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BATES-HENDRICKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

New Jersey Street Transformation Begins

On Saturday, May 12th, volunteers began the first phase of a fifteen month project to transform the 1400 and 1500 blocks of New Jersey Street. On that day, three houses – 1407, 1409 and 1411 – were all cleaned and prepared for rehabilitation. These houses will be the cornerstone of the Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) Fab For Less 2008 project.



Fab For Less is an annual event involving corporate sponsors, interior and exterior designers, and many volunteers in the transformation of urban homes. Last year, SEND transformed two homes on Pleasant Street. The event attracted over 1,000 people to that street and had city wide publicity. Mark Stewart, president of SEND, said, "That event generated interest in the whole block, leading to many other improvements."

Fab For Less 2008 will be the most ambitious project yet. It will involve much more than the three targeted homes. In addition,

SEND will be working to transform the whole block. This could include facelifts on many other homes, landscaping the esplanade, adding decorative lighting and picket fencing, and improvement to the streets and sidewalks. While this work has already begun, the celebration event is tentatively scheduled for late August of 2008.

Jim Mulholland, BHNA president, said, "We hope the transformation of these blocks in the middle of our neighborhood will become contagious, spreading from block to block."

Many volunteers will be needed over the next fifteen months. Thanks to Stephanie Leslie, Jay Allen, Roy and Rhonda Cunningham, Jim Mulholland and Pat Neylon for all their hard work on the 12th. If you'd like to help, please contact Jim Mulholland at 636-5096.

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Special points of interest:

- Information on Fab for Less
- Welcome to Robin Toole
- Elizabeth Ryan to Speak
- What's Happening in the Neighborhood
- Who is that handsome young man?

Another New Neighbor



In each newsletter, we hope to highlight a neighbor. This month, BHNA welcomes Robyn Toole to the neighborhood. Robyn, born and raised in Indianapolis, recently moved back to Indy from Chicago. In January, she bought 626 Orange. Robyn is a Purdue engineering grad working for a local firm.

When asked why she chose Bates Hendricks, Robyn replied, "I liked the proximity of the neighborhood to Downtown and Fountain Square, the historic nature of the neighborhood, and the ability to hop right on to the interstate and get to anywhere around Indianapolis in a flash. It was only after I bought my house that I discovered from my mother

that the house where her parents lived when she was born is on Lincoln Street, and her aunt Dolores lived on South New Jersey in the house right next to the Bates Hendricks home." We're glad Robyn has returned to her family roots!

Do you know a new neighbor to highlight?

Let us know and they can be in an upcoming issue.

From the President

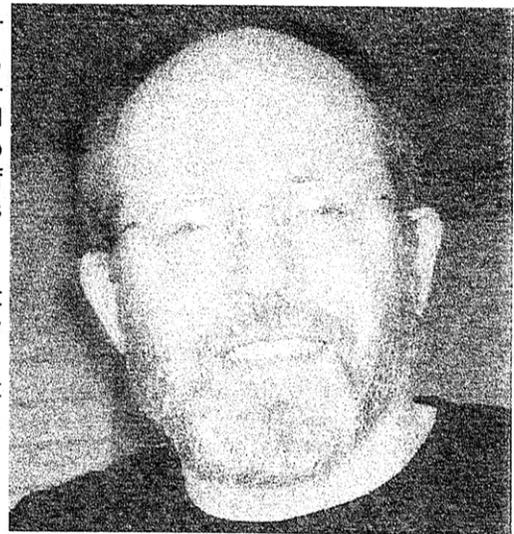
A friend asked me, "Why would you want to be the president of your neighborhood association?" It's a fair question. In the last six years, we've had five presidents. They were all good people who eventually found the task overwhelming. You don't get paid. You hear all the complaints. You're blamed for problems over which you have no control. You spend a lot of hours in other people's yards instead of your own. Why would anyone want to be the president of the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association?

For me, the answer is complicated. First, I've always believed that you are either part of the problem or you're part of the solution. By being president, I've agreed to be part of the solution. Second, I believe our neighborhood is on the tipping point. With a little thought and care, we can tip the momentum toward something very good. Finally, I really like my neighbors. I enjoy living next to you, talking over our fences, and watching out for each other.

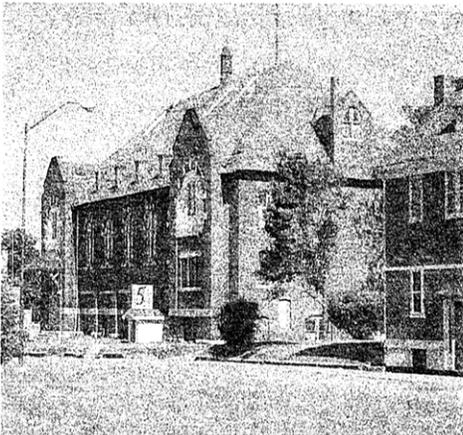
When my family moved to Indianapolis, we lived in the suburbs. Having been raised in a small, rural town, I didn't like the isolation I experienced in the suburbs. I didn't know my neighbors. When I moved to the center of the city, I discovered that urban neighborhoods were much more like the town of my childhood than the suburbs. I'm so glad I chose to live in Bates Hendricks.

