

## Provide Feedback on the Interstates Around Bates-Hendricks

INDOT has been developing alternative options for the I-65/70 Interstate downtown loop under the ProPEL study. INDOT has released a draft version of the ProPEL report, and is seeking public feedback! Because the interstate encloses the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood to the north and east, it is critical that residents in our neighborhood are engaged with INDOT. You are encouraged to review the report and then submit your opinions, comments, and questions at <https://propelindy.com>. Your feedback will shape the interstates in downtown Indianapolis for decades to come!



## AES Indiana Rate Hike Update

Earlier this summer, AES Indiana proposed yet another rate hike that, if approved, would collect nearly \$200 million in additional revenue each year and raise the average residential customer's monthly bill by more than \$30 when paired with other already approved increases. Bates-Hendrick's neighbors joined AES Indiana customers from around the city to voice their opposition. Hundreds of angry AES Indiana customers attended field hearings across the city and nearly 7,000 written comments were submitted to state regulators.

While the rate hike request is still working its way through the regulatory process, your actions have already made an impact!

In September, Indiana's Office of Utility Consumer Counselor recommended that state regulators deny AES Indiana's proposed rate hike. Instead, the agency, which is charged with serving as an advocate for ratepayers in utility regulatory matters, proposed that the state require the utility to decrease rates and reduce its revenue collection by \$21 million annually. Citizens Action Coalition also submitted powerful testimony calling for regulators to deny the rate increase.

Thank you to all of our neighbors who have spoken up so far in this case! Here's what comes next: the rate case is scheduled to go to a full hearing before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on November 3 and a final order is not expected until spring of 2026. We will keep neighbors informed about relevant updates as the process continues.

## Letter from the President

Greetings Neighbors! I hope you're having a great start to fall despite the bonus summer weather that seems to keep lingering on and on...

A big, big "thank you" to everyone who volunteered, worked, had a booth at, or attended this year's Street Fest! It was another incredible year, even with the rain. We hope you were able to be there. Next year will be our *tenth* annual event and we're hoping to make it our best ever. We will have a debrief meeting on Monday, October 13 at 6:30pm to talk about this year's event and put some dates on the 2026 calendar to start prepping for next year.

Lastly, this month is a neighborhood meeting month so I hope you'll join us at The Lincoln Center on Monday, October 6 for a meal together, connect with neighbors, and learn about what's going on in the community. We've got a couple of presenters sharing some good work going on around town so you won't want to miss it! See you then.



BHNA President, Brandon Mott

# 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

- Oct 2 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Oct 6 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting,** 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. The Association meets on the first Monday of even months. Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!
- Oct 13 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](mailto:QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org).
- Oct 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.
- Oct 16 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Oct 21 Heavy Trash Pickup.** More information at [www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup](http://www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup).
- Oct 23 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](mailto: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](http://www.bateshendricks.org/calendar).
- Oct 25 Trunk or Treat,** 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Immanuel United Church Parking Lot, 402 Prospect Street. Enjoy a spooktacular evening of family fun with decorated car trunks, candy galore, and other treats. Wear your best costume and don't forget your candy bag.
- Oct 26 Ringgold Park Cleanup,** Noon, 1500 Ringgold Avenue. This month, we're planting new natives and doing cleanup and other maintenance at Ringgold Park. Tools will be provided. Follow updates on our calendar ([bateshendricks.org/calendar](http://bateshendricks.org/calendar)) in case of adverse weather or other unexpected changes. Contact [QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org](mailto:QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org) for more information. Come join us!
- Oct 30 Republic Recycling Pickup.** More info at [www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling](http://www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling).
- Oct 31 Halloween Trick-or-Treating,** 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Check for participating households at [www.nextdoor.com/treat\\_map](http://www.nextdoor.com/treat_map) & from neighbors' posts at [www.facebook.com/groups/bhneighbors](https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhneighbors).