathered at the Southside Turnverein for another Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off. The new owners of the Turnverein, Point Comfort Underwriters, were kind enough to lend us their basement lease space for the event, which provided plenty of space for chili stands, tables, and a kids' play area. Girl Scouts were on hand selling cookies to neighbors as well.

The chili competition was heated, with 14 different chilis entered and multiple contestants back to defend their title from previous years! The winners took home custom engraved wooden spoons in the category of Best Vegetarian (Tyler Giffel), Best Red (Susan Gaw), Best White (Tyler Giffel), and the coveted People's Choice, (Rob Uppencamp)! Over \$700 was raised to put back into our community through various projects this year. An enormous thank you to all who came out, our sponsors, judges, participants, and volunteers – this couldn't have been a success without you!

SENSE Students Celebrate Acceptance to Polytechnic School



On Friday, January 22, some of the incoming SENSE Charter School students found out in a cool way that they had been accepted into Purdue Polytechnic High School in Indianapolis. The Boilermaker Special, a "train" built on a truck chassis, stopped by to give them a ride. 83 students got the good news on Friday, including 7 at SENSE Charter School. The Purdue Polytechnic high schools focus on a hands-on STEM-based curriculum to prepare students for college and beyond. Congratulations to the selected students!

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 \$10 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

- Mar 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!
- Mar 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: Greiner's Sub Shop, 2126 Shelby Street.
- Mar 9** Financial Empowerment Workshop, 5:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. Learn how to get out of debt, build a working budget, and find and improve your credit score.
- Mar 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.
- Mar 14, 28** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Mar 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.
- Mar 19** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Mar 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.
- Mar 23** Spring Jubilee Day, 7:00am to 6:00pm, Lincoln Lane Coffee, 516 Lincoln Street. Celebrate the arrival of spring with extended hours until 6:00pm, FREE laundry, and 1/2-off lattes.
- Mar 24** Cooper's Fun Run, 5:00pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This is an all-ages and abilities event. Suggested donations of \$10 are accepted in lieu of a registration fee. All money raised will benefit Dathouse. Also, Lincoln Lane Coffee will have samples of the new Spring Menu!
- Mar 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.
- Mar 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.
- Mar 28** Southeast Neighborhood Congress, 7:00pm, Invent Learning Hub, 1849 E Pleasant Run Parkway S. Drive. Help develop and execute a plan to make our part of Indianapolis a better place to live, work, visit, and raise a family. Visit www.southeastneighborhood.org for more information.