

Remembering Longtime Community Leader Rob Uppencamp



We are saddened to report that longtime neighborhood resident and volunteer Rob Uppencamp passed away on January 5. Rob had served on the Bates-Hendricks board for more than a decade, including as President from 2010 to 2013. Additionally, he was one of the initial creators and a steward of Baumann Park on the south side of the neighborhood, and participated in many cleanups throughout the neighborhood over the years. Rob also took great pleasure in being the champion of several of our annual Chili Cook-Offs.

He served neighborhood interests in other ways over the years, such as coaching the Bates-Hendricks team in the Indy Recreational Youth Baseball (RBI) league, volunteering on the board of Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND), and co-leading an environmental science club at SENSE Charter School.

Rob's community impact was great and he will be missed. His service and funeral were held on January 9, and his obituary can be viewed at www.fullersfh.com/obituaries/donald-uppencamp.

New Meeting Location

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Letter from the President

Neighbors,

We have a **new location for our upcoming meetings**. We look forward to meeting with you at the Lincoln Center this month, at the corner of East and Lincoln Streets. We are thankful for DatHouse and their hospitality. Lincoln Lane Coffee is located within the Lincoln Center, so if you've been there before, then you are headed to the right spot!

We are grateful to our previous hosts, Immanuel United Church of Christ and James A. Garfield IPS School No. 31. Thank you to both institutions, particularly Julie and Rick from Immanuel and Eric from School 31.



BHNA President, James Bulow

Get Ready for This Year's Chili Cook-Off!



It's time to warm up, because the annual Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Chili Cook-Off is back! Join us for a heated competition where competitors vie for the titles of "Best Red Chili", "Best White Chili", "Best Vegetarian Dish", and the coveted "Neighbors' Choice Award". Whether you're a master chef in the kitchen ready to show off some skills or a foodie who's ready to put their judging cap on, we hope you join us for an afternoon of fun with your neighbors.

When: Saturday, February 24 from 4:00 to 6:00pm

Where: Point Comfort Underwriters, 306 Prospect Street (enter basement level on the west side).

An entry fee gets you unlimited chili samples, a vote in the neighbors' choice award, and entered in a raffle for local goods and gift cards. Drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. The event is open to all ages (kids entry fee is \$3). Buy advanced tickets at www.bateshendricks.org/cookoff.

Interested in entering the competition? A \$15 entry fee includes unlimited tasting, a beverage of choice, a BHNA Koozie, and the chance to win bragging rights (along with a unique Bates-Hendricks cutting board). Find more details and register to compete at bateshendricks.org/cookoff. Limited competitor spots are available! Register today to secure your spot!

Want to learn more? Help volunteer? Have questions? Send us an email at events@bateshendricks.org.

Calling all KIB Block Captains!

Support Needed for KIBs Little BIG Grant Application



Are you a KIB block captain in the neighborhood? The Beautification Committee is seeking your help to apply for a grant with KIB. The Little BIG Grant awards \$500 to a group of 3 or more KIB Block Captains to support a project that improves our community. It could be anything from street sweeping to a little library, or even a mural! If you would like to contribute an idea or support the grant initiative, please email Erin at Beautification@bateshendricks.org.

Not a KIB Block Captain but want to become one? Learn more and sign up for KIB's Adopt-a-Block Program today at www.kibi.org/program/adopt-a-block.

Neighbors Share Seeds & Tips for Upcoming Gardening Season

The Beautification Committee celebrated National Seed Swap Day at Lincoln Lane Coffee Co. on January 27. Neighbors enjoyed coffee, sharing gardening tips and tricks, and swapping a variety of seeds for vegetable gardens, native plant gardens, and plants for herbal teas and remedies. Spring is right around the corner!

If you are interested in participating in a future seed swap, or connecting with other neighbors who garden, reach out to Erin at Beautification@bateshendricks.org.



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 The Lincoln Center (516 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

- Feb 5** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 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!
- Feb 8** **Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Feb 12** **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.
- Feb 17** **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.
- Feb 19** **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.
- Feb 19** **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.
- Feb 20** **Heavy Trash Pickup.** More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Feb 22** **Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Feb 24** **Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off, 4:00pm to 6:00pm, 306 Prospect Street. See page 2 for details.**
- Feb 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.