

Save the Date for Street Fest on September 13



The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood is gearing up for the ninth-annual Street Fest on **Saturday, September 13, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.**

Bates-Hendricks Street Fest attracts an estimated 1,000 attendees every year to the corner of Lincoln and New Jersey Streets. The event features local artists and musicians, community booths, kids play area, as well as 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. See a list of all current vendors, including food and beverage vendors, at www.bateshendricks.org/streetfest.

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. 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 www.bateshendricks.org/streetfest.

Volunteer at Street Fest!

We're looking for friendly, enthusiastic helpers to join our team of volunteers for this year's Bates-Hendricks Street Fest! Whether you're a morning go-getter or a sunset superstar, we have a variety of shifts available to suit your schedule – and yes, you can sign up for more than one! Sign up on the Street Fest webpage at www.bateshendricks.org/streetfest or let us know at Events@bateshendricks.org.

Letter from the President

Happy August Neighbors! This summer has been a hot one and August marks the beginning of the end of the hot months. I hope you've been able to stay cool and, if you're like me, looking forward to the cooler days ahead.

One opportunity that is coming quickly is a fall cohort from INRC! This cohort is a free, bi-weekly offering from September 8 through November 3 to help neighbors learn how to better organize, communicate, and execute community projects. We have a couple neighbors wanting to do it, but need a couple more in order to apply. If you are interested, contact Erin Barcy at QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org, but hurry! **The deadline to apply is August 4.**

Lastly, August means that Street Fest is just one month away! We have an incredible team of over a dozen neighbors volunteering to coordinate it this year and I think it's gonna be our best one ever. But it's not too late to join! If you still want to help, our next full team meeting is August 10 at 3:00pm at The Lincoln Center. We'd love to have you on the team.



BHNA President, Brandon Mott

AES Indiana Requests Another Rate Increase

AES Indiana is seeking a rate increase (www.citact.org/aes-rate-hike-2025) that would authorize them to collect nearly \$200 million in additional revenue from customers each year and raise the average monthly bills for residential customers by more than \$30. This is on top of record electric bills that households are already paying this summer and previously approved rate increases that are still being added to customer bills, as reported in the Indiana Capital Chronicle. According to an analysis by Citizens Action Coalition (CAC), if approved, this request would increase AES Indiana's profit by 60% and force residential customers to further subsidize large commercial customers like factories and data centers.

The BHNA Board has heard from neighbors who were impacted by recent power outages and higher bills. We invite neighbors to join us in contacting the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) to ask that they reject this unreasonable rate request.

Here's what you can do:

- Use the one-click action form on the Citizens Action Coalition website (www.citact.org/aes-rate-hike-2025) to submit written comments opposing the rate increase. CAC is also hosting an in-person town hall to learn more on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30pm at their offices at 1915 W. 18th Street, Suite C, Indianapolis.
- Submit your own comments to the OUCC by emailing uccinfo@oucc.in.gov by September 2. Be sure to mention that you're an AES Indiana customer and the rate case cause number 46258.
- Two or more in-person field hearings are expected to be scheduled in August in Indianapolis where AES Indiana customers can make comments and attend to show public dissatisfaction with the rate increase. The meeting details will be posted on the CAC website at www.citact.org/aes-rate-hike-2025 when available.

Join the Bates-Hendricks Land Use Committee

The BHNA Land Use committee is seeking additional committee members. We meet once per month via Zoom where we review new variances, construction projects, and other developments within the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood. If you want to be "in the know" about construction and the utilization of land within your neighborhood, this committee is a great opportunity for it! We also have a unique responsibility to be the "voice of the neighborhood" when interfacing with developers and property owners – ultimately aiming to ensure the peaceful existence of residential and commercial properties within Bates-Hendricks. Your voice is welcome on the committee!

The Land Use Committee generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month via Zoom at 6:30pm, although our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13. If you have questions, reach out to Clark at LandUse@bateshendricks.org. If you are interested in participating, join the Zoom meeting from the link in our calendar at www.bateshendricks.org/calendar.



BLACKLINE

Rendering by Blackline Studio of SEND's proposed development at East Street and Orange Street

FACE Animal Clinic Offering Discounted Spay/Neuter Surgery

Thanks to donors who support the FACE Spay it Forward Fund, FACE is offering a 25% discount on spay/neuter surgery through August 28. The discounted prices are \$158 for dogs and \$102 for cats. There are two ways to request this financial assistance: add "Beat the Heat" to the notes section in the online scheduler at www.faceanimalclinic.org or submit your name and phone number with this form www.bit.ly/Beattheheat25 and a representative from FACE will give you a call within two business days to make an appointment.



