

## Letter from the President – 5th Annual Street Fest in September!



After a truly unique and collaborative community effort to make last year's Bates-Hendricks Street Fest event a reality despite COVID-19, we are happy to announce that Street Fest will be returning for its fifth year on September 11, 2021!

This year's largest annual fundraiser for the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association will also include a few non-traditional but necessary elements that allow us to reflect and recognize our history as a neighborhood, city, and as a nation. We will first have a moment of silence to pay our respects to the lives of fellow Americans tragically lost twenty years ago on September 11, 2001. Secondly, we will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first sanctioned 1821 land sale that took place in Indianapolis – including one of the lots that would eventually become the Bates-Hendricks House estate. The historic Bates-Hendricks House, named after former owners Hervey Bates, a prominent banker, and Thomas A. Hendricks, an Indiana Governor and United States Vice President, is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks and is the namesake of the neighborhood.

As our Events committee, BHNA board members, and other supportive local community partners prepare for what we expect to be our largest Street Fest event yet, we would greatly appreciate your assistance and participation in helping us make this a truly memorable day for the neighborhood. Please follow us on social media for updates on sponsorship, vendor, community partner, and volunteer opportunities. Also feel free to email us with any questions or ideas for Street Fest at [events@bateshendricks.org](mailto:events@bateshendricks.org) and [president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org). We hope to see you in September!



**BHNA President,  
Matt Nunley**

# The Indy Thriving Schools Challenge at SENSE Charter School

For three years, SENSE Charter School has been an Indianapolis Thriving School Challenge site. The Thriving School Challenge program has supported much of the eco-programming at the school. As part of that programming this year, the kindergarten to eighth grade students explored multiple species of insects, including butterflies, moths, and ants. This programming helps the students learn new vocabulary and skills through a project-based experience with reading, creativity, brainstorming theories, journaling observations, and collecting data, leading to excited and educated kids.



SENSE Charter School students study ant habits & life cycle

The Indianapolis Thriving Schools Challenge is a Green Schools certification program for Marion County. Schools may reach certification either by starting new projects or demonstrating their existing initiatives.

Participating schools are eligible for three levels of certification based on the number of new or existing sustainability projects: Thriving Schools Certified, Excelling, and Masters. Through the many sustainable projects supported at the school, SENSE has been at a Master level for three years. This includes their school gardens programming, outdoor classrooms, and a Butterfly Festival programming that stresses the importance of native plants and pollinators.

Younger students are naturally curious about the world, especially nature. When students learn about ecology and environmental science, they begin to appreciate the world better. If children learn to respect and care for the world they live in and the wildlife within it from a young age, they will help to preserve it for the next generation. They will become advocates for respecting and protecting nature.

## A SENSE of Purpose – About SENSE Charter School

SENSE Charter School is a free public charter school for children in grades K-8. SENSE serves the Fountain Square, Bates-Hendricks, and Garfield Park neighborhoods. Located on the southeast side, SENSE provides a safe, supportive environment that is focused on working with your child to help them achieve their best. Founded in 2004, with the purpose of providing educational options for families living in the southeast side of Indianapolis. SENSE is a community-driven elementary school that is dedicated to nurturing academic excellence, social development, and civic responsibility in each individual through hands-on instruction, multi-disciplinary learning, with qualified teachers, small classrooms, and after-school programming. We have extensive K-8 social and emotional (SEL) curriculum and supports in place, along with nursing and therapeutic services. Bus service is available for many students.

### Enrolling your Child at SENSE Charter

SENSE is free! We provide free school supplies, breakfast, lunch, and transportation. You can register your student to attend SENSE Charter School by enrolling online or at the school through Enroll Indy. Like traditional public schools, charter schools have open enrollment and cannot discriminate on disability, race, color, gender, national origin, religion, or ancestry. Call us for a tour of the school or for more information.

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# 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

- Jul 1, 15, 29** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Jul 12** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Hendricks Park Shelter, 1313 Madison Avenue. 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!**
- Jul 17** Parent Monthly Meetup, 9:30am, Colts Canal Playspace, 701 Canal Walk. Come join with other parents for a monthly meetup for parents or soon-to-be parents to meet and support each other. Rain location: The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street.
- Jul 19** Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. For more information, including meeting location, contact [QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org](mailto:QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org).
- Jul 20** 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).
- Jul 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](mailto:Events@bateshendricks.org) for more information, including meeting location.
- Jul 26** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. Contact [ROW@bateshendricks.org](mailto:ROW@bateshendricks.org) for more info, including meeting location.
- Jul 27** Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. 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 more information, including Zoom meeting link.