



## Welcome to Muncie!

*We are delighted that you have joined the Ball State community. To help you feel more comfortable here, the Office of Community Engagement would like to share some of our favorite spots in and around downtown.*

*If you would like to know more about our city, feel free to contact us anytime! (765) 285-2773 | [oce@bsu.edu](mailto:oce@bsu.edu)*

### QUICK MUNCIE HISTORY

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**1770** Lenape Native Americans live in area (language: Munsee).

**1865** City of Muncie officially established.

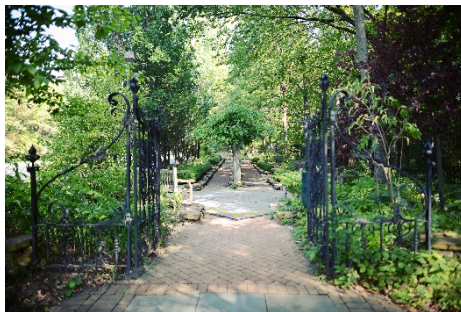
**1886** Ball Brothers and Ball Corporation move to Muncie.

**1924** Famous Middletown Studies turn Muncie into one of the most documented cities in the United States.

**Until 1990's** A manufacturing economy: BorgWarner, Delco Remy, General Motors, New Venture Gear, Indiana Steel and Wire, Westinghouse Electric.

### MINNETRISTA | N. Minnetrista Pkwy

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When the five Ball Brothers came to Muncie during the Gas Boom, each brother built a home just north of the bend of the White River. In 1988, the Minnetrista Cultural Center was built on the site of Frank C. Ball's home.

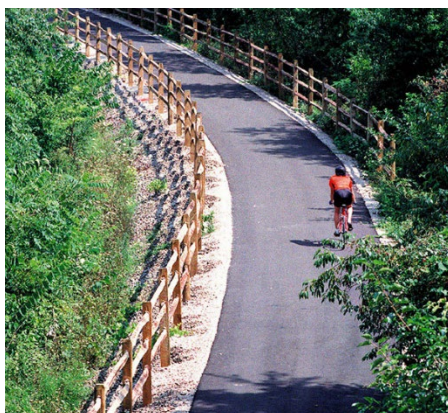
Minnetrista features elaborate gardens, cultural exhibits, historical archive, weekly Farmer's Market in the summer and fall (monthly in the winter), and the Orchard Shop offering unique gifts, many by local artisans.

Signature events include the Luminaria Festival (December), Fireworks (July) and Fairies, Lights and Sprites (July).

Coming in Fall 2020: The Bob Ross Experience. The iconic series "Joy of Painting" was filmed on Minnetrista's campus from 1983 to 1988. Minnetrista has partnered with Bob Ross Inc. to create a permanent space celebrating Bob's legacy and inviting others to explore their inner artist.

### WHITE RIVER/CARDINAL GREENWAYS

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White River Greenway is a three-mile trail that extends just south of Ball State campus west to Yorktown.

East of Minnetrista, the White River Greenway connects with the Cardinal Greenway. Indiana's longest rail-trail, inducted into the national Rail-Trail Hall of Fame in 2018, spans 62 miles from Marion to Richmond.

The Greenway headquarters is the historic Wysor Depot (700 E. Wysor Street). Built in 1901, the center features a gift shop, bike rentals, and events throughout the year, including:

Bike Fest – July

Walk Indiana – September

TurkeyTrot Walk/Run – Thanksgiving

Old Fashioned Christmas – December

## DOWNTOWN MUNCIE

At the heart of Muncie is DWNTWN, a newly rejuvenated community that boasts unique businesses, local restaurants, art venues, historic living spaces, and 40 special events throughout the year.



### ► Downtown Bars and Restaurants

[Barking Cow of Muncie](#) 118. S. Walnut St.  
Thirty-two flavors of old fashioned ice cream, lunch, dinner, beverages, and coffee.

[Caffeinery](#) 401 S. Walnut St.  
Gourmet coffee house and small batch roaster.  
Delivery available.

[Casa del Sol Mexican Grill](#) 206 S. Walnut St.  
Delicious food and outdoor seating in the heart of downtown.

[Downtown Farm Stand](#) 125 E. Main St.  
Go-to place for local, sustainable and organic food.  
Daily dining options and delivery.

[Elm Street Brewing Company](#) 519 N. Elm. St.  
Historic 1890's Ice and Coal Building. Great food, beer, live music, amazing atmosphere.

[Fickle Peach](#) 117 E. Charles St.  
Elegant pub in an old bank building. Great selection of beers and wine, pool tables, and great company.

[Guardian Brewing Company](#) 514 E. Jackson St.  
Great beer brewed locally, pizza, live music.

[Harmony Café](#) 113 W. Jackson St.  
Cuban-inspired cuisine with quick service and cozy atmosphere.

[Heorot](#) 219 S. Walnut St.  
Nearly 300 different types of beer. Root beer on tap.  
Named one of the nation's top 100 beer joints.

