

# THE LITTLE PROSPECTOR

"Online and on your porch"

Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association

October 2013

**"Building & Trades" Special Edition!** *Celebrating our local park's new look and its place in the history of the Bloomington limestone industry.*

## Next PHNA Meeting: Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

at Thrive, 412 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Help us plan the fall picnic!  
*(See details to the right)*

## Help Us Reach Our Goal

Our new benches, a long-planned project, are a proud achievement for PHNA. Dedicated "to good neighbors" and "in honor of all workers," they are made possible *in part* by Parks & Rec, CLC and LIUNA labor groups – AND neighbor donations. However, delivery charges for the large stones came in over estimate, so we are **short of our fundraising goal by \$221.32**. Even a small donation can make a big difference if enough neighbors chip in.

Please consider sending a check for PHNA Benches Project to our PHNA treasurer, or make a donation at the Oct. 13 picnic. **THANK YOU.**

## PHNA Fall Picnic and B&T Park Celebration!!

Sun., October 13, 3-7 PM –  
**Building & Trades Park**

*(on Howe Street at Fairview)*

**Don't miss the celebration to dedicate our new projects in B&T Park!**

The new installations are:

- Two "L"-shaped limestone benches from Hoadley Quarry, forming a conversation area at the east end of the park (**Dale Enochs** carved the inscriptions); and
- Murals depicting various trades, painted on the basketball retaining wall by **Sam Bartlett**. These were made possible by a Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

Invitees will include our neighbors (that's you!), plus the artists, representatives from HAND, BEAD, Parks & Rec, and LIUNA and CLC labor councils.

Bring a dish to share with others, a drink (if you want), and a chair. Join the food, fun, and new park features!!

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## Meet Our Local Artists

### Dale Enochs (Benches)

Dale is a nationally recognized stone artist-sculptor-carver whose works can be found throughout Bloomington and beyond. Web: <http://www.daleenochs.com/>.

### Sam Bartlett (Murals)

Sam is a versatile artist-musician-author whose work embraces many styles; he has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*. Web: <http://www.sambartlett.com/>.

## History from the Hill – Building & Trades Park

The site of Building & Trades Park was operated as a limestone quarry and mill from 1895 by the Henley Stone, then by Oolitic Stone and South Side Stone companies. South Side closed around 1920, leaving quarry holes behind.

The parcel was purchased from the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce for \$1 on July 26, 1949 – at which time businessmen Ralph Rogers and John R. East helped fill in and smooth the site.

The park began life as Second Street Park, but was later renamed Building & Trades Park in honor of the local union workers who contributed to its founding.

Recent improvements include new playground equipment, the renovation of the large picnic shelter, as well as the new (smaller) picnic shelter, with labor donated by local union workers.

*For park photos, visit the PHNA website.*

## We thank these groups for their interest in preserving and promoting the history of Building & Trades Park:

The [White River Central Labor Council](#) (CLC) – representing affiliated unions in Bartholomew, Brown, Greene Lawrence, Martin, Monroe and Owen counties.

[Laborers' International Union of North America](#) (LIUNA #741) – representing men and women in construction and public service sectors.

## Protect our park: If you see something, say something.

There has been mention of recent late-night, possibly questionable, activity in B&T Park. **If you see something unusual, please call Bloomington Police at 339-4477** (non-emergency #). *(In an emergency, please dial 911.)*

Voluntary neighborhood dues are accepted year-round: Family \$10.00 / Individual \$5.00.

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