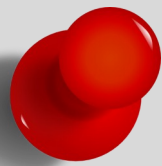


April 2014

# Muncie Action Plan 2



# MAP Reading

Muncie in Transition

## EVENTS

**MARK YOU CALENDERS - MAP WILL HOLD A PRESENTATION OF CURRENT PROGRESS ON MAY 7, 5:30 P.M. AT MINNETRISTA. PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US TO HELP CONTINUE OUR WORK.**

On Tuesday, March 18, the E.B. Ball Center presented a talk by Richard Heupel of Ball State's Building Better Communities on **Primacy of Place**. The talk explored how communities can improve themselves by focusing their resources on placemaking and the improvement of life experiences for residents, businesses, and visitors. Future programs include a presentation by MAP Co-chair George Branam on MAP on April 29. For more information email [eb-ball@bsu.edu](mailto:eb-ball@bsu.edu).

The Muncie Arts and Culture Council (MACC), in partnership with other community groups, hosted the first ever **Muncie Maker District Symposium on Thursday, April 3rd** at the Cornerstone Center of the Arts followed by an evening program at Muncie Civic Theatre and a student charette on Friday.

## B5 EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE

Carrie Bale recently was hired as the Muncie/Delaware County Birth – 5 Early Childhood Development Initiative. The B5 Initiative will create and manage programs working to make all young children Kindergarten - ready. Carrie Bale comes with 15 years experience in early childhood education. She most recently was the Executive Director of Huffer Memorial Children's Center, Inc.

Last year the B5 program "Kick Off to Kindergarten" ran for 3 weeks and was a huge collaborative effort between local governments, local businesses, community organizations, and schools. By all markers, it was a success.

This year the Wonder Readers League, a B5 initiative sponsored by Muncie Public Library and several other agencies have planned a pilot program to help children gain the early literacy skills they need to be kindergarten ready. During the

pilot program volunteers seek to inspire a love of reading in young children while also encouraging adults in the child's life to engage them in dialogue and interactive play at home.

The Wonder Reader program wants to meet children and their families at places they frequent in the community with reading events planned at Open Door, Ross Community Center and Dollar General in Southway Plaza. **For more information contact the Muncie Public Library at [www.munciepubliclibrary.org](http://www.munciepubliclibrary.org).**

### Schedule: Wonder Readers



Open Door, 333 S. Madison St., (Phone 286-7000)

April 24 from 3-4pm

April 30 from 3:30-4:30pm

May 6 from 2:30-3:30pm

May 14 from 3-4pm

May 23 from 3:30-4:30pm

May 27 from 2:30pm-3:30pm

Ross Center (all 10:30-11:30am) 1110 W. 10th St., (Phone 747-4741)

Friday, April 25

Friday, May 2

Friday, May 9

Friday, May 16

Friday, May 23

Friday, May 30

Dollar General (go to [www.munpubliclibrary.org](http://www.munpubliclibrary.org) for times) 3709 S. Madison Street (Phone 747-4907)

Saturday, April 26

Saturday, May 3

Saturday, May 10

Saturday, May 17

Saturday, May 24

Saturday, May 31

## RE-BOOTING EASTSIDE-MAYFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Members from around the community joined together to canvass the Eastside-Mayfield neighborhood promoting an Easter event and looking to restart the association. Volunteers included neighborhood residents and people from Muncie Action Plan, Whitley Neighborhood Association, Forest Park Neighborhood

Association, Old West End Neighborhood Association, Blaine/Southeast Neighborhood Association, Westbriar Neighborhood Association, and Building Better Neighborhoods. They passed out flyers for an Easter Egg Hunt and next association meeting. The Eastside-Mayfield Neighborhood Association enjoyed more activity years ago,

but that activity has since declined. As part of **Initiative 2: Fostering Collaboration** MAP looks to help residents revitalize their associations and work with the City of Muncie and Ball State's Building Better Communities to assist in creating neighborhood associations.

## SPRING AT LAST!



## Neighborhood Presidents Council

The Neighborhood Presidents Council met on March 18. Chris Allen from the Muncie Redevelopment Commission spoke about the “Hardest Hit” grant proposal the City is preparing to address blighted residential properties. The NPC meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., usually at Maring-Hunt Library. Each month a speaker discusses a MAP-related topic. These meetings are seen as a critical tool to *“Fostering Collaboration,”* an original MAP initiative.



## Habitat's B-Line Neighborhood, Bloomington

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Indiana is currently planning to develop an entire 35-lot neighborhood. The project will develop a 7-acre forested area located between Indiana Railroad tracks and B-Line Trail near Bloomington's Near West Side Neighborhood. The City Council recently voted to approve rezoning the area from Residential Core to Planned Unit Development. The neighborhood will be made up of mixed housing, including single family homes, duplexes, and 3- to 4-unit complexes of bungalow-style architecture with mixed floor layouts and varying roof lines. Habitat has also planned installation of a pedestrian/bicycle path. The following illustration is a conceptual design from Habitat.



## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

- Anthony-Northside** - Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Kennedy Library.
- Aultshire** - Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Connection Corner.
- Blaine/Southeast** - Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 1218 S. Brotherton St.
- East Central** - Sunday, April 13, 6 p.m. at Blood and Fire, 300 N. Madison
- Grove Park/Meadowbrook** - Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Munsee Lanes, 601 E. 26th St.
- Haltman Village Neighborhood Meeting** - Tuesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, . 4401 N. Wheeling.
- Indian Village** - Tuesday, April 3rd at 6 p.m. at Pilgrim Holiness Academy located at 2720 Apache Pass.
- Industry** - Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Price Hall, 704 S. Madison St.
- Mayfield/Eastside** - Saturday, April 5 at 4:00 p.m. at Head Start, 3900 E. Wysor.
- Minnetrsta Central Neighborhood Association** - Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Minnetrista.
- Old West End** - Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dining Room, Friends Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams.
- Riverside/Normal City** - Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 a.m. at Hazelwood Christian Church Fellowship House (Mansion), 1400 University.
- Thomas Park/Avondale** - Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Forest Park Church of the Nazarene, 2105 W. 12th.
- Western Woods**, Wednesday April 2 at 6 p.m. at West View Elementary, 3401 W. Gilbert Street
- Whitely** - Monday, April 7, 5:30 p.m., Muncie Area Career Center, 2500 N. Elgin