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TOWN CALENDAR

Tues., Sep. 17th
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Sat. Sept. 28th
Rocky Ripple Festival
11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Hohlt Park.

Thur., Oct. 10th
MEET THE CANDIDATES
Running for Rocky Ripple Town Board
7:00 – 8:30 pm Town Hall

Tues., Oct. 15th
Rocky Ripple Town Board Budget Adoption Meeting
7:00 pm Town Hall

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7:30 pm Town Hall

Tues., Oct. 22nd
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Sun, Oct 27th
Carla Gaff-Clark Thank You/Neighborhood Pitch In
3:00 pm Town Hall
Everyone invited!

Tues., Nov 5th
2019 Elections
Please VOTE
6:00 am to 6:00 pm

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Special Celebration – the 20th Year of the Rocky Ripple Festival Coming Soon

2019 Rocky Ripple Festival
Saturday, September 28, 2019
Hohlt Park 11 am to 6 pm

The Scoop on the 2019 Festival....

The year's Rocky Ripple Festival is extra special, as it is in its 20th year!! Each year it gets bigger and better. This not to miss Indianapolis Midtown event remains an art-filled high energy day of live music, creative activities, delicious local food, craft beer and wine.

There will be over 80 artist booths, six bands and the GIANT kids' sand box (our community volley ball court filled with a fresh mound of sand delivered every year) providing hours of play and creative expression for the younger crowd. New this year will be chalk artistry and ribbon fun for the kids. As always, a fun day for all! And it's FREE! What's not to love?

The festival is hosted by the Rocky Ripple Community Association, Rocky Ripple's not-for-profit organization, and sponsored by local businesses. It is produced entirely by volunteers. All proceeds support the parks in the town of Rocky Ripple. You will see festival proceeds in action when you take a look at the revamped Hohlt Park Playground, which is scheduled to be completed in time for the festival (thanks to Dan Axler and Kandy Kendall for heading up these efforts!). See the attached press release for specifics about bands, food vendors, sponsors, etc.

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Rocky Ripple Community Association booth will be selling the usual snacks, water and soft drinks, as well as a new line up of Rocky Ripple branded items, including pint size drink cozies, two new Rocky Ripple T-shirt designs, Rocky Ripple Dog Poo Bag Dispensers (how appropriate for Rocky Ripple, right?) and bumper stickers. Also, check out the Rocky Ripple Festival history photo collage containing photos of the festival taken over its 20-year history!

The Festival Needs Your Help.....yes – you!

Volunteers are still needed to work various activities at the festival. Maybe you are really, really busy but have a couple of hours on the day of the festival to help deliver water to the artists, mingle and sell raffle tickets, or play hoops with the kids. We'll take what you can provide! Contact volunteer coordinator Rachel Wuthrich at 815-814-5497 or festival coordinator Dhyana Raynor, at 317-414-5018.

Rocky Ripple Town Council Updates: Flood Protection Status

Mike Massonne, Project Leader, and David Borden, Deputy Director, Engineering from the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works attended the 10-Sep-2019 Rocky Ripple Town Board meeting to provide status updates on and answer questions about the Westfield Blvd. floodwall (Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project), and Rocky Ripple floodwall projects.



Westfield Floodwall Update

Per Mr. Massonne, work on the Westfield Blvd. floodwall is on track to be completed in October 2019. Final landscaping and re-seeding by Bowen Engineering is currently in progress. Indy Parks will assume responsibility for the area including the newly paved walking trail. Indy Parks will develop a master landscaping plan that will include further plantings of additional trees and possibly the removal of some that did not withstand the construction. As shown in the photo above right, as a trial of the flood control measures for the Westfield Blvd floodwall, contractor crews temporarily installed and then disassembled posts and flood wall panels on both the 52nd Street bridge and the 53rd Street bridge over the Indianapolis Central Canal on 21-Aug-2019. Installing and disassembling the floodwall panels will occur every five years as preventive maintenance. In an actual flooding event, the panels would not be installed until after Rocky Ripple was evacuated.

Rocky Ripple Floodwall Update

Specific plans from engineering firms for the construction of the Rocky Ripple Floodwall, officially approved as a project by the Indianapolis City County Council and Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Board in May 2019, are currently being solicited by DPW. A final draft of the associated Request for Interest (RFI) has been completed and will be publicly posted for construction companies to respond with their plans. DPW, along with representatives from the Rocky Ripple Town Council and Butler University, will review the submitted plans and choose the engineering firm based on what best meets the needs of the project and citizens of Rocky Ripple.

Once a specific plan is chosen, the Rocky Ripple Town Council will meet individually with property owners along the river to explain how the plan affects their property and work with the property owners on an ongoing basis to ensure the project proceeds equitably and with the least amount of disruption. This is expected to

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begin in 2020 after an engineering firm has been chosen and associated contract signed.

