

## Street Fest Planning is Under Way!



Planning for the 4th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest on August 1 is underway and we need your help! As you may know, this event runs smoothly thanks to our Events committee and our many volunteers. The Events committee is looking for additional members to help with planning and volunteers to help with day-of operations. During the COVID-19 closures, all meetings will be held online and links for our meetings can be found on our Facebook page or on our website. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up online at [bit.ly/2020StreetFestVolunteers](http://bit.ly/2020StreetFestVolunteers). Additionally, there are still vendor and

sponsorship opportunities available so please continue to share with others who might be interested. For more information, email Laura at [events@bateshendricks.org](mailto:events@bateshendricks.org).

## Letter from the President

### New Program Aims to Create a Neighborhood of Community Builders

As we in Bates-Hendricks continue our ongoing efforts to create that "traditional neighborhood feel" amongst our neighbors, community partners, visitors, and potential future neighbors, I'm proud to be able to briefly discuss this new, quickly-growing, initiative with all of you: the Bates-Hendricks Block Hosts (BHBH) program.

The Block Hosts program, led by our Block Host Coordinator Ashley Eason, aims to achieve three primary goals: build community, streamline communication, and keep our community safe. The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association board members are excited for the fresh ideas and perspectives that will hopefully result from this autonomous, neighbor-led effort.



**BHNHA President, Matt Nunley**

Block Hosts are required to serve two years in the role; however, other than hosting a minimum of two events on their block per year and meeting other minor expectations, the Block Host role was intentionally built to allow for creative freedom so each resident Block Host can encourage others to build closer relationships with nearby neighbors and/or find their ideal volunteer niche within Bates-Hendricks.

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This program is not meant to replace or be confused with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's existing "Adopt a Block" program, a beautification-focused effort in which many of our Bates-Hendricks neighbors currently choose to participate to improve their block. We envision our Block Hosts and KIB Block Captains working alongside one another in some aspects, but are ultimately two separate volunteer positions.

Whether you just moved into the neighborhood or have lived here for 40 years, everyone is welcome to participate! Now that the initial application wave has concluded, Block Host applications will be accepted on a rolling, first-come first-serve basis, so check our BHNA website today to learn more and help us out! ([bateshendricks.org/volunteer](http://bateshendricks.org/volunteer))

## SENSE Teachers Receive Funding from DonorsChoose

With physical schools and summer camps closed due to the pandemic, DonorsChoose sponsored a pilot project called Keep Kids Learning. Through this program, teachers were able to shop for urgent and essential items — from pre-approved items available on either Amazon.com or Walmart.com — to get their students what they need directly. Founded in 2000 by a high school teacher in the Bronx, DonorsChoose empowers public school teachers from across the country to request much-needed materials and experiences for their students. It allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom projects and was among the first civic crowdfunding platform of its kind.



SENSE teacher Sara Whittle with student Shannon Longworth and her donated guitar

Several teachers at SENSE Charter School applied to the Keep Kids Learning program and were awarded \$1,000 each to make purchases to support students and their families over the summer break. This included food and hygiene items to be distributed to families of SENSE to help support their well-being and help keep them fed. Additional projects included activity kits that were comprised of books, healthy snacks, and art and school supplies to keep them engaged and creative over the summer break.

The SENSE Charter music teacher, Sara Whittle, was able to purchase six guitars and instruction books through this program. These were given to students who had shown true promise in her music class, but did not have a guitar at home. These students will also receive Zoom lessons with Mrs. Whittle throughout the summer to further develop their guitar skills and receive continued exposure to varying genres of music. Students who received the guitars were truly excited about having their own guitar to keep, as many have not had the opportunity to play a guitar since mid-March due to the COVID-19 shutdown of the schools.

# 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 \$10 for households and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Matt Nunley, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at [bateshendricks.org](http://bateshendricks.org).



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## Upcoming

- Jul 2, 16, 30** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Jul 6** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, online/call-in. This will not be an in-person meeting to limit public gatherings. Please join us online or by phoning in to join the meeting. Check the Google Calendar ([bateshendricks.org/calendar](http://bateshendricks.org/calendar)) or the Facebook page ([facebook.com/bateshendricks.org](http://facebook.com/bateshendricks.org)) for the login information. The Association meets on the first Monday of every month except holidays (then it's the second Monday). Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!**
- Jul 9** 2nd Thursday Supper Club, 6:30pm. Join your neighbors for this get-together at a different location each month! Please RSVP by signing up on the events page, which can be found at [www.facebook.com/bateshendricks/events](http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks/events), or by emailing [Events@bateshendricks.org](mailto:Events@bateshendricks.org). This month's location: Greiner's SubShop, 2126 Shelby Street.
- Jul 13** Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. Contact [QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org](mailto:QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org) for meeting details or other information.
- Jul 15** Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, 1718 HouseBar, 1718 S. East Street. This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact [Events@bateshendricks.org](mailto:Events@bateshendricks.org) for more information.
- Jul 18** **Baumann Park Playground Ribbon-Cutting Celebration, Baumann Park, 1868 Singleton Street, Noon to 2:00pm. Join us as we celebrate our new playground at Baumann Park! We'll unveil the playground and our new sign to thank community partners who made this possible.**
- Jul 21** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at [www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx](http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx).
- Jul 27** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, 6:30pm, 924 Shelby Street. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For more info, contact [ROW@bateshendricks.org](mailto:ROW@bateshendricks.org).
- Jul 28** Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm. 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](mailto:LandUse@bateshendricks.org) for meeting details or other information.