

## Interstate Updates

There are a number of current happenings related to the I-65 and I-70 interstates that form the north and east boundaries of the neighborhood. A summary of each follows, and resources can be viewed and downloaded from our website at [bateshendricks.org/I65-70S](https://bateshendricks.org/I65-70S).

### I-65 SAFE Project

The I-65 SAFE project is an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) project that is doing bridge and road maintenance on I-65/70 to the east of the neighborhood, adding an additional lane and width at the Morris/Prospect overpass, and supposedly will be making some minor pedestrian improvements at the Morris/Prospect bridge in the form of widened sidewalks. They have not been very receptive to public feedback to date, but are proceeding with design and anticipate construction running from 2025 to 2027. More at [i65safetyandefficiency.com](https://i65safetyandefficiency.com).



### ProPEL Study

The ProPEL study is an INDOT exploration to reexamine what the interstates downtown could look like as the aging infrastructure is replaced, such as a recessed interstate with "caps" that reconnect neighborhoods. They are actively seeking input from the public before any design work takes place. The Morris/Prospect bridge was originally in their purview, but they have seemingly relinquished their authority, meaning the I-65 SAFE project will likely move forward despite public remonstrations and preclude major improvements for the Morris/Prospect bridge as part of ProPEL for at least the next 20 years. More at [propelindy.com](https://propelindy.com).



### Rethink I-65/70 Coalition

The Rethink 65/70 Coalition is a community organization that is getting their own grant funding and doing their own studies to show what is possible with our interstates. They are working with Bates-Hendricks and other affected neighborhoods to envision and advocate for major improvements to our neighborhoods that have been so adversely impacted by the interstates. More at [www.rethink65-70.org](https://www.rethink65-70.org).



### Interstate Lighting

You may have noticed the new, 100-foot light poles that have been erected along the interstates around us. A group of leaders from the surrounding neighborhoods is attempting to work with INDOT to see what can be done about the excessive light pollution that extends well beyond interstate property. We will also try to get updates on reestablishing the lighting under the Morris/Prospect overpass bridge that seems to perpetually be going out. If you have concerns about the lighting on INDOT property, one way or the other, please let us know at [Interstate@bateshendricks.org](mailto:Interstate@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 on the first Monday of even months at The Lincoln Center (516 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](http://bateshendricks.org).



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## Upcoming

**NO JANUARY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING.** Our next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 3 at the Lincoln Center at 516 Lincoln Street.

- Jan 9 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Jan 13 Quality of Life / Beautification Meeting,** 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, maintain our greenspaces, and other quality of life objectives. For more information, contact [QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org](mailto:QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org).
- Jan 14 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](mailto:LandUse@bateshendricks.org) for more information.
- Jan 20 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. **We really need volunteers to help with individual tasks for our 9th Annual Street Fest in 2025. Please email [Events@bateshendricks.org](mailto:Events@bateshendricks.org) if you can help!**
- Jan 20 Marketing Committee Meeting,** 6:30pm, online. This committee works to promote the neighborhood. Contact [Marketing@bateshendricks.org](mailto:Marketing@bateshendricks.org) to join the meeting or for more information.
- Jan 21 Heavy Trash Pickup.** More information at [www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup](http://www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup).
- Jan 23 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Jan 23 People for Pleasant Run Committee Meeting,** 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, 1029 Fletcher Avenue, Suite 100. The committee formerly known as the "Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) – Pleasant Run Waterway" has now rebranded and joined forces with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful to create the People for Pleasant Run Committee.

The collective focus is on the 6.9-mile-long biking and walking trail that runs through Ellenberger Park and Garfield Park, as well as the care and revitalization of the Pleasant Run Waterway. You are invited to help plan for the future of the trail, support community events, and organize waterway cleanups to ensure that this natural asset remains a safe, beautiful, and welcoming space for all.

If you have questions about this committee, email [People4pleasantrun@gmail.com](mailto:People4pleasantrun@gmail.com).