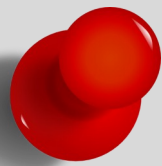


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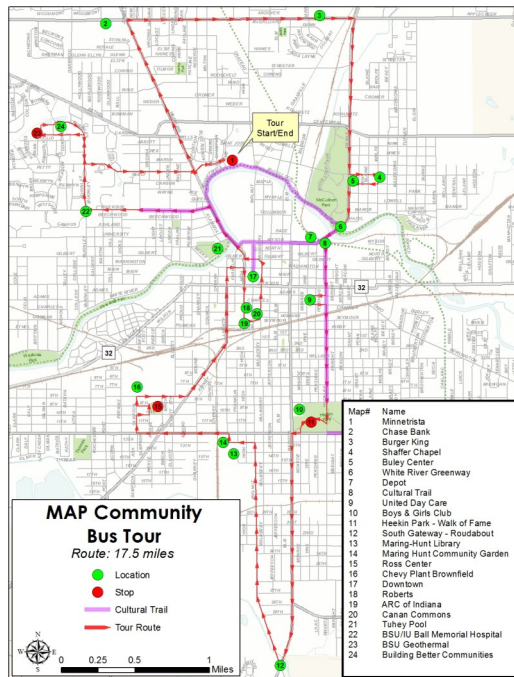
MAP Moves Forward as Muncie Looks Back

Volunteer Spotlight Brad King

One of Muncie's greatest assets is its citizens and many of those choose to give back to the community by volunteering. One of those volunteers is Brad King. A graduate of Ball State University, Brad volunteers for a number of different organizations and causes. He began volunteering by advocating for the preservation of nearly 40 historic structures in Muncie threatened by demolition. Later Brad began efforts to revitalize the Old West End Neighborhood Association and stabilize the neighborhood. In 2011 he sat on the *Star Press* Editorial Board and was offered a role as guest columnist, where he continued to advocate for historic preservation. After discussing several potential Old West End project sites, Brad joined Path-Stone Housing Corporation's board for two years. He serves on the city's Urban Forestry Committee, the Neighborhood Investment Committee, and as a trail ranger for the Cardinal Greenways. Brad continues to work to protect Muncie's historic resources by volunteering as the city's Historic Preservation Officer, advising landmark owners on appropriate alterations to their landmark's exterior. He believes in leaving things and places better than how he found them improving the quality of place through historic preservation which enhances the quality of life for everyone.

MAP Plans Bus Tour

Muncie Action Plan's bi-annual report to the community will celebrate Muncie during its Sesquicentennial year and a number of the achievements that have occurred in the city which are in line with MAP objectives. The approximately 90-minute tour will depart from Minnetrista at about 5:50 p.m. Seating will be limited, so you are encouraged to RSVP to lstrange@munpl.org or call 765-747-7229. Plan to arrive at Minnetrista between 5:30 and 5:45. Parking is free. During the tour, MAP's co-chairs will talk about over 20 success stories along the route.



The tour will highlight a number of locations that many residents are not familiar with. These include Shaffer Chapel in the Whitely neighborhood, the Walk of Fame in Heekin Park, the Ross Center and the former Chevy plant, which is now a brownfield under the stewardship of Racer Trust, the BSU campus and IU Health BSU Hospital and IU Medical School, and BSU's geothermal north facility. MAP appreciates the cooperation of MITS in helping with this event.

From MAP Task Force 2 Leaders
Jim Wingate and Ginny Nilles:

What fun facts do you know about your community? The Delaware County Wellness Group is hosting the first Muncie - Delaware County ALL-IN Block Party on Monday, April 27th from 5-7 pm at the Delaware County Fairgrounds' Heartland Hall. The ALL-IN Block Party is "A Community wide event where folks complete a series of fun and thought-provoking challenges that build local pride about this place where we live, learn, work and play." For more information, visit the MAP website at www.muncieactionplan.org.

