# BATES-HENDRICKS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



#### **Cleanups Continue in Bates-Hendricks**



Esther Bulow and her daughters (foreground) prepare a planter for flowers while James Bulow (background) hauls away storm debris."

We had a successful Second Saturday Cleanup in July. We were able to remove two fallen trees from the Esplanade on Alabama Street. Neighbors also got the opportunity to plant daisies in the flower pots on the north end of the Esplanade.

This month, we will have our **Second Saturday Cleanup on August 12**. Meet us at 10:00am on the north end of S. New Jersey Street (near Terrace Avenue). Bring gloves, rakes, and yard tools.

If you can't make it on the 12th, we will also be hosting our second **Great Indy Cleanup of the year on Saturday, August 26 at 9:00am**. Meet us at Orange Park at 1271 S. East Street with gloves and trash pickers! Keep Indianapolis Beautiful will be providing trash bags and a garbage truck. We will be picking up trash and yard waste along Sanders Street, Orange

Street, Parkway Avenue, and Terrace Avenue. Follow our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bateshendricks) and/or neighborhood calendar (www.bateshendricks.org/calendar) for more information as the date approaches!

## **Letter from the President**

Neighbors! The Quality of Life Committee could use your help. There was a recent announcement from the City that there are additional funds available for residential street paving and alley repairs. In total, the new funding will be approximately \$30 million, with \$25 million for paving streets and \$5 million for fixing alleys over the next three years. The funding will be prioritized based on the streets and alleys most in need of repair. This is where you can help.

The Committee is aware that there are many blocks that need repaving and numerous alleys that need significant work, but our lists are dated and we need documentation of the streets and alleys that need repair. Would you be willing to take a few pictures and send an email to *QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org*? If your street or alleys are in need of repair, please take a picture and send a description to the Committee.



**BHNA President, James Bulow** 

This documentation of our streets and alleys in need of repair will allow the Committee to advocate with our City-County Councilors and DPW for repairs in Bates-Hendricks with specific information. Please help the Committee gather this essential information to let the City know where we need repairs. While a request does not guarantee repaving or repairs, the streets and alleys in need of repair are likely to linger if we do not ask. Help us make Bates-Hendricks a great neighborhood to walk, bike, and drive!

## Get to Know Your Neighbors at an August Neighbors Night!

Meet more neighbors and support a local Bates-Hendricks business at a Neighbors Night in August! Neighbors Nights are casual evenings where we encourage any and all neighbors to grab food or drink at a local establishment and mingle with others. Come at any time and stay as long as you would like! Look for a small sign and folks wearing name tags. Save the date for the following evenings:

- Friday, August 11 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at The Vault Indy (1542 S. East Street)
- Friday, August 25 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at 1718 House Bar (1718 S. East Street)

#### The Bates-Hendricks Street Fest is One Month Away!



Pull out those calendars and mark down Saturday, September 9 to join us for the 7th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest! Street Fest is the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association's annual fundraiser to support the association's mission as well as our two local schools, James A. Garfield IPS School #31 and SENSE Charter School.

The event takes place at the intersection of Lincoln Street and New Jersey Street and will go from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. The event is free to attend but we recommend making a \$5 donation or a physical donation of school/sanitation supplies.

The event is filled with fun for everyone with over 50 local vendors, 10 food and dessert options, two music stages, breweries, and a kids area! There's still time to get involved by becoming a family sponsor with a \$50 donation or by signing up to become a volunteer. Vendor registration closes on August 26, but will likely sell out in advance of that date. Visit *www.bateshendricks.org/streetfest* to learn more about the event and how you can get involved!

#### Neighbors Enjoying Esplanade Evenings on S. New Jersey Street



This summer, neighbors have gathered at the gazebo on S. New Jersey Street's beautiful esplanade garden for live music, enjoying acoustic sets, solo and duo groups, and other small shows.

