



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ★ April 14 Whitely Community Council

Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Muncie Area  
Career Center

**April 15** Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,  
Central Auditorium

**April 24** Kindergarten Registration at  
Central High School

**April 29** Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,  
Central Auditorium

### ★ May 12 Whitely Community Council

Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Muncie Area  
Career Center

**June 6** Friday Night Union Chapel's  
180 Building

### ★ June 9 Whitely Community Council

Meeting, 6:00 p.m., TBD

**Aug. 1 or 2** Beautification Project at  
Central

**Aug. 4-8** Registration Project at  
Central

**Aug. 4-8** Registration for Students

**Aug. 8** Party in the Parking Lot for  
Students

## Muncie Before 5

Carrie Bale, the new executive director of Muncie Before 5, shared her excitement and vision for the initiative at a recent neighborhood education alliance meeting. She says there are five points that are essential in helping our children reach kindergarten readiness: 1) making high-quality child care available, 2) placing importance on learning prior to kindergarten, 3) assessing and supporting children's health and wellness, 4) encouraging early childhood literacy, and 5) keeping families engaged. By 2020, she hopes to have helped 100% of Muncie children be kindergarten ready by the time they enroll in school. In the long run, this initiative may contribute to the economic development of Muncie – improving where we eat, sleep, and play through the education of our children.

## Longfellow Fitness Path

Longfellow Elementary School will soon be the new home to a one eighth of a mile community fitness path. The proposed plan encompasses 10 acres of land and will include the walking path and be accompanied by a community garden, playground equipment and an environmental classroom. The hope of the Longfellow Fitness Path is to provide the community with a safe place to exercise and learn, getting students and their families up and moving. This project is made possible by a \$27,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, with additional support from Ball Brothers Foundation, Whitely Community Council, Muncie Community Schools, and Rundell Ernstberg Associates.

## Shaffer Chapel Restoration

Three years ago Whitely Community Council teamed up with others in the community to preserve the historic site of Shaffer Chapel. The goal of this project was to raise enough funds to refurbish and repair the run-down structure, signage, and landscape. On Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, a crowd of nearly 50 joined together on site to celebrate the ground breaking restoration ceremony. The renovations are anticipated to be completed by the end of April. To date the project has raised \$55,000 out of the \$60,000 needed to complete the project, if you are interested in donating to this cause please call visit [shafferchapel.org](http://shafferchapel.org).

## Tool Shed & May Clean Up

Spring is officially here! Come out to help with the Whitely Community Clean-Up on Saturday, May 17. We will meet at Buley for the kick-off. Also, usher in spring by visiting the Whitely Tool Shed Loan Program. We have rakes, shovels, hammers, lawn mowers, and more to help support you in any home projects you may be ready to tackle. Located at the Muncie Public Library Connection Corner site on Centennial Avenue, feel free to stop by to see what the Tool Shed has to offer!

## Get Involved!

With spring upon us the Whitely Community Council is excited about all of it upcoming volunteer opportunities. There are many ways to volunteer with the Whitely Community Council, if you would like to get involved stop by the next neighborhood meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Career Center, all are welcome!