

Letter from the President

Sometimes you write an article about meeting new people, and sometimes, you meet new people and write an article. This article is the second kind.

Kathy Lansford and Doug Powell are new neighbors in Bates-Hendricks, joining our wonderful mix in late 2021. They moved into a gable-roofed home that Doug describes as "boxy", noting that the alley side of their house could be broken up with something.

The couple moved here from Texas and are enjoying their new home and city. Kathy said that "one of the best things about Indianapolis is all of the murals". She'd always wanted to live in a home with a mural on the side of it. She saw the perfect opportunity with their new spot in Bates-Hendricks.



BHNA President, James Bulow

So Kathy and Doug talked about putting a mural of flowers on the side of their house. Kathy started to search for a local artist that could turn her idea into reality and she found such a person in Megan Jefferson.



Megan Jefferson happens to be a local artist that paints murals around Indianapolis in neighborhoods like... Bates-Hendricks. Megan had recently worked with 2 Chicks and a Hammer for an episode of Good Bones when she and Kathy connected. Megan worked with Kathy to create the perfect mural for the side of Kathy and Doug's house.

After Kathy and Doug approved a digital mock-up of the mural, Megan set to work. This project was large, setting-up-tall-scaffolding large, so Megan received some assistance from her spouse, Corey Jefferson. Corey, who is also an artist and teaches ceramics at the Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI, was available to help Megan create this gigantic undertaking. Megan created a flower mural that stretched from the ground to nearly the roof, spreading from the front to the back of Kathy and Doug's home.

Kathy and Doug love living in Bates-Hendricks because it is a neighborhood that gave them "an open invitation to do" – a chance to put an enormous and beautiful flower mural on the side of their house. Megan loved the opportunity to help Kathy and Doug bring "joy and happiness and color to the neighborhood".

I'm glad that they did. I'm glad I met Kathy and Doug and I'm excited to have them as neighbors. Please take a walk through the neighborhood and enjoy the mural!



Street Fest Returns on September 17!

We are back for another year of food, music, shopping, and community with the 6th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest on Saturday, September 17 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Street Fest brings together local businesses, food trucks, breweries, non-profits, makers, and artists to sell goods, share information about themselves, and connect people together. The proceeds of the event help support the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association and the two schools in our neighborhood bounds: SENSE Charter School and James A. Garfield IPS School #31. Most activities will be free or low-cost to ensure the event is accessible and welcoming to all members of our community.

We are now registering vendors, community partners, and sponsors! Registration information and the current list of vendors, community partners, and sponsors you can expect to be at Street Fest can be found at www.bateshendricks.org/streetfest.

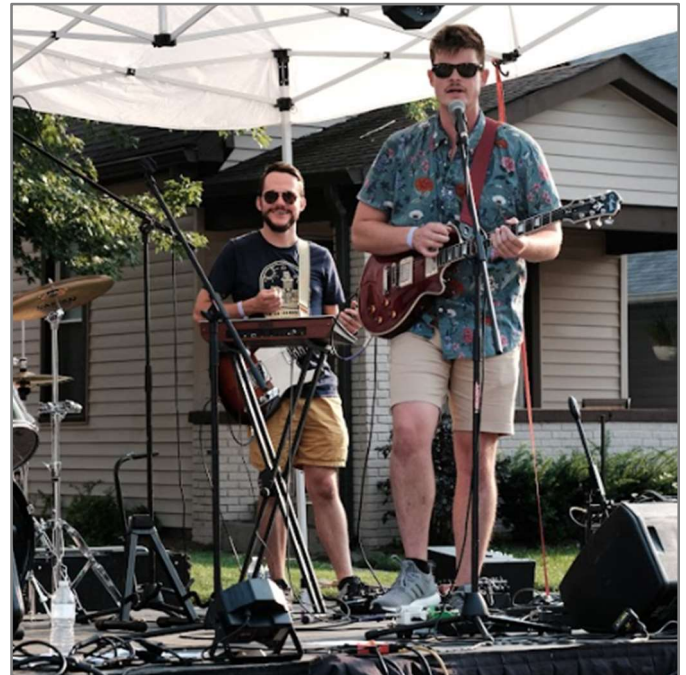
We need volunteers! To help our event be the best it can be, we need volunteers to help with setup, tasks during the event, and cleanup. This event doesn't happen without the help of neighbors. Anyone interested in getting involved in the event can attend event committee meetings held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm or can email the events committee chair at events@bateshendricks.org. Get involved and make some new friends!



Support Street Fest as a Family Sponsor!

