

# Whitely Community Council Newsletter

## NEIGHBORS GETTING AHEAD

TEAMwork for Quality Living's Getting Ahead program brought together 14 adults from across Muncie, including three Whitely residents, for a four month class that works along side individuals motivated to get out of poverty. Throughout the program, the students examine the interactions of the social classes and hidden rules created by society. Participants were given a small stipend, along with tools and techniques that help them create goals for their journey through life.

Kathy Patton, Belinda King, and Curtis Jones were the three participants from our neighborhood, and Ms. King said of the program that "It changed my



perspective...it was amazing. We're going to continue to be active."

At the end of the 16 weeks a graduation ceremony was held in the basement of the beautiful new Open Door Health Services building downtown. More than 200 people came to the graduation, which was a great event that brought hope to the problem of poverty affecting much of Muncie.

## WHITELY FEATURED IN MISSISSIPPI

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Whitely community members and Ball State partners traveled from Muncie, Indiana down to a conference in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

These participants were able to talk with people from across the country taking on the same kinds of efforts as we are here in Whitely, and learn from the

different strategies.

The President of the University of Southern Mississippi and the Mayor of Hattiesburg both learned about immersive learning going on at Ball State and Whitely and the great community impact.



✓ MAY 19

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

This year's clean up starts at the Buley Center at 8am and ends with lunch back at the Buley at 11:30. Prizes for the church, family, and area with the most participants! Be active! Be there!

## CALENDAR

### NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 14  
6:00pm to 7:00pm  
at Motivate Our Minds  
2023 E. Highland  
Child care available

Coming Soon...

### Neighborhood Clean-up

Saturday, May 19  
8am-Noon Buley Center

### Meeting with Mayor Dennis Tyler and other City Officials

Tuesday, June 5  
6:00pm Longfellow Elementary  
Refreshments & Child care

### June WCC Meeting

Monday, June 11  
6:00pm to 7:00pm  
at Motivate Our Minds

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### **SPOTLIGHT YOUR NEIGHBOR**

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL US!  
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The Whitely Community Council is proud to present **JAYNIE McCULLUM!** Jaynie is a strong presence in the community and serves as the Director of Precious Hearts Academy, member of the Longfellow Education Alliance, and active WCC participant. Here is what she had to say.

**Why do you volunteer?** I volunteer because this is where I live—and I want where I live to be a wonderful place that supports our families and kids.

**How would you describe your community?** I think of our community as a growing village.

**Do you have any hopes for your community?** I think that Whitely can be a clean, safe, and healthy place. I envision a community that is home to and supportive of new businesses.

**How would you describe the people in your community?** I think that every single resident of Whitely has gifts and talents that others may not even know about yet. It's our job to get to know our neighbors so that we can learn about them and discover their talents.

**What would you say to others that want to become involved in the WCC?**

I'd love to see others participate because we need everybody to be a part of the process. If we work together, we can get Whitely to be what it should be! Everybody can do it because everyone has something to offer.

-Kiley Kent

### **WHITELY'S GOALS**

- Goal 1: Beautify neighborhood physical features
- Goal 2: Improve neighborhood safety & security
- Goal 3: Support education and health programs
- Goal 4: Increase the pride in the neighborhood
- Goal 5: Develop jobs and job-ready neighbors
- Goal 6: Market the progress for the public to see
- Goal 7: Grow the resources for future projects

### **SENIORS 'B' ACTIVE**

Our friends and neighbors that are over 60 years of age are invited to the great Seniors 'B' Active program at Motivate Our Minds on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Men and women are encouraged to come and enjoy lunch, fun activities and more from 1pm to 2:30pm. Call 282-1337 or 284-4194 if you have questions.

### **IREAD SUPPORT FOR 3RD GRADE**

The neighborhood's educational partners that make up the Longfellow Education Alliance have come together to provide an after-school support program from May 14th to May 25th. The program will be for the 3rd grade students in the community that need to re-take the IREAD-3 test in June in order to advance to 4th grade. The partnership is supported by the United Way and the Ball Brothers Foundation.

### **WHITELY INSPIRED BY CANADA**

Education reformer Geoffrey Canada's visit to Muncie in April was a tremendous success. His presentation on leadership was an inspiration to the more than 1,000 people in attendance. Much of the audience came from Whitely, including 41 that made use of the free transportation to the event that was provided by MITS. His talk continues to motivate discussion in the neighborhood about new ideas on education.

### **JOBS: BARBER & BEAUTICIAN**

Rhinehart's Barber Shop (1316 E. Highland) has multiple openings and is looking for two good barbers as well as two good beauticians. For more information, please call 284-4194.

### **JOB: RECEPTIONIST**

EQM Magazine (1304 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd) is looking for a part-time receptionist to greet, welcome, and direct visitors appropriately. For more information, please send an email to eqmmagazine@gmail.com

## MOTIVATE OUR MINDS

The Motivate Our Minds Growing Entrepreneurs summer program will run from June 19-June 29 and from July 9 to August 9. The program is for students in 1st through 8th grade. Each day of the six week program opens at 9:00am with breakfast and ends at 12:30 after they've eaten lunch. Students will get math and reading practice, gardening time, art, nature field trips, nutrition, and theatre. There is a sliding fee tuition scale, call 289 1990 for more information.

