



# Town Council/Community Association Rocky Ripple E-News

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## Rocky Ripple CALENDAR

**Sat., Jan. 23rd**

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7:00 pm Town Hall

**Thurs., Feb. 4th**

### **RREM/CERT Meeting** (emergency management/ rescue response team)

7:00 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Feb. 9**

### **Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Feb. 16**

### **Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Sat., Feb. 20th**

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7:00 pm Town Hall

**Thurs., Mar. 3rd**

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7:00 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Mar. 8th**

### **Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

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## BINGO Nights for 2016: Saturdays Jan. 23rd Feb. 20th and Mar. 19th 7:00 pm Town Hall



Bingo season is here again. You, your neighbors, kids, parents, other relatives and friends are invited to join us at the Town Hall on Saturday evenings, **Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb. 20th and Mar. 19th** at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall for a fun filled evening of BINGO, with hot dogs, chili dogs, chips and drinks available for purchase.

Bingo cards are 25 cents each per round. The pot from each round played will be split between the

Community Association and the round winner.

Proceeds of the January and February events go toward Community Association activities, such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Howl. Proceeds for the March event go to the Veterans Association.

## Rocky Ripple Town Council Updates

The newly elected town council, Carla Gaff-Clark, Jill Morris, Mandy Redmond and Kandy Kendall were sworn into office at the 12-Jan-2015 Town Council meeting. The council members were sworn in by town attorney Kelly Scanlan, who was serving in the capacity of Judge Pro Tempore for the day to do so. Cake and a reception followed the regular town council meeting and swearing in ceremony.

## Rocky Ripple Town Officials

### Town Councilors

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Major points of discussion at the January council meeting included the following topics. Further detail can be found in the minutes for the Town Council meetings, which can be found on the town's website at the following location:

<http://rockyripple.com/community-information/minutes/>

**Canal Floodwall Update:** The Council reviewed the City of Indianapolis' announcement on 14-Dec-2015 that the Department of Public Works (DPW) has decided, based upon the results of the recently completed feasibility study, not to pursue the Canal Westbank Alignment project. The city announcement stated that the east side of the canal floodwall along Westfield Blvd. will be pursued ("the Westfield Boulevard Alignment").

As of the January Town Council meeting, no further updates have been provided by the City as to any specifics regarding the Westfield Boulevard Alignment. Town Councilor Mandy Redmond remains in touch with the DPW on this topic. Rocky Ripple Town Councilors will be contacting City officials in January to obtain updates and reiterate the town's opposition to the walling in of Rocky Ripple and ongoing requests for assistance in repairing the existing levee along the river.

**River Levee Repair:** An Engineering Consultant has been sourced to advise the town of specific actions that can be undertaken to firm up and repair the levee. Town Councilor Carla Gaff-Clark is working to schedule the consultant to attend an upcoming town council meeting to present the specifics. More info will be provided when available.

**Snow Plowing/Salting of Rocky Ripple Roads:** Thanks to residents Ely Hinkle and Art Bracken, as well as road commissioner/town marshal Mike Kiefer, the town truck and plow are ready for this winter's onslaught. First saltings and plowing of the year occurred during the weekend of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.



## CERT/REM Team Update; Free CERT Training Coming

On January 7, 2016, Rocky Ripple resident Andy Hazel was elected as the new chairman of the Rocky Ripple Emergency Management/Community Emergency Response Team (RREM/CERT). Andy's duties as chairman include the river watch and color coded warning sign placements in the town's information boxes at the town's entrances on 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> streets. Andy replaces local homeowner Dave Daugherty, who headed the CERT/RREM team since its inception in 1998.

Special thanks to Dave for his years of service as part of this initiative. The team served as the first CERT in Indiana. The team installed a river gage at the town hall and continues to educate the community about the NOAA advanced hydrology warning system of river levels and the Red Cross evacuation preparedness procedure. A stockpile of emergency first aid and rescue supplies are maintained at the town hall. Thanks also to Andy for heading up the team and those currently on the team. The group is open to new members and meets the first Thursday of each month at the town hall.

A free CERT training class (Community Emergency Response Team) is being planned for early spring 2016. Learn a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations. CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Contact Andy Hazel by emailing [ajhaze77@gmail.com](mailto:ajhaze77@gmail.com) or text 796-0931 for more information.

# Rocky Ripple Community Association

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## RRCA Newsletter:

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# RRCA 2016 Calendar of Events

Event	Date/Time	Location
Bingo	Sat. 23-Jan-2016 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 16-Feb-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Bingo	Sat. 20-Feb-2016 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 15-Mar-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Bingo	Sat. 19-Mar-2016 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Town Hall
Easter Egg Hunt/Cake Walk	Sat. 26-Mar-2016 12 – 2 pm	Meet at Town Hall at noon
Townwide Garage Sale	Sat. 23-Apr-2015 8 am – 1 pm	Various
Plant Exchange	Sat. 07-May-2016 2 – 4 pm	Hohlt Park Community Garden
Rocky Ripple Comm Association Meeting – RRCA Elections (President and Sergeant at Arms)	Tues. 17-May-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 21-Jun-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 19-Jul-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 16-Aug-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 20-Sep-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival	Sat. 24-Sep-2016 11 am – 6 pm	Hohlt Park
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 18-Oct-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Kids Halloween Howl/Costume Contest	Sat. 29-Oct-2016 3 – 5 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 15-Nov-2016 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Holiday Bazaar	Sat. 03-Dec-2016	Town Hall

## Helpful Septic Advice – Don't Flush Those Wipes

As noted in current news published by the City of Carmel Utilities, class action and individual lawsuits have been filed in courts around the country against the manufacturers of so called "flushable" wipes. The packaging of many wipes state that they are flushable, but most times they are not.

