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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



IMPD Staffing Study Commission Report



The IMPD Staffing Study Commission has released a report listing ways to get the funding necessary to support the extra officers the department needs for better police coverage and response times. The report recommends raising the Public Safety Income Tax to 0.50% and to phase out the COIT Homestead Credit (NOTE: this is NOT the same as the Homestead Deduction), among other measures. Getting rid of the COIT Homestead Credit would cost about \$20-\$30 per year for residents in our area.

You can calculate what it would cost you to lose the Homestead Credit here:

<http://cms.indy.gov/HomesteadCreditCommission>

You can read the full IMPD Staffing Study Commission report here:

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Council/Committees/Documents/IMPD%20STAFFING%20STUDY/April%2028%20Meeting/Final%20Report.pdf>

This is only a recommendation and has not passed. Whether you are for or against these measures, be sure to let your City Councillor know so they can best represent you. Bates-Hendricks is in District 19, represented by Jeff Miller, miller4council@gmail.com. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to meet Jeff Miller, he has been very involved in helping to improve the Southeast and genuinely cares about the people in his district and their opinions. He's also almost always at our neighborhood association meetings.

Garfield Park Better Block

On Saturday, June 28 from 11:00am to 4:00pm, Shelby Street at Southern Avenue will undergo a transformation. This once vibrant commercial district will come alive again for the day through the support of residents, business, and neighborhood groups, including Garfield Park South Neighborhood Association, Garfield Neighbors Neighborhood Association, and Big Car. The event will feature:

- Pop-up business/booths joining existing business
- Improved transit stops and tree-lined streets
- Art galleries and outdoor dining
- Live music and entertainment
- Family-friendly events and activities



For more information about Better Block, visit betterblock.org. For more information about the Garfield Park South Neighborhood Association and the Garfield Neighbors Neighborhood Association, visit their Facebook pages. For more information about Big Car, visit bigcar.org.

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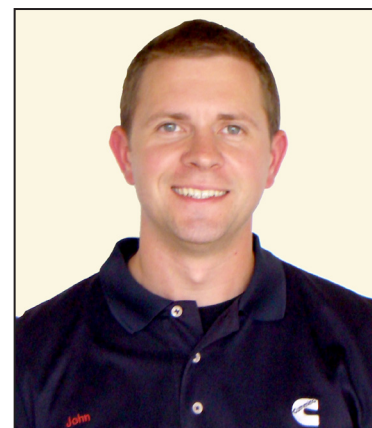


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Letter from the President

As the weather has finally started to get nicer out, there have been some concerns in the neighborhood with vandalism and break-ins.

There are many ways that we can tackle this issue, but I'd like to bring up a very simple one that I think gets overlooked: know your neighbors! Many times, I feel that there is a tendency to talk to one or two of our friends, then disregard the others on our own block. Even though they may drive a different car than you, have a different type of job than you, and regardless of whether they rent or own, they are your neighbors! Often, you will find that they are just as interested in having a nice neighborhood as you are.



BHNA President, John Winter

Related to this is what was presented at last month's neighborhood association meeting by Leah Weidner. The Prosecutor's office holds "Community Impact Panels" to put a face to crimes. Similarly, when someone does not associate themselves with their neighbor, there is little holding them back from stealing from them. However, when you develop a relationship with those around you, there is a natural instinct to look out for each other and certainly reduces the tendencies for less than desirable actions.

Of course there is no perfect solution, and there are always extenuating circumstances, but it's definitely worth a shot! So the next time that you're driving around the neighborhood, smile and wave at the people around you. If you happen to be walking around, say "hi" to your neighbors. You just might find out that you have more in common than you thought!

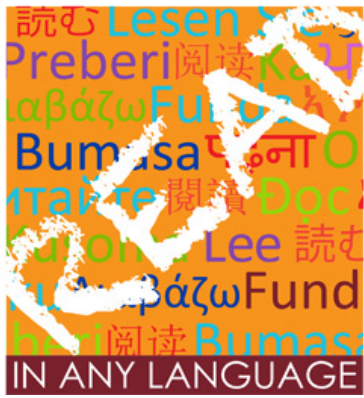
—John Winter

Baumann Park Celebration!



On Friday, June 20, we'll be kicking off at 5:00pm to celebrate the completion of Baumann Park at the Corner of Beecher & Singleton Streets. Come enjoy this party with your neighbors – everyone is welcome! Many of the funders that made the park possible, as well as volunteers that helped put the park together, will be there. Drinks and hot dogs will be available.

