A Letter from the President

I can’t tell you what an honor it was to be a finalist for the Muncie Community School Board. As I looked at the caliber of the other finalists I thought, how fortunate we are as community to have such a talented group of individuals willing to dedicate their time and expertise to the restoration of our Public-School System.

We have been given a wonderful gift in this opportunity to partner in a way no other community has and create a support system that will promote not only the renovation of our schools but the restoration of hope for our children’s future.

Although Ball State has taken on the challenge of being the Administrator of this process, neither they nor our School Board can do this alone. I am overjoyed at the positive responses I am seeing for those selected and echo my confidence in the ability of this Board to help put us on a pathway to success. And though I was not one selected to this Board, I am still on board and a valuable piece of this puzzle, and so are you. So, let’s all make up our minds to get in where we fit in to help create a masterpiece that others will not only view and appreciate, but also desire to replicate. And always keep in mind that what we are building here can be for neither pride nor profit, but for posterity. If we keep that in the forefront we will ultimately be both proud and prosperous.

President Frank T. Scott, Sr.

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August 2018 Newsletter
This Month:

Unity in our Community
Whitely and Industry Represent at Muncie Black Expo

The Time is Now! Unity! Get Involved! Vote Now! Change Lives! Live Healthy! Love One Another! Step Up!

These are some of the key words and phrases used to show solidarity between Muncie’s largest African-American communities, Whitely and Industry. Twenty-five people from the two neighborhoods brainstormed and built the float depicting the team effort to improve our entire community!

— Article by Lauren Bishop Weidner

Special thanks to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital for printing this newsletter.
How Can I Make My Community Better?

Become a Member of the Whitely Community Council
- Be a part of making positive changes in your community.
- Get free access to the Whitely Toolshed.
- Get assistance with your home repairs during neighborhood makeovers.
Sign up for a membership during a monthly meeting.
For tool shed help, speak to Tenisha at Connection Corner (765-747-8216). Applications can be filled out at a Whitely CC meeting or in person at Connection Corner (1824 E Centennial). Memberships must be renewed annually. Yearly membership costs are as follows:
  - $15 for individual or family membership
  - $50 for business membership

Donate to Whitely Community Council
Donation checks can be made out to Whitely Community Council and mailed to P.O. Box 665, Muncie, IN 47308 or via online donation at whitelycc.org

Volunteer.
Call 288-1892 or ask about volunteer opportunities at the next Whitely CC meeting.

Join a Committee.
There are seven Goal Committees as well as Hospitality and Membership committees. Everyone in this community has something to offer, and we would love to benefit from your experience, knowledge, talent, and passion for the community. Help us make Whitely better by getting involved in leadership efforts. Listed below are each of the committees:

Goal 1: Beautification and Improved Infrastructure
Goal 2: Community Safety
Goal 3: Education and Health Promotion
Goal 4: Employment and Business Support
Goal 5: Neighborhood Pride and Event Planning
Goal 6: Resource Development and Fundraising
Goal 7: Advertising and Public Relations

Congratulations to the “I Have A Dream: Community Collaborative Scholarship” 2018 recipients, Burris Laboratory Graduates Kalyse Garrett and Joslyn Sloss. Both received $1000.00 scholarships from the collective efforts of Muncie Chapter-Indiana Black Expo, Inc., NAACP MUNCIE, and the Martin Luther King Dream Team. Kalyse plans to study Social Work at Tennessee Wesleyan University. Joslyn Sloss plans to study Dentistry at Tennessee State University.
Jonathan Jones has been named the new Executive Director of Motivate Our Minds.

“Motivate Our Minds is excited to have Jonathan Jones join the organization as Executive Director,” said Derek Wilson, MOM board vice president. “He brings quality experience leading similar programs in Indianapolis and exudes professionalism. We can’t wait to see the positive impact he’ll help Motivate Our Minds continue to make in our community.”

Before joining Motivate Our Minds, Jones was the Programs and Initiatives Coordinator for the Center for Leadership Development and a mentor with Boys II Men Inc. in Indianapolis. A graduate of the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Jones’ dedication to youth and community leadership was recognized by the Indianapolis Mayor’s Office on “May 22, 2018 Jonathan Jones Day,” and he received a letter of appreciation from Rep. Andre Carson for his commitment to young people.

“I am extremely excited about this new opportunity,” Jones said. “Motivate Our Minds is in a great place. It has done tremendous work in the community and in the lives of students and families to this point. I believe I have an opportunity to contribute to that momentum.”

Jones said he is looking forward to the “opportunity to expand our impact on students and families. The organization has done some great things in the realm of after school care, with the garden and some other enrichment clubs. I believe we can deepen that impact on students and families and provide some other opportunities for cultivation and development.”

MOMs, founded in 1987 by Mary Dollison and Raushanah Shabazz, offers year-round academic and enrichment programs for children in kindergarten through eighth grade on its own Whitely Neighborhood campus.

Jones succeeds Monique Armstrong, who left the center in February to take a position with TeenWorks after a decade with the organization.

— Article by Michelle Kinsey
Who You Gonna Call?

Help protect our neighborhood, know who to call if you see safety problems in your area

For emergencies: 911
For non-emergency police help: 747-4838 or 747-4739
For the Detectives Bureau: 747-4867
For the Narcotics Division: 747-4866
For Sexual Molestation Abuse Response Team: 741-1350
For Gun Permits/Identification: 747-4891
For Domestic Violence Investigations: 747-4873
For the Victim Advocate’s Office: 747-4777
For reporting child abuse/neglect: 1-800-800-5556
For Parking Enforcement: 747-4883
For Code Enforcement (Overgrown yards, etc) 747-4862
For Street Dept (Busted streetlights & potholes) 747-4847
For the Animal Shelter (Unleashed dogs, abuse) 747-4851
For American Electric Power 1-800-311-4634
For Indiana-American Water Company 1-800-492-8373
For the Vectren Gas Company 1-800-227-1376

Parents and Children “Having Fun”

What is the value of play? Why is it important for children?

