

September Neighborhood Meeting to Be Online

Typically, the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood gathers for a cookout in September in lieu of our monthly meeting. Due to the Labor Day holiday, this happens on the second Monday of the month, which is September 14 this year. Instead of an in-person cookout where wearing masks and social distancing would be difficult, we will have our normal meeting at the usual 6:30pm start time. Follow our neighborhood calendar at bateshendricks.org/calendar or our Facebook page at facebook.com/bateshendricks for the sign-in information for the meeting.

Letter from the President

As much as I'd like to have the solutions to solve the current issues facing many of our neighbors and the community as a whole, I can't say I do. However, I can provide my fellow neighbors with a list of ideas for how we can continue to stay close with one another and build off this already incredible community of neighbors in and around Bates-Hendricks. Make sure to message our Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Facebook and/or Instagram accounts and share your thoughts on this list or any other community-building ideas you may have!

1. Support your neighborhood schools. There is a reason the most successful schools are the ones where parents are actively engaged. Good schools have successful, if informal, partnerships between the administration, the parents, and the community at large. Even if you don't have kids at IPS School #31 or SENSE, it's important to remember that the local school is also a member of our community and can greatly impact the neighborhood, positively or negatively.
2. Share your skills. Are you tech savvy? Perhaps you can sew or like to tinker with cars. Your neighbors would love for you to share these skills with them, either by teaching them or just helping on a one-time basis. Skill-sharing banks are popping up in neighborhoods across the country, but even BHNA can help pair you with other neighbors in need.
3. Welcome new families. You can bring a traditional baked good, but I also love the idea of welcoming newcomers by sharing your favorite Bates-Hendricks (and other nearby) restaurants, neighborhood attractions, and other local businesses.
4. Challenge each other to stay active. Do your best to hold each other accountable and make health a priority, even while in isolation. Neighbors can always try to organize a community-wide fitness challenge; make yourself available to help other neighbors in need of assistance (or a walking buddy); or take a quick trip to beautiful Garfield Park for an urban getaway from the worries of the day.



BHNA President, Matt Nunley

Combined Street Fest / Oktoberfest Celebration on October 3

The 4th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest has been tentatively moved to Saturday, October 3, to be combined with our Oktoberfest event scheduled for the same day. This free event will take place at the corner of S. New Jersey Street and Lincoln Street in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood. There will be live music, food booths, vendor booths, community partner booths, and more. The planning committee has taken additional measures to provide greater health 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. We hope to see you there! Email events@bateshendricks.org for more info.

Fatboys Barbershop Gives Free Haircuts to SENSE Students



The good people at the Fatboys Barbershop are certainly a cut above. Owner Chris Johns generously offered all the students enrolled at SENSE Charter School a free haircut on Sunday, August 2. He was joined by another skilled barber, Kevin White, and stylist Tiffany Ford, who both helped him cut the hair of 25 children. The family-friendly shop, located at 1804 Shelby Street, has been open for two and a half years at this location. Chris graduated from Manuel High School and wanted a way to give back to his community. Fatboys gave SENSE students the amazing opportunity to start off the new school year looking and feeling great!

SENSE Employee's Dog Uplifts Spirits at School



Without the wonderful students in the SENSE Charter School building, life has been pretty boring and nowhere near as fun these past few months with the shutdown. Maggie, a five-year-old Boston Terrier, visits on occasion and is the "child" of SENSE's Director of Student Services, CJ Fox. She is doing her best during these troubled times to keep the staff happy and entertained. In this picture Maggie is a bit unsure as to why everyone is staring at her, but her new best friend, Outreach Coordinator Kate Voss, especially loves having her at the school.

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

- Sep 10,24** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Sep 14** **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!**
- Sep 15** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Sep 16** 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.
- Sep 21** 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.
- Sep 22** 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.
- Sep 26** **New Jersey Street / Lincoln Street Cleanup, 9:00am. Help us cleanup the area for the 2020 Street Fest / Oktoberfest celebration!**
- Sep 28** 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.