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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



# A Send-Off to Jim Mulholland, Community-Builder

by Angie Calvert

It is bittersweet to see our dear friend, neighbor, and colleague, Jim Mulholland, move on to help other neighborhoods build solid community foundations like ours in Bates-Hendricks. It is bitter to see him go, but sweet to know the diligent work he put into the neighborhood has left us capable of continuing what he started.



Jim started his work in the urban neighborhoods of Southeast Indianapolis over thirty years ago, with his dedication to Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood beginning when he and his family moved onto the 1200 block of Wright Street. Over the years, he has been a voice and inspiration for our residents and pushed for much-needed change in our neighborhood. Whether it was taking on the intricate system of bank and government involvement in abandoned housing or revitalizing one block at a time, Jim has met challenges with quiet determination and always a smile.

Throughout the years, he has helped plan and implement beautification projects and infrastructure assessments in ours and surrounding neighborhoods. As the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association President for many years, he fostered the formation of a strong group of unified residents ready to make our neighborhood a better place to live. We continue to use the tools Jim gathered and molded to our needs. Later, as Community-Builder at Southeast Neighborhood Development, Jim helped connect Bates-Hendricks to the broader Southeast area of Indianapolis by creating the Southeast Neighborhood Congress. Through the Congress, we are able to join with other Southeast residents to create positive change for our neighborhoods.

As a going away present to us, Jim ended his long run of community development in the Southeast by helping to create and implement the Southeast Leadership University. Jim gathered and paired over 40 current and prospective Southeast leaders for four workshops centered around learning community-building skills. Through the University, Jim helped us identify a new wave of folks who will continue on the work he started so long ago.

As the character of Bates-Hendricks continues changing, let us remember the core values of inclusion Jim has shown us through his work. Let us embrace our new neighbors and help longtime residents stay to enjoy the vibrant neighborhood ours has become. Let us continue to work together to seek and mentor new leadership. Let us build on our successes as a neighborhood by utilizing the strength of our neighbors. Let us lead with quiet determination and always a smile.

Thank you, Jim.

## Carolyn Riensche Retires

by Lydia Brasher

It is with some sadness that we acknowledge the retirement of Carolyn Riensche, manager of the Regions Bank at Madison and Terrace. Carolyn gave a local face to an important institution in our neighborhood. She attended association meetings, served on committees, and volunteered for many of our events. She will be sorely missed. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

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## Letter from the President

### Looking Ahead

Those that know me have probably heard me mention that I'm not the biggest fan of New Year's Resolutions. Personally, I think that if there's something that you want to change, why wait? However, the beginning of a new year can be a good opportunity to reflect on the previous year and think about things that we may want to accomplish in the coming year. These can be as simple as wanting to clean out a room in your house, to as aggressive as a remodel project. I like to spend much of my time thinking about some of the outdoor projects I'm going to work on next year. As always, I'm setting goals to keep the garden beds weeded all year (fingers crossed) and thinking about some of the new planting areas that I'm going to work on.



**BHNA President, John Winter**

What sort of items would you like to see happen in the neighborhood in 2014? One thing that I am really looking forward to is the renewal of East Street. Starting with the reconstruction of the East Street bridge (see article below), as well as repaving all the way down to Garfield Park. Included will be a new median and gateway just south of Morris Street that will welcome people into our great neighborhood. Along with the street improvement, we will continue to work on the remaining abandoned houses. It's exciting to think what a different feel that East Street will have in just a very short time!

– John Winter

## East Street Bridge to Be Replaced

Nathan Riggs from INDOT will be the featured speaker at January's neighborhood association meeting. He will be presenting details for the reconstruction of the East Street Bridge over I-70, which will be replaced in 2014. The construction will begin in the spring and will be worked one-half at a time. The project should be completed by the end of 2014.

## A BIG Thank You to Our Newsletter Carriers

We are sending a big thank you to all of our newsletter carriers! They go out each month in all types of weather to be sure our neighbors are connected. A special thanks to Samara Duff, who has delivered the newsletter on Alabama, Kennington, and Terrace (from Madison Avenue to East Street) for many years. She is moving and we wish her and her family all the best. Her husband, David, won in a couple of categories in last year's chili cook-off. This may give a chance to some new folks next year. We have secured carriers for Alabama and Terrace but need to find someone to deliver on Kennington. If you live on or near Kennington and are willing to deliver newsletters, please contact Lydia Brasher at [secretary@bateshendricks.org](mailto:secretary@bateshendricks.org).



## Post-Holiday Recycling Event, Saturday January 11

The City of Indianapolis' Office of Sustainability is partnering again this year with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful for the 8th Annual Post Holiday Recycling Event on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.



### The following materials are accepted for recycling:

- Live Holiday Trees: remove all lights, ornaments, and decorations, etc.
- Electronics: anything with a cord
- Cardboard
- White Molded Foam Packaging

### The Collection Sites:

- Broad Ripple Park - Main Entrance
- Ellenberger Park - Pool Parking Area
- Krannert Park - 605 S. High School Road
- Garfield Park - Arts Center Parking Area

## Don't Forget to Shovel Your Sidewalks This Winter

A friendly reminder to all neighborhood residents and business owners to shovel the walks in front of their property.

Yes, City ordinance does technically require that occupants clear the walks of snow and ice in front of their property, "so far as is practicable and reasonable". No, you're not likely to be cited and fined for not maintaining your walks, but it sure is a respectful, neighborly thing to do!

# 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 Kate Reinhardt, 1407 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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## Monthly Calendar

- Jan 6**     **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
  
- Jan 10 & 24**     Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
  
- Jan 11**     City of Indianapolis Post-Holiday Recycling event, 10:00am to 2:00pm. See page 3 for details.
  
- Jan 11**     eBook Tinker Station, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Patrons are invited to learn how to select and use eReaders, as well as search and download materials from the Library's extensive collection of eBooks, audiobooks, and digital music. Patrons can drop in anytime during this two-hour visit by the Library's traveling eBook Tinker Station, which is staffed by an eReader expert who can answer questions about the equipment and collection. The Station provides reliable and unbiased information about this growing technology. The Tinker Helpline is also available to call for answers to your questions at 275-4500.
  
- Jan 25**     One Book, Two Cities: Writing Your Family History, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. As part of the "One Book, Two Cities" shared reading campaign with Cologne, Germany, adults are invited to learn how to identify key people and moments in one's family history to write a story in the form of a series of vignettes. This memoir writing workshop will be conducted by The Indiana Writers Center.

