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March

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



Next Southeast Neighborhood Congress in March

On Thursday, March 22, the Southeast Neighborhood Congress comes to Bates-Hendricks. The Congress will convene at 7:00pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect. More than a hundred neighborhood leaders from across the eleven Southeast Indianapolis neighborhoods will meet to celebrate accomplishments, address failures, discuss emerging concerns, and adopt goals and actions. Our own Floyd Shoults will serve as moderator.



The Congress is our process for revising and updating the Southeast Quality of Life Plan developed in 2005. To see the full version of the plan, visit southeastneighborhood.org. This site includes the entire plan and status reports on the many initiatives.

The March Congress will be addressing various issues. There will be a celebration of the Making Connections efforts in our neighborhood over the past ten years. We will also be addressing concerns around parking and the Fountain Square Arts Council. We will be voting on goals involving public transit and alternatives to demolition. Come be part of the solution!

Great Indy Cleanup 2012

Spring is coming and with it comes the opportunity to start some spring cleaning! Last year, several of our residents organized spring cleanups during the First Annual Great Indy Cleanup Day. This year we would like to continue that new tradition and get some cleanups going throughout the neighborhood again. Through the Great Indy Cleanup, administered by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (KIBI), you can get trash bags, gloves, and other items as well as a large dumpster to take away all the trash that you collect. At last year's Sanders-Orange-Wright Street cleanup, neighbors filled the two dumpsters that were provided and, after the City replaced them with new dumpsters, they filled those up too! This cleanup can be a great way to get to know some of your neighbors and to improve the look of your street. We encourage you to look into the cleanup by going to KIBI's website at www.kibi.org/great_indy_cleanup. If you would like some help in getting a cleanup started on your street, call Robyn Toole at 634-2389. Robyn was one of the organizers of the Sanders-Orange-Wright Street cleanup last year.

This year's Great Indy Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 21st. I look forward to seeing you all out in the spring!

Free Green Jobs Training Program

Learn skills needed to rid neighborhoods of abandoned industrial sites and become job-ready.

Southeast Community Services (SECS) has partnered with Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) and KERAMIDA Inc. to offer a free 6-week training program designed to prepare graduates for employment in environmental clean-up, construction, and other fields. Topics include: Brownfields Awareness; Asbestos Worker; Lead Inspector; Lead Renovator and Lead Sampling Technician; OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Training (HAZWOPER); OSHA 29 CFR 1926 Site Construction; OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146 Confined Space Entry; Health and Safety, First Aid, CPR; Job Readiness, Career Development, Financial Literacy.

The training qualifies you for testing. Passing the test qualifies you to apply for licensing. Application includes a fee that will be paid by SECS if certain conditions are met.

The program begins April 16 and space is limited! Apply now if you meet all of the following qualifications: are age 18 or older; can pass a drug test; live in zip code 46203 or 46218; have a high school diploma or GED; have a valid Indiana driver's license or the ability to get one; have attended SECS orientation (call 236-7400 for orientation info).

To sign up, contact Janice Holley or Carlette Duffy at 236-7400 or janiceh@southeastindy.org or carletted@southeastindy.org.

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Christel House DORS Charter School Opening in August

Newly Approved Christel House DORS Charter School Offers High School Dropouts a Second Chance



The Institute for a Competitive Workforce indicates that “every hour during the school day, five kids will drop out of school in Marion County, Indiana”. More than 6,000 Marion County youth drop out of high school each year. According to the 2000 Census, 45% of Southeast side residents do not have a high school diploma or GED compared to less than 20% in Marion County as a whole. Without opportunities for adults to reclaim their educational path, high school dropouts face futures filled with limited employment and earning opportunities as well as a greater likelihood of requiring social welfare assistance.

While the demand for dropout recovery programs is very high in Indianapolis, very few opportunities exist to address the needs of this growing population. Opening in August 2012, DORS will admit 175 adult learners and gradually add more until 300 students are reached annually. The classes will be offered free of charge, in-person or online.

Opportunity is knocking for adults in the Indianapolis area who have dropped out of high school and wish to come back and earn their high school diploma. The mission statement of Christel House DORS is: “Christel House DORS empowers students by providing them the tools necessary to achieve high school graduation and post-secondary success. DORS will re-engage students who have previously left the educational system and allow students to choose their individual pathway to academic success. DORS will serve as a gateway for students to realize their hopes and dreams by becoming self-sufficient, contributing members of society”.

DORS will employ a highly individualized education approach, meeting students where they are academically and providing the support each student needs to achieve their desired level of success. With a comprehensive menu of academic programs and life skills training, DORS will empower and support young adults as they strengthen and improve their lives, the lives of those depending upon them and, ultimately, the wider Indianapolis and central Indiana community.

