

Join Us at the 6th Annual Street Fest on Saturday, September 17



This year's Street Fest will be on Saturday, September 17 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm and will once again have free food (and food for purchase), music, family-friendly activities, local vendors, and community groups gathering to celebrate our wonderful community!

The event is free to attend with a recommended \$5 donation per person or donation of school supplies, sanitation supplies, or personal hygiene items for our two neighborhood schools, James A. Garfield IPS School 31 and Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence (SENSE).

The official after-party of Street Fest will be hosted at Bowhaus Tap (1729 S. East Street) with karaoke starting at 9:00pm.

For more information, including ways you can help, visit www.bateshendricks.org/streetfest. We need neighbors to help prep the esplanade on Saturday, September 10 in advance of the event. See the last page of this newsletter for details.

Letter from the President

Hello neighbors! I am happy to share that we received a grant from the City of Indianapolis! Thanks to the hard work of neighbors Lois Quigley, Greg Allen, and Zach Schalk, along with support from the Bates-Hendricks Quality of Life Committee, Representative Justin Moed, and Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND), our neighborhood will receive the funds needed to install eight high-quality benches on the New Jersey esplanades!

The funds for the benches come from the City of Indianapolis Neighborhood Grants program. Our neighborhood was one of twenty-six organizations in Indianapolis to receive a portion of the nearly \$220,000 that will be distributed to the organizations. The purpose of the funds is to help our community grow and encourage neighbor engagement. We determined that new benches would be a great way of achieving those goals and the City agreed.

The benches will be placed at four locations, two benches per location, along the existing paths on the 1400 and 1500 blocks of South New Jersey Street. The benches will face each other as a way to encourage conversation between neighbors and friends walking along the paths. The benches will be low maintenance and are expected to last for many years.

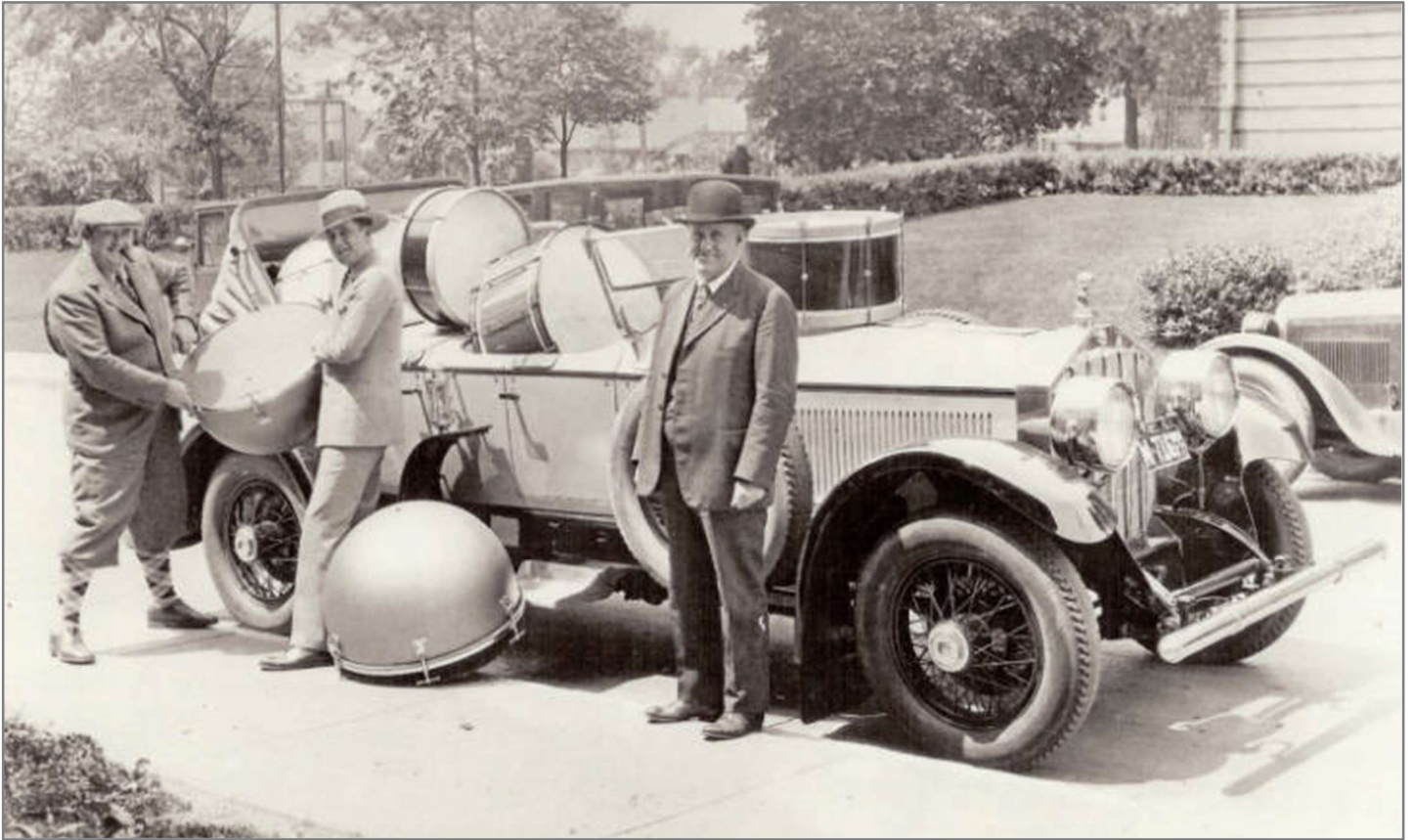
We are finalizing plans for the installation and look forward to the opportunity to work together as a community to install these new spots for community building and relationship growth. When the benches are in place, take some time to visit the esplanades and chat with some old friends and new acquaintances. They should be a lovely addition to New Jersey Street.

