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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



# Christmas Tree Disposal

The City's Office of Sustainability, in partnership with Indy Parks, will offer seven drop-off locations in Marion County for residents to recycle their Christmas trees beginning December 26, 2012 through January 31, 2013.



The City's tree recycling program diverts waste from the landfill and adds mulch to our parks and street trees. Last year, over 16,000 Christmas trees were recycled through the City's collection program, which is an increase of over a thousand trees from the previous year. Residents are encouraged to help make Indianapolis a more sustainable city and take advantage of this easy, environmentally-friendly way to dispose of their trees.

Residents are asked to remove all ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, nails, and other decorations before drop-off. No artificial trees will be accepted. Trees will be accepted at the following locations during normal park hours (dawn to dusk), seven days a week. Follow signs within each park to the specific drop-off locations.

- Broad Ripple Park, 1610 Broad Ripple Avenue, South Lot
- Ellenberger Park, 5301 E. St. Clair Street, West of pool in main parking lot
- Garfield Park, 2432 Conservatory Drive, MacAllister Center
- Krannert Park, 605 S. High School Road, North parking lot
- Riverside Park, 2420 N. Riverside Drive, Tennis court parking lot
- Sahm Park, 6801 E. 91st St., Soccer Field parking lot
- Northwestway Park, 5253 W. 62nd St., Near the recycling bins

To learn of other ways you can recycle and contribute to making Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest, visit [www.indy.gov/sustainindy](http://www.indy.gov/sustainindy).

## Annual Post-Holiday Recycling Event



For the seventh year now the City of Indianapolis, in partnership with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, will be hosting a Post-Holiday Recycling Event, January 12, 2013, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Garfield, Krannert, Ellenberger, and Broad Ripple Parks.

As many of you are aware, electronics are no longer able to be disposed of at the curb and require special handling. This is an opportunity to responsibly dispose of old televisions, computer monitors, computer towers, laptops, cell phones, and electrical appliances (anything with a cord). So, if you have personal items that you need to bring, or if you have illegal dumping in your neighborhood of these types of items, you can bring them as well. There is no limit to what we will take from individuals. (This is NOT an opportunity for businesses to dispose of their unwanted items.)

In addition to electronics and electrical appliances, they will also be accepting corrugated cardboard (NOT cereal boxes), white molded foam packaging (NO packaging peanuts please, UPS will gladly take those), live Christmas trees (or those that were alive before they were cut down), and Christmas lights. Christmas trees need to be stripped of all ornaments, tinsel, and lights.

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## Letter from the President

### Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had safe and enjoyable holidays. I love spending the holidays with friends and family, getting together with extended family, and eating my weight in great food. Of course, the holidays with my kids make it that much more enjoyable. This was Oliver's first Christmas, although I don't think he knew it. The recent snow made it even more fun and interesting. It amazes me how Lucy doesn't seem to ever get cold when she's playing in the snow.

Another year has come and gone, and what an incredible year it was. With this New Year comes new ideas, new goals, new challenges, new resolutions, new dreams, and new politicians. Hopefully, it will also bring new relationships, friendships, new accomplishments, and a renewed sense of pride. Going into the New Year, the neighborhood will piggyback on the momentum of the past year and continue to pick up momentum. The year 2012 was one of the most accomplished years in neighborhood history. We'll continue to focus on the things with which we have been focused, but we'll also expand our focus as needed. We'll continue to tackle abandoned housing; we are slated to get more streets and sidewalks repaired; we have several large events already scheduled with outside volunteers; we'll see the opening of the community center at East and Lincoln; we'll see the completion of the East Street Flats; we'll see the beginning of the Building Blocks effort in the southeastern portion of the neighborhood; we'll see continued improvements on the East Street corridor; and we'll see much more.