Whitely Partners with BY5

The Whitely Community Council neighborhood association is preparing to host a series of conversations that will occur on the heels of its next four monthly neighborhood meetings. These will be moderated by Ball State professor Dixie Denton and will address the Search Institute 40 Developmental Assets - essential building blocks for healthy development of children. The conversa-

tions reflect the spirit of the neighborhood's "Education First" principles. Support for these gatherings is provided by BY5 (Muncie & Delaware County Early Childhood Initiative) and the United Way of Delaware County in recognition of WCC's emphasis on early childhood education, and supporting young learners and their families. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to attend. Drawings for a variety of prizes will be

held at each meeting. Individuals attending all four sessions will earn two entries into a special drawing. Meetings will follow the WCC monthly meetings on April 13, May 11, June 15, and July 13 in the Presidential Room at Muncie Area Career Center, 2500 N. Elgin, and begin at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please email whitelycc@gmail.com.

Get information about MAP at <http://muncieactionplan.org>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Anthony-Northside - Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Kennedy Library.

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

East Central - Sunday, May 3 at 6 p.m. at the Emily Kimbrough House, 715 E. Washington.

Forest Park - Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Delaware County Senior Citizens Center, 2517 W. 8th.

Grove Park—Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at Munsee Lanes at 601 E. 25th.

Halteman Village - Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4401 N. Wheeling.

Indian Village - Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m. at Pilgrim Holiness Academy, 2720 Apache Pass.

Industry - Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m., at Price Hall, 704 S. Madison.

Ludingwood - Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at Luddingwood/Woodlands Nursing Home, 3820 W. Jackson.

Minnetrista Central Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at Minnetrista.

Northview—Monday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at Northview Elementary School, 807 W. Yale.

Old West End - Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dining Room, Friends Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams.

Riverside/Normal City - Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Hazelwood Christian Church Fellowship House (Mansion), 1400 W. University.

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

Westridge - Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Bracken Library, Ball State University.

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

Whitely - Monday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m., Muncie Area Career Center, 2500 N. Elgin.

East Central Neighborhood Assoc. will be having their spring quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 16th at 6:30pm at the Main St. UMC Fellowship Hall, 115 S. Pershing. Scott Truex, Co-Director Sustainable Communities Institute, will be the featured speaker and he will be sharing the plans for the new Makers Hub at the former Cintas laundry facility at Madison and Main St. The meeting is open to all ECNA members, East Central residents and others interested in learning more about the Makers Hub and the East Central Neighborhood. Refreshments will be served.

MUNCIE SESQUICENTENNIAL

Muncie: 1880-1895

In September 1880, thousands in Muncie came to listen to the former slave who became a famous orator and leader of the abolitionist movement, Frederick Douglass. In 1881, an official Muncie High School building began serving students at a location bordered by High, Adams, Charles and Franklin Streets. Construction on a new court house in Muncie began in the mid-1880s. James Boyce had been pushing for gasworks, municipal sewers, water and electricity, and by 1885, water ran in the city water mains for the first time. The following year, it was discovered that Delaware County was part of the Trenton Natural Gas field, and Muncie would become a Gas Boom town. The five brothers who led the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company in Buffalo, NY were looking into the possibility of building a new factory in one of the boom towns. While researching possible locations in 1886, Frank C. Ball received a telegram from James Boyce, and Ball brothers ultimately chose to build in Muncie. Factory construction began in 1887, the same year that Hoosier Group impressionist painter John Ottis Adams opened his art studio in Muncie. J. Ottis Adams, along with other artists from the Hoosier Group, later founded the Herron School of Art in Indianapolis. Two of Adams' larger paintings still hang in Carnegie Library, including "Wheeling Pike as it Appeared in 1891" pictured below. *Text and photos were provided by Sara McKinley, Local History and Genealogy Specialist, Muncie Public Library.*



Clockwise from above - Wheeling Pike in 1891, Old Muncie Courthouse, and the five Ball Brothers.

