

## Upcoming Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Meetings

**October:** please join us for a candidates forum at this month's meeting on October 3! We plan to have an open, non-partisan forum to hear from different individuals running for office.

**November:** please join us for school night on November 7! We plan to hear from different schools that serve our neighborhood children. Please join us and share with parents, guardians, and others interested in schooling options for the children of our neighborhood.

Our meetings are held at James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street) at 6:30pm.

## Letter from the President

Hello neighbor!

Have you seen the signs? We have three historical markers in our neighborhood and two of them were installed at the end of this summer.



Our oldest marker was placed in 1996, in the median across from the Bates-Hendricks House, to recognize this historic home. The marker describes the architectural history of the house and three former residents of the home: Bates, Hendricks, and Coburn. Head to South New Jersey street to find this marker.



**BHNH President, James Bulow**

Our second marker honors the location where the Leedy Manufacturing Company established its factory in Indianapolis, on Barth Avenue in Bates-Hendricks. This marker describes the vibrant history of this company's innovations and manufacture of percussion instruments that were distributed worldwide. Purdue University alumni and fans might yell a quick "Boiler Up!" when they read the second side of the sign. Head over to SENSE Charter School on Barth Avenue to read this marker.



Finally, the most recent marker announces the location of the first Hook's Drug Store. There are plans for a dedication of this marker later in October and information is available on our website and social media accounts. Please join us for the dedication of this marker near the corner of East and Prospect Streets. See page 4 for more about this installation.

Lastly, thank you to Mr. David Steele, the historian who spent countless hours researching for the Leedy and Hook's markers. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

## 6th Annual Street Fest Was Biggest Yet



Thank you to everyone who attended the 6th Annual Street Fest on Saturday, September 17. We appreciate all of our vendors, community partners, sponsors, and volunteers who attended and participated this year!

Thanks to all of you, we raised a total of \$4,000 to support our community. \$1,000 of that will be donated to James A. Garfield IPS School 31 and SENSE Charter School, while the remainder will support the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association's mission to cover the cost of expenses like mowing services, green space improvements, and keeping events low to no cost. We are so grateful and appreciative to be able to support this neighborhood and continue building this community.

Did you miss out on getting your Bates gear at Street Fest? No problem! We have limited sizes of our limited edition tote bags, joggers, t-shirts, long sleeves, and crewnecks available now in Lincoln Lane Coffee Co., located at 516 Lincoln Street. These exclusive items won't be available again until next September. Snag yours before they sell out!

If you're interested in getting involved in the Bates-Hendricks Events Committee, which plans Street Fest and other neighborhood events, email [events@bateshendricks.org](mailto:events@bateshendricks.org). Our team is made up of an outstanding group of dedicated volunteers.

Save the date for next year: we'll be back next year for the 7th Annual Street Fest on September 9, 2023!



# James A. Garfield IPS School 31 Updates

## IPS REBUILDING STRONGER PLAN PROPOSES CHANGES

IPS released its Rebuilding Stronger draft plan on the district website at [www.myips.org](http://www.myips.org), which includes details on the plan's eight components and how schools will be affected, along with the improved student experience, academic and extracurricular offerings, and more. In the proposed changes, starting in the 2024-25 school year, James Garfield will become a Pre-K STEM Academy. The plan also includes other changes for the school that can be found by visiting [www.myips.org](http://www.myips.org), clicking on the Rebuilding Stronger link, then selecting "The Plan by School" link at the top.



Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following important Rebuilding Stronger meetings at James Garfield: September 27 at 6:00pm and October 6 at 6:00pm.

## FALL BREAK

Fall Break will be October 10 through 14. The school will not be open during this time.

## HAUNT THE HALLWAYS

James A. Garfield will host their annual Haunt the Hallways event on October 27 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the school. This event is open to the entire community, whether you are a James Garfield family or not. If you would like to donate candy for the event, you can send it with a student or drop it off in the front office Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Last year, they gave away over 8,000 pieces of candy! If you're willing to donate, they would greatly appreciate it.

# The Boys Club at SENSE Charter School

By Andrew Sanchez, SENSE Charter School English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher

The first time I tried to shave was traumatic. I cut myself, gave myself razor burn, and used a rusty razor. I didn't have a dad at home or any kind of male presence to help guide me through the difficult early transitional teen years. I had to learn everything on my own. With that in mind, I started the Boys Club at SENSE Charter School as an after-school program. I thought it would be a good idea to offer assistance to other boys that might be dealing with similar circumstances. The Boys Club is open to all 7th and 8th grade male students. The objective of the club is to help facilitate the transition of males from adolescence into adulthood.

