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## Bates-Hendricks Newsletter



# Annual Neighborhood Cookout September 9

On Monday, September 9 at 6:30pm, the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association will host its monthly meeting at Hendricks Park at the corner of Madison Avenue and Sanders Street. The Association will provide hot dogs, drinks, and paper products. We are requesting you bring a side dish or dessert and a lawn chair. We understand someone will be bringing her best cheesecake. Just a reminder that the first Monday in September is the Labor Day Holiday so our meeting will be the following Monday. This is an opportunity to enjoy good food and to get to know your neighbors.

## IMPD Southeast District News

Information is power, and to be empowered with timely and relevant information that can help you to be an active and knowledgeable community member in our unified efforts to maintain and improve the quality life for our community, you can join IMPD at their monthly Task Force Meetings. These meetings are just one element of your front line communications network with your District Commander and the officers working in your IMPD Southeast District. The purpose of these meetings is to continue enhancing the two-way communication between residents, police officers, city agencies, and area businesses. The meetings take place at the IMPD Southeast District Headquarters at 1150 South Shelby Street and are open to all who wish to attend. The time for the meetings has been changed to 5:30pm. The dates for the rest of 2013 are: September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

## Museum Access Pass Program

For some Indiana families, entrance fees can render frequent visits to museums and cultural institutions inaccessible. But we don't want cost to bar families from the invaluable learning experiences cultural organizations provide. That's why the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, the NCAA Hall of Champions, the Indiana Historical Society, and the Terre Haute Children's Museum have dedicated themselves to making learning and fun more accessible to more Indiana families.

The ACCESS PASS allows families on one or more of the qualifying programs – TANF, Hoosier Healthwise, and/or HoosierWorks/Food Stamps – to gain admission to the participating venues for just one dollar per family member per visit. To qualify for the Access Pass, families and individuals must provide a current state-issued recertification letter indicating the benefits they are receiving and the benefit redetermination date and an Indiana state-issued photo ID. Potential participants must visit the box office at one of the Access Pass venues with BOTH the letter and the ID to enroll.

To receive the discount, children must be escorted by a parent or guardian enrolled in the Access Pass program. Only family members living in the home are covered under the Access Pass program. To find out more about the Access Pass, contact Anthony Bridgeman at [anthonyb@childrensmuseum.org](mailto:anthonyb@childrensmuseum.org), call (317) 334-3322, or visit: [www.childrensmuseum.org/access-pass](http://www.childrensmuseum.org/access-pass)

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## Letter from the President

### The Bates-Hendricks Float Rolls into Action

Last weekend, I had my first opportunity to attend the Miracle Mile Parade and Festival and I was pleasantly surprised. There was a good-sized festival area with lots of information booths (Bates-Hendricks made an appearance), activities for kids, booths to purchase crafts, and some pretty good food. Fortunately for those who attended on this very warm day, there was even Italian ice! The parade was pretty well attended, although I don't think that many of us really internalized that the "Miracle Mile" parade was actually a mile! Regardless, the Bates-Hendricks float made it's way through the parade with Greg Allen at the helm with lots of neighbors passing out purple beads to show support for Bates-Hendricks. There are some pretty amazing pictures on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bateshendricks](http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks)) that show the fun time that we had. If you weren't able to make it to the festival this year, you should certainly consider it next year.



**BHNA President, John Winter**

For those who don't want to wait a whole year to see Bates-Hendricks in action, coming up in just 2 weeks is the Art Squared festival on September 21st. Being an engineer (and a bit of a nerd), I think that it's funny that it's called Art Squared rather than Art Cubed because this is a 3-pronged art fest! First, there's Masterpiece in a day, which I really enjoy watching, probably because I can't create art myself. Secondly, there is an art festival with many booths. This usually has a real good turnout, even larger than what we saw at the Miracle Mile fest. Finally, for those who have now seen the Miracle Mile Parade pictures and are regretting not being able to be part of the fun, you have the chance to be part of the Art Parade! Once again, Greg Allen will show us his amazing piano skills as we cruise through Fountain Square with the amazing float that was initially shown just 3 weeks earlier. Fortunately, this parade route will be much shorter and hopefully the weather will be a bit nicer.