This is especially critical for Rocky Ripple residents to know since they have septic systems for sewage disposal. The wipes do not biodegrade quickly enough to avoid clogging pipes. Toilet paper disintegrates almost immediately but disposable wipes wreak havoc on septic tanks and sewer systems.

After being flushed, the wipes get caught in a home's plumbing system. Once stuck, they eventually create a blockage. Better not to flush!



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## 2016 Rocky Ripple Festival Planning Under Way

The date for the 2016 Rocky Ripple Festival has been set. It will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in Hohlt Park.



2015 was the festival's 16th year and over \$6,000 was raised. Funds raised go toward maintenance of Rocky Ripple parks. In 2015, funds raised by past festivals went toward purchase of new swings and the de-weeding and remulching of the Hohlt Park playground. Three thousand dollars was also given to the town of Rocky Ripple for mowing of the parks for one season.

### Need Your Help

Thanks to Dhyana Raynor, who will once again head up the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Rocky Ripple Festival in 2016. Dhyana and the community association want to hear from RR residents who would like to collaborate and help run the 17th Annual Rocky Ripple Festival of the Arts.

What are your visions for the festival? What kind of energy/talents do you have that would enhance this annual fund-raising event?

Did you know that the festival is run entirely by volunteers? That all proceeds help support and improve the parks in Rocky Ripple? That the RRCA is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to serve this eclectic, unique town within the city of Indianapolis? Contact Dhyana for more info (317-414-5018) or [dhyana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhyana@sbcglobal.net).

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### New City Dog Ordinance

Information about the City of Indianapolis' new dog ordinance was presented by the City's Neighborhood Liaison, Mary Chalmers, at the January Rocky Ripple town council meeting. The new ordinance went into effect on 15-Sep-2015, but is especially pertinent now, as there are extreme weather stipulations. This includes making sure your dog is in a temperature controlled building, such as your house, when the temperatures fall below 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Details about the new code, provided by Ms. Chalmers, are contained on page 6.

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**Reminder to...  
Donate to the Rocky  
Ripple Community  
Association while  
shopping at Amazon.**

For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to RRCA, which will be used for community initiatives. You must register and purchase through [amazonsmile.org](http://amazonsmile.org). Click on the link or amazonsmile logo to register. You will be prompted to select a charitable organization from eligible organizations the first time you use it. Please select the Rocky Ripple Community Association and shop away.



## Recycling Reminder

Don't forget to recycle your newspapers, magazines and other paper at the newspaper recycling bin located next to the Town Hall garage. Proceeds from the recycling effort go to offset the cost of the Port-o-Let in Hohlt Park. The more paper we recycle in the bin, the more money that goes to this effort.

## Not Receiving Email Notification of the Rocky Ripple E-News?

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# FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR DOG

## New Indianapolis Care & Treatment Ordinance

Your dog is happiest living with you inside your house and spending time outside with you on walks or romping in a securely fenced yard. This is always the best option for your dog.



If you must keep your dog outside, and you live in Indianapolis, you should know the new laws requiring a minimum level of care for your outside dog. For a happy, healthy dog, please make sure you meet or exceed these basic legal requirements.

### Shelter

Your dog must have access to:

- a shelter constructed of solid wood or other weather resistant materials consisting of solid walls on all sides
- a dry floor raised above the ground
- a roof sloped away from the entrance to protect your dog from weather and extreme cold



During the winter months and when the temperature is below 40°F:

- the shelter must be large enough for your dog to stand up and turn around
- the entrance must be covered by a flexible wind proofing material or self-closing door
- the shelter must contain clean, dry bedding which must consist of an insulating material that does not retain moisture, such as straw, and sufficient depth for your dog to burrow

### Pen or Fenced Enclosure

- Your dog must have adequate space for exercise when confined to a kennel, enclosure or pen which must be at least 100 square feet (for example: 10ft. x 10ft.)
- Any dog over 80 pounds must be provided with a space of 150 square feet
- For each additional dog inside the enclosure, an extra 50 square feet must be provided



### Tethering

It is **against the law** to tether (chain) your dog if any of the following is true:

- Your dog is less than 6 months old
- Your dog is sick or injured
- It is between 11PM & 6AM
- Your dog is not spayed or neutered, unless you are an adult, your dog is in your visual range, and you are outside with your dog

### Extreme Weather

Your dog must be brought inside a temperature controlled building, such as your house when:

- the temperature outside is 20°F & below
- the temperature outside is 90°F & above
- there's a heat advisory
- there's a windchill warning
- a tornado warning has been issued

### Shade

On any day where the temperature is at or above 80°F, your dog's shelter must be shaded by either trees or a tarp.

Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County, Indianapolis/Marion County, IN Section 531-401, General requirements for animal care and treatment, effective September 30, 2015.

To get help for your dog, call FIDO: 317-221-1314 To report a dog in need, call the MAC line: 317-327-4622