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# Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



## Morris / Prospect Neighborhood Gateway

Our newest and most dramatic neighborhood marker is complete. A beautifully carved Bates-Hendricks sign is now prominent while driving west on Prospect Street into our neighborhood. It is flanked with the same Iris that are portrayed on the signage and a repetition of blue and yellow flowering plants present throughout this new gateway space. Limestone walls are also repeated to strengthen the composition.



Planning for this space was made possible last fall by the East Street Quality of Life Committee, chaired by Robyn Toole. Jim Mulholland was key in obtaining approval for the site from the State over the winter months. Site work was completed this spring by GreenApple Landscape Design, with a big thanks to Wagner Signs for their great work creating the centerpiece.

The committee has explored, and continues to explore, neighborhood signage at other key locations in the neighborhood, but obtaining permitting at these locations will be more difficult and time-consuming than the Morris/Prospect Gateway location.

## Reporting High Weeds & Grass

It's that time of year again when high weeds and grass can become an issue in our neighborhood, especially on abandoned properties. Bates-Hendricks is participating in a pilot program with the City of Indianapolis Code Enforcement and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful this year by reporting and tracking violations in our neighborhood. In order to report a property for high weeds and grass, it must be over 12 inches tall. If you are aware of a property that you believe should be reported, please send an e-mail to [weeds@bateshendricks.org](mailto:weeds@bateshendricks.org) with the address or location.

This can apply to houses, vacant properties, or intersections. Upon receipt of this information, we will have the property investigated and reported. If you have reported a property through the Mayor's Action Center and would like us to follow-up on the request, please send the tracking number. Our assistance in reporting these violations will help to ensure that these reports are responded to as quickly as possible. Help us to keep Bates-Hendricks beautiful!

## Weeds & Brush Clearing Work Day

Neighborhood residents will be gathering on Saturday, June 9 at 8:00am in the parking lot on Morris Street between Madison and East Streets to clear weeds and brush in the vicinity. Bring pruners and/or loppers if you have them, and also a pair of work gloves. Lunch and beverages will be provided!

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## Tire Amnesty Day



SECO (Southeast Community Organization) will be our neighborhood drop-off site for the Marion County Health Department's Tire Amnesty Day on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00am until 4:00pm. Any amount of tires can be dropped off at no charge at their facility at 1925 Fletcher Avenue.

Additionally, from now until June 9th, persons may drop off up to six tires (off rims) at the SECO offices between 8:00am and 5:00pm. Please do not drop off tires after hours.

## Trash Pickup Change for Some Residents

This affects the residents located at the following addresses:

- 814, 816, 817, 818, 819 Parkway Street.
- 1317, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1407, 1409, 1415, 1421, 1423 Wright Street.
- 824, 828 Cottage Street

You have likely already received a letter about this from DPW. Due to the equipment size and the difficulty in maneuvering large equipment through the alley, effective Tuesday, May 22, the City of Indianapolis will be changing the pick-up area for residential and heavy trash from the alley to the street (curb) for all of the addresses listed above.

Beginning Tuesday May 22, please place your residential trash at the curb in front of your home before 7:00am every Tuesday. It is very important that each resident complies with this request. In order to prevent collection issues, please make sure that your trash is not blocked by any vehicles. The heavy trash collection day for your area will remain the same. On the third Tuesday of the month, place heavy trash at the curb by 7:00am.

## Fourth Fest at Immanuel United Church

Fourth Fest is Immanuel United Church of Christ's annual neighborhood celebration on the 4th of July. The event will happen, rain or shine, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Wednesday, July 4. Weather permitting, the event will be in the green space on the west side of church. Free food will be served from 6:00pm to 8:30pm (or until it runs out) and will consist of hot dogs, coney sauce, beans, chips, desserts, and drinks. There will be fresh-popped popcorn as well. Bingo, corn hole, ladder ball, and a "bouncy house" for the kids are also on the program. There will be tents for shade, but each person should bring his or her own lawn chair or blanket for seating. Stay after the festival for a great place to watch the downtown fireworks in the north parking lot. If the weather is bad, everything will be set up in the fellowship hall in the southeast corner of the church. For updates, visit [www.immanuelunited.org](http://www.immanuelunited.org).