READ in Any Language



Children of all ages and families are invited to celebrate our local international community and experience the joy of reading during The Indianapolis Public Library's 2014 Summer Reading Program that runs from June 2 – July 25. "Think global and read local."

Young readers are challenged to race around the world, expand their boundaries, and go where they haven't gone before in moving beyond their own reading level. The more books read, the more points will be earned. Here are just a few of the prizes available: Tiny tattoos, Indiana Fever Pass, Little Caesars Crazy Bread coupon, Indy Parks Pool Pass, paperback books, Children's Museum Guild Haunted House Pass, and Indiana State Fair Admission.

A new component this year will involve a drawing for two \$529 scholarships good toward a college savings account. For more information and to register for the program, just go to your nearest IMCPL location or go to www.indypl.org. There will also be summer workshops for kids and teens. Adults are invited to participate in an Adult Summer Reading Program that showcases books from around the world.

Music in the Garden at Garfield Park Conservatory

These free concerts, sponsored by Friends of Garfield Park, feature musical performances at the Sunken Gardens/Conservatory located at 2505 Conservatory Drive. The beautiful backdrop features the nearly 100-year-old Sunken Garden Fountains.

- Thursday, June 5 at 7:00pm: Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra
- Saturday, September 13 at Noon & 9:30pm: Free But Not Cheap

Movies on the Lawn in Garfield Park

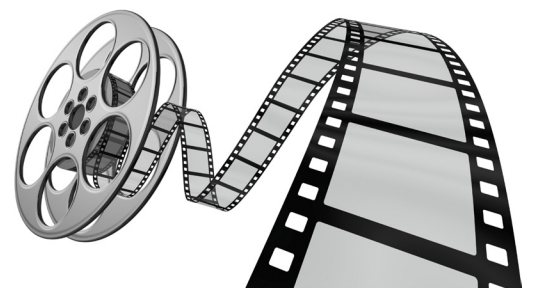
There will be free moving showings behind the Arts Center on the Lawn, one Saturday a month at 9:00pm or Dusk, May through August. The Arts Center is located at 2432 Conservatory Drive.

- May 31 Back to the Future (1985 - PG)
- June 28 Young Frankenstein (1974 - PG)
- July 26 The NeverEnding Story (1984 - PG)
- August 30 Labyrinth (1986 - PG)

Summer Showtime at Fountain Square Library

The Summer Showtime for Families will be Wednesdays at 1:00pm featuring:

- June 11 The Jungle Book (G)
- June 18 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G)
- June 25 Planes (PG)
- July 2 Despicable Me 2 (PG)
- July 9 Frozen (PG)
- July 16 Monsters University (G)
- July 23 LEGO Movie (PG)



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.



Like Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/bateshendricks

Newsletters Online

This newsletter and previous newsletters available online at bateshendricks.org/news

Monthly Calendar

- Jun 2** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Jun 6** Summer Teen Films: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13), Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Teens are invited to this showing.
- Jun 7** Many Cultures, Many Instruments, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Children of all ages and families are invited to enjoy a musical walk around the globe with Yurtfolk. Registration required.
- Jun 10, 17, & 24** Critter Chats, Fountain Square Library, 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Children of all ages and families are invited to meet animals face-to-face and spend time getting to know about them during this presentation by Animalia.
- Jun 12** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "The Sound and the Fury" by William Faulkner.
- Jun 13 & 27** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Jun 13** Summer Teen Films: Ender's Game (PG-13), Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Teens are invited to this show.
- Jun 17** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational games, including Wii Brain Academy, with their children.
- Jun 20** Summer Teen Films: Gravity (PG-13), Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Teens are invited to this showing.
- Jun 20** Duct Tape Tote Bag Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm. Children ages 8 and up are invited to create a tote bag out of duct tape during this workshop presented by Art With a Heart. Registration required.
- Jun 20** **Baumann Park Celebration, Baumann Park (corner of Beecher & Singleton Streets), 5:00pm. See page 2.**
- Jun 24** Indiana Pacers Summer Reading Tour, Fountain Square Library, 1:00pm. Children of all ages are invited to take a reading time-out with community helpers and leaders and read like a pro during this story time.
- Jun 27** Summer Teen Films: Iron Man 3 (PG-13), Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Teens are invited to this showing.
- Jun 28** Garfield Park Better Block Event, Shelby Street at Southern Avenue, 11:00am to 4:00pm. See page 1.