[Lahody's "Trust Your Butcher" Steakhouse](#)  
231 S. Walnut St.  
High-end steakhouse and full bar.

[Maadi Grill](#) 215 S. Walnut St. (Valhalla)  
Authentic Mediterranean food at amazing prices.  
Served to-go from Valhalla.

[Mark III Tap Room](#) 306 S. Walnut St.  
Indiana's oldest LGBTQ nightclub. Hosts regular live entertainment and special events.

[The Neely House](#) 617 E. Adams St.  
Fine dining reflecting 'life as it was' in the times of Thomas S. Neely, who built the home in 1852.

[osteria 32](#) 1501 W. Kilgore Ave., west of downtown.  
21+ establishment offering variety of fine Italian wines and authentic traditional Italian fare.

[Savages Ale House](#) 127 N. High St.  
Classic corner pub. Great food and beer.

[Twin Archer Brewpub](#) 117 W. Charles St.  
All-ages restaurant and bar serving craft beer and great food.

[Tuppee Tong Thai](#) 310 W. Main St.  
Classic Thai dishes in a relaxed, family-friendly space.

[Valhalla](#) 215 S. Walnut St.  
Night club with live music and rental facility.

[Vera Mae's Bistro](#) 209 S. Walnut St.  
Upscale fusion cuisine. Nominated annually to the 10 best restaurants in Indiana.

[625 Taphouse](#) 625 S. High St.  
Good beer and even better food for lunch and dinner.  
Owned by the Erskine Green Training Institute, a first-of-its-kind postsecondary program for individuals with disabilities.



## ► Downtown Retail



[AW Yeah Comics](#) 119 E. Charles St.  
Co-owned by Mark Waid and Christina Blanch, award-winning comic book writers.

[Dandelions Flower Shop](#) 120 S. Walnut St.  
Full-service flower shop plus a lot of fun gifts.

[Debbie's Hand Made Soaps](#) 123 S. Walnut St.  
Natural, healing soaps and lotions.

[Forever Young Children's Boutique](#) 125 E. Charles St.  
Unique style clothing for fashion forward kids, sizes newborn-7.

[Hayloft Boutique](#) 202 S. Walnut St.  
One-of-a kind pieces at affordable prices.

[Heidi Hale Designs](#) 301 S. Walnut St.  
Handmade jewelry created in the store.

[Kirk's Bike Shop](#) 124 S. Walnut St.  
More than 100 years in business!

[Muncie Map Co.](#) 111 E. Adams St.  
Unique map and globe shop also featuring Muncie t-shirts, bumper stickers, magnets, and more.

[Muncie's Makers Market](#) 2100 W. River Blvd, west of downtown  
Features local growers and artisans, Saturdays 4-7 pm, May – October.

[Muncie Music Center](#) 600 S Mulberry St.  
Providing instruments to East Central Indiana musicians for over 75 years.

[Murray's Jewelers](#) 113 W. Charles St.  
Operated by five generations since 1885. Specializes in custom-designed jewelry and repair services.

[Normandy Flower Shop](#) 123 W. Charles St.  
The little bright spot in Downtown! Flowers, plants, Yankee Candles, balloons, and more.

[Olive and Slate](#) 304 S. Walnut St.  
Unique home décor and gifts with an extra touch of style and quality.

[Pazol's Jewelers](#) 125 S. Walnut St.  
Founded in 1920. From the affordable to the extravagant, special orders, custom designs, or repairs.

[Toys Forever Models & Hobbies](#) 300 S. Walnut St.  
Full-line toy and hobby shop serving all of East Central Indiana. Knowledgeable and friendly staff.

[Tribune Showprint](#) 514 E. Jackson St. (MadJax)  
Oldest continuously operating print shop in the US (since 1878). Produces made-to-order posters for concerts, sporting events, festivals, and carnivals.

[Washington Street Toy Emporium](#) 500 E. Washington St.  
Unique toy store in an old home with themed rooms and top-quality toys.

## ► Downtown Hotel

[Downtown Courtyard by Marriott](#) and [Erskine Green Training Institute](#) 601 S. High St.  
The 150-room hotel, built in 2015, houses the Erskine Green Training Institute, a first-of-its-kind vocational training program for individuals with disabilities. While attending EGTI, students live in the hotel and gain skills for a variety of jobs in the hotel, food service, and healthcare environments.



**ERSKINE  
GREEN**  
Training Institute

## ► Downtown Entertainment, Recreation, and Arts Venues



### [Beyond I Can](#) 514 E. Jackson St. (MadJax)

Creative day services program for individuals with intellectual/ developmental disabilities. Gift shop open to the public.

### [Book Arts Collaborative](#) 514 E. Jackson St. (MadJax)

Immersive learning collaboration between community members and Ball State students. Offering workshops in letterpress printing and book-binding.

### [Canan Commons](#) 600 S. Walnut.

This urban park is located in the heart of Muncie. Hosts a variety of community and cultural events, al fresco films, musical performances, makers markets, and more.

