

OLD AND NEW FUNCIES OF THE SOUTH SIDE OF MUNCIE

1 The Ross Community center is a place where people young and old can come to relax and have fun. The complex has been around for many years and has provided many youth programs and has been a center piece in bringing the neighborhood together.

2 Lehman's is a sort of Muncie classic. The store has been around since the 1930s and has been a long time supplier for east Indiana. It might seem a bit odd to see a store on the map but to last that long in Muncie Lehman's can be seen as a landmark.

3 If there were much of anything left from the Chevy plant, the Workman's bar is a landmark. The original use of the bar was a nice destresser after a long days work at the plant. Even though the plant may be gone now, the bar still functions as it did then in being a nice relaxer after a long days work.

10 This final place is more of eye candy if anything. Anyone who lives in the southside can tell you where to find the house that smiles. The Happy House is a landmark place that has smiley faces everywhere and I mean everywhere. All you have to do to enjoy it is drive or walk by and enjoy the view.

9 Forest Park may fail in size to a lot of other areas in Muncie but its community is lively and the senior center shows it. Once being an elementary school the building now provides a place for bingo, dinners, theme nights, and even has its own thrift store. Don't let the word "senior" fool you. Anyone can come have a good time and meet the people of Forest Park here.

8 Muncie may lean on the side of older more historical places but there are always new things popping up. Besides the Workman's bar there is also a newer place around that just opened up recently. The Acoustic Room is a newer bar to visit if your looking for something new and it never hurts to support new businesses.



- 1 Ross Center
- 2 Lehman's
- 3 Workman's Bar
- 4 Mid-America Fireworks
- 5 Thomas Park Raceway
- 6 Tom Thumb Raceway
- 7 Old Chevrolet Muncie Plant
- 8 Acoustic Room
- 9 Forest Park Senior Center
- 10 Happy House

4 Fireworks stores are an essential to any American community and when they're family owned its just that much more cool. This local store has been providing the bang for years now and can be seen as a southside exclusive store. Besides, who doesnt love going to a fireworks store?

5 Here's a more historical landmark that not many people know about. Back in the day when Hoyt was called Middletown Avenue a fun little event took place on the surrounding street. A we have gathered about the races most people just remember how "loud and annoying the cars were". Maybe thats why it didn't last into today.

6 An old place that a lot of older Muncie residents could tell you about is the Tom Thumb Raceway. If you think your Hot Wheels tracks are cool, this slot car store had you beat. Being a kind of community center, Tom Thumb's was hub filled with 4 huge tracks that for \$1.60 an hour you could race your slot cars against friends or other enthusiasts to see who had the best slot car.

7 If you thought Muncie was always a small college town think again. When the Chevy plant was around the town was a prosperous place to be. A majority of the older generation of Muncie if asked where they worked will probably tell you the Chevy plant. Providing a multitude of jobs, the plant was the economic success of Muncie and now when you visit it you will just find a giant area of pavement and weeds.