Dogs and cats must be at least three months old and weigh three pounds to receive spay/neuter services. Pets must be up to date on their rabies vaccine. The vaccine cost (\$25) will be added to the services if needed. A \$65 deposit is required for cats while a \$95 deposit is required for dogs. This offer is only available while the extra funding lasts. Additional discounts in addition to special pricing may be available – just ask! Limit three pets per household. For more info, refer to the FACE FAQ at www.faceanimalclinic.org/services/spay-neuter.

FACE is a local non-profit that aims to provide affordable spay/neuter, vaccination, and wellness services for the Indianapolis community to prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of dogs and cats. If you would like to make a donation to support the Spay It Forward Fund, please visit: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/sifo>. FACE is located at 1505 Massachusetts Avenue.

The Vault Indy Reopens as Family-Friendly Restaurant

By The Management & Staff of Vault Kitchen & Bar

Prepare to step back in time to an era of clandestine charm and exquisite indulgence! We are thrilled to formally announce the grand opening of Vault Kitchen & Bar, Indianapolis' newest and most exclusive prohibition-themed speakeasy restaurant.

Nestled in the heart of the city, Vault Kitchen & Bar invites you to rediscover the allure of the 1920s, where hidden doors led to unforgettable nights. We have been meticulously remodeling since November to bring you an immersive experience, blending the nostalgia of the Prohibition era with a modern culinary twist. Our focus is on a family-friendly restaurant atmosphere for all ages, featuring contemporary American cuisine with a sophisticated flair and a full bar offering meticulously-crafted cocktails reminiscent of the era's illicit libations. Every detail has been designed to transport you, whether you're enjoying a night out with friends or bringing the whole family for a unique dining experience.

Our kitchen is now officially open and we invite you to come in any time for an evening of exceptional food, captivating ambiance, and friendly service that will evoke the spirit of a bygone age. Whether you're seeking a romantic dinner, a unique night out with friends, a memorable family meal, or a special celebration, Vault Indy Kitchen & Bar is your new secret destination.

During the first week of August, we will celebrate our official Grand Opening with live music and memorable experiences guaranteed to bring you back for more. As a special welcome, **residents of Bates-Hendricks who mention they live in the neighborhood will receive an exclusive 25% off all food items now through the end of August. Wednesdays will also feature half-priced bottles of wine**, perfect for pairing with your meal. It's our way of saying thank you for being part of the neighborhood and among the first to discover our hidden gem.

Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for details on our official grand opening, reservation information, and a sneak peek at our tantalizing menu. We can't wait to share this unique experience with you. The Vault Kitchen & Bar is located at 1542 S. East Street in the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood.

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.



Like us on Facebook for more news
facebook.com/bateshendricks



Neighbors-only Facebook group
facebook.com/groups/bhneighbors



Add our calendar to yours
bateshendricks.org/calendar

Upcoming

- Aug 4 Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting**, 6:30pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. The Association meets on the first Monday of even months. Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!
- Aug 7 Republic Recycling Pickup**. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Aug 9 North Gateway Cleanup**, 10:00am, East Street and Morris (approximately 1190 S. East Street). This month, we'll be weeding, trimming, and picking up trash. Each month, we spend a couple of hours maintaining our public spaces in the neighborhood, focusing on a different public space in the area. Specific details are announced on our calendar (bateshendricks.org/calendar) at least a few days beforehand. Come join us! For more information, contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org.
- Aug 10 Street Fest Planning Meeting**, 3:00pm, The Lincoln Center, 516 Lincoln Street. We have a great team of volunteers, but more are always welcome, especially for helping out on the day of Street Fest on September 13. If you're interested, just show up! If you can't make this meeting, but still want to help at Street Fest, email Events@bateshendricks.org.
- Aug 11 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.
- Aug 13 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.
- Aug 19 Heavy Trash Pickup**. More information at www.indy.gov/activity/trash-pickup.
- Aug 21 Republic Recycling Pickup**. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Aug 28 People for Pleasant Run Meeting**, 5:30pm, Zoom or Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, 1029 Fletcher Avenue, Suite 100. The collective focus of this committee is on the 6.9-mile-long Pleasant Run biking and walking trail, as well as the care and revitalization of the Pleasant Run Waterway. Help plan for the future of the trail, support community events, and organize waterway cleanups to ensure that this natural asset remains a safe, beautiful, and welcoming space for all. Email questions to People4pleasantrun@gmail.com. To participate in the meeting virtually, please refer to the Zoom link and other information on the neighborhood calendar at www.bateshendricks.org/calendar.