

Celebrate the Holiday Season with Your Neighbors!

'Tis the season to gather as a community and celebrate the spirit of the holiday season. The neighborhood association will be hosting three opportunities to come together. You can add these events to your calendar by using the Bates-Hendricks Calendar at bateshendricks.org/calendar.

Holiday Pitch-in Meal, Immanuel Church (402 Prospect Street). Monday, December 4 at 6:30pm. In lieu of the Monthly Neighborhood Meeting, join your neighbors for a holiday meal! The Neighborhood Association will provide a main meat dish and neighbors are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish, dessert, or beverage to share. Neighbors of all ages are welcome to join!

Bates-Hendricks Holiday Party, Bowhaus Tap (1729 S. East Street). Friday, December 15, 8:00pm. If you are a 21+ neighbor, then put on your favorite festive sweater, hat, or vest and join us at Bowhaus Tap for drinks and Karaoke! A raffle for BH prizes will be held at 9:00pm and Karaoke will begin right after.



Santa is Coming to Bates-Hendricks, New Jersey Esplanade (1543-1401 S. New Jersey Street). Tuesday, December 19, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus are making their list, checking it twice, and coming to Bates-Hendricks to see who is naughty or nice! Bundle up and join us at the gazebo on the New Jersey Esplanade for hot cocoa and cookies, socializing with neighbors, and grabbing a photo with Santa if you want! Bring your family, friends, and pets too!

Letter from the President

Neighbors,

This month we have our annual holiday meal and I hope that you can make it. It will be during our December meeting on December 4, at 6:30pm, at Immanuel Church (corner of East and Prospect – 402 Prospect Street). The neighborhood association provides the main dishes, the drinks, napkins, plates, and the finest plastic cutlery. We ask that neighbors bring a small side or dessert to share. If you are not able to bring something, that is fine; we have always had more than enough.

I hope that you can make it because it is a delightful time to meet your neighbors, share a meal, and get to know one another that much better. It is a time to learn which neighbors have a signature dish, a sweet tooth, or a necessity for a fresh green salad at their meals. It is a time to learn about neighbors' personal successes, struggles, and their joys and concerns about the neighborhood itself. It is a time to learn how many ways we are similar and learn from our differences. It is a time to get to know your neighbors that much better when you see them walking down the street. It is a time to create the community that knits Bates-Hendricks together.

I hope that you can make it to all of our neighborhood meals: the Chili Cook-Off, the neighborhood cookout, StreetFest, and, of course, the holiday meal in December. I hope to see you there.



BHNH President, James Bulow

Upcoming Survey Regarding Interstate Noise Barrier Walls

The I-65 SAFE Noise Study for the proposed I-65/70 interstate widening has been completed and, unsurprisingly, has found that the interstate is loud. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) or their engineer, Parsons, must now contact all the affected residents and properties that are within approximately 700 feet of the interstate. They have to offer them an opportunity to have "Noise Barrier Walls" installed. If you are in the affected area, you should soon be receiving a letter with a ballot to provide you with an opportunity to vote on the issue.



The Rethink Coalition are hoping to collaborate with the community and offer helpful education on the issues and the potential mitigation strategies as alternatives to the Noise Barrier Walls. Their position is that Noise Barrier Walls are expensive, ugly, and are only moderately effective at reducing noise, whereas other more economic solutions may provide just as good – if not better – noise reduction. Other potential solutions could be a quieter paving surface or 42" high concrete barrier walls at the shoulder of the road, which are not only effective at reflecting the surface wheel noise away from our houses, but are more effective at keeping cars and trucks from running off the roadway.

It's possible a public meeting may be held on December 13 at 5:30pm at SENSE Charter School, but be sure to check our calendar at bateshendricks.org/calendar to verify the actual date and time that gets set for this meeting. Rethink is asking that residents refrain from casting a vote or preference until they can more fully inform and communicate with everyone.

You can see updates regarding the I-65/I-70 projects at bateshendricks.org/I65-70.

Save the Date for the 2024 Chili Cook Off



The competition is coming back in 2024 to see what neighbors will reign supreme in our three competition categories and the coveted Neighbors Choice Award. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 24 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm** at Point Comfort Underwriters (306 Prospect Street) to get those recipes ready for competition and those bellies ready for tasting! Competitor registration will open in January 2024 and space will be limited per competition category. This year, the categories will include: Red Chili, White Chili, and Vegetarian Dishes (open to any vegetarian chili, stew, or soup that can be eaten in a bowl with a spoon). All are welcome to attend the chili cook off to eat everyone's tasty creations!

Curbside Recycling in Bates-Hendricks

For those who have curbside recycling in the neighborhood, or who are interested in it, WTHR 13 recently investigated whether or not collected items are actually being recycled. Republic Services is the company servicing our neighborhood (www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling). The article states that as long as the appropriate products are being put in the bins in the first place, "most of the items placed in their recycling appear not to be headed to a landfill. After tracking from bin to bale, 13 Investigates can verify it is being recycled." Here is a list of recycling bin do's and don'ts:

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING

WHAT YOU CAN (AND CAN'T) PUT IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN

- Rinse food containers. Should be mostly dry.
- Leave items loose in bin. (Do not put items in plastic bags!)

YES

- Aerosol cans (empty, Republic only)
- Aluminum (cans & foil)
- Cardboard (flatten, no wax coating)
- Glass bottles
- Household Plastics (#1 – 7)
- Metal Cans (aluminum, steel, tin)
- Paper (including catalogues, magazines, mail, newspapers)
- Paper Containers/Cartons (like juice boxes, ice cream cartons)
- Shredded Paper (Republic: put shredded paper in paper bag)

NO

- Batteries
- Food wrappers
- Pizza boxes with grease stains
- Plastic bags (including plastic grocery bags)
- Plastic wrap and film (bubble wrap, sandwich bags)
- Styrofoam containers
- Wax covered paper/cardboard (like coffee cups)
- Yard waste



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SOURCE: REPUBLIC SERVICES & WASTE MANAGEMENT

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 Immanuel United Church at 402 Prospect 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 4** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Pitch-In Dinner, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church, 402 Prospect 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.
- Dec 6** **SEND Quality of Life Community Conversation**, 6:00pm to 7:30pm, Southeast Community Services (901 Shelby Street, second-floor auditorium). Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) is inviting you to participate in a Quality of Life (QoL) discussion regarding a consolidated Quality of Life plan of the Southeast QoL, SolIndy QoL, and TANC Great Places plans. Your input will be important to the creation of this new plan that will help drive community development in our neighborhoods. Details about Indianapolis' new low-barrier shelter, The Housing Hub, will also be shared.
- Dec 9** **IMPD Southeast's Breakfast with Santa**, 9:00am to 11:00am, Southeast Roll Call (1150 Shelby Street).
- Dec 11** **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.
- Dec 14** **Republic Recycling Pickup**. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Dec 15** **Bates-Hendricks Holiday Party**, 8:00pm, Bowhaus Tap (1729 S. East Street). See page 1 for details.
- Dec 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.
- Dec 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.
- Dec 19** **Heavy Trash Pickup**. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Dec 19** **Santa Claus is Coming**, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, New Jersey Street Esplanade. See page 1 for details.
- Dec 28** **Republic Recycling Pickup**. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Jan 1** **Family Open Gyms with SENSE Charter School**, 9:30am to 11:30am, Sense Charter School (1601 Barth Avenue). Join neighbors and partners at SENSE Charter School for winter open gyms! These are open to all families with a focus on younger kids. See details at bateshendricks.org/opengyms.
- Jan 1** **NO JANUARY BATES-HENDRICKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING.**