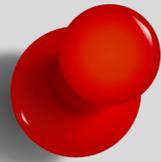


Muncie Action Plan 2



MAP Reading

MAP Moves Forward as Muncie Celebrates 150 Years

TASK FORCE 1: MENTORING

Task Force 1: Linking Learning, Health and Prosperity includes an action step to develop a community-based mentoring initiative. The focus of the Mentoring Committee is to evaluate community-based mentoring programs to: develop a mechanism to identify, link, coordinate, and publicize mentoring programs; and to facilitate partnerships with educational opportunities, retired teachers, and others to identify mentors and other volunteers.

The Mentoring Committee surveyed 21 different programs in the community to gather baseline data on current mentoring opportunities. The results of the survey showed many programs have a hard time finding volunteers to be mentors for youth in our community.

As a result, the Mentoring Committee will encourage local mentoring programs to register with the Indiana Youth Institute's mentoring database. This database, and a link to it, will be hosted on the Muncie Action Plan website for easy access. The Committee set a goal of having 50 percent of the programs contacted registered by the end of the year. Currently, only four local programs are registered with the IYI database.

January 15th each year is Thank Your Mentor Day and the Mentoring Committee plans to find ways to help celebrate the mentors in our community. By celebrating mentors, the Committee hopes to raise awareness of this opportunity in our community.

SPOTLIGHT ON TASK FORCE 1: BY5'S NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

BY5 is working to transform the community by connecting Kindergarten readiness to economic success. **BY5 Early Childhood Initiative** is pleased to announce the addition of a nationally recognized program (**Nurse Family Partnership - NFP**) to provide services to new pregnant mothers in Delaware County. With the NFP program, nurses are paired with mothers before their 28th week of pregnancy to provide support services, including home visiting throughout the pregnancy until the child is two years old. The NFP was identified early on in the strategic planning for the BY5 initiative. Goodwill Industries, which currently operates a successful NFP program in Central Indiana, was identified as a potential model. As a result of further investigation and discussion, it was determined that this program could fit as an important component of a broad-based approach to optimal child development by age five. Further negotiations brought the NFP program to Muncie and Delaware County.



Brain research shows that 75% of lifetime brain development occurs by age three. Getting support to new mothers makes a crucial difference in health and cognitive outcomes for the future of every child. NFP has been shown to reduce medical costs by increasing the number of full term pregnancies and reducing injuries to children. Goodwill and the Indiana State Department of Health were successful in applying for a federal expansion grant on behalf of

BY5 to bring this program to Delaware County.

NFP has the data to show that their home visiting model works! NFP will provide an important enhancement to the existing supportive framework within the community. After the child reaches age two and the family graduates from the program, they are then linked with a Guide who will provide referrals and resources until the child is five years old. The NFP is currently accepting referrals for this program, so if you know if someone who is pregnant for the first time, have them call 317- 524-3999 or contact Carrie Bale (see below) for a complete brochure. Please help MAP and BY5 spread the word so that new mothers can receive the support and assistance available to them through this program.

BY5 is part of Task Force 1 of the Muncie Action Plan, which focuses on linking health, education and community prosperity.

For a complete brochure, contact Carrie Bale of BY5 at carrie@muncieby5.org or call her at 765-216-7423.

MAP Board Notes

MAP's board of directors are citizens who play a variety of roles in the community and share a common passion for volunteerism. These folks donate countless hours each year to the programs of MAP and others that benefit Muncie residents. Recently, Dr. George Branam, a MAP Co-Chair since the founding of the organization, was honored with the 2015 Legacy Award by the Muncie-

Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Branam has served as a physician and business owner in Muncie since the 1960's and continues to participate in professional and business activities. MAP is pleased to announce the addition of new board members - Traci Luton (Chamber of Commerce), John Craddock (environmentalist), and Jeff Scott (Ivy Tech). More information will be provided in the October newsletter.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Blaine/Southeast - Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 1218 S. Brotherton.

Cowing Park - Thursday, September 24 at 6 p.m. at Gesthamane United Methodist Church, 1201 E. McGalliard.

East Central - Thursday, October 8 at 6 p.m. at the Emily Kimbrough House, 715 E. Washington. (Note, East Central meetings are now the second Thursday of each month.)

