

Bates-Hendricks Annual Neighborhood Picnic a Rousing Success

A good time was had by 50 or more neighbors, many of whom were new faces. The pitch-in provided a wide variety of good eats, with Chef Brandon, our fearless leader, managing not to burn too many hot dogs and hamburgers. The conversations were lively among friends and neighbors. Can't wait for the next neighborhood event.



Letter from the President

Happy July Everyone! And Happy 250th to America!

A couple of repetitive reminders I keep saying so hopefully no one forgets. One, our neighborhood association was founded in 1996 which means we're officially 30 years old. We're doing our 30 for 30 this year and we've got punch cards with 30 spots on them, so if you attend 30 different neighborhood events this year there will be an epic prize! Two, Street Fest will be here before we know it and planning is going great! But it's not too late to help. Our next meeting is at The Lincoln Center at 4 pm on July 19th.

Lastly, we don't have a meeting this month but we'll be back in action in August on the 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Lincoln Center. Hope we see you there and hope you're having a fantastic summer.



BHNA President, Brandon Mott

AES Rate Increase July 1st

State regulators approved a \$70 million rate hike for AES. Average households will see a \$5 increase, effective July 1st, with an additional \$8.50 estimated increase January 1st.

Land Use Update

On June 15th the partnership of SEND and Bates-Hendricks broke ground on the East Street Flats project. The complex, located at East and Orange Street, is mixed use of apartments and businesses. The project time frame for completion is 18-24 months.

SEND plans to provide us updates every 45 days so we can stay informed regarding the building progress. The surveying and staking of the property are completed. You'll notice the fencing, signage, and installation of Port-o-let now stands in the space – progress afoot.

Next Up: Week of June 22, machinery began moving dirt and excavating for utilities. The **activity to take note** - the utility tie-ins will involve periodic closings of East and Orange Streets. Concrete foundations will be poured mid to late July.

Next Up

The Speedway gas station located at East and Prospect closed on June 28th. Although not officially announced, the employees informed Land Use that they received notice and will not be employed after the 28th. The Board is taking proactive action by partnering with Kristen Jones (our City-County Counsel Representative) in an effort to reduce creating an eyesore and unwanted activities. We've asked her to obtain approval to board up the windows, once completed we'd like to paint matching the building color, and perhaps an Iris or two painted on the new canvas. In addition, we've asked to have concrete barriers be placed in the entrance/exits in hope to improve safety for bikers and walkers by reducing an opportunity for cars to cut the corner from northbound East Street, eliminating potential accidents, as well as parked and abandoned vehicles. Hoping to get some local creative artists in the area to help create murals on the boarded-up windows and driveway barriers.

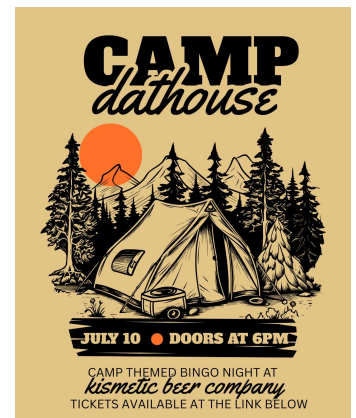
Land Use toured Hanza's new offices, under construction, located at Terrace and East Street. Hanza has reconciled outstanding permit requirements with the city. Barring any further issues, the plan is to open this Winter, and landscaping to follow in Spring '27. Plumbing and electrical are 50% complete at the time of this update. Large Planter boxes will close off the East Street entrance as they have their trucks hit by cars cutting the corner.

Camp Dathouse Fundraiser

Tickets are available for *Camp Dathouse Bingo Night Fundraiser*, July 10 at 6pm. The event will take place at Kismet Beer Company. The money raised provides funding for young leadership development and Dathouse community events. Bingo winners can receive *cool local prizes*, and available camp activities. In addition, there'll be great food and drinks available!

We are asking our community to come support and celebrate all that we are doing! Grab your tickets ASAP so vendors know our attendance numbers. Your support means the world to us! We hope to see you all at Camp Dathouse this year!