DPW representatives explained again that actual costs have not yet been determined, but that the project will be funded through the Rocky Ripple flood improvement district, Indianapolis storm water fees, as well as monetary and land contributions from Butler University. A project cooperation agreement between the City of Indianapolis, Rocky Ripple Town Council, and Butler University is currently under development. The RFI will be shared with Rocky Ripple residents when completed.

Formation of Rocky Ripple Floodwall Advisory Committee

Interested Rocky Ripple residents are sought to be a part of a new Rocky Ripple Town Council advisory committee for the Rocky Ripple floodwall project. The mission of the Floodwall Advisory Committee will be to gather information from residents about what will make a positive or negative impact in regards to the established levee floodwall project and provide feedback for decision making to the Rocky Ripple Town Council.

The committee will provide advice, insight and guidance on floodwall issues to aid the town's programs for the proposed floodwall and related initiatives. The committee will work with residents living along the wall where it is located on personal and public (Rocky Ripple) property to make the project as palatable as possible. The charge also includes representation of the wants, thoughts and desires of residents living inside the town's boundaries but not along the river; as well as the residents in the nine homes that have been left out of the project where riverbank stabilization is to also be a part of the project. The charter for the committee, as well as background information on flood control initiatives can be found on the town's website (www.rockyripple.com).

To volunteer to be a part of the floodwall advisory committee or if you have comments, questions or concerns about Rocky Ripple flood protection, please contact the Town Council at TownCouncil@rockyripple.com.

Rocky Ripple Town Board President Carla Gaff Clark Retires After 24 Years of Service; Andy Hazel Appointed to Serve Out Term

Elected town council member and town board president Carla Gaff Clark announced her resignation from the Rocky Ripple town board on 06-Aug-2019. She and husband, Larry Landis have sold their Rocky Ripple river home and retired to live in South Carolina. Carla has served the town as councilor since 1994 when she was appointed to serve the remainder of Ann Arvidson's term. Carla was re-elected in 1996 and was re-elected during each 4-year term through the 2016 election. As she was elected through the Republican party, the party has appointed Rocky Ripple resident Andy Hazel as her replacement to serve the remainder of her term through 31-Dec-2019.

Carla was instrumental in working with the City of Indianapolis during the past six years to obtain enhanced flood protection for the town of Rocky Ripple. Over the years, she was instrumental in other major initiatives, including the establishment of Hohlt Park and obtaining grant funding for the town's police car and adequate funding for our town marshal.

Mark your calendars!! A thank you celebration in Carla's honor is scheduled for Sunday, 27-Oct-2019, from 3 to 8 pm at the town hall, when she and Larry will return to visit. Rocky Ripple's own Cathy and Steve Hurt will provide live music with their Sax Pistols band. Water, tea, soft drinks and some snacks will be provided by the community association. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring an appetizer to share.

Rocky Ripple Town Board Elections are in Nov; Meet the Candidates Night on 10-Oct-2019

Under the leadership of moderator Margaret Brabant, the Rocky Ripple Community Association will host a Meet the Candidates Night for those running for Rocky Ripple Town Board in the November election. Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled for Thursday, 10-Oct-2019, from 7 to 8:30 pm at the town hall. You will be able to hear the candidates' views on various topics, as well as ask questions.

For those that cannot attend the Meet the Candidates event, RRCA will, in addition, publish a special edition of the eNews containing the candidate profiles prior to the 05-Nov-2019 election.

2019 Street Paving Complete; More Funds for Paving Sought for 2020

Next time you see Marshal/Town Manager Mike Kiefer give him a big thank you for coordinating yet again the application for a 2020 grant from the State of Indiana for further paving of streets in Rocky Ripple. Although the town tried to have as many streets as possible paved during the past two years, the board realizes there are a few that still need attention and will work to get those repaved as part of this project. In the meantime, potholes continue to be filled by local volunteers ("asphalt angels") - thank you to them, too!

REMINDERS.....

Don't forget, when shopping with Amazon.com, use Amazon Smile. It costs you nothing extra to shop this way and the Rocky Ripple Community Association receives a donation from every purchase made this way with Rocky Ripple Community Association as your registered charitable organization.



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](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile). 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.

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Recycling Reminder

Don't forget to recycle your newspapers, magazines and other paper at the Abitibi 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. [Click here](#) to find out more about the program and what types of paper can be placed in the container.

