

That said, there's a lot going on right now. We had a new Board member, Genny Willman, join the Board at our last meeting and are super grateful to have her! We have a few additional open Board spots that we hope to fill soon. On Sunday, April 27 we had our second callout meeting for Street Fest planning and had almost 20 neighbors in attendance. Planning is going great and if you don't have Street Fest on your calendar yet, make sure you save the date for September 13. We also had a very successful Earth Day Clean up on April 12. Lastly, our next meeting will be June 2 and will be our annual cookout at Hendricks Park. We hope to see you there.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity to help continue the good work of making our neighborhood a great place to live! In my term, I hope to increase neighbor involvement, improve the commercial places we have to eat, drink, and gather on East Street, and have lots of different types of gatherings for folks of all ages to enjoy being in the community together.

Bates-Hendricks Board since 2017. I am the executive Director of Dathouse, a community-building non-profit right here in our community. Among other things, our main program is operating The Lincoln Center, a community center located at the corner of East and Lincoln that houses Lincoln Lane Coffee, Dat Laundry, The Loft Coworking space, and a number of community events. I am one of the founders of this organization and it has been my full time job to run BHNA President, Brandon Mott this space for nearly 10 years.

## Letter from the President

Happy Spring, neighbors! I hope you all are enjoying the warm weather and excited for the start of summer activities.

First of all, I want to introduce myself. If you weren't at our April neighborhood association meeting, I was elected to be the next President of our Neighborhood Association, replacing James Bulow whose term had ended. I'm Brandon Mott and I've been a resident of Bates-Hendricks since 2009. I've also served on the

IDEM only has the authority to regulate air quality, not odor and noise. Odor and noise issues would have to be addressed to our local officials. However, this Ingredion plant does have violations that IDEM is currently reviewing.

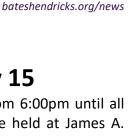
# Meeting Regarding Ingredion Plant to Be Held on May 15

IDEM has announced a public meeting for the Ingredion Operating Permit for May 15 from 6:00pm until all comments have been heard or until 9:00pm, whichever comes first. The meeting will be held at James A. Garfield IPS School 31 located at 307 Lincoln Street in Bates-Hendricks.

This will be an opportunity to ask about the air quality permit Ingredion is currently applying for and how they are addressing past violations. The Ingredion plant is located west of our neighborhood at 1515 South Drover Street.

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Thanks all! –Brandon



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## **East Street Earth Day Cleanup**

In celebration of Earth Day, neighbors and volunteers came together on Saturday, April 12 for a neighborhood cleanup along East Street in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood. The focus was on picking up litter, especially in areas that have become common dumping spots.

One of the day's highlights was the participation of Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, who joined in to help clean out sewer drains and spread mulch in our community garden. His hands-on support was a great boost to the effort and showed just how much can be accomplished when the community comes together.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved, East Street looks cleaner and more inviting. The community garden is also now ready for spring planting. This Earth Day event reminded us of the power of coming together to take pride in where we live and make a visible difference.

We're excited about the results and are looking forward to keeping this momentum going with future events! The next Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood cleanup will be May 31 at our East Gateway located near 830 E. Morris Street. We hope to see you there!



## **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*.



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# Upcoming

**NO** <u>MAY</u> **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING.** Our next meeting will be our annual pitch-in cookout on <u>June 2</u> at the shelter in Hendricks Park (1313 Madison Avenue, corner of Madison Avenue and Orange Street).

- May 1 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- May 12 Quality of Life 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*.
- May 13 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.
- May 15 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- May 17 Ringgold Park Cleanup, 10:00am to Noon, 1500 Ringgold Avenue. We will be weeding and mulching the garden beds. Each month, we spend a couple of hours maintaining our public spaces in the neighborhood, focusing on a different public space in the area. Specific details are announced on our calendar (*bateshendricks.org/calendar*) at least a few days beforehand. Come join us! For more information, contact *QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org*.
- May 20 Heavy Trash Pickup. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- May 22 People for Pleasant Run Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom or Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, 1029 Fletcher Avenue, Suite 100. The collective focus of this committee is on the 6.9-mile-long Pleasant Run biking and walking trail, as well as the care and revitalization of the Pleasant Run Waterway. 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. Email questions to *People4pleasantrun@gmail.com*. To participate in the meeting virtually, please refer to the Zoom link and other information on the neighborhood calendar at *www.bateshendricks.org/calendar*.
- May 29 Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.