

WHITELY COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



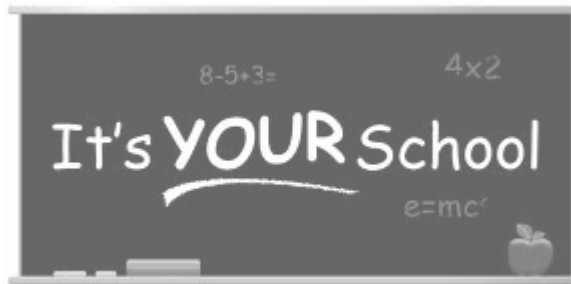
Whitely Welcomes Muncie Community Schools Leaders for September 12th Meeting

The Whitely Community Council is proud to announce that it will host its most important meeting to date on September 12th, at Longfellow Elementary School, at 6:00pm.

New Superintendent Tim Heller, new Muncie Central Principal Tom Jarvis, Longfellow Principal Shawn Davis and other district administrators are coming to our neighborhood to discuss the future of our children and our schools.

Many other educational organizations will be in attendance and set up as early as 5:30pm in order to introduce how they are equipped to support our families.

MCS administrators will have an opportunity



to share some of their observations and programs for success.

Community members can prepare written questions to address with the School Representatives. United Way Reps will present these questions during the Q&A, as time allows.

This meeting is a rare and tremendous opportunity to hear from local school administrators at every level.

Usually it is the schools that host an open house for families, but this is Whitely's Open House. Our community is opening *our* doors to these local leaders!

Area businesses have made donations to create gift bags for the first fifty families to arrive. **There will also be gift card drawings for those in attendance!**

THIS MONTH, LEADERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY'S GREAT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS MET TOGETHER FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME TO DISCUSS WAYS TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND CREATE STRATEGIES TO FILL IN THE GAPS IN SERVICE TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND FAMILIES.

- Longfellow Elementary
- A Better Way's AOK
- Roy C. Buley Community Center
- Friends of Conley
- Huffer Memorial Children's Center
- Motivate Our Minds
- MuncieP3 (BSU)
- Open Door Health Services
- Precious Hearts Developmental Center
- Union Missionary Baptist
- United Way
- Whitely Community Council

Urban Planning Students On Our Streets

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks and months as Ball State students will be in the neighborhood surveying Whitely's physical space.

Urban Planning instructors Lisa Dunaway and Meagan Tuttle will be out in the

neighborhood with their students, partnered with WCC area representatives, to create detailed records of what they hear and see in Whitely.

These instructors are teaching their students about sustainable urban develop-

ment and the students are highly motivated to support growth in the neighborhood.

Students and area representatives will be looking to talk to residents across the community to get opinions on what is needed for progress here.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK INFO:

- Volunteer projects for churches, non-profits, youth groups, fraternities, sororities, and seniors.
- Delaware County tailgates now will be held at the former BorgWarner plant on Kilgore/32
- 9am-11am on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month (lot opens at 6am)
- Contact Joe Fox 620 3735

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Whitely Action Plan:

- 1 Improve the physical appearance and infrastructure of the neighborhood
- 2 Develop community programs and business activities that support job creation
- 3 Continually improve the quality of life and unity of the neighborhood by creating a safe environment, establishing youth & adult focused learning opportunities and programs

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Our Neighbors, Working For Us

The WCC would like to thank the following volunteers from Whitely's Area 7, representing the Austin Heights area, and Muncie City Officials for their cooperative efforts to address the concerns our neighbors had about the physical appearance of some neighborhood streets.

These neighbors walked up and down Leland and Hodson streets identifying areas that needed clean-up or other attention and the mayor's department heads were put to action on the various tasks. Thank you!

- ◆ Shirley and Charles Gillum
- ◆ Lisa Johnson
- ◆ Robert and Wilisha Scaife
- ◆ Pam and Richard Ivy
- ◆ Walter and Lillie Marshall
- ◆ James Whitley
- ◆ Helen Jones
- ◆ Julia McGee

Become a WCC member today. So many ways to get involved!

Come to a meeting, to talk or just to listen, every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm. Volunteer your skills to help a committee, like Publicity or Hospitality. Bring a neighbor to their first meeting. Pass on this newsletter to someone in the community that needs to know all that's been going on.

Learning About: MuncieP3

The mission of the MuncieP3 program is to ensure that all children are proficient in reading by grade 3. The program is guided by a commitment to early education, and to the vision that collaborative partnerships between schools, families, and communities can maximize the potential of every child.

The program provides after school, Saturday, and summer programs for children in grades K-3 who attend Longfellow Elementary School.

The after school program for kindergarteners takes place at Huffer Memorial Children's Center, and the 1st grade after school and Saturday School are housed at the Buley Center. MuncieP3 also has family literacy program for families with preschool aged children, which takes place Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

After its first year in operation, MuncieP3 is thrilled to report that 100% of participating children are reading at, or

above, grade level! Program Director Wilisha Scaife said "this program is a community collaboration in its truest sense.... The success of the MuncieP3 program is founded in our partnership with Muncie Community Schools, community-based organizations, and families committed to their children's academic future".

For more information about the MuncieP3 program, contact Mrs. Scaife at 285-8540.

Council Progress Report

The community council has been working very hard to set strong relationships with partners that can help us achieve our goals.

There is so much more going on, but here is a taste of some of the things that have been going on in just the last month.

- ◆ The United Way's Local Connection is looking into programs to encourage neighborhood entrepreneurs

- ◆ A Taylor University psychology class has been developing a career planning program for neighborhood families with children in grades 1-8
- ◆ The Fisher Institute continues to advise and support grant proposals for neighborhood health initiatives
- ◆ IU Health has helped us with a variety of organizational tasks and reached out to our

neighbors with their backpack program

- ◆ Ball State administrators Ray Montagno and Frank Sabatine and Chamber of Commerce director Jay Julian are advising our efforts to address the needs and wants of nearly 50 neighborhood businesses
- ◆ Collaborative efforts are underway amongst all the organizations that support education in our neighborhood