

The Bates-Hendricks Street Fest is Finally Here!



Join us for the 7th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest on **Saturday, September 9** from **3:00pm to 8:00pm** at the intersection of Lincoln Street and New Jersey Street.

Street Fest is the Neighborhood Association's annual fundraiser to support the association's mission as well as our two local schools, James A. Garfield IPS School #31 and SENSE Charter School. The event is free to attend but we recommend making a \$5 donation or a physical donation of school/sanitation supplies.

The event is filled with fun for everyone with over 50 local vendors, 10 food and dessert options, two music stages, breweries, and a kids area! Visit www.bateshendricks.org/streetfest to learn more about the event and how you can get involved!

Neighborhood Beautification Updates

Last month, the neighborhood's Beautification Committee hosted two different neighborhood cleanups. The first cleanup was on the S. New Jersey Street Esplanade and was the focus area of August's 2nd Saturday cleanup. A bad storm had recently hit the neighborhood and caused a large tree to fall on the north end of the Esplanade. Several neighbors managed to clear out all tree limbs, leaves, and dead plants.

The second beautification event last month was the Great Indy Cleanup on August 26. Over a dozen neighbors met at East Street and Orange Street and got started with clearing street gutters and cleaning up litter and heavy trash in the Northwest and Northeast regions of the neighborhood. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful donated a packer truck to help dispose of multiple mattresses, furniture, and yard waste from the alleys and streets. This was the neighborhood's second successful Great Indy Cleanup this year and further Great Indy Cleanups are expected to be planned within the neighborhood next year!



Lastly, our Beautification chair, Erin Barcy (left), accepted Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's Neighborhood Appreciation Award on behalf of Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood. The Beautification Committee has hosted over ten Beautification events this year with support from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and there are still several more to go, including two in September:

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Happy Hour Greenspace Cleanup: Thursday, September 7 at 5:30pm. Meet at the north end of S. New Jersey Street and Terrace Avenue. We'll be picking up trash around Alabama Street, Terrace Avenue, S. New Jersey Street, and East Street along with weeding the S. New Jersey Street Esplanade. This will be a casual event and once we've finished, we'll relax and enjoy a beverage. Water will be provided, but feel free to bring your own beverage of choice if you want something else. Send any questions to beautification@bateshendricks.org!

"Second" Saturday Greenspace Cleanup: We will be hosting our "Second" Saturday cleanup on September 23 this month due to Street Fest falling on the usual second Saturday. We'll be weeding and cleaning the medians at the North Gateway on East Street (approximately 1190 S. East Street, at Morris Street and East Street). Anyone that attends will be able to take home an iris plant to plant in their very own yard!

Plaza Nights Live Music Series Returns in Fountain Square



All-ages live music is back on The Plaza in Fountain Square from **6:00pm to 10:00pm at 1101 Virginia Avenue!** Each show will feature three local musicians in a casual setting. Come early to reserve your seat, as spaces are first come, first served. Attendees are able to bring folding chairs and small folding tables, or reserve a VIP table and three chairs with a \$10 donation to the Fountain Fund. Events are BYOB and picnic style, so grab your favorite beverages and meals from a local merchant and enjoy them during the show. Kids and pets are welcome!

Artist Schedule:

- September 7 – Josh Gillespie & the Nomad Collective and TA Parker
- September 21 – Elizabeth Lee
- October 5 – Aaron Lipp
- October 19 – TBD

Community events like this use the Fountain Square Plaza free of charge thanks to the generosity of Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND). Help SEND maintain the Plaza and historic fountains by donating to the Fountain Fund! Free community events run year-round, so be sure to check out the Fountain Fletcher District events calendar to find other great events!

Funding for the Plaza Nights event series provided by a crowdfunding grant from IHCD and community donations. Talent management and curation by Indy Independent Entertainment.

Letter from the President

Neighbors, please stop by New Jersey Street and take a seat because the benches are in! As you may recall, last summer we applied for and received a very generous grant from the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC). The INRC provided us with the necessary funds to purchase and install eight benches on South New Jersey Street. The benches are organized in four pairs, with one pair at each end of the esplanades on South New Jersey Street.

The benches were installed by fantastic neighbors on August 19 and 26! Please give a huge "Thank you" to neighbors Bryan Bernard, Angela Easterday, Kory Easterday, Josh Kolbus, and Zach Schalk, when you see them next. They all braved the late August heat and gave up a Saturday morning to help get the benches in place. Thanks to them we now have a place to sit and enjoy the esplanades.



BHNA President, James Bulow

So, take a walk to South New Jersey Street to take a seat. The benches are laid out so that you can stop and have a conversation with your own group or strike up a conversation with someone else walking down the street. I hope that you take advantage of this new amenity and enjoy some time deepening old relationships and establishing new ones.



Neighbors Bryan Bernard, Angela Easterday, and Kory Easterday installing benches on S. New Jersey Street on August 26.

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

Sep 7, 21 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.

Sep 7, 21 Plaza Nights Live Music Series, 6:00pm to 10:00pm, 1101 Virginia Avenue. See details on page 2.

Sep 9 7th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest, 3:00pm to 8:00pm, Lincoln Street and New Jersey Street. See page 1 for details. Email Events@bateshendricks.org to see how you can help with the event on the 9th!

Sep 11 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church (402 Prospect Street, corner of East Street and Prospect 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!

Sep 12 Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center Loft (2nd floor), 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. For more information, contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org.

Sep 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.

Sep 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.

Sep 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.

Sep 19 Heavy Trash Pickup. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.

Sep 22 Monthly Parent Meetup, 10:00am to Noon. Check www.bateshendricks.org/parents for the location and details and join other downtown families each month! Email questions to Parents@bateshendricks.org.

Sep 22 Esplanade Evenings, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, 1520 S. New Jersey Street (at the gazebo on the esplanade). Join us at the gazebo on S. New Jersey Street for live music. Bring your coolest drinks and comfiest camping chairs to enjoy some community time and music outdoors. Contact Sabrina at sabrinalindsay@bateshendricks.org with questions about the event.

Sep 23 Saturday Cleanup, 10:00am, North Gateway (1190 S. East Street). Meet us at the North Gateway at East Street and Morris Street to help pick up trash and weed. Each month, we spend a couple of hours maintaining our public spaces in the neighborhood, focusing on a different public space in the area. Come join us! For more information, contact Beautification@bateshendricks.org.

Sep 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.