Please join me in thanking the neighbors and community partners that helped us achieve this success! Also, thank you to the City of Indianapolis for the opportunity and generous support of Bates-Hendricks!



BHNA President, James Bulow

New Indiana Historical Bureau Marker Installed at SENSE



Paul Samuel Whiteman, Harold "Hal" McDonald, and Ulysses Grant Leedy, circa 1927

A new Indiana state historical marker has been approved and installed at the corner of Palmer Street and Barth Avenue in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood. The Indiana Historical Bureau oversees the Indiana State Historical Marker Program.

This new marker recognizes the important contributions of Leedy Manufacturing Company, which made a variety of percussion instruments on the site from 1903 to 1929, including drums, tympani, xylophones, vibraphones, and sound-effect instruments for films. The Leedy product line expanded to over 900 items, all made at the Palmer Street factory.

The company was founded by Ulysses G. Leedy (1867 - 1931), a professional percussionist in the 1890's who played regularly at the Empire Theater (built in 1892) in downtown Indianapolis. Leedy recognized the need for percussion instrument improvements and fellow musicians encouraged him to start a business. The original factory opened in a room of the Cyclorama Building in downtown Indianapolis in 1895 and Leedy began making drum equipment with Sam Cooley (Leedy & Cooley) who he later bought out and became the sole owner. Within two years, Leedy was able to buy four lots and build his first factory building on the Palmer and Barth site.

Recognized for innovation, Leedy held over thirty patents, which included creating the vibraphone, still used in jazz bands today. If you listen carefully, you can hear the vibraphone in Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*. Purdue's famous Bass Drum, "World's Largest Bass Drum", which remains in use today, was built under commission at the Leedy factory (Palmer and Barth) in 1921.

Leedy sold his business in 1929 to C.G. Conn Manufacturing Company and the business moved to Conn Headquarters in Elkhart, Indiana. Ulysses G. Leedy is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, along with his wife Zoa Isabelle (Hachet) Leedy and other family members.

Special thanks to: Indiana Historical Bureau, researcher David Steele, and author Harry Cangan.

James A. Garfield IPS School 31 Updates by Adrienne Kuchik, Principal

The buzz of learning has been filling the halls since day one and we couldn't be more excited! Last year, James Garfield had the highest NWEA growth in Math and Reading out of all K-8 schools in our Learning Community. We also had the least amount of office referrals (27) and out-of-school suspensions (11) of all K-8 schools in IPS. James Garfield also exceeded our growth goal for Math ILEARN as determined in our state published school improvement plan.

We have several events coming up in September we would like to make families aware of. There is no school on September 5 and 6. September 14 will be our first PTA meeting from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. This is a great way to get involved in the school community. September 15 is Grandparents Day. We welcome Grandparents to have breakfast with us from 8:45am to 9:15am and then students in Kindergarten to 2nd grade will invite their grandparents to their classrooms for some fun and games until 10:30am.

If you're looking for a way to get involved with our building, volunteering is always a great way to do that. In order to volunteer, you must to go www.myips.org and click on "Get Involved" and then "Volunteer" to find an online application. Even if you just come for a few minutes a week to have a student read to you, your support is appreciated.

SENSE Charter School Explores Mask Design

SENSE Charter School's art teacher, Warren Beal, brought a lesson to the 5th grade classes by incorporating African Masks as an inspiration, while incorporating lessons on texture, symmetry, composition, and how different elements crafted together can create design by observing other artifacts closely. The projects also included fine motor development by hand constructing.

He led the activity by showing the students different African masks that were used to celebrate ceremonies. He stated that the project was not to just copy an African mask, but for children to be inspired to create their own original design of a mask for any purpose. The students created their unique masks by using recycled materials, paints, and cardboard. They are now on display in the school hallway for all to admire and be inspired.



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

- Sep 8,22 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Sep 8 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.
- Sep 10 2nd Saturday Cleanup,** 9:00am to 11:00am, S. New Jersey Street Esplanade (meet at north end at S. New Jersey Street and Terrace Avenue). Check in with Sabrina on the north end (S. New Jersey & Terrace). We will have orange juice and donuts. Some tools, trash bags, and gloves will be available for weeding and trash pickup, but feel free to bring your own as well. Come join us!
- Sep 12 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 Lincoln Street).** 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!
- Sep 12 Events Committee Meeting,** 7:30pm (after the regular neighborhood meeting), James A. Garfield IPS School 31 (307 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.
- Sep 17 Monthly Parent Meetup,** 9:30am to 11:30am. Check www.bateshendricks.org/parentmeetup 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.
- Sep 17 6th Annual Bates-Hendricks Street Fest, 3:00pm to 8:00pm, S. New Jersey Street & Lincoln Street.** See page 1 for details.
- Sep 19 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.
- Sep 20 Heavy Trash Pickup.** More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Sep 27 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.