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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Bates-Hendricks Great Indy Cleanups on April 21

There are at least a couple of cleanups being organized in our neighborhood for the Great Indy Cleanup on Saturday, April 21.

Those living on Iowa, Beecher, Singleton, Orleans, Applegate, and New Streets will be gathering at 9:00am at the parking lot of the Wesleyan Church at Iowa and Applegate. Planned work includes cleaning street gutters, sewer inlets, alleys, brush, and trash, as well as working on preparing the space at Singleton and Beecher for a pocket park.

There is also another cleanup in the Sanders-Orange-Wright Street area this year. That cleanup will kick off at 9:00am by the dumpster in the 1200 block of Wright Street (between Sanders and Orange Streets). That cleanup will focus on picking up heavy trash in the alleys, light trash in the alleys and streets, and touching up the street gutters and sewer inlets.

If you have time to participate in either of these cleanups, please consider helping your neighbors to make our neighborhood cleaner!

Maintain Mondays!

After the cleanups, and in general, we'll want to maintain the cleanup work we've done. Maintain Mondays is a simple initiative to do just that. Every Monday, when you're already taking out your trash cart for pickup, spend one to two minutes picking up the trash that has blown into your yard and pick up the trash on the sidewalk and street immediately around your property. If a bunch of us are doing this, we can make a real impact. It's quick and easy, so do it and spread the word!



For those that want to make an even bigger impact, consider signing the We Care pledge at southeastneighborhood.org/?page_id=509. The We Care program is still going strong and encourages neighbors to actively engage in keeping their property clean. After sending in your pledge, you'll receive a We Care window decal, window sign, or garden sign.

Thank you to all the neighbors who are already working to help keep Bates-Hendricks clean!

NUSA Coming to Indianapolis

Early registration is now open for the 37th Annual Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference being held May 23 to 26, 2012 in Indianapolis. NUSA's annual conference attracts citizens, neighborhood representatives, community leaders, public officials, and private sector individuals from throughout the United States, as well as Canada and Japan. During the conference, attendees from all ethnic/cultural backgrounds and economic levels attend workshops organized to address issues that impact neighborhoods and municipalities, as well as share information and experiences to help build strong and vital neighborhoods.

Register early before April 27 and save \$100! The early registration fee is \$200 and includes several workshops and meals. To see a full list of what the package includes, and to register, visit nusa.org/ConfRegistration.aspx.



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Residents Enjoyed Tasty Chili at 2012 Cook-Off

Saturday, February 18 was a day made in heaven for anyone who loves any and all kinds of chili. Competitive cooks from Fountain Square, Bates-Hendricks, and Concord pulled out all the stops for the Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-off. The cook-off was being done as a fund-raiser for the South New Jersey Street Median fund and was organized by Greg Allen. Not one chili that was entered was dull or uninteresting. They were all winners in their own right. The judges studied every one of the chilies trying to discern the secret ingredients. To make things fair, two of the judges were brought in because of their cooking expertise in the wider Indianapolis area; last year's chili winner was the third judge. Judging were John O'Donnell, Dana Allen, and Cami Burton.



This year's overall winner, Eddie Beagles, with the judges

The stage was set when the competition began with so many chilies that it was hard to fit them all on the tables provided. Each competitor paid \$20 to enter and guests made a donation in order to eat and have a vote. There were four prizes, one in each category: Red, White, Vegetarian, and Overall Best Chili. Gift certificates were awarded for the first three category winners, of which were determined by popular vote. The overall winner that was chosen by the judges won a wine-tasting for 10 at the New Day Meadery. Tensions were high when the votes were tallied for three categories because there was a tie for the best Red Chili and there had to be a taste-off. Pete Kuhns from Concord faced off against Robyn Toole from Bates-Hendricks. In the end, Pete

Kuhns won in the Red Category, Eddie Beagles (a newcomer to the cook-off) won for his White Chicken Chili, and Smara Myers won for her Vegetarian Chili. The honor and bragging rights for the Best Overall Chili in the Annual Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-off was awarded to Eddie Beagles for his White Chicken Chili. The judges awarded an honorable mention to Craig Dukate's Grandmother's chili, a wonderful red chili with no beans and a great balancing of flavors. I believe that this is the first time a White Chili has ever won the cook-off.

