

04/15/14 – Neighborhood President’s Council Meeting

- Surveys were passed out to each president (Heather Williams)
- Wonder Reader’s Pilot Program – introduced by Ginny Niles
 - Program has trained 30 volunteer readers
 - Will give booklet and tickets to children – raffle to be held at end of program for \$500 towards rent
 - 18 opportunities for reading within a 5-6 week period
 - Collecting children’s books to give to kids at the end of the program (containers at libraries, banks, and other locations around the city)
- Canvassing Events (Isabelle Sowers)
 - Mayfield & Industry
 - Will be meeting again on Thursday 1-3 pm at 1210 S. Hackley to canvas Industry
 - Plan to do 1 a month going forward – one week before that neighborhood’s meeting
- Muncie-Delaware Clean and Beautiful has partnered with Bonnie Plants (Annie Poole)
 - Annie will send information to Larry to disseminate to all of the members on plant availability
- President’s Reports
 - **Riverside Normal City** (Bill Morgan) – 40 people at attendance at last month’s meeting; Duke Campbell and Kellie McClellan spoke about streets/parking/street trees; will hold elections and reinstate with the Secretary of State
 - **Westbriar** (Lynn Hale) – No meetings since last president’s council; steering committee doesn’t want to officially organize – small and happy neighborhood; might combine with neighboring neighborhood (Jim can get her in contact with someone from University Heights); don’t like being called an “association” – call themselves a “group”; when there is a topic of interest around 30 people do come out for a meeting
 - **East Central** (Annie Poole) – Easter egg hunt this Saturday; in middle of making candy Easter eggs as a fundraiser (make about 300 each year); just sent out quarterly newsletter; are subconsciously following the neighborhood plan written by MAP – would like some things revised; are conducting a May 03 neighborhood clean-up
 - **Old West End** (Nicole Rudnicki) – working on May 03 clean-up with volunteers, student voluntary services, and community service workers; hope to dedicate the new city park after the clean-up; following the neighborhood plan; membership at meetings has been lower because of the weather
 - **Gatewood** (Ron Martin) – Annual events include a Christmas party, Easter egg hunt, and picnic; Easter egg hunt has combined with Kenmore neighborhood this year; email newsletter went out this week; street representatives hand deliver to those without email; under previous president streets were paved, gates were painted and the storm sewer problem was addressed
 - **Kenmore** (Steve Kendall) – I&M power company issue is ongoing but they are making progress; working to revise bylaws and platt restrictions; trying to get Riverside homes to forego right to build duplexes and one lot that could build a commercial building (Alden & Riverside); hold once-a-year meetings
 - **Blaine** (Cliff Clemons) – 10 people at last meeting (good core group); May 03 clean-up – passing out information on April 26th to advertise the clean-up and pass out Energize Indiana fliers; Shroyer Bros. will be out at the clean-up with equipment to clear the Blaine field
 - **Westridge** (George Brannon) – 50 people at last meeting – pre-occupied with loitering smokers from campus; question of how to define Ball State’s property; have asked people to write letters to the BSU Board of Trustees; other problem is Petty – narrow street with walkers and bikers
 - **Industry** (Pastor Dana Hill) – Lots of people at meetings but few volunteers; working on bylaws and 501c3 status; planning a cookout and rummage sale – utilize Trinity church because there is a big lot across the street with the community garden; are working with the Unity Center to develop summer programs for youth
 - **Forest Park** (Mark Kinman) – neighborhood meeting signs have been helpful in getting people out to the meetings; major problem with drugs in the neighborhood; neighborhood also has issues with sanitary sewers; Senior Center: next Thursday 5-7:30 pm there will be a fish fry \$9/adults and \$5/children & on April 26th there will be a gold tournament at Maplewood Golf course