Thank you to our performers for the awesome entertainment at the gazebo on New Jersey Street in June and July. Caid Ferguson, Erik Mudrak, John Schmitz, Lukas Smith, Joel Rockey, and Sandro Cagnin, you guys ROCK!

Thank you, Peggy Harger-Allen from the Indiana Daylily-Iris Society (IDIS) for bringing free Iris bulbs from your own garden for our neighbors.

The next Esplanade Evenings are scheduled for August 18 and September 22 at 6:30pm. If you or someone you know would like to perform for free at one of our next shows contact *sabrinalindsay@bateshendricks.org*.

#### **Get To Know Your Block Host**

**Who and Where?** Sabrina Lindsay (pictured at right) is one of the Block Hosts for the Southwest Region and the Block Hosts Committee Coordinator.

**How long have you lived in Bates-Hendricks?** I started a new job and was looking for a home closer to work. I was planning to rent but ended up buying my home in August 2020.

What's your favorite neighborhood event? It's a tie between Second Saturday Cleanups and Esplanade Evenings. I love Second Saturday Cleanups because I get to see



the fruit of my labor. Working as a team is a great way to bond and get to know the other people who live around me. I also love Esplanade Evenings because I've gotten to meet so many new neighbors and the music is awesome. Everyone can attend this event no matter their age.

As a Block Host, what are you hoping to do/change? I'm hoping to bring neighbors together. Meeting new people and connecting others is one of my favorite things to do. If we've met, it was probably because I said "Hi! I'm Sabrina! Where do you live?"

**Fun Fact:** I love gardening and pulling weeds! It's so rewarding and relaxing. Lemon squash is my favorite thing in my garden this summer.

Block Hosts are still needed for the Northwest and Southeast region. Want to be a block Host? Have questions? Reach out to Sabrina at blockhosts@bateshendricks.org.

## **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 James A. Garfield IPS School 31 at 307 Lincoln Street at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$10 for households and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at *bateshendricks.org*.



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## Upcoming

- Aug 7Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln<br/>Street). Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!
- Aug 10 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Aug 10 ROW Pleasant Run Meeting, 5:00pm, location varies. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more info, contact *ROW@bateshendricks.org*.
- Aug 12 2nd Saturday Cleanup, 10:00pm, location varies. This month, we'll meet at the north end of the S. New Jersey Esplanade (near Terrace Avenue). Bring gloves, rakes, and yard tools and join us! For more information, contact *Beautification@bateshendricks.org*.
- Aug 14 Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. For more information, contact *QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org*.
- Aug 15 Heavy Trash Pickup. More information at *www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup*.
- Aug 18 Esplanade Evenings, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, 1520 S. New Jersey Street (at the gazebo on the esplanade). This summer, join us at the gazebo on New Jersey Street's beautiful esplanade garden for live music. Come out for acoustic sets, solo and duo groups, and other small shows. Bring your coolest drinks + comfiest camping chairs to enjoy some community time and music outdoors. Contact Sabrina at *sabrinalindsay@bateshendricks.org* to reserve a spot to perform or with questions about the event.
- Aug 21 Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact *Events@bateshendricks.org* for more information.
- Aug 21 Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact *Marketing@bateshendricks.org* to join the meeting or for more information.
- Aug 22 Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, online. This committee considers zoning, development, and property issues in Bates-Hendricks with the goal of ensuring peaceful co-existence among residents and businesses. Contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org for more information.
- Aug 24 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Aug 25 Monthly Parent Meetup, 10:00am to Noon. Check *www.bateshendricks.org/parents* for the location. Join other downtown families for a monthly family-friendly event! All events are free unless noted in the event. Meetups are proudly hosted by the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association but open to all families regardless of residency. Email questions to *Parents@bateshendricks.org*.
- Aug 26 Great Indy Cleanup, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Orange Park, 1271 S. East Street. See Cleanups Continue article on page 1 for details.