## Back to School Bash at Immanuel United Church

Immanuel United Church of Christ is holding a Back to School Bash on August 4. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited for a fun morning of activities. Weather permitting, the event will be in the green space west of the church starting at 10:00am. If it is raining, it will be held in the fellowship hall in the southeast corner of the church. Registration will be from 10:00am until 10:15am (limited to 150 kids). Supply-filled book bags will be distributed to registered kids at the end of the activity. Check [www.immanuelunited.org](http://www.immanuelunited.org) closer to the event for further details.

## Cinco de Mayo Plus One a Great Success



The Cinco de Mayo Plus One, or Mexican on the Median, celebration was a great success. The event was held to reintroduce the piano under the New Jersey Street gazebo. The piano emerged from its cocoon in fresh spring garb, painted an outrageous yellow-green with the ivories painted yellow and the black keys painted hot pink. Kermit the Frog would be proud. Neighbors from all over the south side came together and shared a wonderful picnic of Mexican food.

Interestingly, the piano in the garden under the gazebo has earned quite a reputation. The night before the party, the piano had just been unwrapped when a young man appeared with his girl. He played beautifully for her for over an hour. The sounds of it floated over the new May grass. It was the night of the huge moon. Neighbors walked by and some stopped and introduced themselves and got the scoop. Evidently, the piano in the garden is well known at a local college campus. In the young man's words, it is known as "the most romantic place in Indy to take your girl". Who would have thought 10 years ago that this neighborhood would be known by college students as one of the most romantic places in Indy. Bravo to all who contributed and continue to do so. And if you haven't come by to see the piano, treat yourself to a little romance. Who knows? There may be someone there playing something just for you.



# 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).

## Monthly Calendar



- June 3** Rainforest Carnivores, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$4. Learn about the carnivorous plants and animals that live in the tropics and meet some live specimens that live at the Conservatory. Registration required, 327-7580. Ages: 5-14.
- June 4** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- June 7** Music in the Garden, Garfield Park Sunken Garden, 7:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic to enjoy an evening of music in the Sunken Garden.
- June 7, 14, & 21** Nature Nuts, Garfield Park Conservatory, 11:00am to Noon, \$4. Join other proud nature nuts in learning more about animals and their natural habitats. Registration required, 327-7580. Ages: 3-10.
- June 9 & 10** Bonsai Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, during regular operating hours. Join the Indianapolis Bonsai Club as they showcase their unique bonsai specimens and answer your questions. Vendors will have plants and supplies available for sale. Special show admission: \$3 per person or \$8 per family (2 adults max.).
- June 12** eBook Tinker Station, Fountain Square Library, 10:00am to Noon. 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.
- June 16** Rose Show, Noon to 5:00pm, \$1. The Indianapolis Rose Society will present a display show of many different rose varieties. Society members will also be on hand, so bring your questions!
- June 18** Automaton Creation Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 11:00am. Create an automaton figure with moving parts, such as arms and legs, and decorate it in the style of author and illustrator Brian Selznick. Registration required. Ages 6-11.
- June 19** Pack 'n' Hike Snacking Gear, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Investigate recipes and snacks to take on a hike or picnic while making trail mix to take home. Registration required. Ages 6-12.
- June 20** Summer Showtime: The Muppets (PG), Fountain Square Library, 1:00pm.
- June 23 & 28** Conservatory Scavenger Hunt, Garfield Park Conservatory, 11:00am to 12:30pm, \$1. Stop by the front desk and pick up your family scavenger hunt to enjoy while you visit the Conservatory.
- June 26** Nature Crafts, Garfield Park, 2:00pm to 3:00pm, \$5. Use objects found in nature to create fun crafts. All supplies included, but you may bring your own natural trinkets too. Registration required, 327-7580. Ages: 5-14.
- June 30 to July 7** Backyard Butterflies, Garfield Park Conservatory, during regular operating hours. See a display of live native butterflies and see how to attract these beneficial creatures to your backyard. Special Show Admission: \$3 per person or \$8 per family (2 adults max.).