Enrollment applications are currently available; the first application deadline is March 31, 2012. Forms can be picked up at the school at 2717 S. East Street.

For more information please visit www.chdors.org or contact the principal, Emily Masengale, at emasengale@chdors.org or 783-4690 ext. 1010.

Christel House DORS received charter authorization through the Mayor’s Office and is part of the Christel House International network of schools. Christel House International is a global nonprofit organization supporting five schools around the world educating children living in poverty.

Unwanted Medicine Collection Set for Spring

Hoosiers will have a safe place to take outdated and unwanted medicines they clean from their medicine cabinets this spring. Marsh Pharmacy's and MainStreet Market Pharmacy's Spring 2012 "Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet" event will take place from 9:00am to 7:00pm on Friday, March 16; 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday, March 17; 11:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday, March 18; 9:00am to 7:00pm on Monday, March 19. To locate a Marsh or MainStreet Market Pharmacy, visit www.marsh.net/pharmacy/pharmacy-locator.



To be accepted, all items must be fully identifiable and in their original containers. The name of the medication must be visible on the label. A black, permanent marker should be used to block out personal information, including name, address, and account number. Sharps should be sealed in a non-returnable, puncture-resistant rigid container (such as a laundry detergent bottle). The specific types of pharmaceuticals that will be accepted include: prescription medications; over-the-counter medications; vitamins and nutritional supplements; veterinary medications; sharps or needles in resealable hard, plastic containers.

The following items will not be accepted: Controlled substances; hazardous, poisonous, or toxic substances; flammable liquids containing alcohol; mixed medications or medications in alternate containers; medical or household chemicals; inhalers; business waste.

The special collection is held to help prevent the contamination of streams and lake water. "Wastewater facilities are not designed to remove pharmaceutical products if they are poured down a drain", said IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly. "The chemicals will be discharged, untreated, into lakes or streams. This special collection opportunity gives Hoosiers the opportunity to properly dispose of expired or unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications".

Throwing pharmaceuticals in the garbage also poses a hazard because pets and children can be poisoned as a result of accidental ingestion. In addition, patient information displayed on discarded containers increases the risk for identity theft.

Marsh Pharmacies has held unwanted medicine collections since 2008, providing Hoosiers a safe place to take unwanted medications and disposing of more than 100,000 prescription bottles in an environmentally-friendly manner.

Additional information about pharmaceutical and household hazardous waste disposal can be found on the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) recycling website at www.recycle.IN.gov.

Grand Opening & Workshops at Peaceful Grounds Café

Peaceful Grounds Café and Farm Market in Southport will host its Grand Opening Celebration and Workshops. This event is scheduled for Friday, March 30 through Sunday, April 1.

The workshops create an opportunity for participants to learn about agriculture and sustainable living. Featured in the event will be Will Allen and some folks from Growing Power with their "From the Ground Up" workshop.

Workshop registrants will participate in hands-on breakout sessions conducted by local experts in the following topics: Composting for Safe Soil, Aquaponics, Hoop House Construction, Mushrooms, Kitchen Gardening, Kiln Building, Cheese Making, and Community Project Design.

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 Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Craig Dukate, 1435 S. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.

Monthly Calendar



- Mar 3** Gang Prevention & Intervention Conference for Pastors, Lay People, and Concerned Neighbors, 9:00am to Noon, Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School, 3960 Meadows Drive. For more information or to register to attend this free event, contact 327-3928 or visit www.indy.gov/gangprevention.
- Mar 3 thru Apr 15** "Through the Lens: Eye of the Beholder" photography exhibit, Garfield Park Arts Center. This free exhibit will showcase more than 75 photographic works of art. Opening reception with live music and refreshments will be Saturday, March 3, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. For more information, call 327-7135 or visit www.gpacarts.org.
- Mar 5** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Mar 6** Introduction to Business Ownership, Southeast Community Services (SECS), 901 Shelby Street, Second Floor Training Room 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Free.
- Mar 10** Cops vs. Kids Basketball Tourney, Lilly Boys and Girls Club, 10:00am.
- Mar 20 & 27** Sales and Marketing Strategies for Business (2 sessions), Southeast Community Services (SECS), 901 Shelby Street, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, \$20. Pre-registration is required. Call 917-3266 or visit www.businessownership.org for online workshop registration and payment.
- Mar 28** IndyTalks Seminar: "Our City Under the Radar", Jewish Community Center, 6701 Hoover Road, 7:00pm. Architects, city leaders, and attendees will address the issue of abandoned housing in Indianapolis and the future of its neighborhoods.