

Bates-Hendricks Street Fest Postponed to October 3



Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the 4th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest has been tentatively postponed to Saturday, October 3, to be combined with our Oktoberfest event scheduled for the same day. The combined event will take place at the corner of S. New Jersey Street and Lincoln Street in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood. This free event allows neighbors to socialize and enjoy live music, food booths, vendor booths, community partner booths, and more. It's also a great place to stock up on Bates-Hendricks gear. The planning committee has taken additional measures to provide greater safety at this outdoor event, including providing hand sanitizer and encouraging all vendors to provide sanitizer at their booths, socially-distanced seating, and one-way traffic flow, among other measures. Street Fest serves as a fundraiser for the neighborhood, as well as for our two neighborhood schools. To that end, please consider bringing a donation (monetary or supplies).

The Family Area at this year's event is being sponsored by Diversity Church, while the Beer Garden is being sponsored by Sherfick Companies. Kennedy Tank and Manufacturing Company is sponsoring the band and general items are being funded in part by Bow Wow Meow Botique and the Libuano Agency. Thank you to all of our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and neighbors that come make this a successful event every year!

Letter from the President

The communities each of us choose to participate within play a significant role in every aspect of our lives, and will continue to do so. This is why I strive to grow and expand our neighborhood as a community rather than simply a "neighborhood" identity associated with a bounded location in downtown Indianapolis. As we enter the second half of this truly unique 2020 calendar year, I wanted to share my perspective with fellow neighbors in regards to a slight delay in our 4th annual Street Fest event (now scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd) and its importance to our community.



BHNA President, Matt Nunley

Our neighborhood is lucky to have two fantastic community partners in James A. Garfield School #31 and SENSE Charter School. These unprecedented times have created a significant challenge for our community partners as each teacher, school administrator, parent, and student will soon be faced with a new school year (and the COVID-19-related changes that come with it). In order to assist our local schools and their efforts to create safe and engaging learning environments for their students, the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association (BHNA) encourages neighbors and nearby residents to join us in a number of soon-to-be-announced fundraisers in order to continue our ongoing support for our local educators and students. In addition to monetary donations, the following items were requested for each school:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Touchless Thermometers
- Colored Electrical Tape
- Masks for Adults and Children
- Kleenex
- Clorox/Disinfecting Wipes
- Uniforms

If any neighbors or community partners have any ideas for fundraising or other methods of support for nearby School #31 and SENSE, please contact myself by email at president@bateshendricks.org and our Events Committee chair, Laura, at events@bateshendricks.org.

SENSE Charter Distance-Learning Support Fundraiser

It's a problem unfolding across the U.S.: many students lack computers or high-speed internet at home, and school districts can't provide the same online education to every student when some can't log on at all. This digital divide disproportionately impacts Americans from underserved communities.

When the schools suddenly shutdown in March due to the pandemic, this became evident at SENSE Charter School. Located in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood, 95% of their families fall below the federal poverty level. To better equip their students, they are leading a GoFundMe campaign to enable them to purchase devices and portable hotspots to provide to all families who do not have internet access. Please give so they can provide devices and connectivity to their students in need. Visit www.gofundme.com/f/sense-charter-distance-learning-fundraiser to donate. Please contact Kate Voss at kvoss@senseindy.org for more information. SENSE Charter School is grateful for your support.

SENSE Charter School is Now Enrolling

Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence (SENSE) is now enrolling for the new school year. SENSE is a free public charter school that serves students and their families from the southeast side of the city. It provides a safe, supportive environment for students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. The school is dedicated to providing the best education possible through hands-on instruction, highly qualified teachers, multi-disciplinary learning, and structured before- and after-school programming that includes sports, robotics, urban gardening, art and Glee club, along with tutoring. SENSE provides free school supplies, breakfast, lunch, transportation, and a food pantry. Classes are limited to 25 students and a no-uniform dress code.

The school has an open enrollment policy. You can either come into the school between the hours of 9:00am to 2:00pm to register in person or go online at www.senseindy.org. The school is located at 1601 S. Barth Avenue 46203 and their phone number is 317-423-0204.

OneEightyOne & Horizon Central / Kids, Inc. Help Out SENSE

During the week of June 22, the OneEightyOne student ministries of the Parma Heights Baptist Church from Parma Heights, Ohio, partnered with Horizon Central and the KIDS, Inc. organization to improve the surroundings of SENSE Charter School and Horizon Central. This group of middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults made the journey to Indianapolis with the clear intention of making an impact to our community. Horizon Central is located at 1001 E. Palmer Street in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood and is across the street from SENSE Charter School. In addition to Horizon's ministry, they also house the KIDS, Inc. faith-based program that encompasses an after-school program that is open to SENSE students in grades 4-5.

The hot and humid weather did not deter them from their physical and demanding work, and there was not one complaint uttered despite the difficulty of their tasks. They came and demonstrated their love and dedication by undertaking tasks of grounds-

keeping, mulching, painting, cleaning, and fixing broken items around the Horizon Central property. They also picked up trash and swept curbs around Horizon and SENSE. In addition, they pulled the weeds in SENSE Charter's over-grown vegetable garden and then planted sunflowers. This was the sixth year the OneEightyOne student ministries has come to Horizon Central to make an impact, and they clearly succeeded!



OneEightyOne student ministries of the Parma Heights Baptist Church from Parma Heights, Ohio during their work week at Horizon Central.

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

- Aug 3** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, online/call-in. This will not be an in-person meeting to limit public gatherings. Please join us online or by phoning in to join the meeting. Check the Google Calendar (bateshendricks.org/calendar) or the Facebook page (facebook.com/bateshendricks.org) for the login information. 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!
- Aug 10** Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. Contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org for online meeting details or other information.
- Aug 13, 27** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Aug 17** Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact Marketing@bateshendricks.org to join the meeting or for more information.
- Aug 18** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Aug 19** Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact Events@bateshendricks.org for meeting details or other information.
- Aug 24** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For meeting details or other info, contact ROW@bateshendricks.org.
- Aug 25** Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm. 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 online meeting details or other information.