

The Dog Park at Immanuel Now Accepting Membership Applications



Downtown Indy's first dog park is now open in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood thanks to the partnership between Immanuel United Church of Christ and Indy Dog Park Co. At almost 8,000 square feet, the partially turfed park with large and small dog areas will fill a need long voiced in the downtown community. Membership applications are completely online at indydogpark.org and require up-to-date shot records for each dog using the park. Household memberships are available for \$20/year and include up to 3 dogs.

Stay up to date with upcoming events by following us on social media or joining our mailing list. See you at the park!

Facebook: [facebook.com/downtownindydogpark](https://www.facebook.com/downtownindydogpark)

Instagram: [instagram.com/dogparkatimmanuel](https://www.instagram.com/dogparkatimmanuel)

Letter from the President

President's Priorities Series (Part 2): Education

Welcome to the second round of a five-part series highlighting my five main priorities during my time as the neighborhood association president of our Bates-Hendricks community! This component of any neighborhood is truly something that can help a community grow organically by helping and challenging one another each and every day: Education.

Several academic research studies have shown that differences between schools and student outcomes are related to differences in the composition of neighborhoods, even after controlling for a child's family background. It's important that we as a community continue to find ways to support our neighborhood educational partners at IPS School #31, SENSE Charter School, and



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other nearby schools that fall just outside of our neighborhood boundaries. There are many public policy aspects of education that will likely be debated until the end of time, so instead of going down that rabbit hole with you, let's examine a brief list of reasons how having nearby, quality schools can strengthen our community:

- Strong schools attract families and businesses, boosting the local economy and driving population growth.
- Families build more and better relationships with other families in their community, building neighborhood cohesion and trust.
- When students attend a school near their home, families can more easily connect with teachers and contribute as school volunteers and leaders – whether this be a new park or something family-friendly, its purpose would be to enhance the overall livability of our neighborhood.
- More and more, high schools are functioning like community centers, offering opportunities that build the health and wellbeing of residents nearby.

Neighbors Enjoy Street Fest Despite COVID-19 Atmosphere



The 4th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest took place on Saturday, October 3 and was a huge success after being rescheduled from its original date in August. The event boasted over 400 attendees who participated in a COVID-19-safe event with required masks and social distancing. Street Fest hosted four food vendors, a beer garden featuring Ash & Elm Cider and Centerpoint Brewing, 25 local craft and goods vendors, seven political candidates, ten community partner booths, and a kids activity area sponsored by Diversity Church.

Guests enjoyed visiting vendors, soaking up the beautiful 60-degree weather, and three bands: Mr. Daniels, Lost City Dreams, and Breakfast of Champions. As always, Street Fest is a free event with a recommended donation. School 31 and SENSE Charter school received packages of school and sanitation items that were donated at the event. The event was made possible through our event sponsors: The Libunao Agency, Bow Wow Meow Boutique, Diversity Church, Kennedy Tank & Manufacturing, Jonnie's Goodguys, 1718 Bates-Hendricks House Bar, and John Fowler Plumbing. We look forward to seeing neighbors and friends next year!

Flexware Helps SENSE Charter School with Technology Divide

Far too many Americans still don't have access in their homes to the technology and affordable high-speed broadband they need to succeed in today's economy. This digital divide disproportionately impacts Americans from underserved communities. This became evident when schools suddenly shut down due to COVID-19 concerns. It was found that many families did not have the devices or connectivity to support their children's need for remote learning at home.

