

Bates-Hendricks Street Fest October 3



Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the 4th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, to be combined with our Oktoberfest event on 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 is open to everyone and offers live music, food booths, vendor booths, community partner booths, and more. It's also a great place to stock up on Bates-Hendricks gear. 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 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.

The Family Area at this year's event is being sponsored by Diversity Church, while the Beer Garden is being sponsored by 1718 The Bates-Hendricks House Bar. Kennedy Tank and Manufacturing Company is sponsoring the band and general items are being funded in part by The Libunao Agency, Bow Wow Meow Boutique, Jonnie's Goodguys, and John Fowler Plumbing. Thank you to all of our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and neighbors that come make this a successful event every year!

Letter from the President

President's Priorities Series (Part 1): Intentional Neighborhood Design

This will be the first of a five-part series highlighting my five main priorities during my time (or remaining 2.5 years) as the neighborhood association president of our Bates-Hendricks community. Some of this information may be new to some and a reminder for others. However, I hope my explanation of these priorities in more detail will inspire more neighbors to contribute to the positive growth throughout the neighborhood. Without further ado, let's dig into more about the focus of this month: Intentional Neighborhood Design.

Many of you may wonder what all we as current Bates-Hendricks residents can do about the future of our neighborhood, especially as it relates to any new



BHNA President, Matt Nunley

amenities, building aesthetics, and other quality of life characteristics located nearby our homes. The neighborhood association has been working hard in recent months to develop a wide variety of ways to better listen and proactively respond to each resident's needs (more on this in next month's Letter from the President). As we begin to roll out some of these new initiatives, tools, and groups (such as our Bates-Hendricks Block Host program) in the coming months, I encourage each of you to be aware of some aspects of neighborhood design that we hope to incorporate into future residential and commercial property developments within our neighborhood:

- People-friendly design – such as front porches on homes or public spaces that create a welcoming, neighborly feel.
- Multimodal transportation focus – new developments that complement and/or encourage further emphasis on streets designed around people, especially designated areas for multimodal use (such as a paved path or multi-use trail).
- Improvements to your quality of life – whether this be a new park or something family-friendly, its purpose would be to enhance the overall livability of our neighborhood.

SENSE Charter School & Bates-Hendricks Resident Rescue Monarchs

Five beautiful monarch caterpillars and a couple of their chrysalises were discovered on a single struggling milkweed plant on the SENSE Charter School grounds. The plant had been eaten down to the very stems of the plant by the hungry caterpillars, who had stripped all the leaves. Fearing that they would have no more food to sustain them, a neighbor came to the rescue within minutes of receiving the distress call from the school.

A good community partner to SENSE Charter, Kelly Brown is the Metrics and Program Manager for the Reconnecting to our Waterways organization and a Bates-Hendricks resident. She has cultivated a vast nature preserve in her backyard of native plants. It contains many thriving milkweed plants she located along her fence line. Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on the leaves of milkweed, so she gently gathered up the caterpillars and the chrysalis and returned to her home, releasing them onto her milkweed beds.



She reports back that they are munching their way through until it is their time to cocoon and then complete their metamorphosis of becoming a butterfly. The monarch population is notable for its annual southward late-summer/autumn migration from the northern and central United States and southern Canada to Florida and Mexico. The monarch's population has been in steep decline in the past few years, but this story had a happy ending thanks to a caring neighbor.

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

- Oct 3** Bates-Hendricks Street Fest / Oktoberfest Event, 5:00pm to 8:00pm. See page 1 for details.
- Oct 5** 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!
- Oct 8,22** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Oct 12** 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.
- Oct 19** 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.
- Oct 20** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Oct 21** 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.
- Oct 26** 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.
- Oct 27** 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.