Public Allies at June 1 Neighborhood Meeting

Sharon Young with Public Allies will be our guest speaker at our next Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting on June 1 at 6:30pm at Immanuel United Church (corner of East Street and Prospect Street).



Public Allies Indianapolis offers the nationallyrecognized Public Allies AmeriCorps Apprenticeship

program. This 10-month apprenticeship program combines full-time AmeriCorps service at a local community-based organization with intensive personal and professional development. They show young leaders how to turn their passions, unique skills, experiences, and commitment to making a difference in their community into a viable career path by offering "real world" experience in a supportive learning environment. More info at www.apply.publicallies.org.

Uniforms Needed for IPS School #31

School #31 is always in need of uniforms for their students, who range from kindergarten through 8th grade. This includes the Phoenix Academy for students with behavioral problems and who have difficulty succeeding in the regular classroom. Uniforms are black, navy, or khaki pants and navy, black, white, red, or light blue polo shirts. Sizes needed vary from child's size 5 to adult XL for both boys and girls. In addition, belts of any size are always needed as each child in 2nd through 8th grade must be wearing a belt.



If you have gently-used clothing that fits into these categories, please consider donating them to School #31. During the summer, when school is closed, you might be able to take the clothing to Immanuel United Church. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Summer Reading Program at Your Public Library

Your Indianapolis Marion County Public Library will be conducting a Summer Reading Program starting June 1 through July 25, 2015. This year's theme is "BEATZ & BOOKZ". You can read books and earn points that can be exchanged for prizes. Some of the prizes include Zots Fizz, Marion County Fair Family Fun Pass, Indiana Fever Pass, Children or Teen paperback books, Children's Museum Guild Haunted House Pass, and many others.



For more information about how to sign up, rules, and prizes, visit your nearest public library or go to www.indypl.org.

There will also be several workshops for children this summer. Please see your local branch for the subjects and dates.



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2015 NUSA Conference by Greg Allen

On Wednesday, May 20 Neighborhoods USA, a convention that celebrates neighborhoods, civic and governmental leadership, and inspirational ideas that contribute to better urban living, opened in Houston, Texas. Two days of teaching seminars featuring America's finest civic leaders was augmented by dozens of awards for the best projects and execution of innovative ideas for better urban living.



This conference is not just for government employees but also for everyday neighbors that are driven to make their neighborhoods better than they are now. This is a place where we study the best paths forward for our children, seniors, families, and local businesses. We share the best of the best ideas that can make that happen.

Each year it is hosted by a different city. Next year, Memphis Tennessee is the host city. The highlight for me this year was the neighborhood tour of Houston Heights Historic District. The graciousness of our hosts, the innovative ideas, the stunning homes, and the proud heritage of this elegant historic neighborhood made the whole trip worth it. Their continuing story is that being a fine neighborhood isn't something that is easy or accidental. One of our speakers, Rev. Caldwell, reminded us that our lives needed to be focused with a "vision" and we needed to eschew those among us who kept looking back focusing on "division". This neighborhood shared the beauty of their ongoing forward-leaning "vision".

If you don't plan to take the time to go to Memphis next Memorial Day weekend to hear the exciting things that are happening all over our country, it will be your loss. Why not live an inspired life? I am convinced experiences like this keep our eyes on the prize – and the prize is an amazingly positive life surrounded by great friends and neighbors. If you have questions about NUSA or you want to participate next year, call me at 697-7375.

Summer Showtime at Fountain Square Library

Fountain Square Library is showing four movies at 1:00pm on Wednesdays in the month of June for free:

June 3 Maleficent (PG)

• June 17 Dolphin Tale 2 (PG)

June 10 Planes: Fire & Rescue (PG)

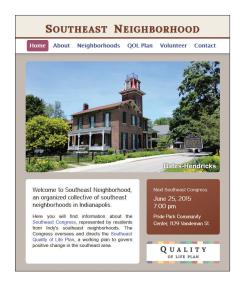
• June 24 Big Hero 6 (PG)

New Southeast Neighborhood Website

Southeast Neighborhood has a new website at *southeastneighborhood.org*. The site features info about the Southeast Congress, the Southeast Quality of Life Plan, southeast neighborhoods, and contact information for task forces and the Community-Building Team.

