

Get Ready for the Holidays in Bates-Hendricks!

'Tis the season to gather as a community, give thanks to our neighbors and spend time with those around us. Join the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association for our upcoming holiday events:

- **Neighborhood Holiday Potluck: Monday, December 5 at 6:30pm.** Share a meal in lieu of our monthly neighborhood meeting. The neighborhood will provide the main dish; neighbors are welcome to bring a side dish, drinks, or desserts. Located at James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street).
- **Bates-Hendricks Holiday Party: Saturday, December 10 at 8:00pm.** Put on your most festive and/or eclectic holiday sweater to sing karaoke, share a drink with a neighbor, and exchange some holiday sweets! Located at Bowhaus Tap Bar (1729 S. East Street).
- **Santa Claus is Coming to Bates!: Tuesday, December 20 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.** Santa and Mrs. Claus are making their list and checking it twice to make their rounds of spreading cheer street by street in Bates-Hendricks. Bring your family, kids, and pets to the New Jersey Esplanade gazebo after their ride around the neighborhood for photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus (near 1526 New Jersey Street).

Bates-Hendricks Limited Edition Holiday Ornaments Are Back!

If you're looking to add some Bates-Hendricks flair to your home this year, ornaments will be in stock soon! They will be available for purchase in Lincoln Lane Coffee for \$12 each. If you would like to be updated on their exact arrival date, please email marketing@bateshendricks.org.

Here's this year's laser-cut wood design:



Letter from the President

Hello neighbor! The year is coming to a close – and what a year it's been!

The neighborhood was fairly quiet and chilly in January and February, but by March our Chili Cookoff returned and the Mayor stopped by to announce future, funded, calming updates to Madison Ave!

New Board members were added in April along with starting the monumental task of planning for Street Fest 2022! Thank you to Angela, Erin, and everyone that supported the Events and Marketing committees!

Spring was fully sprung in May and we had our first annual Bates-Hendricks Business Owners Meeting. The weather grew warm and a dear neighbor passed in June and is still greatly missed.

We received exciting news in July that we won a grant and look forward to installing new benches on the New Jersey Street Esplanade next spring. Stop and take a seat in the spring of 2023!

The weather was roasting in August, but the planning for Street Fest was hotter, leading to a wonderful, successful Street Fest in September! Hundreds of friends and neighbors came to enjoy live music, delicious drink, tasty food, dozens of vendors, community partners, vaccines (yes, vaccines!), and library books!

In October, we heard from nearly a dozen political candidates and in November different schools that support our neighborhood came to tell us about how they educate the children of Bates-Hendricks and teach us how we can support them in their missions. Thank you to our guests and their efforts!

Finally, thank you neighbors for all that you do. This month, we will have our annual holiday meal together for our monthly meeting. The neighborhood association will provide the main dishes and we ask, if you are able, that you bring a side or dessert to share. We hope you will join us at School 31 at 6:30pm on Monday, December 5.

May you have a Happy New Year! See you in 2023!



BHNA President, James Bulow

Great Things Are Happening at James A. Garfield IPS School 31

By Dana Urbaneck, Assistant Principal

Family and community are at the core of our beliefs at James A. Garfield. We strive to deepen these relationships each year for the betterment of students and their educations. It is our pleasure to announce that James Garfield has been named as the 2022 IPS Foundation Hall of Fame Engaging School. The Engaging School award recognizes and applauds an IPS school that has actively deepened community partnerships and family engagement. The recipient of this award ensures opportunities for open two-way communication for all families, fosters authentic engagement with families that results in increased achievement scores, and builds meaningful relationships with both local and national community partners.

Our Principal, Adrienne Kuchik, was also one of five finalists for the 2023 IPS Principal of the Year award. Amber Paz, IPS Special Programs Coordinator said,

Principal Kuchik has helped see the potential of offering unique applied behavior analytic [ABA] services to students in a typical school setting...The students served in REACH ABA would have to leave IPS and attend residential or day school programs outside the district boundary if this opportunity she supports did not exist. Principal Kuchik insists that students always come first and advocates to keep students in school and in IPS.

REACH services the district's population of students with significant autism. It is the only program of its kind in the district and the State and provides students with half-day instruction and half-day ABA services, mirroring those they would receive in an autism clinic.

"Perhaps one of the most phenomenal qualities that Mrs. Kuchik displays is how everything she does is focused on the education, well-being, and sense of belonging of our students. We don't just welcome new students into a school building, we welcome them into a family", said Caleb Prewitt, English Language Arts teacher. We are proud of Mrs. Kuchik and thankful to have her as the leader of our building.

We would also like to recognize John Murphy, *Project Lead the Way* STEM teacher for being asked to speak at the *Project Lead the Way* National Conference in Orlando. John will be sharing with educators from all over the country how James Garfield implemented a sustainable STEM program for all students, the positive impacts we have seen in regard to student growth, and the impact on chronic absenteeism. James Garfield's PLTW program has been nationally recognized multiple times and is the only neighborhood model to be recommended for replication in the district's Rebuilding Stronger proposal.

SENSE Charter School Students Conduct Clothing Drive



To nurture and build a solid foundation for social responsibility, citizenship skills, and a commitment to service, the SENSE Charter School 1st and 2nd grade high-ability classes of Ms. Pine and Ms. Gernert, conducted a clothing drive in the month of October. The students created posters to promote the project that they hung in the school hallways. The clothing drive was advertised through the school's social media. The

teachers laundered all the clothing and the students sorted the contributions. The drive was a great success, with 795 pieces of clothing collected that were then donated to various local shelters and community centers to help clothe those in need.

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

- Dec 1 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Dec 5 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Annual Pitch-In Dinner, 6:30pm, James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street).** Our December meeting is a social dinner gathering. The neighborhood will provide the main dish; neighbors are welcome to bring a side dish, drinks, or desserts. Located at James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street).
- Dec 8 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.
- Dec 10 Bates-Hendricks Holiday Party,** 8:00pm, Bowhaus Tap Bar (1729 S. East Street). Put on your most festive and/or eclectic holiday sweater to sing karaoke, share a drink with a neighbor, and exchange some holiday sweets!
- Dec 15 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Dec 17 Monthly Parent Meetup,** 9:30am to 11:30am. Check www.bateshendricks.org/parents 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.
- Dec 20 Heavy Trash Pickup.** More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Dec 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 for more information.
- Dec 29 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.