2019 ROCKY RIPPLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date/Time	Location
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 08-Jan-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 07-Feb-2019 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 12-Feb-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 19-Feb-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 12-Mar-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 19-Mar-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 09-Apr-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Easter Egg Hunt/Cake Walk	Sat. 20-Apr-2019 12 – 2 pm	Meet at Town Hall at noon
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 02-May-2019 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Plant Exchange	Sat. 04-May-2019 2 – 4 pm	Hohlt Park Community Garden
Rocky Ripple River Film Festival	Sun. 05-May-2019 3 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 14-May-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting – RRCA Elections	Tues. 21-May-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Townwide Garage Sale	Sat. 01-Jun-2019 8 am – 1 pm	Various
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 11-Jun-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 18-Jun-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 09-Jul-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 16-Jul-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 01-Aug-2019 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 13-Aug-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 20-Aug-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 10-Sep-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 17-Sep-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival	Sat. 28-Sep-2019 11 am – 6 pm	Hohlt Park
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 03-Oct-2019 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 08-Oct-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 15-Oct-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 07-Nov-2019 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 12-Nov-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 19-Nov-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Holiday Bazaar	Sat. 07-Dec-2019 10 am – 3 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 10-Dec-2019 7:30 pm	Town Hall



PRESS RELEASE

20th annual Rocky Ripple Festival

Rocky Ripple Festival celebrates 20 years!

Free Admission

Date/Time/Location

Saturday, September 28, 2019

11a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hohlt Park at 840 W. 53rd St., Rocky Ripple, Indianapolis, Ind. 46208

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Be near the stage at 11am to hear emerging artist, singer-songwriter Emma Richardson kick off the festival, singing America the Beautiful. You'll be glad you did.

Bands:

- Scott McNew and the Twisted Knobs ... Hangout rock
- Jim Davis and Friends ... Country rock
- Moor Dub reggae ... Reggae dUb
- Rock E Bassoon ... Electric rock bassoon band
- True North ... Folk rock
- DR JAR ... Party rock

Artist Area:

- An "artist village" with over 80 artists, featuring an eclectic mix of original art and unique artisan items for sale. Each year brings new talent as well as many favorite repeat vendors. This year Rocky Ripple is honoring Dan Axler, Vandra Pentecost Linder, and Chris Wright, three artists who have participated in the festival for over fifteen years, four other artists with over ten years

Children's Activities:

- The creative children's activity area has become a destination spot for families. "Children at Play" is an area of hands on, self-directed fun, featuring sand play all day long in the volley ball court (new sand delivered every year!!!). New this year

will be chalk drawing on a safe, sectioned portion of the recently paved 53rd Street. Beanie bag toss in addition to the traditional bean bag toss. The popular art station, bubble bonanza, face painting, hooping, and hair spray color are returning. By the time of the festival, the playground should have a new layer of wood mulch within a new 100% recycled border.

Interactive Fun:

- AcroYoga, acrobatic yoga near the stage and throughout the park
- Hoopers
- Drum circle, djembe drums (bring your own or use one provided by Helger Oompkes) free and open for all ages and skills
- Judy Hanna and the Midwest BellyDancing Superstars will be dancing throughout the festival crowd in the afternoon.
- Yoga in the sand. Free. For all ages and levels of experience and flexibility
- Interact with performers from Timepiece Theatre Company. Find them at the kids' stage or throughout the festival grounds.

Food and Beverage:

- Food court: La Chinita Poblana, Punch Burger, Byrne's Pizza, Tandoor & Tikka modern Indian, LICK ice cream and MooLou frozen treats.
- Craft beer by Broad Ripple Brewpub. Wine will also be available

Bike Area:

- The Festival organizers encourage people to ride their bicycles to Hohlt Park. Pedal & Park provides secure bicycle parking.

Recycle:

Recycle promotion at the Festival is just one of the many ways the organizers are creating an eco-friendly event in the City.

- Meridian-Kessler resident Mary Stumpp (the can lady) and a group of festival volunteers will attempt to reduce all of the festival's refuse into only ten garbage bags. Everything else will be either composted in the community garden or recycled.

Volunteers:

- The Rocky Ripple Festival is produced entirely by volunteers.
- Volunteers are needed in many of the festival areas for 2-3 hour shifts. Please contact Dhyana Raynor. dhyana@sbglobal.net

Sponsors:

This continues to be a FREE event thanks to the generous sponsorship of local businesses and organizations. A very special thanks goes to the following local sponsors:

Blue Heron Construction Company

The Broad Ripple Brew Pub

The Great Frame Up (N. Delaware and E. 62nd St. stores)

Bowen Construction Company

Global Gifts

Embarque Yoga Studio
Good Earth Natural Foods
The Riviera Club
Lindner Design
The Garvey Family
Pedal & Park

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More Information:

The festival is sponsored by local businesses and organizations and produced entirely by volunteers.

All proceeds support the park system of the town of Rocky Ripple.

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