The Cook-off was amazingly successful, raising over \$460 that will be put toward maintaining the lights, gazebo, and landscaping that had been created for the 2008 Fab for Less Event on South New Jersey Street. Later that year, this project was awarded the best project of 2008, for the entire nation, by Keep America Beautiful. It is now a valuable signature area for the Southeast Side. Thanks to all who helped make the ongoing maintenance of this treasure possible. And a special thanks to Roy and Rhonda Cunningham for hosting the cook-off in one of Indy's best pizza restaurants, Maria's Pizza in Fountain Square.

Letter from the President

April Bates-Hendricks Association Meeting is Annual Meeting

If you look up the word “proud” in the dictionary, you will find the following definitions: feeling pleasure or satisfaction over something regarded as highly honorable or creditable to oneself; highly gratifying to the feelings or self-esteem; highly honorable or creditable; much pleased, exultant; having proper self-respect; marked by stateliness.

“Proud” is exactly how everyone in this neighborhood should feel about our neighborhood, what we stand for, and what we accomplish year after year. Our April 2 meeting is our annual meeting. It is a time to reflect back on our accomplishments from the previous year. I thoroughly enjoy doing this, because for as long as I have lived in this neighborhood, we have always accomplished many things each and every year, and that makes me proud. This past year was no different. At our April meeting, we will present a slide show that highlights all of our accomplishments over the past year in detail. To name a few: we had a successful Great Indy Cleanup last April; we successfully remonstrated against the issuance of a beer and wine license to the Speedway at Morris and East and the renewal of the liquor license for the former Sassy Kats Showclub; Sassy Kats closed down permanently and was purchased by a group that is remodeling the facility into a community center; on East Street, we put up picket fences, planted trees, and cleaned out some brush and invasive trees; Paint-the-Town painted several houses in the neighborhood; and we continued to tackle abandoned housing.



BHNA President, Rob Uppencamp

As usual, at our April annual meeting we will be electing board directors and officers for the upcoming year. This year, three board members are up for re-election and they are as follows:

- Rob Uppencamp, President (1 year)
- Lydia Brasher, Secretary (2 years)
- Floyd Shoults, Director (2 years)

Regretfully, I also must announce the resignation of Robyn Toole as vice president. Robyn has been a great asset to the neighborhood and she will be missed on the board of directors. I want to thank Robyn for her service. Therefore, we will also be nominating and voting on a new vice president and one additional director for the upcoming year.

Lastly, I recently attended a Neighborhood Leaders Summit that is hosted by Councilor Jeff Miller every year. I heard many issues brought to the table by other neighborhoods that our neighborhood has already addressed or we are currently addressing. I was able to share how we have handled some of these issues and offer suggestions of things that have worked for us. I realized that for many of these issues, our neighborhood leads by example and is a model to other neighborhoods. I had a lot of people coming up to me afterward and saying, “I’d like to meet and discuss how your neighborhood does things”, or “I’d like to come to your neighborhood meetings and see what it is like”. I left this summit, once again feeling very proud of the neighborhood that I live in and the people I call neighbors.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on April 2 and I am excited about the upcoming year in Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood!

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



- Apr 2** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Apr 4** Sing and Sign with Express Kids Foundation, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am. Children up to age 5 and an adult are invited to sign and sing along with Miss Elaine. They will use music, sign language, puppets, and whole-body learning in this special interactive program.
- Apr 4** Spring Break Craft, Garfield Park Conservancy, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$4. Make a cool craft at the Conservatory this spring break! Learn about different animals and make an animal track bandana to take with you on your next hike. Registration required, 327-7580. Ages 5-15.
- Apr 7** Drawing Manga 101, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm, ages 8 to 17. Children ages 8 and up are invited to learn the basics of Manga-style drawing and how to incorporate storytelling through characters' facial expressions. This class will be led by instructors from Art With a Heart. Please call the library to register.
- Apr 12** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm, ages 18+.
- Apr 14** 30-Minute Meals, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm, ages 18+. Adults are invited as Pam and Jan, Your Gourmet Girlfriends, will show how to prepare quick dinners for busy evenings. They'll share recipes for meals that can be cooked in 30 minutes or less and lead participants in preparing suppertime favorites as they taste the fruits of their labor. Please call to register.
- Apr 14 & 15** Orchid Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 5:00pm, \$3/person or \$8/family. The Garfield Conservatory will be filled with many displays of blooming orchids from across the Midwest, all competing for awards. Vendors will also be available with orchids for sale.