The most obvious benefit from play is that it aids physical development. When children run, jump, skip, yell, and laugh, it contributes to their good health and the development of gross motor skills as well as perceptual motor skills.

Play is a learning situation for children and parents. Play is an opportunity for children to learn who they are, what they can do, and how to relate to the world around them. Through play, children are able to discover and explore, use their imagination, solve problems, and test out new ideas. Through these experiences children gradually learn how to gain control over their environment. How often have you heard a child proudly say, “See what I did?”

Play is a means of emotional expression. Children live in a world where they have little power and few legitimate opportunities to express emotions such as anger or dependency. Fantasy play can reduce feelings of fear, anger, and inadequacy, and provides experiences which enhance children’s feelings of enjoyment, control, and success.

Through play children can communicate thoughts, needs, satisfactions, problems and feelings. Play is a place for children to try out roles such as mother, father, aunt, teacher and doctor. When children play in a supportive environment, they can be creative.

Play develops the basic skills for social interaction. Children learn how to cooperate, share, and be sensitive to the feelings of others during play.

For the child, play is not frivolous—it is an opportunity for growth and development in almost every area. It is important for adults to actually participate in play activities with children, and to create a supportive environment so that children will engage in a variety of play experiences.

—Article by Dr. Carolyn Webster Stratton
The Wonder Years, Inc.

Dear Members of the Whitely Council, We want to express our deepest appreciation for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent during our recent loss. The flowers graced our home as a show of your friendship and love. We thank you for your support, encouragement and presence during this time.

—Charles & June Payne and The Abram Family
The Muncie Food Hub Partnership will run a mobile market from August-October, 2018. The market will be available throughout Muncie but specifically in Whitely two days a week (see below). The Whitely Community Council is so pleased to offer healthy food for sale sourced from local farmers and sold at reasonable prices. Please help us make this market a success.

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Food Hub Mobile Market (August-October)

**Tuesdays: 1:30-3:30 PM**
Union Missionary Baptist Church
1100 N Macedonia Ave, Muncie 47303

**Thursdays: 11:30-1pm**

Local Products Offered
Produce: arugula, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, collard greens, corn, garlic, green onion, kale, lettuce, spinach, apples, blackberries, cantaloupe, peaches, pears, raspberries, strawberries, mint, parsley, radishes, basil, green beans, cucumber, eggplant, okra, peppers, summer squash, ginger, potatoes, onions, pumpkin, winter squash, sweet potato, tomato, honeydew melon.
Herbs: Basil, mint, parsley

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**Fresh Mobile Market**

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**July Food Pantry**

**When:** Thursday, July 19 from 4-6pm
**Where:** Harvest Christian Fellowship
1010 East Centennial Ave

If you are shut-in or disabled and can’t come to the pantry please contact Jay Zimmerman at 765-717-9657. We will need your name, address and phone number. We will deliver food at about 6pm on the day of the pantry.
Upcoming Events and News

ChristFest Muncie

Saturday, August 11, 4-8pm
Canan Commons
Downtown Muncie

Come enjoy food, fun, fellowship, live music, and dancing at Muncie ChristFest this August at Canan Commons in downtown Muncie. The first 1,000 people can enjoy a free meal of pulled pork BBQ, fresh homemade coleslaw, smoked baked beans, and water.

Event highlights:
- Community Choir
- Worship & Dance Teams
- Gates of Salvation Dancers
- Children’s Ministry and Activities
- Crafts, Games, Inflatables

For more information, or to make a donation to the event, please contact:
Brian Lamberton @ 765-808-6270
Leah Duke @ 765-730-8463
Amy Brooks @ 765-766-2091.

MindFULL or Mindful?
Free Lunch-and-Learn

Monday, July 16
11:30am-1pm
Innovation Connector
1208 W White River Blvd

Shafer Leadership Academy is hosting a free lunch-n-learn about how to clear the clutter to find focus. Amanda McErlean and Timothy Hess from the Ball State University Counseling Center and the Ball State University Meditation Partnership will lead this session.

Peach Truck Tour

Tuesday July 10 AND July 31
4pm-5:30pm
Wasson Nursery
3737 N 500 W

It’s that time of year again. We’re coming for you with Fresh Georgia Peaches!

A 25 lb. box of Freestone Georgia Peaches is $40, and our delicious pecans (shelled and halved) are $14/lb. Make sure and ask the team about The Peach Truck Special when you come out!

Upcoming Events and News

Muncie Neighborhoods

Tuesday, July 17
7pm-9pm
Tuhey Pool
(Rain date July 19)

Bring your family and your neighbors to the pool for a free night of fun celebrating Muncie’s neighborhoods. Enjoy popsicles, hot dogs, BINGO, and yard games with friends old and new.

The event is a collaboration of Muncie Action Plan, Shafer Leadership Academy, and the Ball State Office of Community Engagement.

On My Way Pre-K

Free, quality preschool? Sign up! #OnMyWayPreK kicks off in 20 Indiana counties in August. But seats are limited! Find out if you are eligible AND apply today at www.onmywayprek.org!

After Hours Art Reels

Thursday, July 12
9pm-12am
120 E Charles St

Come see “La La Land” in Downtown Muncie. Projected on the wall of Mutual Bank on Charles Street at dusk. Seating will be available on the Fickle Peach patio area located at 117 E. Charles St. for guests who are 21 and up. Viewers who are not yet 21 can watch the films from the sidewalk surrounding the patio area.