I hope to have a chance to see everyone out at the festival or at the parade. It would be a shame not to enjoy such an amazing event at our doorstep! --John Winter

# The Magic of South New Jersey Street

by Greg Allen

Today I am thinking how lucky I am to have experienced the transformation of South New Jersey Street. I know to some this is old news. The SEND and KIB project called Fab for Less on South New Jersey took place five years ago in 2008. I was an early detractor. I just did not believe that it could or would happen. Why this obscure street in the middle of a forgotten, cut off, discarded part of town was the chosen sight for the 2008 Fab for Less Project was beyond even my dreams.

They named me landscape chairman. I laughed to myself thinking they will want to plant 12 trees and call it a makeover. But they asked for a plan. And somehow I believe that something divine led me to a talented, largely untried landscape artist named Allen Janke, who was a neighbor. He attacked the project as if it were in Columbus, Indiana and he had been given a great commission. I presented and fought for his masterpiece. It created a great conflict on the committee, between the great dream and the expected plan for 12 trees. However, I knew it was incredible and would not accept rejection in spite of the fact that in my wildest dreams it had no potential for being accepted. It would require a monumental effort and, as transformative as KIB has always been, it was beyond even their perceived ability.



The plan included over 500 trees, bushes, and plants, along with hundreds of feet of path. And it had to be done in 30 days. Then, the unexpected happened. The funder approved it all, every last bush and tree and flower. It was an impossible task. And then the magic happened. People from all over the neighborhood showed up to dig the paths and plant the trees. They were old and young. They were from fraternities and the Manual High school Football team. To every one of us, the plan was beyond what we thought we could do alone but together we made it happen. It was so incredible that even Keep America Beautiful said "This is the best project of the year for the nation!"

This week, a friend from Fountain Square has reminded me of the magic of South New Jersey Street. I am ashamed to say that I had forgotten. I had taken it for granted. The greatness of the magic lies in the power of neighbors pulling together. Bates-Hendricks knows that power. This neighborhood has shown it over and over.



On Saturday, August 31, we celebrated that magic by telling all of Indianapolis how great Bates-Hendricks is in the Miracle Mile Parade. We have a float built by neighbors and we walked together to say in our unity, "We have not forgotten the Magic of South New Jersey Street" and what it represents. I hope you will join us and the float in the Art Squared Parade on September 21 and in doing so say "I believe in magic."

◀ The Bates-Hendricks Float at the 2013 Miracle Mile Parade

# 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 monthly on the first Monday of the month at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Kate Reinhardt, 1407 S. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at [bateshendricks.org](http://bateshendricks.org).



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## Monthly Calendar

- Sep 9** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Pitch-In Cookout, 6:30pm, Hendricks Park (Madison Avenue & Sanders Street).**
- Sep 12** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is “The Worst Hard Time: the Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl” by Timothy Egan.
- Sep 13 & 27** Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Sep 14** Block Party, Horizon Christian Fellowship Church, 1001 E. Palmer Street, 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Free burgers and brats, bounce house, face painting, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, clothing, and raffle.
- Sep 17** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational board games with their children.
- Sep 21** Art Squared, Fountain Square, 12:00pm to 6:00pm, Free. Enjoy Masterpiece in a Day, the Fountain Square Art Parade, and the Fountain Square Art Fair.
- Sep 21** Celebrate German Culture: Albert Hien, Neon Artist, Fountain Square Library, 3:00pm. Children ages 5 and up and families are invited to discuss the use of neon in art in the style of artist Albert Hien and create their own neon-type sculpture using glow sticks. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.
- Sep 27 & 28** The Tempest, MacAllister Amphitheater, Garfield Park, 7:00pm, Free. Performed by the Garfield Shakespeare Company.