### [Cornerstone Center for the Arts](#) 520 E. Main St.

Originally constructed as the Masonic Temple in 1926, facility now offers community classes (dance, visual arts, music, and theater) and hosts community events, performances, proms and wedding receptions.

### [Gordy Fine Art and Printing](#) 224 E. Main St.

Owned by Carl and Barbara Schafer who have spent 25 years in the museum profession. One of the epicenters of Downtown Muncie's arts scene.

### [Made in Muncie Pottery](#) 313 S. Walnut St.

Paint your own pottery; also features local artisans.

### [Muncie Civic Theatre](#) 216 E. Main St.

Built in 1880, it is one of the oldest active theaters in the country. More than 20 shows each year; extensive youth theatre and therapeutic arts programs.

### [Muncie Children's Museum](#) 515 S. High St.

Educational, interactive, and creative environment for children of all ages. Special events offered throughout the year.

### [On the Mark, For the City Mural](#) 306 S. Walnut St.

The mural was designed by four local artists to celebrate the diverse and inclusive nature of our community.

### [Plyspace](#) 608 E. Main St.

Headquarters for Muncie Arts and Culture Council and exhibition/ studio/living quarters for Muncie's artist-in-residence program.

### [Tuhey Pool](#) 500 W. North St.

Public pool and splash pad; open Memorial weekend through early-September.

### [YMCA of Muncie](#) (Downtown) 500 S. Mulberry St.

Promoting healthy living, sponsoring youth development, and fostering a sense of social responsibility in Muncie since 1914.

## ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS OF INTEREST

### [Academy of Model Aeronautics](#) 5161 E. Memorial Dr.

World's largest model aviation association and host of the annual National Aeromodeling Championships. Museum houses 11,000 artifacts, simulators, and more.

### [Craddock Wetland Preserve](#) Bunch Blvd. and Gavin St.

Beautiful 27-acre restored wetland on an old industrial site. Serves as waystation for migrating birds, home for other wildlife, and outdoor laboratory.

### [Prairie Creek Reservoir and Campground](#) 7801 S County Road 560 East, Selma

A lake oasis just 15 minutes from Muncie. Features swimming, pontoon rental, ATV, horse trails, playground, basketball, volleyball, and rental cabins.

### [Tonne Winery](#) 101 W. Royerton Rd.

2014 Indiana Winery of the Year  
Variety of events and live music through the year.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### ► News and More



[The Star Press](#) The home page of Muncie news and sports.

[Muncie Journal](#) News outlet highlighting positive stories in Muncie, Delaware County, and East Central Indiana. Hosted by WoofBoom Radio.

[Indiana Public Radio](#) Licensed to Ball State University, IPR broadcasts classical music and NPR® news 24 hours a day.

[WIPB-TV](#) A PBS affiliate located on Ball State's campus. Provides distinctive television programs, including student-produced programming, and enriching educational and outreach services.

[Ball State Daily News](#) Nationally award-winning, on-campus independent news organization.

[NewsLink Indiana](#) Student-produced live nightly newscast on local, regional, and national news and weather.

[Ball State SportsLink](#) Award-winning coverage of the best stories in Ball State Sports, produced by Digital Sports Production students.

[Cardinal Compass: Campus & Community Conversations](#) Monthly student-produced series on WIPB and IPR exploring the connections between Muncie and Ball State university with President Geoffrey Mearns.

[Good Girl Gone Boss](#) Weekly podcast by local entrepreneurs Matt Howell & Angie Rogers-Howell featuring women leaders in Muncie/Delaware County.

### ► Facebook Pages to Follow

[Ball State Office of Community Engagement](#)

[City of Muncie](#)

[Cornerstone Center for the Arts](#)

[Downtown Muncie](#)

[Forge ECI](#)

[Hey Muncie!](#)

[Minnetrista](#)

[Muncie Action Plan](#)

[Muncie Civic Theatre](#)

[Muncie Journal](#)

[Muncie Neighborhoods](#)

[Muncie Public Library](#)

[Muncie Symphony Orchestra](#)

[Muncie Visitors Bureau](#)

### ► Documentaries/Films about Muncie

[A Legacy Etched in Glass – The Ball Brothers in Muncie](#) (36 minutes)

[The Lenape on the Wapahani River](#) (28 minutes)

[Changing Gears: End of an Era](#) (60 minutes)

[DWNTWN: The Next Muncie](#) (2 minutes)

[Muncie's Sesquicentennial](#) (12 minutes)

[Why it Matters: A Tale of Two Cities](#) (27 minutes)

[Why it Matters: Inside Muncie Community Schools](#) (27 minutes)

[Revitalization in Muncie: Hope Building](#) (5 minutes)

[Unmasked: The Stigma of Meth](#) (29 minutes)

[Primary of Place: Whitely Community Council](#) (3 minutes)

[Ball State Community Engagement](#) (3 minutes)

[My Name is Jerry](#) (featuring Academy Award nominee/BSU alum Doug Jones; 1 hr 40 minutes)

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