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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



# Bates-Hendricks Gets Two BlueIndy Stations



We live in a progressive neighborhood and now our neighbors have another option to help increase their quality of life: BlueIndy! If you're not familiar with the service, BlueIndy is Indianapolis' all-electric car sharing service that allows residents to drive an electric Bluecar 24/7, 365 days a year, to more than 80 locations (and growing) around the city for about 50% of the cost of owning and

driving their own car. They even have a station at the Indianapolis International Airport.

The two Bates-Hendricks Station locations were carefully thought out by many neighbors, businesses, community partners, and voted on by the entire neighborhood association so that they can best serve our area. One station is located on the corner of Sanders Street and East Street while the other is located on the corner of Lincoln Street and East Street. You can reserve your Bluecar and your destination parking spot before you even get to a station using the BlueIndy app!

Why would I want to use this service? Well, according to a 2015 AAA study, the average consumer spends about \$8,000 per year on owning a personal car. If you decide to give up a personal car and use BlueIndy, you'll never pay for gas, worry about car payments, insurance, or parking fees again. That could mean having a few extra thousand dollars for vacation, your kids' college savings, or to fix up your house!

So how do you get a Bluecar to drive? First, you have to sign up for a membership online—it's most easily done by downloading the smartphone app called "BlueIndy". There are multiple membership options and BlueIndy has even given our neighbors a special code to get a discount on a one-year membership. This promotional code will give new members 9 months of free membership fees + 2 hours of free drive time. **The promotional code is BHNA** and is applied during Step 4 of the sign-up process. If you don't have a smartphone, you can go to [www.blue-indy.com/offers/1-year](http://www.blue-indy.com/offers/1-year) to sign-up.

If you have any questions, you can email BlueIndy at [contact@blue-indy.com](mailto:contact@blue-indy.com).

## Help with the Abandoned Housing Survey

The Abandoned Housing Task Force will meet on Monday, August 1 at 6:00pm, before the neighborhood meeting, at Immanuel United Church of Christ (402 Prospect St). We are asking interested residents to gather to prepare for our annual street-by-street inventory, which attempts to count every vacant or abandoned house in Bates-Hendricks and prioritize the worst properties for action. For more information, or to volunteer, contact John Winter at 317-414-9108 or [housing@bateshendricks.org](mailto:housing@bateshendricks.org).



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## Letter from the President

Hi Neighbors,

I hope you and your family have been having a great summer so far! Though it's been hot and muggy out, it's been a pleasure seeing neighbors gathering on porches, out gardening, and just generally outside having a good time.

We have several fun construction projects happening right here in Bates-Hendricks too:

- Two Chicks and a Hammer, the hosts of HGTV's "Good Bones" continue to work on several houses, as well as many other developers. Look for their new season on TV later this year.
- BlueIndy is installing two stations that will serve our area, bringing in business, and allowing our residents to save their hard-earned money by not having to own a car (or second car) anymore.
- Indy All Night is going through a full renovation and their plans looks amazing! Their new building will be a great showcase to visitors and prospective homeowners alike in the neighborhood.

Overall, it's been a productive summer! This month, we will start our annual abandoned housing survey and I expect that the number of abandoned houses has gone down since last year. This study helps us identify challenging properties to the City, so that they can be cleaned up and hopefully sold. If you want to learn more about how you can help, email John Winter at [housing@bateshendricks.org](mailto:housing@bateshendricks.org) and he will get you all of the information you need – it's simple and makes for a great family walk around your block or area!

As always, feel free to contact me if you ever need to at [president@bateshendricks.org](mailto:president@bateshendricks.org). I'm happy to help you with anything neighborhood related and if I can't help, someone on the board will probably know who can.

–Lance Boehmer



**BHNA President, Lance Boehmer**

# Calendar Added to Neighborhood Website

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A Google calendar has been added to the upper-right-hand side of the News page on the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood website ([www.bateshendricks.org](http://www.bateshendricks.org)). The calendar, which can also be accessed directly at [www.bateshendricks.org/calendar](http://www.bateshendricks.org/calendar), lists monthly neighborhood meetings, events, and neighborhood projects. If you already use Google calendar, you can just add the Bates-Hendricks calendar to your own one to automatically get updates. The News page also features the current and past editions of the neighborhood newsletter and other useful downloads.

## Bates-Hendricks Represents at Indianapolis Indians Game



Bates-Hendricks made a good showing on Tuesday, July 19 at an Indianapolis Indians game at Victory field. About thirty people came to hang out and socialize with their neighbors on the lawn, fifteen of whom biked there. It was a pretty impressive bicycle caravan on the way to the game! Thanks to everyone that came out to represent our neighborhood!

# 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, 1425 S. East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at [bateshendricks.org](http://bateshendricks.org).



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## Newsletters Online

This newsletter and previous newsletters available online at [bateshendricks.org/news](http://bateshendricks.org/news)

## Monthly Calendar

- Aug 1** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Aug 2** National Night Out, a crime prevention event in Marion County designed to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood unity. If you have questions, contact Ann Westropp, IMPD Southeast District CrimeWatch Specialist, at 317-327-6365 or [Ann.Westropp@indy.gov](mailto:Ann.Westropp@indy.gov).
- Aug 6** Herbal Harvest, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:30am, \$5, ages: adult. Join the Herb Society of Central Indiana and learn all about harvesting, drying, and storing herbs. There will also be a demonstration on cooking with herbs. Registration required.
- Aug 6** Beekeeping Basics, Garfield Park Conservatory, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, Free, ages: adult. Meet the beekeeper and learn about bee biology and why they are important to our gardens and our world. Experience first-hand how honey is harvested and taste a sample. Registration encouraged.
- Aug 9** Jungle Tales, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$5, ages 2-5. This popular preschool program focuses on the rain forest and our local environment. Enjoy a nature-related story, activity, and craft. Registration required.
- Aug 12 & 26** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Aug 12 & 26** Friday Night Swing Dance, Fountain Square Theatre (1111 Prospect Street), with dance lesson: 7:30pm to 11:30pm (\$12), without dance lesson: 8:30pm to 11:30pm (\$10), all ages.
- Aug 13** Beautiful Butterflies, Garfield Park Conservatory Children's Garden, 11:00am to Noon, \$5, ages 3-12. Discover butterflies and caterpillars and make a cool craft. Registration required.
- Aug 16** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to come together to play old-fashioned board games, as well as Minecraft and Wii Big Brain Academy.
- Aug 18** Little Green Thumbs, Garfield Park Conservatory Children's Garden, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$5, ages 2-8. Bring your little gardener to get their hands dirty. Participants will have the opportunity to plant, care for, and harvest crops in the Garden. Registration required.
- Aug 19** Third Friday Music on the Plaza, Fountain Square Plaza, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. A free concert series featuring local bands on the third Friday of the month April through October. This month: Paul Holdman.

