

No February Bates-Hendricks Meeting

There will not be a monthly neighborhood meeting this month due to the continuing COVID-19 health crisis and a lack of agenda items for an online meeting. The neighborhood will next meet online as scheduled on Monday, March 1.

Letter from the President

Neighborhood President's Priorities Series (Part 5): Health and Safety

As we examine the final neighborhood priority issue of this five-part series, let us also remember and take into consideration the other four neighborhood priorities during the final two or so years of my tenure as the president of BHNA: (1) intentional neighborhood design, (2) education, (3) creation and maintenance of a socioeconomically-diverse community, and (4) growing our neighborhood through the collaborative power of individuals. This final neighborhood priority has been at the top of all of our minds in the recent past and will continue to be a dynamic and complex problem for each individual community: health and safety.



BHNA President, Matt Nunley

Inequality between neighborhoods and its potential impact on life chances and well-being has been an important subject of academic investigation and ongoing debate.

That is why it is more important than ever for each and every one of us to do what we can (around all of our busy life schedules) to create a welcoming community that leaves a positive impression on new neighbors, visitors, and existing residents. There is no perfect formula for this, especially given the recent health pandemic and rising crime concerns within our Indianapolis urban communities, but I've provided a list below from various academic pieces of neighborhood-focused research about how even the smallest aspects of Bates-Hendricks (or nearby communities) can still have an effect on our individual health and safety.

- Physical neighborhood characteristics found to be positively associated with neighborhood satisfaction are the presence of local amenities and access to green space.
- Perceived neighborhood characteristics that are associated with neighborhood satisfaction include perceived safety, aesthetic quality, quietness, neighborhood attachment, and neighborhood reputation.
- Given that basic physical neighborhood characteristics (i.e. green space, local amenities, and transport accessibility) and perceived neighborhood characteristics (i.e safety and noise) are all linked to well-being, inequalities in such neighborhood characteristics may lead to inequalities in well-being.
- Perceived safety is found to be similar for different urban forms, when accounting for neighborhood deprivation.
- Associations between neighborhood perceptions and well-being have been reliably identified by several studies.

All of these topics that were discussed over this five-part series will continue to require a community-wide effort in the years to come. Some discussions and interactions may not be easy or comfortable, but as long as we continue to ask "why?" and directly confront any issues we face as a neighborhood, I think we'll all be proud to live in and call our community "home".

The Lincoln Center Has a New Manager & Expanded Services

The Lincoln Center, the non-profit community center operating in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood, has a new manager this year. At the end of 2020, Lincoln Lane Manager Zan Lyons left to continue pursuing her degree in business accounting and finance. She has been a wonderful part of the Lincoln Center team and, while she will be missed greatly, she will still be around as a Bates-Hendricks neighbor! In her absence, longtime friend and Lincoln Lane volunteer Jalen Roseberry will be joining the staff. She will be coming on as the Lincoln Center Director and will be managing all things relating to the Lincoln Center, including Lincoln Lane Coffee Co, DatLaundry, and their brand new coworking space: The Loft!

Dathouse, the owner of the Lincoln Center/Lincoln Lane Coffee Co., is so thankful for where they've been and so

excited about where they're going! It is their hope to continue to serve the neighborhood through good coffee, good service, a welcoming gathering space for all to use, and whatever else our community needs for a long time to come! If you've never been, stop in and pay the Lincoln Center a visit soon!



Jalen Roseberry (Left) & Zan Lyons

SENSE Charter School Awarded Funds for Sustainability Initiatives



Third-grade teacher, Sabrina Simpson, helping students plant natives in the school gardens last Fall

SENSE Charter School was honored to be selected for the third year running for the Indianapolis Thriving Schools Challenge, which is a green schools certification program for Marion County K-12 schools. Schools may reach certification either by demonstrating their existing initiatives or by starting new projects.

SENSE was awarded \$2,300 for project funding to support the school's sustainability-focused initiatives, including a recycling program headed by the Student Council, an annual family Science Night, and a Butterfly Festival, along with school gardens that include vegetable and native plants that are used as outdoor classrooms. These projects provide students, educators, and parents alike with hands-on project implementation experience.

"This significant funding will allow the students at SENSE to create a permanent butterfly habitat that will be filled with Milkweed, Purple Coneflowers, Black-Eyed Susans, and hopefully many butterflies", said Christopher Moore, SENSE third grade teacher and the school's lead for the Thriving School Challenge initiative. "Students will learn about how native plants create a better environment for our community."

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

Feb 1 No Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting this month.

Feb 8 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.

Feb 11,25 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.

Feb 15 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.

Feb 16 Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.

Feb 17 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.

Feb 22 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.

Feb 23 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.

Mar 1 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 typically 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!