

## Letter from the President



**BHNA President, James Bulow**

Hello neighbors!

Since last month's letter, we had a chance to gather at Bowhaus Tap on Saturday, December 10 for our annual holiday party and Santa Tuck's visit to the neighborhood on December 20.

The party was a great time for the adults of the neighborhood to get together and socialize. Thank you to all who attended and to Bowhaus Tap for hosting this event!

The Santa visit was a joyful time for all of the families that came. Santa made his way safely through the neighborhood thanks to an escort of not one, but three IMPD patrol cars. Thank you to the officers and to neighbor Tyler for being Santa's "sleigh"! After Santa's route through Bates-Hendricks, he stopped at the gazebo

on New Jersey Street for photos with families, adults, kids, and furry friends. We hope to see you next year for the party and visit from Mr. Claus.

We have three events coming up in March. First, we'll have the annual Bates-Hendricks Chili Cookoff. Bring your best chili and your appetite for this wonderful annual gathering of food, friendship, and friendly completion.

The second event will be a clean-up at Baumann Park. Please join us on the second Saturday of the month while we clean away winter's mess and get the park ready for the new year.

Finally, you may recall that we won a grant last fall. The grant provided funds for eight new benches on the New Jersey Street esplanade. Watch for updates as we coordinate the best time to install the benches based on the weather. Hopefully we'll get a pleasant Saturday for the installation.



**Santa Tuck with neighbors at the S. New Jersey Street gazebo**

## **SENSE Grateful to Bates-Hendricks for Contributions** by Kate Voss

On behalf of SENSE Charter School, I want to thank the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association towards generously continuing to support our school community and our families in so many valuable ways. Through this past year, we have greatly appreciated receiving multiple donations of food, hygiene and school supplies, clothing, the invitation to participate in your Street Fest, a special session during an Association meeting for recruitment and marketing purposes, and including us in your Community Councils. We have appreciated the opportunity of highlighting the school's events in your newsletter and the Urban Times, along with your financial donations to our school.

This includes the recent generous donation of \$500 raised from this year's Street Fest. This donation went into a general fund for family assistance. Angela Easterday of the Bates-Hendricks Board also contributed cleaning and hygiene items, for which we were grateful to receive. With some of our families falling below the federal poverty level, families can struggle to provide the basic needs of food, hygiene items, clothing, housing, and utilities for their children. This generous funding allows us to help provide support to help assure their health and well-being.

Thank you for continuing to be great advocates for the needs of our school, our families, and our neighborhood. We are grateful for such great neighbors and the neighborhood association to step forward to provide resources so that our school can address our school community needs!

## **SENSE Charter School's Paleontology Club Was Dino-Mite!**



When it was noted that one of the SENSE Charter School's fourth grader always sported clothing with dinosaur images, he was asked why. He quickly replied that he was absorbed in the study of dinosaurs and fossils and wanted to be either a paleontologist or an archeologist as his life's career. He had not decided which one yet.

Out of his dedication to the subject, a new after-school club was offered to all third and fourth graders towards helping to support and inspire those who had an interest in the study of

dinosaurs and fossils as well. The Club was co-lead by two SENSE Charter School parents, including Rob Uppencamp, whose son also attends SENSE. Rob serves on the Bates-Hendricks and SENSE Charter School Boards.

Rob has an extensive background in paleontology though his college studies. Paleontology is of course the scientific study of life in the geologic past, especially through the study of animal and plant fossils. The other Club leader was Cami Mann. She is the mother of the fourth grader who wants to be a paleontologist or archeologist. She too has a great interest in dinosaurs and fossils. She greatly supports her son's interest in the subject. In the final session of the Club, each participant chose a favorite dinosaur to report on to the Club members. To mark the end of the Club, the members enjoyed dinosaur-shaped treats.

# 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

**No Neighborhood Association Meeting this month.**

- Jan 9 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).
- Jan 12 Republic Recycling Pickup**. More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Jan 12 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).
- Jan 16 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.
- Jan 16 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.
- Jan 17 Heavy Trash Pickup**. More information at [www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup](http://www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup).
- Jan 21 Monthly Parent Meetup**, 9:30am to 11:30am. Check [www.bateshendricks.org/parents](http://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](mailto:Parents@bateshendricks.org).
- Jan 24 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.
- Jan 26 Republic Recycling Pickup**. More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).