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TOWN CALENDAR

Thur., Aug 31st
Floodwall Protection Q & A
 7:00 pm Town Hall

Thurs., Sep. 7th
RREM/CERT Meeting
 (emergency management/ rescue response team)
 7:00 pm Town Hall

Tues., Sep. 12th
Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting
 7:30 pm Town Hall

Tues., Sep. 19th
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting
 7:30 pm Town Hall

Sat. Sept. 23rd
Rocky Ripple Festival
 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
 Hohlt Park.

Sat, Sep 30th
Floodwall Protection Q & A
 9:00 am Town Hall

Thurs., Oct. 5th
RREM/CERT Meeting
 (emergency management/ rescue response team)
 7:00 pm Town Hall

Tues., Oct. 10th
Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting
 7:30 pm Town Hall

Sun, Oct 15th
Floodwall Protection Q & A
 4:00 pm Town Hall

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Rocky Ripple Town Council Updates/ Flood Protection Status

Soil-boring to start week of Aug 20th

Please expect to see city employees and engineers from AECOM around town during the next six weeks. The Town of Rocky Ripple, working with the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW), will begin completing planned geotechnical exploration in designated areas along the White River and existing Rocky Ripple Levee during the week of August 20, 2017.



The work will include the use of soil boring equipment mounted on an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). Workers will drill 21 boring holes (approximately 4-6 inches in diameter) at approximately those locations shown in the image below. The holes will be filled in upon completion. Each boring hole will take approximately one day to complete. Some work will be completed on private property; necessary rights-of-entry have been obtained from the Town and residents.

Workers will be dressed with appropriate safety equipment, and they will have identification. The Town's Public Safety Officer(s) may accompany them for some or all of the work. The work is expected to be completed in 30-45 days, depending on weather conditions. Locations for the borings are designated by yellow dots below:



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If you have comments, questions or concerns about the above notice, please feel free to contact the Town Council at TownCouncil@rockyripple.com.

Floodwall Q & A Sessions Scheduled at Town Hall

Per request of residents, question and answer sessions have been scheduled for Rocky Ripple residents to stop by the town hall to ask any questions they may have regarding Rocky Ripple flood protection initiatives. Town council member(s) will be present to answer questions. Residents can also take as much time as they need to review the floodwall rendering drawings put together by AECOM Engineering that show what some of the floodwall protection options would look like along the river. The sessions are also an opportunity for residents to stop by and complete flood protection surveys if they have not already done so.

The survey asks for the resident to provide his/her viewpoints on what should be done for flood protection. The Town Council is working to ensure that a completed survey is obtained from each residence/home owner in Rocky Ripple. The completed surveys will be utilized by the Town Council to determine which option will be pursued for flood protection.

Q & A sessions are currently scheduled on the following dates:

Thursday, 8/31/2017 7 pm town hall
Saturday, 9/30/2017 9:00 am town hall
Sunday, 10/15/2017, 4:00 pm town hall

Floodwall Information Available Online

As a reminder, the signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Indianapolis, Butler University and the Town of Rocky Ripple can be viewed in its entirety on the town website (www.rockyripple.com).

The floodwall rendering drawings are available in hard copy poster format at the town hall for viewing and are available online on the City of Indianapolis website at the following location:

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/StormWaterProgram/Pages/Stormwater%20Projects.aspx>

Note that this project is entitled "Rocky Ripple Local Flood Damage Reduction Project" on the City's website and is a separate project from the Northside Flood Protection initiative (floodwall along east side of the canal).

Potential options for flood protection that need to be decided upon in order to move forward with the MOU agreement include construction of a FEMA certified 100-year flood wall, construction of a flood wall that is not certified, or improvements to the current levee without construction of a wall. Details on the options are provided in the AECOM report available on the town's website (<https://rockyripple.wordpress.com/community-information/flood-control-info/>) and on the city's Rocky Ripple Local Flood Damage Reduction Project website listed above. There may be options in addition to those proposed in the AECOM report. The Town Council encourages residents to propose such workable alternatives that can be further investigated.

Floodwall Survey Update – It is Not Too Late to Complete the Survey

If you have not already done so, it is not too late to complete your Rocky Ripple Flood Protection Survey. An online copy of the survey is available at www.rockyripple.com for printing. If you need a hard copy of the survey, contact any member of the town council and a copy will be delivered to you. You can also stop by one of the scheduled Q & A sessions at the town hall to complete a survey or drop off your completed survey.