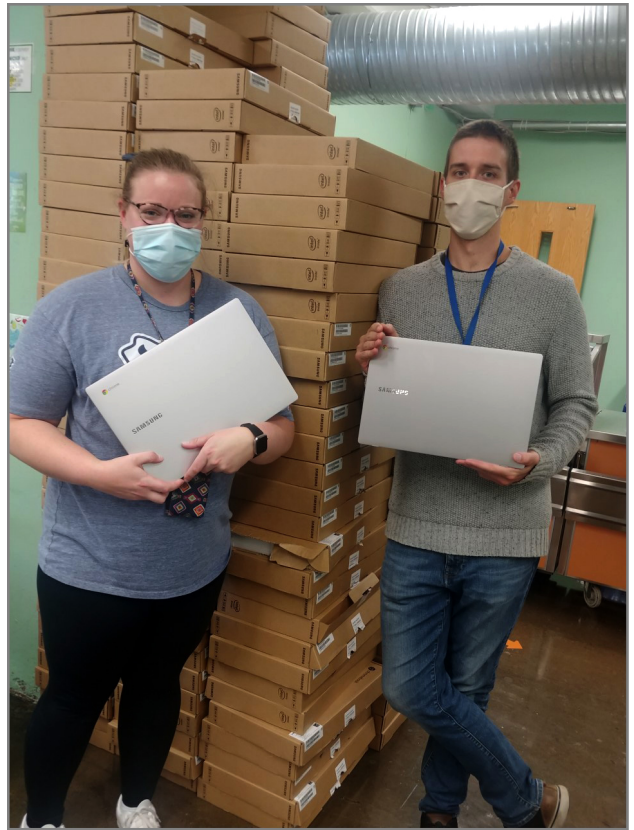
At a joint Community Council meeting held in the spring of 2020, with community partners and representatives from IPS School 31 and SENSE Charter School in attendance, this great challenge was discussed. One of the great champions of the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood, Brandon Mott, Executive Director of DAT House, rose to meet that challenge by connecting Flexware Innovations, a technology integrator company for manufacturing, and SENSE Charter towards raising the needed funding for devices and hotspots. Flexware has generously provided support for various initiatives in the Southeast community for years. This includes funding and volunteer labor for the DATA House Loft, Christmas assistance to families in our community, and 20 tablets for School 31 families when the shutdown first started.

Flexware shot a quick video of representatives from SENSE, stating the technology needs. This was uploaded to a GoFundMe page with the intention of raising the funding to support the purchasing of devices and hotspots to provide to SENSE students. Flexware did not stop there, but kicked off the campaign with an \$11,000 donation!

"Flexware was key in allowing our school to have a successful e-Learning program", said SENSE Charter Technology Director, Ryan Bean. "The charitable support of Flexware helped to purchase student learning software and a large number of Chromebooks that allowed students to have an authentic, engaging learning experience when learning away from school. Even when students return to school, this equipment will have a continual effect on our students' learning, as this purchase helped our school achieve a 1-1 student/device ratio. Thank you Flexware!"

SENSE Charter School Shares Its Gratitude with Bates-Hendricks

For years now, the good citizens of Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood have come alongside and supported SENSE Charter School in so many generous and valued ways. And recently was no exception, when as a result of an organized donation campaign at the recent Bates-Hendricks Street Fest there was another outpouring of support for the staff, children, and families of SENSE. From the many items collected from the event, these were donated to both School 31 and SENSE Charter school to support their schools communities. From this donation, SENSE Charter received much-needed cleaning, hygiene, and school supplies. The donation also included face masks, generously provided by Lisa Crane. She is a nurse and had extra masks donated to her and wanted to pass them on. We have already seen students and staff sporting the new masks provided by Ms. Crane to help keep them healthy and safe. On behalf of SENSE Charter, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued generosity and kindness.



SENSE Charter School staff, Ryan Bean and Kelsie Roberts, proudly hold up Chromebooks that were purchased through the generosity of Flexware

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

- Nov 2** 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!
- Nov 3** Election Day. The polling place in Bates-Hendricks is James A. Garfield School 31, but you can vote at any polling place in Marion County on election day. More information is available at vote.indy.gov.
- Nov 5,19** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Nov 9** 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.
- Nov 10** City of Indianapolis leaf collection begins. Residents can leave up to 40 bags of leaves for pick-up per week during the four-week collection period at no additional cost. Leaf collection will conclude on Tuesday, December 1. Place leaves in plastic bags, as paper bags can deteriorate and break apart in wet weather. Put bags at the curb at least three feet from your trash cart by 7:00am on your normal trash day. Remember that burning leaves is illegal in Marion County because it releases harmful particles into our air. For more information visit indy.gov/activity/leaf-collection-season.
- Nov 17** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Nov 18** 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.
- Nov 23** 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.
- Nov 24** 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.