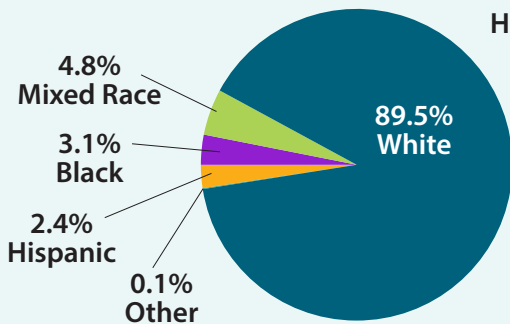


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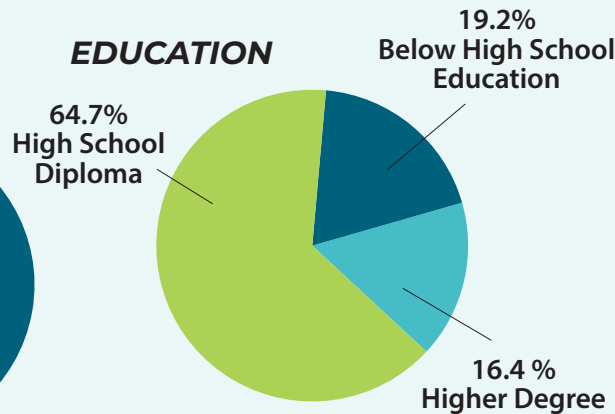
## Demographics

4,065 RESIDENTS

### RACE



### EDUCATION



## People to know

**Brian Carless**, *Sparky's Garden & Avondale Church, TPA Neighborhood Association*

**Christina Dunsmore**, *Ross Community Center*

**Ed Armontrout**, *Avondale Church*

**Jacqueline Hanoman**, *Executive Director, Ross Community Center*

**James Heimlich**, *TPA Neighborhood Association; President*

**Julieth Andrea Paez Soto**, *Ross Community Center*

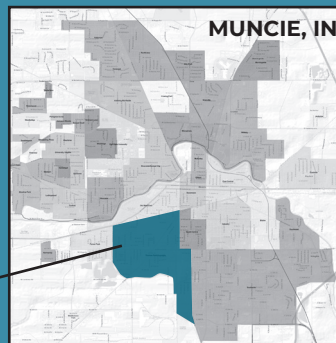
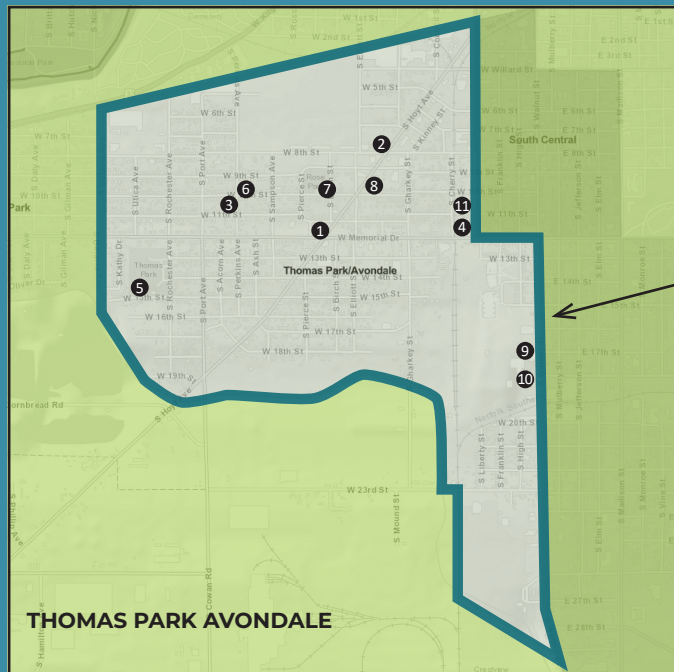
**Mike Martin**, *Common Market, TPA Neighborhood Association; Vice President*

**Neil Kring**, *Street Pastor, Muncie Folk Collective*

**Sara Rene**, *Muncie Folk Collective*

## History

Thomas Park/Avondale is a place where people are beginning to come together to make the neighborhood safer and more beautiful by reclaiming abandoned spaces and rebuilding relationships within the neighborhood after decades of despair. At the beginning of the Twentieth Century, our forefathers came here from the Appalachian region to work at the factories. They settled here with their families, creating a wonderful neighborhood. The community grew and prospered as the factories flourished. Our families earned good salaries, and many children followed their parents into jobs at the factories. Community life was vibrant, people lived in nicely kept homes, and family and social events were abundant. However, as the factories began closing down and the subsequent opioid crisis hit this community, jobs became fewer and the neighborhood fell into decay. Many neighbors felt hopeless due to low-paying jobs and lack of opportunity.



### LOCAL BUSINESSES

1. Rosebud Coffee Shop
2. The Common Market
3. Sparky's Garden Shop
4. Attic Window

### PARKS & COMMUNITY SPACES

5. Thomas Park
6. Avondale Church
7. Ross Community Center
8. 8twelve Coalition office
9. Maring-Hunt Library
10. South View Elementary School
11. Muncie Mission



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