Go to Lincoln bio on Instagram to purchase tickets.



Detering Ground Hogs

Kristin Jones (City-County Council person) heard several issues while knocking on doors as she canvased Lincoln and Minnesota Streets. After talking with neighbors, one issue became apparent, destructive groundhogs. As a result, she has initiated a program for Bates-Hendricks residences. **If neighbors have any issues with groundhogs destroying property, etc., please send your issue directly to kristinljones17@gmail.com** Be sure to include **the address or intersection where there is a ground issue and she will forward it to the Marion County Health Department.** Please cc: your complaint to: news@bateshendricks.org We will track and monitor the frequency of ground hog issues within the neighborhood.

Kristin has worked with DPW to have additional 30 mph Speed Limit signs installed and No Parking from Here to Corner at Cottage and East. Now, if we can only get the speed limit lowered to 25 mph to match the speed limit between McCarthy and the 70 overpass. In addition, Kristin has requested DPW to provide two new trash cans be in installed along East Street. The city is requiring that the cans be the same as those currently in use along East and must be on the trash pickup route. DPW is scouring their warehouse for matching trash cans. The paving of Beecher Street and the intersection of Prospect and East is a result of a one road project a year request by the city/council person for their district (the state has taken this away next year due to abuse).

Bates-Hendricks is meeting with Kristin for coffee monthly. Please send suggestions you wish to be addressed to news@bateshendrick.org

Butterfly Garden

On the southside of Lincoln Lane Coffee, a Butterfly garden has been installed. It features Milk Weed (donated by Ben and Carina, New Jersey St neighbors) and a butterfly bush. We hope this new installment creates talking points for parents to educate their children, as well as, enjoying the Butterflies. Signage will be coming in the future to aid in education. The planter will be updated with new wood front facing. We are looking for donations of flowers which attract butterflies, such as Blazing Star, Bee Balm, Coneflowers and Aster, to name a few. Contact news@bateshendricks.org to offer donations of flowers.



We are looking for volunteers to help with watering the butterfly garden. Lincoln Lane does not have outside access for watering. This is not a problem during Lincoln Lane business hours, however after hours and on Sunday we cannot access the building. We have approval to use the outside spigot at 1529 East St in the driveway on the south side of the property which is next to the tattoo parlor. If interested please contact Clark Mathes via news@bateshendrick.org

The weeds and crab grass fronting the planter will be removed in the Fall, then replanted with clover for easy maintenance. An Eco-friendly weed killer (vinegar, salt and water) will be applied. A caution sign to STAY OF GRASS will be temporally installed.

Save the Date for Street Fest

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood is gearing up for the 10th-annual Street Fest, on Saturday, **September 12, from 3:00-8:00 PM**. Mark your calendars

Bates-Hendricks Street Fest attracts more than 1,000 attendees every year, located on Lincoln and New Jersey Streets. The event features local artists and musicians, community booths, kids play area, and food and drink vendors. Most activities will be free or low-cost to ensure the event is accessible and welcoming to all members of our community.

Savory and sweet food will be available to purchase from Bates Ice Cream Shop, Chill Zone, CJ Sweets, It's on & Poppin Popcorn, It's Those Egg Rolls, Mrs. Fe's Soulfood and Catering, RMY'S Soul and Comfort Food Mobile Kitchen and Catering, Sable Sweets, Sweet Treats by Rabiya, That Vegan Joint, Tropical Smoothies, and more. Beverages will be available from Ash and Elm Cider Co, Kismet Beer Company, Old School Tap, Shake Up, and more.

Street Fest is a community effort and the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association's largest annual fundraiser. This event would not be possible without a community of corporate and individual sponsors - and we need your help to make this year's event the best one yet!

Corporate sponsorships are available at a variety of levels and will receive promotional benefits and booth space at the event. This year we are offering four business sponsorship tiers — Iris Presenting Sponsor (\$1,000), Tulip Sponsor (\$500), Daisy Sponsor (\$300), and our brand-new Seedling Sponsor tier (\$100), designed for small businesses and solo entrepreneurs who want to show their community spirit at an accessible price point. Thank you to the local businesses who have already joined us as sponsors!