Forest Park - Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Delaware County Senior Citizens Center, 2517 W. 8th. (Note, Forest Park Neighborhood Fall Cleanup will be on Saturday September 19th. Cleanup is from 8am-11:45am. Meet at Senior Center at 2517 W 8th at 7:45am.)

Halteman Village - Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4401 N. Wheeling.

Industry - Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Price Hall, 704 S. Madison.

Ludingwood - Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at Ludingwood/Woodlands Nursing Home, 3820 W. Jackson.

Minnetrista Central - Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. at Minnetrista.

Northview - Monday, September 28 at 7 p.m. at Northview Elementary School, 807 W. Yale.

Old West End - Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dining Room, Friends Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams.

Riverside/Normal City - Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Hazelwood Christian Church Fellowship House (Mansion), 1400 W. University.

South Central - Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at Urban Light Education Center, Corner of 9th and Madison.

Thomas Park/Avondale - Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Ross Center, 1110 W. 10th.

University Heights - Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Riverside Baptist Church, 3700 W. Riverside.

Westridge - Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in BSU's Letterman Building, Room 108. (Note, Westridge meetings are normally the 2nd Thursday of odd numbered months.)

Western Woods, Wednesday, October 7 at 6 p.m. at West View Elementary, 3401 W. Gilbert.

Whitely - Monday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m., Muncie Area Career Center, 2500 N. Elgin.



The Neighborhood Presidents Council speaker in August was Tisha Gierhart from Shafer Leadership Academy.

MUNCIE SESQUICENTENNIAL

"Muncie in the 1930s (Sesquicentennial Moments...)"

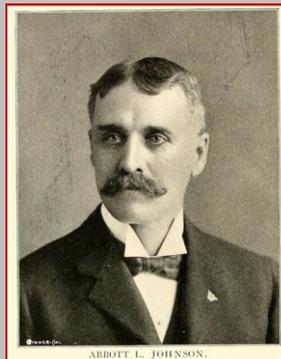
After the Stock Market Crash in 1929, Delaware County entered the Great Depression. Muncie native Benjamin V. Cohen had become a wealthy Wall Street lawyer in the 1920s and lost \$1.5 million in the Crash. He went on to become one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's most trusted advisors and is considered one of the primary authors of FDR's "New Deal" program. He also helped write the landmark Security and Exchange Act of 1934, appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine's* September 12, 1938 edition, and later served on the U.N. Disarmament Commission. His contributions in the pursuit of world peace lead to both a memorial fund and a Peace Fellowship Program named in his honor.

Ermal Marsh grew up working in his father's grocery store and attended Ball State for a year before opening his own grocery store in Muncie in 1931. After making it through the Great Depression and WWII, Marsh would eventually open the first supermarket in Muncie. The Meeks family, a pioneer family of Muncie, also made history in 1932 when they opened one of the first buildings designed and built specifically as a mortuary. In 1933, the Muncie Airport opened. It was named Johnson Field in honor of Muncie industrialist Abbott L. Johnson (see photo below), who had a keen interest in aviation and was involved in the airport's development. In 1934, Tuhey Pool opened. It was named after former Muncie mayor Edward Tuhey, who died in 1933. His son, H. Arthur Tuhey, also went on to become a mayor of Muncie.

The early 1930s also included the last few years of Prohibition in the U.S., which banned the production, sale, and transport of alcohol. It consequently gave rise to bootlegging, which funded organized crime and led to the formation of the FBI. Public Enemy Number One was John Dillinger. In 1933, Dillinger met with local accomplice Harry Copeland in Muncie where they were accused of "automobile banditry." Court records available at Muncie Public Library explain that Dillinger and Copeland stole \$95.00 and got away in a stolen car. That same year, Dillinger and Copeland would rob the bank in nearby Daleville and get away with \$3,500 as part of their crime spree in Indiana.

At the end of the Great Depression, Robert and Helen Lynd published a second sociological study of Muncie titled *Middletown in Transition: A Study In Cultural Conflicts*. The publication caught the attention of *LIFE* magazine photographer Margaret Bourke-White, who photographed Muncie for a large feature in the magazine's May 10, 1937 issue.

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Abbot L. Johnson

