

Annual Neighborhood Meeting & 2022 Association Dues

Please join us on **Monday, April 4** at our annual meeting to vote our board directors in so we can keep the association running! The meeting will be at **6:30pm** at James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (**307 Lincoln Street**).

Among other tasks, the board organizes and oversees our committees: Beautification, Events, Land Use, Marketing, and Quality of Life. These committees are crucial to maintaining and improving the neighborhood to continue to make it a great place to live!

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association is completely voluntary but, because of that, we have a difficult time collecting funds to sustain the neighborhood association and its efforts, such as maintaining greenspaces in the neighborhood, installing park amenities, and supporting both of our neighborhood schools.

There are over 2,000 households in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood, but last year only around 30 households contributed the \$10 per household annual fee. Please consider joining the neighborhood association to fund our efforts and cast your vote!

Dues are \$10 per household or \$25 per business. We accept check, cash, credit card, and PayPal.

Mail Check:

BHNA
PO Box 342
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Cash, Credit Card, or Check:

Pay our Treasurer in person
at the annual or monthly
neighborhood meetings

PayPal:

www.paypal.me/bateshendricks

Upcoming Events in Bates-Hendricks

Save the date for upcoming events with the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association. On Friday, April 8, join us for a "Neighbors Night" at 1718 Bates-Hendricks House Bar (1718 S. East Street) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for drink specials and hanging out with neighbors on the patio.

On Monday, April 18 at 6:30pm the Events Committee will meet at The Loft (516 Lincoln Street) above Lincoln Lane Coffee for its Street Fest planning kick-off meeting. Any neighbors interested in assisting with the 6th Annual Street Fest or who want to give input are encouraged to attend.

Last, but certainly not least, save the date for the 6th Annual Street Fest on Saturday, September 17 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Vendor and sponsor registration will open soon, so keep an eye out on our website and social media to register early.



Annual Chili Cook-Off Resumes After 2021's COVID Cancellation

The Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off returned this year on March 5 with 12 fierce competitors. Four competitors reigned supreme to take home a chili title. Congratulations to Penny Long with the Best Red Chili, Andy Eason with the Best Vegetarian Chili, Rob Uppencamp with the Best White Chili, and Dan Lash with the Neighbors Choice Chili! Our three amazing judges were represented by Wonder Dogs Food Truck, Turchetti's Delicatessen, and Bowhaus Tap Bar. The event raised around \$500 to support the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association. Thanks to everyone who participated and attended the event!



Quality of Life Committee Updates

Greetings from the Quality of Life and Economic Development Committee! Our committee focuses on finding solutions to problems in our neighborhood and engaging new businesses in Bates-Hendricks. In years past, we've done things like organized a neighborhood cleanup of the street gutters and storm sewers to help reduce flooding and standing water in our streets after storms. We've met with potential new businesses to discuss their plans, shared the neighborhood's goals, and encouraged new businesses to start in Bates-Hendricks. We've engaged with DPW, INDOT, and our State Representatives to discuss pedestrian safety concerns at the Morris/Prospect overpass of the interstate, which helped with the design of improved sidewalks and signage.

Looking forward, we are planning to survey the neighborhood to get a better idea of how you view East Street, so think about how you use East Street and watch your email inbox and social media for a link to the survey. We are also organizing a Bates-Hendricks business owner meeting in May, so if you own a business in the neighborhood, be on the lookout for that!

Our committee always welcomes new members and their ideas. We meet on the second Monday of the month, at 6:30pm, at The Loft above Lincoln Lane (516 Lincoln Street). Please join us!

Email QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org if you would like to be added to our email list.

SENSE Charter School Open House on May 4



SENSE Charter School would like to extend an invitation to attend an Open House and Kindergarten Roundup. The event is scheduled for May 4 from 9:00am to 10:30am with doughnuts, juice and coffee offered and again on May 5 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm where pizza will be served. The school is located at 1601 Barth Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203. The Open House is an excellent opportunity to tour the school, meet with teachers and students, and learn more about their before and after-school care, extracurricular activities, clubs, and student-focused initiatives.

The Open House is open to the entire community and is mostly a celebration of what is occurring at SENSE. Please feel free to come and bring a friend; no registration is required. For more information contact Kate Voss, Community Coordinator, at 317-423-0204 or email kvoss@senseindy.org.

Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence (SENSE) is a free public charter school located in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood since 2003. SENSE serves over 600 students ranging from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The school is dedicated to providing the best education possible for its kids through hands-on instruction, multi-disciplinary learning, highly qualified teachers, and structured after-school programming, including award winning sports, robotics, tutoring, and various art clubs. SENSE provides a safe, supportive environment that is focused on working with your child to help them achieve their best. Learn more about SENSE at www.senseindy.org.

Egg-speriment! Diversity and the Scientific Process

By Briana Killian (Ms. K) 1st grade SENSE Charter School

In wrapping up our Black History Month Unit experience we wanted to create a fun and memorable way of exploring diversity and likeness on a new level. As grown-ups, we know that overall humans are the same on the inside. We may vary slightly but generally; our insides look the same so treating people differently based on the outside seems silly. As children, they process this, but they often may not be able to articulate it.

In our science "egg-speriment" the goal was to provide the kids with the words to explain why being a good and kind human to everyone is important. We started by observing 4 eggs. Two were brown and two white, however all four were different. Not all people appear the same on the outside, neither do eggs. The kids wrote down their observations based on one brown egg and one white egg. We discussed the observations. We discussed predictions about what we thought we would see on the inside of each egg. Then we broke open each egg, one at a time.

We observed that our predictions were, overall, correct and we saw the yellow yoke and the surrounding mucus membrane. In each there were slight differences but they each had the same general makeup. Finally, we related this to us as humans. We discussed how some of us have more fatty tissues or "spots" on the inside, but we all had, with small exceptions, the same working parts. We discussed how if humans have the same parts, do we need to treat people differently or unkindly? The consensus was, no, we can treat people as we want to be treated and celebrate our differences. Two of our favorite quotes from this activity are, "Differences make us beautiful." and "We're just like eggs! Same on the inside and, some of us are spotted on the outside!" We loved doing this egg-speriment with our children! We think it achieved the goal of a fun and memorable way of exploring diversity and likeness!



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 James A. Garfield IPS School 31 at 307 Lincoln Street at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$10 for households and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



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bateshendricks.nextdoor.com



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Upcoming

- Apr 4** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln 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 7, 21** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Apr 8** **Neighbors Night, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, 1718 Bates-Hendricks House Bar. Enjoy drink specials and hanging out with neighbors on the patio.**
- Apr 11** 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, contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org.
- Apr 18** Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact Events@bateshendricks.org for more information.
- Apr 18** 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 19** Heavy Trash Pickup. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Apr 23** Monthly Parent Meetup, 9:30am. This month's location is the Indianapolis Zoo (meet at the membership gate). Join other downtown families for a monthly family-friendly event! Meetups are proudly hosted by the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association but open to all families regardless of residency. For more information about this meetup, visit www.bateshendricks.org/parentmeetup. Email Parents@bateshendricks.org if you have questions about the meetups.
- Apr 25** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, 6:30pm, location varies. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more info, contact ROW@bateshendricks.org.
- Apr 26** 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 for more information.