If you are a Bates-Hendricks neighbor or super-fan, who wants to help Street Fest come to life, please consider a sponsorship of \$50! Neighbor Sponsors will receive their individual or family's name chalked on the grounds of Street Fest. Your sponsorship makes this event possible and allows us to rent a stage, tables, chairs, portable bathrooms, and more. Thank you for supporting our neighborhood.

Sponsorship opportunities for both neighbors and local companies, as well as additional vendor slots, are available at bateshendricks.org/streetfest

Good Neighbors Doing Good Things

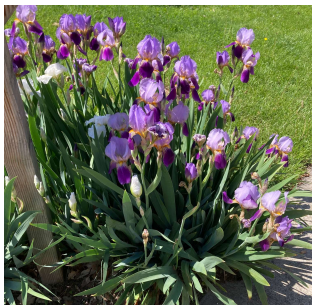
Please give a "shout out" to your good neighbors doing good things, submit your call out, including pictures, if you can, to news@bateshendricks.org Please note, when submitting name(s) and pictures, ensure you have the permission of the individual(s) with approval to be posted. We're hoping this can become a regular addition to our Newsletter.

Urban Times Newspaper Delivery Needs Your Help

John Winter who distributes the Urban Times needs our help. There are neighbors that currently don't receive the Urban times, as a result, there are several streets looking for volunteers to deliver the monthly publication. If you want to get some exercise, every month, this might be a great way to get a few extra steps. Delivering the papers, door-to-door, on your block (or close to your street), will be greatly appreciated. Contact news@bateshendricks.org if interested. Urban Times is also available at Lincoln Lane.

Open streets- East Street, Prospect, Ringgold, Minnesota, Terrace on the West side and Pleasant Run. If you can do either a full route of partial, it would be greatly appreciated.

Neighborhood Beautification Event August 10th



We are trying to spread the neighborhood symbol, the iris, to anyone who wants to plant some in their garden. In addition, you can help by splitting your own irises and donate by dropping them off at Lincoln Lane, or by joining us Saturday August 10th from 10:00 till noon as we dig up and split some of irises along East Street. We will then give out the irises at the 10th Annual Street Fest for anyone who wants to plant and enjoy this lovely flower in their garden.

Sign Up for the Newsletter

If you are a Bates-Hendricks neighbor, and want to find out the local scoop, sign up for the newsletter at bateshendricks.org/news then simply go to mailing list signup. Beginning this month, the newsletter will be posted at Lincoln Lane.

Neighbors Gallery

Did you know there is a neighborhood art gallery on New Jersey Street? It is really cool and highlights the artistic talents of our neighbors. The gallery is located on the Promenade at the north end of New Jersey Street. You can contact the gallery with ideas and art work contributions at savjart.com/neighbors-gallery

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 JULY MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING. The next regular meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday, August 3rd at the Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street (northeast corner of East Street and Lincoln Street). Don't forget food will be provided.

July Toddler Tuesday, meets the 2nd and 4th morning from 9-11 at Lincoln Lane Coffee for a casual caffeinated play date. Make new friends while the children play and also make new friends.

July Garden Nights, every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, May through October, Bates-Hendricks Community Garden, 302 Lincoln Street. Our community garden serves as a shared green space where neighbors come together to grow fresh food, cultivate beauty, and strengthen community connections. Whether you're an experienced gardener or planting your very first seed, there's a place for you here. our Instagram at [@Bateshendricks_communitygarden](https://www.instagram.com/Bateshendricks_communitygarden) for weekly updates or send us an email at It's a great opportunity to lend a hand, learn something new, and enjoy the garden together. Follow Beautification@bateshendricks.org.

July 07 Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) pickup. More info at www.LRSrecycles.com.

July 08 Neighborhood Newsletter Articles Due

July 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.

July 21 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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July 21 Heavy Trash Pickup. **You are allowed TWO heavy/bulky items per month, placed by your trash cart for collection.** More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.