

WHITELY COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Leadership Class An Enlightening Success

Nearly a dozen Whitely residents participated in a leadership seminar hosted by Union Chapel in November. Curtis Jones said of the class that, "it was an excellent program that more men needed to take advantage of, because it was informational and a lot of fun." Otee Stills added that "it was helpful, even if you aren't going into administration somewhere, because it is enlightening to see what your personality type is and how you can get the most out of other people's personality types."

Volunteer Appreciation

On November 19th, more than 60 Whitely neighbors of all ages gathered in the Buley Center gym for food, fun and conversation. The social event was a chance to celebrate some of the neighborhood's recent accomplishments while getting to know friends and neighbors a little better.



NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 12

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Union Missionary

Baptist Church

Childcare available

Refreshments will be served

*And after that,
the next one will be..*

Monday, February 13

6:00pm

Location To Be Determined

2011: Year In Review

Through the Eyes of Neighborhood Partners

Partner: Fisher Institute

Graduate students and faculty from Ball State's Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology continued to work with Whitely Community Council members this semester. Ryan Cochrane, a Wellness Management graduate student, has been working with Mary and Cornelius Dollison to enhance the **InvolveALL** document to make it a useful tool that can be used to help introduce people to the amazing transformations that are taking place. Watch for this updated version in January. In 2012, funding from the Ball Brothers Foundation will allow two additional students, Kiley Kent and Sam Lopez, to practice using their Wellness Management skills and tools while supporting the change efforts underway in the community.

Partner: Ball State University Urban Planning

The WCC has been working with the Ball State University Department of Urban Planning to create a Neighborhood Action Plan (WNAP) this fall. The Ball State University (BSU) students learned about Whitely through direct observation and analysis, active participation in the area, public meetings, and neighborhood surveying. The BSU students wrote recommendations for improving physical and social environment of Whitely, as well as improving local businesses, creating a tool library, changing the negative perceptions of Whitely, training residents to get good jobs, and how to get grants to fund projects, among other things. The final WNAP will be presented to the neighborhood at the WCC December meeting, after which the WCC will be provided with copies of the plan and all related materials to move forward into the future.

Students: Alicia Reynolds, Andrew Magee, Angela Shelby, Anna Robinson, Bithia Ratnasamy, Bryan Schuch, Chris Lawless, Chris Myers, David Heinold, Eddie Honea, Erin Roznik, Jacob Egan, Joe Filetti, Justin Baker, Justin Long, Kelly Brown, Noah Judd, Rachelle Enochs, Robert Moore, Ross Hilleary, Ryan Phelps, Sam Ramsey, Travis Glascock, Trish Moore, Yuyi Wang

Faculty: Lisa Dunaway and Meagan Tuttle.

2011: Year In Review

Through the Eyes of Neighborhood Partners

Partner: Taylor Psych.

Eight Taylor University Psychology practicum students have been helping at Precious Hearts Developmental Center's after school care program two days a week. The Taylor students helped the children with homework, worked on building self-control and focus among the children, and are helping the children develop life-skills and academic skills to pursue any of their future life and career dreams. We will celebrate the hard work of the children and the Taylor students with a pizza party! The Taylor University psychology students involved this fall were: Rachel Chandick, Hope Covington, Brita Crouse, Jessie Dropp, Amanda Frazer, Valerie Newbie, Lauren Sparks, and MacKenzie Tefft. In the spring semester Dr. Diane Dungan will have 13 Taylor University students involved in the project and will help at Precious Hearts 4 days a week.

Partner: United Way of Delaware County

The Local Connection is an initiative of the United Way of Delaware County to determine and address community needs as related to Education, Income and Health using collaborative, school-based methods. With the key partners of Open Door Health Services and Covering Kids and Families with Interlocal Community Action Program, area residents are able to get support services at the elementary schools. Working with the Whitely Community Council and Longfellow Principal Shawn Davis has been instrumental in moving the Local Connection forward!

Ongoing United Way Projects in Whitely:

Open Door's Karen Siefert (765.702.3958) is in Longfellow Elementary's Parents Room to assist families in obtaining health coverage and navigating resources.

ICAP's Weatherization Lite is for Delaware County residents over age 60. The Weatherization Lite Program provides a team of volunteers to help with small updates, more energy efficient light bulbs, change furnace filters and to adjust leaky faucets. Contact Amy Logan at 288-8732

Whiteley Education Alliance coordinating the work of Longfellow School and the after-school providers

April 2012: Kindergarten Roundup and Immunizations

September 2012: School Physicals, Immunizations, & Flu Shots

Partner: Ball State University Teachers College

Students from the Ball State University's "Schools Within the Context of Community" program (listed below) have spent the semester immersed in the Whitely community, practice teaching at Longfellow Elementary School and Huffer Memorial Children's Center, and completing their coursework at the Roy C. Buley Community Center. Throughout the semester, the students have been guided by community mentors as they learn the strengths of the community through attendance at school events, church, and community meetings and gatherings. Students have been instrumental in designing a curriculum focused on careers to first grade children in the MuncieP3 after school program at the Buley Center. In collaboration with Longfellow Elementary School and the Buley Center, they have also been writing grants to further educational initiatives within the community. Grants completed by the students include requests for additional technology at the Buley Center, funding for family literacy and student field trips at Longfellow, and a community wellness feature on the property adjacent to Longfellow, including a track, fitness path, and community garden. The students and faculty of the Schools Within the Context of Community program would like to thank the residents of Whitely for their generosity in welcoming them this semester, and for broadening their education of what it means to be a true "community teacher".

Students: Adrienne Shendler, Alyssa Bourdon, Emily Christner, Kelsey Hannon, Abigail Savage, Ashley Lentz, Kayla Conrad, Courtney Jacks, Sarah Neal, Chelsie King, Jacqueline Hammers, Michael (Pat) McCrory, Raechel Owens, Caitlin Sporleder

Faculty: Pat Clark, Jon Clausen, Winnie Mucherah, Susan Tancock, Eva Zygmunt

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Join in the PROGRESS your neighbors are putting into action!