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Community Services: A neighborhood-wide effort to shape our future

As we quickly approach the end of our fiscal year as a neighborhood organization (lasting from April 30-May 1 of each year), I would like to take the opportunity for each of you to have your voice heard for the betterment of our community moving forward. What exactly do I mean by that you ask? I'm simply asking for everyone to support your Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association through payment of your annual BHNA general member dues as we approach our new BHNA program year on May 1, 2021.



BHNA President, Matt Nunley

As a current dues-paying member of BHNA (which is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization), I want each of you to feel confident every penny of the charitable, tax-deductible contributions generously given to BHNA is being put towards positively enhancing your individual and family's quality of life as neighbors here in Bates-Hendricks.

In the past we have put your neighborhood dues and donations towards things such as:

- Lawn care for neighborhood green spaces
- Supplies for annual events such as Street Fest, the Chili Cook-Off, numerous cookouts, and many other one-off events
- Gardening and maintenance equipment for first Saturday greenspace cleanups
- Funds for various committee initiatives and events

Moving forward, I now need your help to create a list of neighborhood amenities, activities, and/or services that you would like to see included as a dues-paying member of the neighborhood association. One service in particular that received much attention less than two months ago was the lack of snow-plowing on several of our neighborhood's streets; this is certainly something that we can consider including within the BHNA annual fee cost moving forward. We will soon be providing several ways to reach out and send your thoughts on what you'd like to see included within our BHNA fee structure, but for the time being, please feel free to reach out to me at President@bateshendricks.org with any suggestions that may come to mind.

SENSE Charter School Readies Grounds for Spring

With the advent of spring and warmer weather, SENSE Charter School was aflutter with outside activity! On March 4, 2021 staff members started working on weeding and cleaning up trash in front of the school on Barth Street and on the school grounds as part of the KIB Adopt-A-Block program. They were able to get rid of ten large bags of weeds, invasive species, and one large bag of trash.

Another cleanup occurred on March 11, 2021 to pick up trash along Barth Street and to weed all of the garden beds around SENSE Charter School in preparation for spring plantings. Several staff volunteers from SENSE helped with that cleanup, as well as the good folks from Full Circle.



SENSE Staff came out after school to volunteer their time towards picking up trash, weeding, and mulching the school grounds in preparation for spring plantings

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

- Apr 5** 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!
- Apr 8,22** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Apr 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.
- Apr 17** Baumann Park Playground Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. Join us as we celebrate our new playground at Baumann Park! We'll unveil the playground and our new sign to thank community partners who made this possible. All families are welcome, and we'll provide hot dogs and snacks. Check out the Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/events/177121506895488.
- Apr 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.
- Apr 20** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Apr 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.
- Apr 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.
- Apr 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.