Southeast Neighborhood is an organized collective of southeast neighborhoods in Indianapolis that run and maintain the Southeast Congress and the Southeast Quality of Life Plan to direct positive change for Indy's southeast neighborhoods.

The next Southeast Congress is June 25 at 7:00pm at Pride Park Community Center. Come be a part of your greater community! All are welcome!



Southeast Community Services Summer Camp for Teens

Southeast Community Services Youth Center is hosting a summer camp for kids ages 11 to 17 from June 15 to July 24 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The camp costs \$30 and includes breakfast and lunch. Highlights of the program are: gardening and painting; campus visit to Franklin College; 4H robotics; duckpin bowling; swimming; day hike; gift card incentive for completing the program.

If you are interested, contact Tiffany Boyd, Youth Program Coordinator at Southeast Community Services, at 236-7400 ext. 200. Spots in the program are available on a first-come, first-served basis so call soon!

Saying Goodbye to Sarah



Sarah McAfee, Community and Parent Coordinator at IPS School #31, will be leaving that position at the end of this school year. Sarah has been a leader in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood, connecting the school community with the neighborhood.

She included Bates-Hendricks in the school's community fairs and led volunteers during neighborhood cleanups and Good Neighbor Weekend. Sarah turned a vacant lot across the street from the school into a garden that educated families on cost-effective ways to access fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods in an area where less healthy foods are

much more accessible. Additionally, she has partnered with Gleaners Food Bank's BackSack program to ensure students have healthy foods to eat over the weekend.

In 2014, she was named a "Healthy School Hero" by Action for Healthy Kids – one of only twelve in the country and the only one in Indiana. Action for Healthy Kids fights childhood obesity, undernourishment, and physical inactivity nationwide by helping schools become healthier places so kids can live healthier lives.

So a big thank you for all she has done for the school and the neighborhood – she will be sorely missed! Best wishes to Sara and her husband on whatever adventure comes next.

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 Laura Tease, 402 Orange Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at *bateshendricks.org*.



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Newsletters Online

This newsletter and previous newsletters available online at bateshendricks.org/news

Monthly Calendar

- Jun 1 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.
- Jun 4 Little Green Thumbs, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4, ages 2-5. This program focuses on gardening with a story, nature games & crafts, and time in the Children's Garden. Registration required.
- Jun 6 & 7 Bonsai Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, Sat: 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sun:1:00pm to 5:00pm, \$3. See a beautiful display of bonsai and buy bonsai and bonsai care materials.
- **Jun 6** Family Concerts @ the Library!, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Enjoy the sounds of local percussion group CLANG! with your family.
- Jun 9 Jungle Tales, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4, ages 2-5. This program focuses on the natural world with a different nature-related story, activity, and craft each month. Registration required.
- **Jun 11** Afternoon Book Discussion, Fountain Square Library, 1:30pm. Adults are invited to discuss "Redeployment" by Phil Klay.
- **Jun 12** IndyProv Sketch Comedy, White Rabbit Cabaret, Doors: 7:00pm, Shows: 8:00pm and 9:00pm, \$5 cash. More at www.indyprov.com.
- Jun 12&26 Senior Euchre, The Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park, 1:00pm, Free or \$1 to play in prize fund.
- **Jun 15** Backyard Nature: Reptiles, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00am to 11:00am, \$4, ages 2-8. Explore the slithery, scaly world of reptiles and meet some of the Conservatory's live animals. Registration required.
- **Jun 16** Family Game and Craft Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play board games and have fun while hanging out with friends and family.
- Jun 18 Heavy Metal Art Clinic 2015, Fountain Square Library, 5:00pm. Children ages 6 and up are invited to create an interesting design or bracelet using a variety of thin, malleable metal wires in a variety of colors. Registration required.
- Jun 26 Clay Bells for Kids, Fountain Square Library, 4:30pm. Children ages 5 and up are invited to make their own clay bell with the Clay Man. Registration required.
- Jun 29 Recycled Art Class, Fountain Square Library, 5:00pm. Children ages 6 and up are invited to use recycled materials to make jewelry or a unique collage piece with punched guitar picks. Registration required.