Also, with the New Year, many of us establish New Year's resolutions, only to watch them hopelessly diminish after a few weeks. I'd like us all as neighbors to make a resolution to develop relationships with all of your neighbors. We can only accomplish so much in our neighborhood with a small group of volunteers and active people. We can only go so far without becoming better neighbors to one another and developing more inter-neighborhood relationships. I'd like to see our neighborhood be more like a village, where everyone knows and helps everyone. In the coming year, I encourage each and every person in our neighborhood to get out and get to know your neighbors. I love it when I see random gatherings in backyards, where people are just gathered to socialize for no reason. You'll be surprised at how this will impact your life and the lives of others. I want to see more block clubs established. If anyone wants to know how to get a block club off and running, I would be happy to help you organize it ([president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org)). More block clubs equal more crime watches and people helping people. I intend to do my part, as soon as the snow clears, and more so once it warms up. I'm going to more frequently walk up and down every street in our neighborhood. I look forward to meeting people I don't already know and see familiar faces.

Happy New Year to all and God Bless!  
Rob



**BHNA President, Rob Uppencamp**

# New Property Tax Assessment

In accordance with Indiana law, a statewide general reassessment for Marion County was completed on March 1, 2012. The assessor is required to send notice of your new property assessment for your tax bill that will be due in the Spring of 2013.

On the back of the letter is Form 11, showing your previous assessment and the new assessment (effective March 1, 2012). The important part of the letter states that you have 45 days from the "Date of Notice" at the bottom of the form to file an appeal.

According to Marion County Assessor Joe O'Connor, the better way to address any questions about a reassessment is for the resident to call the general number for the Assessor's office (317-327-4907) or to stop in at one of the Assessor's satellite locations, as listed below. All locations are open 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. If there are obvious mistakes with the assessment, they can be corrected at the discretion of personnel of the Assessor's Office without a formal appeal.

## **Downtown**

City-County Building  
200 E. Washington Street  
Suite 1360  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Fax: 317-327-4639

## **South**

5226 Elmwood Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46203  
Fax: 317-327-4186

## **North**

951 E. 86th Street  
Suite 110  
Indianapolis, IN 46240  
Fax: 317-327-7048

## **East**

7363 E. 21st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
Fax: 317-327-8887

## **West**

351 N. Transfer Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46214  
Fax: 317-273-4140

Indiana law does not set a maximum percentage increase or decrease for a change in assessment as a result of a mandated statewide general reassessment. If a resident does wish to appeal the assessment of their property, it will be incumbent upon them to provide proof as to why the assessment is incorrect as part of the appeal of that assessment.

# City-County Council Recognizes Youth Tree Team

On Monday, December 3, 2012, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's (KIB) nationally-recognized Youth Tree Team was praised in a bi-partisan resolution by the City-County Council for their extraordinary work this summer, helping KIB water more than 10,000 trees a week during our City's historic drought. The drought shifted KIB's efforts from planting new trees to maintaining ones that had already been planted.

Thanks to KIB and all the youths that helped keep Indianapolis beautiful this year!

# Save the Date – Chili Cook-Off

The next Bates-Hendricks Chili Cook-Off is planned for February 23, 2013. Further details will be published next month when they are finalized.

# 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](http://bateshendricks.org).



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[www.facebook.com/bateshendricks](http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks)

## Monthly Calendar

- Jan 7** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Jan 9** Chicago Composers Orchestra 2013 Winter Concert, Garfield Park Conservatory, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, Free. The Chicago Composers Orchestra returns to the stunning Garfield Park Conservatory to create a musical experience amidst lush plant life.
- Jan 10** Fountain Square Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "The Passage" by Justin Cronin.
- Jan 14** Play Date Preschool Storytime, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am. Preschoolers and an adult are invited for stories, songs, fingerplays, and rhymes followed by playtime at the library.
- Jan 15** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational board games with their children.
- Jan 17** Homework Lounge, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm to 5:30pm. School-age children and teens are invited to use the library to work on their assignments.

