

Letter from the President

As I wrap up my first two months as president, I continue to be amazed by our neighbors and the community we have created. From community dinners at the Lincoln Center to various committee meetings filled with suggestions from volunteers, I can't help but think about what lies ahead for Bates-Hendricks.

One hope I have for the neighborhood is that we can find a way to come together to celebrate our accomplishments as well as enjoy each other's company. This August, we are working to begin a new tradition that will accomplish this goal. To celebrate the neighborhood association's founding in 1996, we are hosting our 21st anniversary party with various members of our community.

This celebration is still in the planning stages, but we have coordinated with other neighborhoods that host similar events and are excited to see how a similar event can transform our neighborhood. While the ultimate goal will be to provide a safe and fun space for all neighbors to enjoy each other's company, I also believe in events with a cause and this celebration will serve as a fundraiser for our neighborhood projects.

If this is something that you would like to assist with, please let us know at events@bateshendricks.org. Until then, I look forward to seeing everyone at porch parties whenever Spring decides to stick around longer!

—Laura Tease



BHNA President, Laura Tease

Another Great Chili Cook-Off Last Month



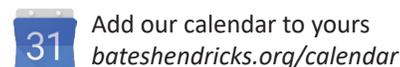
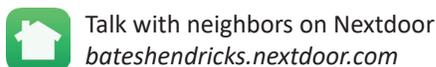
On Saturday, February 18, neighbors gathered for our annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser at The Bureau at the Hinge to socialize, win prizes, and, of course, eat chili. This year's winners were: Tyler Giffel – Best Vegetarian; Sara Hess – Best White; Susan Gaw – Best Red; and Wade Brant – People's Choice. Thank you to this year's judges: Karen E. Laine (2 Chicks & a Hammer), Doug Litsey (Calvin Fletcher's Coffee Co.), and Brandon Mott (Lincoln Lane Coffee Co.).

Thank you to everyone that came out to the cook-off to help support the neighborhood and to those who

helped plan and run the event! Finally, a big thank-you to our local sponsors: The Bureau at the Hinge, Fountain Square Brewing Co., Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers – Market Street, The Escape Room Indianapolis, La Margarita, Litterally Divine Chocolates, Mr. Tequila's Cantina & Grill, and Twenty Past Four and More.

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 Kilgore, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



Reduced Speed Limits in Bates-Hendricks



The neighborhood association is considering reducing the speed limit in some or all of the neighborhood. The current neighborhood-wide speed limit is 30 mph, whether marked as such or not.

Would you be in favor of reducing this speed limit to 25 mph for the entire neighborhood? Or would you rather see just the side streets reduced to 25 mph and leave the main thoroughfares of East Street, Shelby Street, Morris/Prospect Streets, and Pleasant Run Parkway at 30 mph? Are you interested in 20 mph speed limits for side streets?

Please give us your feedback by completing this super-short survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2PKNTG.

Upcoming

- Mar 4** 1st Saturday Cleanup, 9:00am to 11:00am. On the first Saturday of each month we spend a couple of hours maintaining our public spaces in the neighborhood, focusing on a different public space in the area each month. Specific details are announced at least a few days beforehand on the neighborhood calendar at bateshendricks.org/calendar. Come join us!
- Mar 6** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect Street.**
- Mar 6** East Street Quality of Life Meeting, 7:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect Street. Come help us shape the future of the East Street corridor in the neighborhood!
- Mar 23** Southeast Neighborhood Congress, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Southeast Community Services, 901 Shelby Street. The Southeast Neighborhood Congress is an important gathering of southeast Indianapolis neighborhoods to oversee and direct the Southeast Quality of Life Plan, a working plan to govern positive change in the southeast area. More info at southeastneighborhood.org.
- Mar 27** Reconnecting to Our Waterways – Pleasant Run Committee Meeting, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, 924 Shelby Street. ROW (reconnectingtoourwaterways.org) focuses on improving the areas around our waterways. ROW – Pleasant Run specifically focuses on the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more information, contact Kelly Brown at row@bateshendricks.org.
- Apr 1** Great Indy Cleanup, 9:00am to Noon throughout Bates-Hendricks. Working with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and the City of Indianapolis, we will be having a large cleanup in the neighborhood. We usually have several dumpsters and often a packer truck as well. More details to be forthcoming at bateshendricks.org/calendar.
- Apr 3** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect Street.**