In the Boys Club, we are learning things that every young man should know. We are exploring the basics of automotive repair, home improvement, grooming, formal attire, etiquette, and much more. At the end of the first Club Meeting, one of the boys said to me, "That was a lot more fun than I thought it was going to be... it's stuff I can use in real life!"



# New Historic Marker Installed at Site of First Hook's Drug Store

A new Indiana state historical marker has been approved and installed at 1101 S. East Street in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood. The Indiana Historical Bureau oversees the Indiana State Historical Marker Program. This new marker recognizes the important contributions of Hook's Drugstores, founded on this site by John A. Hook in 1900.

The son of German immigrants, his "Deutsche Apotheke" (German Apothecary) served this neighborhood which became primarily identified as a German Neighborhood between 1890 and 1900. Hook was a graduate of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy.



## Here are some Hook's tidbits:

- The original Hook's at S. East Street and Prospect was torn down in 1941 for the widening of East Street.
- In 1947, Hook's desegregated lunch counters.
- Hook's grew from this single apothecary to over 50 stores throughout Indiana by 1958, and employed more than 1,000 employees.
- Hook's Drug Stores received a E.R. Squibb & Sons Award in 1958 for filing nine million prescriptions in its 58 years of business. Squibb, at the this time, was manufacturer of fine pharmaceuticals for over 100 years.
- By 1966, Hook's was the largest drug store chain in Indiana, and the 12th largest in America.
- By 1982, Hooks established itself as the nation's oldest chain drug store corporation operating under the same successive management. It ranked 14th nationally in number of sales units and 19th overall in sales volume, exceeding \$260 million in sales annually. Hook's had 267 stores in 131 Indiana communities, 7 stores in Illinois, and 7 stores in Ohio.
- In 1990, Hook's celebrated 90 years of business and was one of the largest drug store chains in the Midwest.
- John A. Hook was active in community/civic affairs. He was president of the Indianapolis Council of Boy Scouts and was awarded the silver beaver award for his service in 1939.
- Hook's had a float in about 30 community parades each year, including the Indianapolis 500 Parade.
- Hook's became active in decency in print material carried in their stores. Hooks receives award from "Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc." for the "traditional policy of selling only most wholesome literature available in all Hook's Drug Stores". The award was the first of its kind ever presented to any organization in the nation.
- The Hook's Drug Store Museum began as a three-month exhibition for the 1966 Indiana State Fair. Huge attendance at that fair created strong interest in a permanent installation. The museum re-creates the look and ambiance of an Indiana drugstore around the turn of the 20th century and remains in operation today at the original location at the Fairgrounds.
- Hook's was active in the promotion of Indiana and produced a motion picture in color titled "At Home in Indiana". The 52-minute film tells the human story of how people lived in Indiana, from the earliest pioneer days to the present. The film was first shown as a one-hour TV special before being made available to schools, clubs, churches, civic institutions, and businesses.

This historical marker is one of three Indiana Historical bureau markers in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood:

- Bates-Hendricks House at 1526 S. New Jersey
- Leedy Manufacturing Company at the corner of Barth Avenue and Palmer Street
- Hook's Drug Stores at the corner of East Street and Prospect Street

You can visit all the markers in Indiana at [www.in.gov/history](http://www.in.gov/history).

Special thanks to Indiana Historical Bureau and David E. Steele, researcher.

# 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](http://bateshendricks.org).



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## Upcoming

- Oct 3** **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!
- Oct 6** **Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Oct 8** **2nd Saturday Cleanup, 9:00am to 11:00am, Alabama Street Esplanade.** This month, we'll be weeding and picking up trash at the Alabama Street Esplanade between Terrace Avenue and Lincoln Street. 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. Come join us!
- Oct 10** **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](mailto:QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org).
- Oct 13** **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](mailto:ROW@bateshendricks.org).
- Oct 15** **Monthly Parent Meetup, 9:30am to 11:30am.** Check [www.bateshendricks.org/parentmeetup](http://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](mailto:Parents@bateshendricks.org).
- Oct 17** **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](mailto:Events@bateshendricks.org) for more information.
- Oct 17** **Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online.** This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact [Marketing@bateshendricks.org](mailto:Marketing@bateshendricks.org) to join the meeting or for more information.
- Oct 18** **Heavy Trash Pickup.** More information at [www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup](http://www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup).
- Oct 20** **Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Oct 25** **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.