



The Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Association worked with a class of Ball State University Urban Planning majors in the fall of 2015 to develop a neighborhood action plan that helps define goals for improving the area. These goal groups include:

- 1.) Business
- 2.) Housing Stock
- 3.) Public Infrastructure
- 4.) Resident Relations & Identity
- 5.) Upkeep

The Neighborhood Association was busy at the January meeting reviewing the goals and corresponding initiatives to prioritize projects that can be started right away. We can use your help! Please review the plan online at [riversidenormalcity.wordpress.com](http://riversidenormalcity.wordpress.com) and come prepared to the February meeting with your ideas.

Please join your neighbors for the next Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Association Meeting

**February 24th 7:00-8:00 pm**

Hazelwood Christian Church Fellowship House (mansion)  
1400 W. University

#### LOOKING AHEAD

September 27th - The Indiana Bicentennial torch relay will pass through Riverside/Normal City during the morning hours. Have an idea how the neighborhood might commemorate this event?

#### DID YOU KNOW

Neighborhood resident Whitney Stump owns and operates Be Here Now (505 N. Dill St.), DIY Music Venue and Craft Brew Bar Grill Room. This unique and laid back venue welcomes anyone 18+ and is an asset to our neighborhood. [beherenowmusic.com](http://beherenowmusic.com)

Painted crosswalks are both a tool to move pedestrians safely across roadways and a unique streetscape design that can help give a neighborhood a sense of identity and flair and create a gateway into the neighborhood. Workshops are being organized through the Gearbox initiative located in the old Cintas Building downtown that will teach neighborhood residents how to use laser cutters to cut stencils for use in painting artistic crosswalks. Riverside/Normal City is pursuing this opportunity to help define our neighborhood and develop a sense of place. Please stay tuned for more information, including a call for designs and workshop and crosswalk painting dates.



**March 5th 9:00-3:00 pm**

Shafer Leadership Academy, Building Better Neighborhoods and the Muncie Action Plan are hosting a conference at the Ball State Student Center that will bring together neighborhood leaders to strengthen and develop community-building skills. The free conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 – 3:00 pm. Each neighborhood has been charged with inviting **5 residents** to attend and each neighborhood will have a chance to win a **\$1500 door prize** for their association to use to support neighborhood initiatives. If you would like to attend on behalf of Riverside/Normal City please register online at [www.muncieneighborhoods.org](http://www.muncieneighborhoods.org). If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Heather Williams at [hlwilliams@bsu.edu](mailto:hlwilliams@bsu.edu).

This event has been made possible by the support of the City of Muncie, the Vectren Foundation, Building Better Neighborhoods and the Ball State Office of Community Engagement.

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To have your email added to our neighborhood listserve so that you can stay informed on R/NC news and activities please email Bill Morgan at [williampmorgan@comcast.net](mailto:williampmorgan@comcast.net)

