

THE HOPE Initiative

Ensuring that all of Henry County lives with Dignity

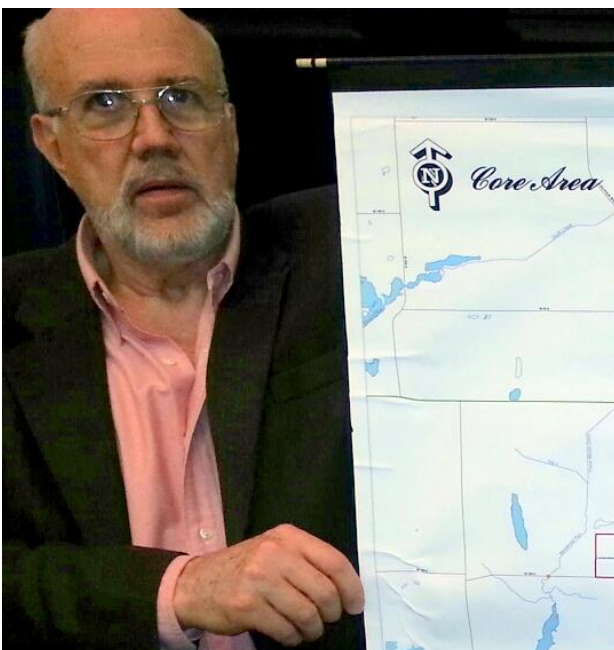
FINALLY, spring has sprung! HOPE Initiative will celebrate this welcome event by giving a hand-up to spring cleaning **tomorrow, Saturday, May 10**, starting with joining the Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Kiwanis at their pancake breakfast at **8 am**. **The meal is served at the First United Methodist Church, next to the Post Office**. Enjoying the meal, thanks to some generous folk who are buying the meal for HOPE's workers, we will then begin walking to our work in the city. We will have gloves and bags available; workers bringing rakes to help the process are deeply appreciated. (Please mark the tools so they are easily retrieved.)

We will work diligently until 11:45.....then head back to the church, where Stonebrooke will have brought us lunch. What a great city we live in! Such willingness to help. We will enjoy the food, give thanks for the capacity to help our neighbor, and know that our hands are serving in a practical way. The event is **over by 12:30**, noon if you skip lunch, but why would you do that 😊



We goofed! Our trip to the Housing Court in Muncie was scheduled for this coming Tuesday, May 13---Date SO WRONG! We are usually pretty good at our information, but got this one wrong and are admitting it as soon as we realized it. Our deepest apologies to those who made special arrangements to go. We do plan to use our regularly scheduled **JUNE 12 meeting, second Thursday of the Month, as a field trip to go visit the court on their actual date for meeting, 4 pm at Muncie's Civic Center/Police Station**. If you can go with us to watch this proceeding, we believe you will come away with new ideas that can bring assistance to us locally in a fairly quick amount of time.

Yes, there is an “Outdoor Living and Garden Tour” ---June 21, 2014. We already have some gorgeous gardens identified...need more. Let us know if you have one of those gardens to share for a few hours ...or if you know of someone who has such a garden (765-465-4200).



Last evening, we were treated to Sam Helm's amazing, comprehensive vision for a city he deeply loves...following are just a few of the take-aways for those who were in attendance: **Plan for sustainability, Initiate downtown and cemetery tours**, host light shows in downtown, have lighting and arch spotlight, **turn cruise into business opportunity**, use downtown parking lot for 50's movies, **utilize local artists to upgrade downtown appearance**, have a vision that everyone agrees to and works toward, **create a positive identity for NewCastle and HenryCounty**; being green must be a part of that identity, install luminaries on bike trails along SR 3, **Consider that racing and sports tie in for down town**, help the Jennings Project; we need it to succeed, **consider starting a candy factory, a guard against recession** 😊, Own the visual impact of improving our physical appearance, Move the framework to a comprehensive plan for the community that all buy into in theory and practice. A Good Evening! Thank you, Sam.

Next HOPE meeting is a field trip to Muncie, June 12, 4 pm; next “regular” meeting is July 10, 6:30 pm, Library.