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Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association

Bates Hendricks Newsletter

Bates Hendrick's Resident, Jay Allen Receives 2009 Helen Fehr Award

On December 8th, at the annual SEND Christmas party, Jay Allen of New Jersey Street received the prestigious Helen Fehr Award. This award is given once a year to a person who has “unselfishly given their life to serve the communities around the world” as Helen Fehr, long time Fountain Square resident, once demonstrated. The Helen Fehr Award is given to persons who live a life of service, whose skill, joy, and encouragement make dreams come alive for the southeast side. Mark Stewart, president of SEND, made these remarks before giving the award to Jay:

“One day in August of 1995, Jay Allen purchased the Bates-Hendricks house. It was being stripped and sold off in pieces. He started the long restoration project bringing it back to its former glory, doing most of the work by himself. From that day on he took on the role of becoming one of the Southside’s most vocal advocates. He brought historic legitimacy to the neighborhood by researching the history and applying for and obtaining a historic marker and then getting the governor’s wife, Judy O’Bannon, to do the dedication. He has continually offered the Bates-Hendricks House for neighborhood events, meetings, receptions, tours, and as a Historic Landmark.

Soon after arriving in Bates Hendricks, Jay organized neighbors in founding the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association and giving Southsiders a new voice. As the neighborhood’s first president, he forged alliances with SEND, Historic Landmarks, the city of Indianapolis, and other Southside neighborhoods. As president he organized numerous cleanups, chili suppers, and a preservation street fair on South New Jersey. He applied for and received grants from Lilly and the City of Indianapolis. He also organized the moving and restoration of the historic New Jersey Street gazebo doing much of the work himself. As a committee member for the 2008 New Jersey street project, there is no question that it was his relentless pressure of the city and IPL that resulted in the historic lighting, a key element to the project. He is an active member of the committee for the Redevelopment of East Street.

It is with great pleasure that I present him with the 2009 Helen Fehr Award.”

January Meeting Focuses On Radon

On Monday, January 4th, at 6:30 p.m. the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will meet at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect. Phil Elly will be our guest speaker and discuss the dangers and remediation necessary for radon gas. Older homes are often leaking the gas into the house from broken or dirt foundations. Come here how to remain safe and healthy.

As always, we will also be short reports from IMPD, the Abandoned Housing Task Force, the East Street Economic Development Committee as well as information about other activities in our neighborhood. Come and be informed and empowered to make a difference.



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From the President:

When I became the president of the neighborhood association in the spring of 2007, I promised a three year commitment. I did this for two reasons. First, I thought we needed some continuity and consistency as we struggled to become a strong association. There had been four presidents in the two years preceding me. Second, I believed that no organization should become too strongly connected to a single person. The best organizations are a collaborative of many fine minds and willing hands.



In the past three years, I've seen our association fill with those fine minds and willing hands. I am so proud of the leadership of our association and all we have accomplished in the past three years. Therefore, it is with great confidence that I prepare to turn the presidency over to Rob Uppencamp. Rob is one of those fine minds and willing hands. He shares my vision and enthusiasm and understands the hard work necessary for success. He is surrounded by a terrific board with many talented people.

Originally, I had intended to remain president until April of 2010. However, beginning January 1, I will be taking a position as the Community Building Coordinator for SEND. Essentially, SEND will be paying me to help other neighborhoods organize like we have organized and help other blocks clubs create projects like the work on New Jersey street. I am very excited about this opportunity and believe I have much to share from what I've learned from our neighborhood. You have been good teachers!

Though I will continue to sit on the Bates Hendricks Board and attend our monthly meetings, it might be a conflict of interest if I remained as president. People might accuse me of being partial toward Bates Hendricks. (They'd probably be right since I will always be partial to this neighborhood and its people. You are my neighbors.) I will no longer be the public face of our neighborhood even as I continue to work behind the scenes.

Fortunately, Rob and others are prepared to step into my roles and advance the work we've begun. My resignation is not the end of our accomplishments, but evidence of them. I am utterly convinced that what we've begun cannot be stopped. We've seen what we can do, we are patient, and we are committed. With that combination, nothing can stop us!

Jim Mulholland

New Year's Resolutions:

1. Attend a Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting.
2. Introduce yourself to your neighbors and get to know them.
3. Help keep the neighborhood clean - pick up litter, sweep curbs, clean out street drains - every little bit helps!

Fountain Square Gets New Fountain

If you've not been to Fountain Square lately, you probably haven't seen the new fountain that has been installed at Prospect, Shelby and Virginia Streets. The 15-foot high "Lady Spray" fountain is a cast-iron period reproduction of the sculpture that stood atop the neighborhood's original fountain built in 1889.

Workers completed installing the fountain at the end of November and have turned it off for the winter. The Fountain is just a part of the redevelopment of Fountain Square and the upcoming Cultural Trail along Virginia Ave. If you have a moment stop by and take a look at this new piece of southeast Indianapolis.

Artist rendition from the IBJ. If you want to see the real thing, you'll have to go to Fountain Square.



Recipe of the Month

Cold and looking for some comfort food, but something half-way healthy. Try this Granola for a snack.

Granola

2 ½ cups oats / ¼ cup bran or wheat germ
1 packet graham crackers, crushed / ½ cup coconut
1 cup sunflower seeds / ½ cup cashews ~ chopped
¼ cup chopped walnuts / ½ cup brown sugar
½ cup honey / ½ c. dates (rolled or regular), chopped
½ cup margarine, melted / 2 tsp. vanilla
3 tsp. cinnamon / ½ tsp. nutmeg / ½ tsp. cloves
½ cup raisins; add *after* cooking
(or they'll turn to hard little pellets!)



Preheat oven to 300. Combine all ingredients except raisins and mix well. Lightly grease 9" x 13" pan and spread mixture evenly. Bake for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in raisins. Spread mixture onto ungreased cookie sheet. Cool.

Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will work 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 Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Emily Vanest, 720 Sanders, Indpls. 46203.

January Calendar

January 4 – Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Immanuel United Church of Christ.

January 9 - Junior Gardener Club - 1-2pm FREE – Garfield Park Conservatory—The Garden Club is back! Join us each month for a fun garden lesson and activity. Come to one, or come to all! Come out to the Children’s Garden each month for a fun-filled garden lesson and activity. No “green thumbs” required. The Club will meet in the Conservatory in cases of inclement weather. Please pre-register for this exciting program by calling 327-7580, as spots are limited: Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8. (Ages 6-12) 1-2pm.

January 9 - Make a Stuffie! 2:00pm - Fountain Square Library. Adults and teens are invited to bring a discarded glove or mitten and create a new one to replace that which was lost. Hand sewing is required. Please call 275-4390 to register for this event

January 14 – Book Discussion: "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson, 1:30 p.m. Fountain Square Library. Registration required, call 275-4390 for more information.

January 23 - Life Laughs With Words Book Club, 2:00 pm, Fountain Square Library. Tweens ages 10 - 13 are invited to discuss their favorite books over snacks. The book to be discussed is "Secret Identity," a Nancy Drew mystery by Carolyn Keene. School Age (6-11), Teen (12-17)

January 31 - Terrific Terrariums - Garfield Park Conservatory, 2-3pm, \$3 - Our greenhouse is alive and growing this time of the year! Come explore the “tropics” and make a terrarium of your own to liven up your house this winter. Registration required. (Ages 7-14).

