Bates-Hendricks Holiday Pitch-In

Join us on December 2 for our holiday pitch-in at 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church of Christ on the corner of East and Prospect Streets. This is a time for us to enjoy visiting with our neighbors and to celebrate having just finished three days of cleaning up and fixing up our neighborhood. The Neighborhood Association will provide ham, buns, condiments, lemonade, and paper products. Most of us are looking forward to all of the wonderful dishes everyone will be bringing. We will once again be enjoying the Technicians from Tech High School. Hope to see you there!



Good Neighbor Weekend Beautifies Neighborhood

Bates-Hendricks residents partnered up with volunteers from Northview Church on November 2 and 3 to work on several beautification projects. Rather than holding church that weekend, their members go to volunteer projects all around the area. We were lucky to get about 350 volunteers over the two days! Below is a compilation of many of the projects that were completed as part of the cleanup and beautification efforts:

1032/1040 East Street LandscapingInstalled new landscaping bed including six trees and many grasses.





Orange & East Street Landscaping Added new landscaping bed including three trees.



South New Jersey Street EsplanadeThe esplanade was weeded and trimmed.



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Letter from the President

First Impressions of a Neighborhood

Something that I have noticed about visiting or moving to a new area is that the history of an area can easily be masked. Of course, I love the history of how our neighborhood formed, but I'm referring to more recent negative history. The previous 10-15 years have been plagued with crime, abandoned housing, and general neglect.

However, someone coming into the neighborhood now would only see a shadow of many of these challenges. Someone driving down East Street



BHNA President, John Winter

will see a much different neighborhood than just a few years ago. The Parole Center, Strip Club, and drug houses are gone. East Street Flats are up, there is landscaping, a freshly-painted church, and Baumann Park is taking shape just off of this main stretch. The fun thing is that this is how people will now perceive the neighborhood. As they spend more time in the neighborhood, they will find a neighborhood that is consistently improving, with amazing neighbors that know each other and enjoy spending time with each other.

I encourage everyone to continue the work that has created the neighborhood that we now live in and to continue the welcoming culture that we have been developing over these past few years. Through this, we will create a truly amazing neighborhood that is welcoming to all.

- John Winter

Good Neighbor Weekend

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Baumann Park

Installed and stained play set, installed two benches, built two picnic tables, and put in landscaping and mulch.



Morris / Prospect Slopes

Dead junipers were replaced, the entire planting area was weeded, and brush was removed, including many large stumps.



Europlastering Landscaping

Both the East Street side and Alley side were weeded.



Litter Pickup on East Street

Litter and weeds were removed along East Street.

614-638 Prospect

Pulled weeds and re-mulched.

Sanders-Morris Walkway

There was a big change in this corridor! A 30-yard dumpster was filled with brush and trash from this



area. The sidewalk was edged, expanding the usable area by a foot in some places.

East Street Church of Christ

The church was scraped, primed, and painted.
Landscaping was trimmed and weeded



and brush was removed along the south border of the parking lot.

School 31 Garden

The fence was fixed, the entire garden was remulched, and the rain gardens were replanted and mulched.



The other thing that can't be quantified here is the other neighbors that were out working on their homes and properties that have been inspired due to these amazing projects. Keep up the great work!

Thank you to SEND for tools, Sarah McAfee with School 31, Kate Voss with SENSE, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Paint the Town, Sherwin Williams for paint, Republic for dumpsters, South of Chicago Pizza, and B's Po Boys. So many people and groups made this amazing weekend possible!

See more photos on the Bates-Hendricks Facebook page at facebook.com/bateshendricks

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*.



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Monthly Calendar

- Nov 29- Conservatory Crossing, Garfield Park Conservatory, Monday to Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday from 1:00pm to 5pm, \$3 per person or \$8 per family (max. 2 adults). See the Conservatory decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias and enjoy running model trains, a train village, and thousands of twinkling lights.
- Dec 2 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Pitch-In, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ. Bring a side dish or dessert!
- Dec 6 Holiday Origami Workshop, Fountain Square Library, 4:00pm.
 Children ages 9 and up are invited to get folding during this program
 presented by Art With a Heart. They'll learn basic folds and create their own holiday masterpieces.
 Registration required.
- Dec 7 Breakfast with Santa, 4107 E. Washington Street, 8:30am to 10:30am, Free. IMPD Southeast District, along with Shepherd Community Center & SECO, invite you to join.
- **Dec 12** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to this monthly book discussion program. The book to be discussed is "After This" by Alice McDermott.
- Dec 13 Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- Dec 14 Christmas at Garfield, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Free. Meet Santa and see Conservatory Crossing. You can also visit the Arts Center to make toys with Santa's elves and head to the Burrello Family Center where Mrs. Claus will have some tasty treats. All activities are free. Bring your own camera to take photos with Santa.
- **Dec 14** Manual High School Holiday Concert, 1:00pm.
- **Dec 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.
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas!
- Jan 1 Happy New Year's Day!