We have many challenges in the year ahead. I'm certain there will be days when I regret agreeing to serve as president. My hope is that there will be an equal number of times when I'm proud of what we accomplish together.

Let's make Bates Hendricks the next great neighborhood!



The Southside German Athletic Club



A Look to the Past

Turnverein, Turnver, What?

Few know about a building of historical significance in our very own neighborhood. The Southside Turnverein at 306 Prospect Street was once home to a German society known as the Southside Turners. Turners clubs began as organizations to promote physical exercise and later expanded to become patriotic societies which focused on political and social issues of the time.

The Southside Turnverein building itself opened in 1900 with a gymnasium and meeting rooms. The building was also used for special events in the neighborhood including wedding receptions. The photo below was taken at one such function. If you look closely you may recognize the handsome young man in the center of the photo as John Scheible, a long time residence of Bates Hendricks.

The Turnverein housed the Southside Turners until 1975 when it was sold and became the Madison Avenue Athletic Club. The building now holds the 5th Quarter Lounge.



For more information on this history in our midst see:

<http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/special/gaco/coll/a91-49.html>

http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/Special/digpro/circle/exhibit4_1.html



John Scheible

Bates Hendricks Board of Directors

Questions about the Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association, want to volunteer, need help? Contact a board member and get involved.

Jim Mulholland, President 636-5096

Bob Kruse, Vice President 488-1234

Lydia Brasher, Secretary 636-0831

Emily Vanest, Treasurer 822-8107

Gail Brown 634-3676

Chris Dockery 319-4796

Katie Colon 464-0014

Mayor's Action Center 327-4622 -

To report pot holes, bad sidewalks, abandoned cars, and vacant homes.

June Meeting Highlights New Program

On Monday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m., Elizabeth Ryan of Making Connections will be speaking at the Association meeting. Making Connections is an Annie E. Casey Foundation program that funds small neighborhood groups (block clubs, churches, etc) willing to identify issues in their neighborhood and devise strategies to address these

issues. These "Study Groups" can receive up to \$3,000 for projects. The Wright Street Block Club has already begun this process. Elizabeth will explain how other groups can get involved. In addition, the meeting will include reports on the Fab For Less 2008 plans and the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful programs.

Tire Amnesty Day

June 9th

8a.m. to 4 p.m.

4001 East 21st Street

Help protect our neighborhood from a common pest, mosquitoes. Tires without rims harbor these insects. On Saturday, June 9th from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. you can bring up to ten tires to Mosquito Control for disposal at no charge.

Mosquito Control is located at 4001 East 21st Street. For more information call 221-7440.

The Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association will work 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.

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect St.



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best restaurants and the Circle*

June Calendar

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| <p>June 2 – Eleventh Annual Children's Art Contest: This Is My Mexico, 1:00pm at Fountain Square Library Branch, www.imcpl.org for more information.</p> <p>June 4 – Bates Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting, 6:30pm – Immanuel United Church of Christ.</p> <p>June 6 – Family Story time at Fountain Square, 5:15pm at Fountain Square Library Branch.</p> <p>June 5 – SUMO Board Meeting Tuesday, June 5th 5:30pm at Southeast Community Services, 901 Shelby 2nd floor. Open to the public.</p> <p>June 8 – Friday Night Swing Dance, 7:30pm lessons, 8:30-11:30pm, Fountain Square Theatre Building, www.fountainsquareindy.com for more information.</p> <p>June 8/9 – Italian Street Festival, Holy Rosary Church,</p> | <p>http://www.holyrosaryindy.org/events.html
for more information.</p> <p>June 9 Tire Amnesty 8a.m. to 4p.m. 4001 East 21st Street</p> <p>June 13 - Summer Showtime Films: Cars, 6:00pm at Fountain Square Library Branch (South), www.imcpl.org for more information.</p> <p>June 14 - IMPD Southeast District Task Force Meeting Thursday, June 14th 7:00pm at Southeast District Headquarters Community Room, 1150 Shelby Street. Get and share information about community policing efforts in your neighborhood.</p> <p>June 18 - Impromptu You: Acting 101 work shop With the Indiana Repertory Theatre, 1:00pm at Fountain Square Library Branch, www.imcpl.org for more information.</p> <p>June 19 - SUMO Community Policing Meeting Tuesday, June 19th 5:30pm at Southeast Community</p> | <p>Services, 901 Shelby. A meeting that includes representatives from IMPD, MCHD, the City of Indianapolis, the prosecutors office, the University of Indianapolis, and others.</p> <p>June 20 - Summer Showtime Films: Charlotte's Web, 6:00 pm at Fountain Square Library Branch, www.imcpl.org for more information.</p> <p>June 21 Bates-Hendricks Garden Club meeting 7:30 p.m. 1301 Wright Street</p> <p>June 22 – Friday Night Swing Dance, 7:30pm lessons, 8:30-11:30pm, Fountain Square Theatre Building, www.fountainsquareindy.com for more information.</p> <p>June 27 - Summer Showtime Films: Happy Feet, 6:00 pm at Fountain Square Library Branch, www.imcpl.org for more information.</p> |
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