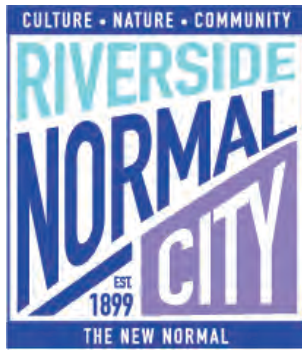


## Summer 2016 Newsletter



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

**August 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

While Normal City was developed in January of 1899, Riverside was developed as a separate municipality in 1918. To gain attraction, the Normal City community offered a free trip to the Columbian Exposition in 1901 in exchange for residency to the neighborhood.



- Please "Like" Riverside/Normal City on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/1T5CBdx>
- To have your email added to our neighborhood listserve so that you can stay informed on RNC news and activities please email Heather Williams at [hlwilliams@bsu.edu](mailto:hlwilliams@bsu.edu).
- Please review the Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Action Plan online at [riversidenormalcity.wordpress.com](http://riversidenormalcity.wordpress.com)

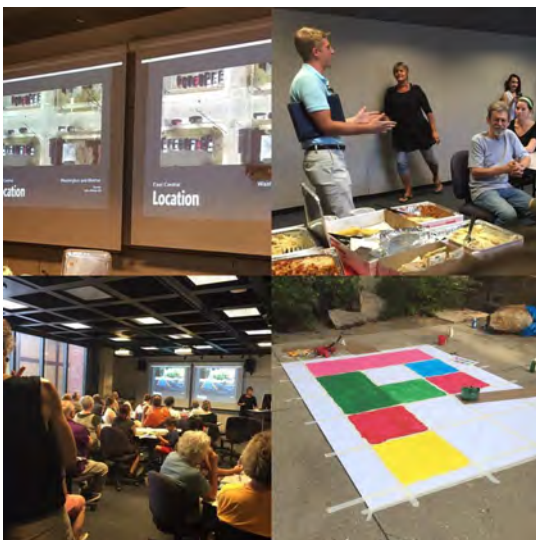
## Riverside-Normal City: The Story of a Middletown Neighborhood

When the students return to Ball State this fall, an immersive learning class will begin its focus on our neighborhood by connecting with local residents to tell the story of Riverside/Normal City (RNC). Students in this project will research the history and contemporary state of RNC by attending monthly neighborhood meetings, researching the history of the neighborhood in archives, interviewing neighborhood residents, scanning residents' photos while collecting stories, and photographing memorabilia as well as the neighborhood today. They will publish their findings in a book that will also be available online. Dates will be set in the fall when anyone with a story to tell about the neighborhood may speak to students and bring photos and memorabilia to scan. They will also set up times to conduct in-depth interviews or neighborhood tours with residents willing to share their stories and memories of the neighborhood. The neighborhood association will email residents the date of the "scanning parties" once selected, and will post on Facebook. We will also work with individual residents who want to speak with students to set up a time to meet that best accommodates their schedule. For more information about the project, or to set up a time to meet with students, please contact Jennifer Erickson, Department of Anthropology at [jlerickson@bsu.edu](mailto:jlerickson@bsu.edu). Thanks in advance for your participation!

## Artistic Crosswalks Workshops

On May 10th, neighborhood residents attended a workshop at the Muncie Makes Lab to select possible locations for artistic crosswalks and create a design that is representative of our neighborhood. Resident artist Anna Weddle worked with the Riverside/Normal City attendees to develop a few options that were brought back to the May association meeting for feedback. The second artistic crosswalk workshop was held July 20th and residents finalized designs and used a laser cutter to create a logo design to use on the crosswalks. The final artistic crosswalk workshop is scheduled for September 10th from 2-5 pm and we will be painting the crosswalks. We need volunteers! If you would like to help paint, please contact Heather Williams at [hlwilliams@bsu.edu](mailto:hlwilliams@bsu.edu).

\*Funding for the workshops is provided through Ball State's Academic Excellence Grant and the Building Better Neighborhoods Program.



## Spring Clean-up May 14th

Residents joined alongside the congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church to cleanup trash and debris in the neighborhood. With the help of the Muncie Sanitary District, volunteers were able to fill a truck to the top with discarded couches and furniture and another truck with miscellaneous debris. The fall clean-up, coordinated by the University Landlords Assoc., will take place September 17th. Keep an eye on Facebook for more info!



## Door Hanger Project

On September 22nd, Ball State's Campus Community Coalition, in partnership with the City of Muncie and the neighborhood associations surrounding campus, will pass out door hangers with resources for off-campus living and other useful information for residents. If you would like to volunteer to help hand out the door hangers in Riverside/Normal City, please contact Heather Williams at [hlwilliams@bsu.edu](mailto:hlwilliams@bsu.edu).

## 2016 RNC Neighborhood Association Board

### Officers:

Jeff Eads, President  
Melinda Messineo, Vice President  
Heather Williams, Secretary  
Bill Morgan, Treasurer

### Board Members:

Brandon Burgoa Gena coers  
Linda Hanson David Heilman  
Stephan Kerps Woody Statler  
Whitney Stump Keith Taylor

## Task Forces Want to get involved? Join a task force!

**Cross Walks** Attend workshops, work with artist to create design, secure volunteers for paint day

**Plat Revision** Work to remove racially restrictive language from plat covenants

**Trees & Sidewalks** Prioritize and advocate for sidewalk improvements and removal and planting of street trees

**Bylaw Revision** Revise bylaws to accomodate changes within the organization

**Dr. Ball Memorial Project** Determine how best to celebrate the life of one of the neighborhood's beloved residents; acquire project funding

**Real Estate Tour** Promote homeownership within the neighborhood

**Outreach to Businesses & Churches** Establish relationships between RCNA and neighborhood businesses & churches

**Phil Ball, the perpetual Mayor-For-Life of Normal City** passed away on February 4, 2016 at the age of 96. Dr. Ball was a physician for over 50 years, a local newspaper columnist and a writer of prose and poetry. Dr. Ball wrote under the psuedonym of Charles F. Coldwater, MD "to avoid law suit, assault, and insult, inasmuch as he characteristically attacked and slandered everyone and every group and every ethnic segment and every gender and every political party in his writings. These attacks were of course done tongue in cheek, because Dr. Ball loved everyone and every group."\* He was also an artist, or junk assemblage sculptor and his works adorn homes throughout Muncie. If you are interested in helping honor our famous resident, please consider joining the Dr. Ball Memorial Project committee.

\*Source: Star Press Obituary (online)

## Dates to Remember

**August 20** - FanJam @ Scheumann Stadium

**August 22** - First day of class @ BSU

**September 4** - Tuhey Park Drool in the Pool

**September 10** - Artistic Crosswalk painting

**September 17** - Neighborhood cleanup

**September 23** - Muncie Central Homecoming

**September 27** - IN Bicentennial torch relay

**October 10-11** - BSU fall break

**October 10-14** - MCS fall break

**October 22** - BSU Homecoming & parade

Check out [www.munciecalendar](http://www.munciecalendar) for more community events!