Want to help Street Fest come to life this year? You can help by becoming a family/individual sponsor!

A \$50 family sponsorship supports keeping Street Fest a low-cost event and contributes directly to our two local schools. In return, you'll get to see your name in chalk on the grounds of Street Fest! You can become a family sponsor today at www.bit.ly/StreetFest22Sponsor.



Looking for Neighbors with Talents to Share

Do you have a talent? One that you want to share with your neighbors? Whether you are in a band, play an instrument, do standup comedy, or do anything else, we want to hear from you! The Street Fest team is looking to highlight neighbors' talents on the Street Fest stage. Email our talent team at events@bateshendricks.org or send us a message on social media to get in touch.

Bates-Hendricks Neighbors Selected for Official Indy 500 Porch Party



In honor of the Indy 500, neighbors are encouraged to decorate for race weekend and host porch parties to encourage Hoosier hospitality. Neighbors can decorate to be a part of the Indy 500 Spectacle of Homes and have the opportunity to submit their home for great prizes. According to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway website:

This month-long celebration culminates Wednesday, May 25 as lucky chosen homes will be selected to get a visit from NTT INDYCAR SERIES drivers and receive special prize packs courtesy of Miller Lite and Donatos. The selected homes will also be entered into a drawing for a chance to ride on the IMS float in the AES 500 Festival Parade on Saturday, May 28.

Our neighbors in Bates-Hendricks were lucky enough to be selected as an official Porch Party for the Indy 500 Spectacle of Homes based on their awesome race-themed decorations. They were visited by IndyCar driver Alex Palou on May 25. A little rain didn't stop neighbors from coming out for the porch party, taking pictures with Palou, and wishing him luck in the race.

If you love to decorate for race weekend, submit your house next year and host a porch party!

SENSE Charter School Now Enrolling for the 2022-23 School Year

Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence (SENSE) is a free public charter school located in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood since 2003. SENSE is a community-driven elementary school that serves over 600 students, ranging from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The school is dedicated to providing the best education possible for their kids through hands-on instruction, multi-disciplinary learning, highly qualified teachers, and structured after-school programming. This includes the award-winning robotics, sports, tutoring, Spanish, gardening, and various art clubs. Bus transportation is available for many students. SENSE provides a safe, supportive environment that is focused on working with your child to help them achieve their best. We nurture students and build social skills of respect, conflict resolution, team work, and equity.

The best way to see if SENSE is a perfect fit for your family is to contact the school for a personal school tour. You can schedule a time by calling the school office at 317-423-0204 or emailing Kate Voss at kvoss@senseindy.org. The school is located at 1601 S. Barth Street. For more information or to register, go to www.senseindy.org.

SENSE Charter School Plants Healthy Habits



SENSE Charter School's Resource Room students planted vegetable in the school's raised beds with the purpose to encourage students to eat vegetables that they were not used to eating. The students researched recipes that are simple, where students could create their own fresh salsa. The students planted beds of cilantro and tomatoes.

It may look like they are growing pencils. But the pencils helped guide the students where to plant. They are planning on harvesting the vegetables when they return for the new school year. School staff will rotate the responsibility of weeding and watering over the summer break to be certain the gardens thrive. The students also planted sunflowers, native plants, and mini sweet peppers that all attract pollinators. Tonya Russell, Resource Room teacher, said it well: "gardens and children need the same things – patience, love, and someone who will never give up on them".

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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Upcoming

- Jul 4 Happy Independence Day!** Note that our neighborhood meetings are on the second Monday of the month when the first Monday is a holiday.
- Jul 9 Second Saturday Cleanup**, 9:00am to 11:00am. On the second Saturday of each month, we spend a couple of hours maintaining our public spaces in the neighborhood, focusing on a different public space in the area each month. This month we'll be weeding and picking up trash at our North Gateway on East Street between Sanders Street and Morris Street (1190 S. East Street). Come join us!
- Jul 11 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!
- Jul 14,28 Republic Recycling Pickup**. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Jul 14 ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting**, 5:00pm, location varies. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more info, contact ROW@bateshendricks.org.
- Jul 16 Monthly Parent Meetup**, 9:30am to 11:30am. Check www.bateshendricks.org/parentmeetup for the location. Join other downtown families for a monthly family-friendly event! All events are free unless noted in the event. Meetups are proudly hosted by the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association but open to all families regardless of residency. Email questions to Parents@bateshendricks.org.
- Jul 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.
- Jul 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.
- Jul 18 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.
- Jul 19 Heavy Trash Pickup**. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Jul 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.