## 4 GIRLS BY GIRLS & JUST A.S.K.

4 Girls By Girls will combine efforts this summer with Just A.S.K. (Always Seek Knowledge) to provide programming for girls ages 7-17 at no cost. The program has served over 200 children since 2007 with emphasis on enrichment, empowerment, and encouragement. Thursday meetings will be held at the Boys & Girls Club, from June 14 to July 26, from 5:30 to 7:00pm. In addition, there is a 6 week arts program at the YWCA each Tuesday from June 19 to July 24, from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Registration is due by Thursday, May 31 and families are invited to the kick-off event on May 24. Contact Crystal at [forgirlsbygirls@aol.com](mailto:forgirlsbygirls@aol.com) for more information.

## CARNIVAL

The Back To School Teachers Store will sponsor the 4th annual family carnival, with amusement rides and concessions at Westside Park, 2501 White River Blvd. The carnival will run from May 23-25 (5-10pm) and May 26-27 (2-10pm) and May 28 (12-6pm). Pre-sale tickets are available, in groups of 20 for only \$14. *Tickets will be available at the May 14 WCC meeting!* Through the ticket office, tickets will cost \$1.25 each, or 20 for \$20. If you have questions, please call Amy at 282 7350. Proceeds will benefit the Back to School Teachers Store, a non profit organization that provides free classroom and school supplies to Delaware County teachers.

## BULEY CENTER

The Buley Center's Summer Kaleidoscope program will run from June 11 to July 27, taking the week off between July 2-6. The program is open to 1st through 8th grade students. The Arts Camp goes from 9:30am to 11:30am and the S.T.E.M. goes from 1pm to 4pm. Students are also fed breakfast at 9am, and lunch at 12pm, free of charge. Families may apply for sliding fee tuition, and there are multiple child discounts available as well. Call 747 4769 for more info.

## FRIENDS OF THE CONLEY

Through a partnership between the City of Muncie and Friends of the Conley, there will be a summer program at McCulloch Park from 9:00am to 1:00pm, on Mondays through Thursdays. The program starts June 11th and runs up to August 9th. Students in grades 1 through 12 are welcome! The program will offer kickball, track and field, flag football, baseball, basketball, and mentoring. For more information, call Carl at 215 6247 or Bill at 702 4057.



## WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER?

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN & AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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The Whitely Community Council is proud to present **RICHARD IVY!** Mr. Ivy was born and raised in Whitely. He enjoys giving back to the community by regularly attending WCC meetings, reaching out to youth through various programs, and advocating for seniors and those with disabilities through his career at LifeStream Services. He has also been a big part of the planning for the great summer programming going on at McCulloch Park, starting June 11th. Here is what he had to say.

**How would you describe your community and the WCC?** Our community is friendly, welcoming, and caring. I think that we do a good job of personifying the spirit of volunteerism within Muncie. As for the WCC, I find it very informative. The newsletter is especially good at letting residents know what is happening within their community.

**What made you become involved in the WCC?** I think that the WCC can improve our quality of life and help plan for the community's future. Improving our community takes work, but the WCC can accomplish so much because the members work as a group.

**What would you say to other residents who may want to get involved?** I would encourage them to just come to the meetings and get involved with something that they are interested in!

-Kiley Kent

## GRANT AWARDED

Muncie's Community Development Office granted the Whitely Community Council \$4,000 to begin the process of creating gateway pride signs for the neighborhood. The money is a part of the Community Development Block Grant program sponsored by HUD. This summer, we will work together to determine the appearance and location of the signs that will celebrate the neighborhood in a new and different way, and help residents better identify with the physical space. Many thanks to Dr. Terry Whitt Bailey & Mayor Dennis Tyler for their support.

## TOUR OF WHITELY

On April 10th, more than 30 Whitely neighbors and friends went on a trolley tour of the community, sponsored by MITS. Participants were shown the progress that is well underway in the neighborhood, as well as the targets for future action. The tour lasted about an hour, and traveled from the Craddock Wetlands to McCulloch Park, and then on to the corridor on Elgin, Highland and Gavin that houses many of the educational centers. If there is public interest, more tours like this can be held in the future.

## PARENTING NIGHT

Precious Hearts, WCC, and Motivate Our Minds hosted the second neighborhood parenting event on April 27th. The first event was held just before New Year's Eve. The April event focused on banking and budgeting, as well as the 40 Childhood Developmental Assets. Wilisha Scaife taught us that the 40 Assets show a family what we all work together to grow in a child so that they will be happy, healthy, and able when they grow up. Keep an eye out for the next great parenting event in the community!

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This is your community council.

Send an e-mail to [whitelycc@gmail.com](mailto:whitelycc@gmail.com) or call **288-1892** to spotlight a neighbor, to get a project started, to volunteer, to ask a question, to make a recommendation, to give praise, to deliver news, to join the prayer group, to do whatever you want.

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