

Letter from the President

Neighbors,

This marks my last letter as your president. It has been such a great honor over the last three years to lead and serve in our community. When my husband Tyler and I started our search for our first home we weren't just looking for a beautiful house, but a beautiful community. I don't think I ever could've imagined the friendships and lessons we'd learn here with all of you.

I'm so proud of the work that we've accomplished over the last three years. We became a non-profit and have raised almost \$40,000 for community initiatives. Through our community council, we support three neighborhood schools with financial contributions, supply drives, and volunteer hours. Bates-Hendricks has a renewed focus on highlighting neighbors' skills through our expanded committee system. This year, we'll gather for our 4th annual Street Fest and 2nd annual Oktoberfest. Our business corridor is starting to grow and we can't wait to welcome more community partners this year. Most importantly, we continue to build community through bringing neighbors and partners together.

Our next three years will be just as busy as the last, as we continue our focus on economic development and infrastructure improvements. Next year is our neighborhood association's 25th anniversary, so everyone can expect the biggest Street Fest yet!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Board for their support (and tolerance!) over the last three years. I move pretty fast and I always appreciated their pause for review. Our neighborhood is in great hands with our next president and I look forward to supporting the Board during this transition. Lastly, I want to thank Tyler for sharing me with the community. There are a lot of nighttime meetings in this role and I always came home to a supportive ear and a delicious meal!

Until next time, neighbors! –Laura



BHNA President, Laura Giffel

Updates from James A. Garfield (IPS School 31)



James A. Garfield was visited by over 30 volunteers with Samaritan's Feet on Tuesday, February 25. Thanks to their generosity, every scholar in the building received a brand new pair of socks and shoes, which the school is very grateful for.

There is no school on March 4 due to Parents In Touch Day. If you would like to meet with your scholar's teacher(s), please give the school a call to set up an appointment.

On March 10, there will be a monthly PTA meeting at 6:00pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

March 12 is Pastries with Parents at 8:15am. Enjoy some breakfast food before school. They'd love to see you!

Spring Break starts March 23 and scholars report back on Monday, April 6.

SENSE Charter School Celebrates Winter Fun Festival



SENSE Charter School once again really put the *fun* in their annual Winter Fun Festival. Under the coordination of 7th and 8th grade social studies teacher, Mr. Hedges, 8th grade students created and ran the many amazing activities and games for the event. Everyone had a great time playing the games, winning prizes, and transforming themselves at the face-painting station. The school raised close to \$600, which will be used to fund a field trip for 8th graders. Pictured to the left is one of the families who won several prizes at the event, including a doll house!

SENSE Charter School Receives Sustainability Certification

SENSE Charter School was among the 27 Marion County schools that received Certified, Excelling, or Master's level certification for their sustainability work. SENSE Charter was awarded the Master's level and \$2,520 to support their continued recycling and sustainability programming. The award was presented by Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, Earth Charter Indiana, and the Indianapolis Office of Sustainability during an awards ceremony at the Indiana State Museum. SENSE was honored for fostering lasting and impactful environmental programming at their school. 8th grade members of the school's Student Council, which is responsible for the school's recycling program, were able to attend the award ceremony.



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

- Mar 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!
- Mar 9** 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 12, 26** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Mar 12** 2nd 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: Tex Mex, 1104 S. East Street.
- Mar 17** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Mar 18** 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 21** 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 21** Ribbon-Cutting Celebration, Noon to 2:00pm, Baumann Park, 1868 Singleton Street. Join us as we celebrate our new playground at Baumann Park! We'll unveil the playground and our new sign to thank community partners who made this possible. All families are welcome, and we'll provide hot dogs and snacks. Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/events/177121506895488.
- Mar 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.
- Mar 24** 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.