

## **11/18/14 – Neighborhood President’s Council Meeting**

- **Announcements:**

- Jim Wingate (MAP) – Please mark your calendars for the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NPC; MAP will be hosting a Holiday Party from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for Presidents, Board Members and their families.
- Heather Williams (BBN) - please send history & picture of your neighborhood; would like to share the story of your neighborhood on the website.
- Amy Fant (MAP) – Neighborhoods Twitter account @Muncieneighbors; please share your stories of what is happening in your neighborhood.
- Isabelle Sowers (MAP) – 2015 canvassing events will focus on SkyPark and Granville; please look at your calendars and be ready to volunteer.

- **Shafer Leadership Academy:**

- Introductions: name, neighborhood, takeaway from last month’s session and what you think consensus means
  - As leaders you need to listen, to give up control and to not place blame
  - Storytelling is important – must make time to build trust and relationships
- Drawing Activity – Lesson Learned:
  - Individuals in a group when presented with the same challenge, will have different perspectives
- Skit Activity
  - Discussion
    - People are not that articulate in a real meeting
    - Everyone was willing to share their ideas
    - Everyone had a different concern/way of looking at the situation
    - One person acquiesced more than others – trusted the group’s opinions
  - Lesson Learned
    - Must develop trust amongst members
    - Must know the people you are working with
    - Must have a level of comfort amongst group members to avoid sidebar conversations
    - Leader must set expectations at the beginning – possibly at the beginning of every meeting
    - Consensus is having the same goal in mind; Leader may have to re-direct the group by keeping the common end in mind

- **President’s Reports:**

- Clifford (Blaine/Southeast) – rehabbing Blaine field; was awarded KaBoom grant; next step is forming a planning committee; will be going full steam ahead after the holidays have 1 year to spend the funds.
- Mark (Thomas Park/Avondale) – 15 people at the last meeting; asked if people wanted to meet during the Holidays – consensus is yes.
- Bill (Riverside/Normal City) – only two people attended the October meeting due to miscommunication of date – couldn’t get the email out; going to work to get more people to take ownership in the organization; thank you Jim Wingate for spearheading the project to landscape Appeal to the Great Spirit.
- Lynn (East Central) – Dec. 6-7 from 4-8 pm and 1-5 pm (respectively), East Central is hosting their Holiday Home Tour; Tickets are \$10.00 and are available for purchase at the Emily Kimbrough House.
- Frank (Whitely) – purchasing HUD house for rehabilitation.
- Mark (Forest Park) – Christmas Party on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center; accepting donations of new toys or monetary donations to be dropped off before December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center; Connie is leading the association meeting this month because he is attending the public meeting to fight for rehabilitation or demolition of a property in the neighborhood; house destroyed by fire that killed young child has finally been demolished.

- Misty (Anthony) – have had a rash of break-ins in the neighborhood; will be discussing what people can do to stay safe/avoid a break-in.
- Sylvia (Western Woods) – re-looking at the steps to build a neighborhood association and setting new goals for the future.
- Lezlie (South Central) – still having issues with attendance at regular meetings but had good turnout at garden party; may hold off on having any more meetings until after the Holidays.
- Isabelle (Blaine/Southeast) – working on a Christmas Party for the neighborhood and to thank Lisa Dunaway’s planning class for their hard work.
- Jim (Gatewood) – spending a lot of money to repair the historic gates – noticed bases are deteriorating – plan to raise money to continue restoration; a rental property that is zoned residential was operating a business – spoke with tenants – tenants moved; working on a FaceBook and a webpage.
- Lynn (Westbrier) – people are motivated to fix up their homes when other people in the neighborhood are making improvements.