

Letter from the President

Happy March Everyone! Insert some idiom about Lions and Lambs here.... However the saying goes, Spring is on the way and we're pumped!

As stated last month, we are gearing up for another fun year with lots of ways to be involved in our community in 2026. Speaking of, we announced at our February neighborhood meeting our "30 for 30" cards this year. Our neighborhood association was founded in 1996, which means we're officially 30 years old. We've got punch cards with 30 spots on them, so if you attend 30 different neighborhood meetings/events/cleanups this year there will be an epic prize! Check out our calendar at www.bateshendricks.org/calendar to see all the opportunities.

Even though it's still 6+ month away, we're already starting to looking ahead to our annual Street Fest! So if you're looking to help out with that again or for the first time, come to The Lincoln Center (516 Lincoln Street) at 4:00pm on March 15 for our first planning meeting of the year.

Our next neighborhood meeting isn't until Monday, April 6 at 6:30pm, but it's our annual meeting so make sure you add it to the calendar. We'll have to have enough people in attendance to have a quorum for voting on board members.

Okay, that's all I got. Stay warm with the little rays of false Spring sunshine we're getting!



BHNA President, Brandon Mott

Neighbors Share Seeds at 3rd Annual Seed Swap



The Bates-Hendricks Community Garden hosted its 3rd Annual Seed Swap on Saturday, February 14, bringing neighbors together at The Lincoln Center to share seeds, gardening knowledge, and excitement for the growing season ahead.

Gardeners of all experience levels traded vegetables and native plant seeds suited to Indiana's climate. During the event, the Trinket Club held a free trinket swap, creating a lively atmosphere filled with seeds, small treasures, and neighbors collaborating in creative ways.

We look forward to seeing the Bates-Hendricks Community Garden continue to grow. Join us for our Potato Planting on Sunday, March 15 from noon to 2:00pm.

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 MARCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING. Our next regular meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday, April 6 at the Lincoln Center at 516 Lincoln Street (northeast corner of East Street and Lincoln Street).

Mar 3 Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) pickup. More info at www.LRSrecycles.com.

Mar 9 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.

Mar 15 St. Patrick's Day Potato Planting, Noon to 2:00pm, Bates-Hendricks Community Garden, 302 Lincoln Street. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day the greenest way possible by planting potatoes! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to kick off the gardening season with this hands-on, festive event. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just curious to try something new, everyone is welcome. We'll provide seed potatoes, planting guidance, and plenty of good cheer.

Mar 15 Street Fest Planning Kickoff Meeting, 4:00pm to 5:00pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. This is our first planning meeting for this year's Street Fest, our neighborhood block party and fundraiser for the neighborhood and our two neighborhood schools. If you're interested in helping out with Street Fest again or for the first time, please join us. Questions? Want to get involved, but can't make it to this meeting? Email Events@bateshendricks.org.

Mar 17 Heavy Trash Pickup. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.

Mar 17 Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) pickup. More info at www.LRSrecycles.com.

Mar 17 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.

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