

## December Holiday Pitch-In Cancelled

Normally, our December neighborhood association meeting is a holiday pitch-in dinner, which gives neighbors a better chance to talk and get to know each other. Unfortunately, due to the continuing presence of COVID-19, this event will not happen this year. We may still hold a brief Zoom/phone-in meeting at 6:30pm on December 7, as we have done for the last several monthly meetings. Stay tuned to our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bateshendricks](http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks)) and Google Calendar ([www.bateshendricks.org/calendar](http://www.bateshendricks.org/calendar)) for updates.

## Letter from the President

### Neighborhood President's Priorities Series (Part 3): Attracting & Maintaining Socioeconomic Diversity

It's time to touch on the third topic of this five-part series, which aims to highlight the five main priorities for our residents, local businesses, and community partners during my time as the neighborhood association president of our Bates-Hendricks community! This particular topic goes hand-in-hand with the buzz word "gentrification", so it's fair to assume this priority may not have a quick or simple solution by those natural problem-solvers throughout the community. If you haven't guessed it yet, we're talking about "Attracting and Maintaining Socioeconomic Diversity" within our neighborhood.



**BHNA President, Matt Nunley**

Socioeconomic diversity is commonly associated with two more fundamental, related issues that can hinder the effectiveness of such diversity: gentrification and displacement. Gentrification deals more with a pattern of reinvestment and revitalization in a low-income neighborhood, whereas displacement is a pattern of change where current residents are involuntarily forced to move out because they can no longer afford to stay in the gentrified neighborhood. With that being said, it's also important to continue to experiment with new and different ways of connecting to neighbors who the neighborhood association may have had trouble engaging with in the past. I'm also proud that our neighborhood does include a small pocket of transit-oriented development around our Redline bus stop near Shelby and Pleasant Run, which will hopefully flourish into another diverse piece of our community. Here are some things you could do to help us attract and maintain this essential piece of neighbor diversity:

- Develop partnerships with other local nonprofits, community development organizations, and workforce development organizations to create a pipeline of initiatives and multi-stakeholder efforts.
- Regularly engage with the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association's board and committees with ideas for improvement and/or opportunities for development.
- Volunteer on one (or several!) nonprofit, community development organizations to gain additional perspective on how our community can better address the needs of those residents who aren't being adequately addressed.
- Think proactively of what a new development or business could possibly do to positively and/or negatively impact the socioeconomically-diverse characteristic of the neighborhood. Sometimes not all things are as great as they seem after doing a tiny bit of research and independent thinking!

## Boo Bash a Great Success!



This year, the Events Committee organized a COVID-conscious event in partnership with businesses along East Street. Boo Bash featured 15 spooky tables with candy and treats. Families toured our main streets and residential areas in their best Halloween costumes from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We are grateful for all community partners and neighbors who volunteered their time to make the best Halloween possible for 2020. We look forward to hosting this event yearly!

## SENSE Charter School Takes Ownership of Adjacent Playground

For 15 years, SENSE Charter School's students have enjoyed recess on the playground across the street from their school through a great partnership with Horizon Central. After two years of fundraising, SENSE bought new playground equipment and, with the assistance of many community partners, installed it in October 2018. The good people from VFW Post 1120, located in Bates-Hendricks on East Street, was greatly responsible for the heavy lifting in the building of the new playground. Recently, SENSE bought the playground land and adjacent greenspace on Barth from Horizon. Use of this playground is open for all to enjoy. This exciting purchase provides space for children and their families to play and learn for years to come.



# 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](http://bateshendricks.org).



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## Upcoming

- Dec 1** City of Indianapolis leaf collection ends. Residents can leave up to 40 bags of leaves for pick-up per week during the four-week collection period at no additional cost. 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](http://indy.gov/activity/leaf-collection-season).
- Dec 3, 17, 31** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Dec 7** **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](http://bateshendricks.org/calendar)) or the Facebook page ([facebook.com/bateshendricks.org](http://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!**
- Dec 14** Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. Contact [QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org](mailto:QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org) for online meeting details or other information.
- Dec 15** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at [www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx](http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx).
- Dec 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](mailto:Events@bateshendricks.org) for meeting details or other information.
- Dec 21** Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact [Marketing@bateshendricks.org](mailto:Marketing@bateshendricks.org) to join the meeting or for more information.
- Dec 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](mailto:LandUse@bateshendricks.org) for online meeting details or other information.