

Neighbors Working Together by Greg Allen



On Saturday, May 4, Bates-Hendricks neighbors are once again showing Indianapolis what "neighborhood" is all about. They are gathering to work together from 9:00am to Noon on one of the most popular pocket parks in the city: the 1400 to 1600 blocks of South New Jersey Street.

The street is known for its 800-foot garden, historic lights, and historic gazebo that date back to the 1850's. However, the garden and the gazebo don't maintain themselves and they aren't as inviting without that maintenance. Neighbors and partners therefore plan to work together to make it happen.

The garden is intensively planted with boxwood, grasses, hostas, and hydrangeas. Every few years it has to be mulched. One of our neighborhood partners, Indiana Mulch and Stone, is donating most of the mulch to make that happen. The gazebo has to be reroofed and repainted. Another neighborhood partner, Johnson and Johnson contractors from Greenwood, is donating the roof for the structure. Many neighbors spent much of our Great Indy Cleanup on April 6 scraping the historic structure in preparation for the painting (pictured). Money for painting the gazebo came from prize money won by the street in a project that was supported by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and offered by Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center. The winning category was "Inspiring Places." And, I would ask, "How could any neighborhood or community be more inspired, particularly if it is blessed by so many neighbors and community partners?" Thank you for all for your help making South New Jersey Street an "Inspiring Place"!

Letter from the President

Neighbors,

May is full of community events in our city, including one of the most important civic activities: voting. Don't forget to cast your ballot on May 7 for our primary elections for Mayor and City-County Council. These positions are so important to our neighborhood, as these are our advocates. There are many of us running this year and I urge you to research the candidates.

May also invites visitors to our city and state for all of the renowned Indy 500 races. If you haven't attended something related to this event, check out all the different types of activities, including a parade through Downtown.

See you around at our May porch parties!

(email Events@bateshendricks.org to find the nearest porch party to you)



BHNA President, Laura Giffel

SENSE Charter School Installs SENSE-ory Path



SENSE Charter School recently installed a sensory path in one of their hallways. A sensory path is a colorful, creative, and playful way for kids to build sensory pathways. These are vital connections in the brain that are responsible for sight, touch, sound, etc., which enable kids to complete complex, multi-stage tasks. A sensory path is a great way for kids to develop motor skills like balance, hand-eye coordination, and spatial awareness. The path is made with stickers that can be stuck to any surface. By taking sensory-overloaded kids to our sensory path, they will complete a series of movements as they move through the path, allowing the body and brain to refocus.

SENSE Charter School Girl Scouts Learn About Flowers

The Girl Scouts from SENSE Charter school learned about the parts of the flower during one of their recent meetings. They discussed how a flower is nourished and all of the needs of a plant/flower to have the opportunity to grow and thrive. After the interactive lesson, the scouts made Grass Crowns. Each girl made her own and decided what would grow and live in her garden. They then placed them on their heads so they rule in their own garden!



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 Matt Nunley, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



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Upcoming

- May 2** 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: Mr. Tequila's, 935 S. East Street.
- May 6** **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!**
- May 9, 23** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- May 13** 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.
- May 15** 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.
- May 18** 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.
- May 21** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- May 27** 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.
- May 28** 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.