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RRCA Newsletter:

The Rocky Ripple ENews newsletter is published jointly by the Rocky Ripple Community Association, a not for profit 501 (c) (3) organization, which exists to provide social, cultural, recreational and educational services to the town of Rocky Ripple and its residents, and the Town Council of Rocky Ripple.

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Thank you to residents and home owners that have already completed their surveys and turned them in. As of 08-Aug-2017, we have received back 101 surveys and are in the process of tallying the results. We appreciate your timely input and thoughtful comments.

2017 Rocky Ripple Festival Just Around the Corner



2017 Rocky Ripple Festival
Saturday, September 23, 2017

Hohlt Park
11 am to 6 pm

The Scoop on the 2017 Festival....

Now in its 18th year, this Indianapolis Midtown event is an art-filled high energy day of live music, creative activities, delicious local food, craft beer and wine. This year's family-friendly festival marks 90 years that Rocky Ripple has been an incorporated town within Indianapolis.

There are almost 80 artist booths, six bands and the largest 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. Join the open djembe drum circle ... bring your own or use the ones provided. Look for Trip, Butler's bulldog Blue III. You may also find some dwarf goats and chickens in the park. And witches from The Children's Museum Haunted House! A fun day for all! And it's FREE! What's not to love?

The festival is hosted by the Rocky Ripple Community Association, a 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. 2016 was the festival's 17th year and over \$6,000 was raised. 2016 funds were designated to go toward construction of a permanent stage in Hohlt Park.

Be near the stage at 11am to hear Maren Huelsman, a young Rocky Ripple resident, kick off the festival singing America the Beautiful acapella. You'll be glad you did.

The bands: Each band has at least one member who is a Rocky Ripple resident or property owner.

3:1 with John Byrne ... diverse high energy festival party music
Tim Brickley and the Bleeding Hearts ... high energy rock
Andra Faye and Scott Ballentine ... blues and jazz
Silver Dollar Family Band ... handcrafted Americana
Philadelphia Phil ... unique blend of blues, Americana, western & swing
Sunny Meade ... David Linder and friends ... acoustic roots

Food/beer/wine vendors:

La Chanita Poblana
Punch Burger
Pita Pit
Lick Ice Cream
Broad Ripple Brewpub
Roasted Corn

Other festival activities:

- The Rocky Ripple Community Association booth will be selling bagged lunches, chips, cupcakes and soft drinks, as well as Rocky Ripple bumper stickers, cups and cozies.
- The Rocky Ripple CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will be at the RRCA booth with flood protection and other emergency info.
- Pedal & Park will provide free and secure bicycle parking.

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! Needed help is listed below. Contact festival coordinator Dhyana Raynor, 317-414-5018 (call or text) dhyana@sbcbglobal.net.

Set up Team: Set up street barricades. Help set up children's activity area. Set up tables and chairs in pavilion and chairs in front of stage. Place recycle bins and trash boxes throughout park. Place signs, flyers.
Need 4 - 6 volunteers. Two-hour shift. 9 – 11am Help us put the festival together!

Children's Activity Area: Help oversee creative activities such as painting canvas pennants/flags, hooping, bubble station, bean bag toss, new kids stage, playground and sand safety. Especially needed are strong willed adults to oversee merry-go-round.
Need 10 volunteers. Two or three hour shifts. 11 – 2. 12 – 2. 12 – 3. 1 – 3. 1 – 4. 2 - 5

Neighborhood Parking: Assist Catherine Dusing at 53rd and Crown
Need 2 or 3 volunteers. 11 – 2. 2 – 5. Greet and help navigate our "guests."

Pavilion: Keep tables and area clean.
Need 3 volunteers. 11 – 2. 2 – 4. 4 – 6. Easy job, next to music.

Pedal & Park: Park bikes in Pedal & Park corral area **Ric Ritter**, coordinator 748-7020 Need 3 volunteers. 12 – 2. 2 – 4. 4 – 6. Lovely, shady environment

Porta-Potties/Hand-washing Station: Keep stocked with TP, soap, hand towels. Periodic check. Can be combined with Recycle/Compost.

Door Prizes: Mingle with festival goers and sell tickets for door prizes donated by local vendors. Need 3 volunteers. 11 – 1. 1 – 3. 3 – 6. High energy, fun position!

Recycle/Compost: Separate recycle from waste and manage corncob toss, taking corncobs to compost pile in community garden. Replace full trash bags. Wheelbarrows available to use. Need 4 volunteers. Two three-hour shifts: 12 – 3. 3 – 6. Find a friend to help you!

Rocky Ripple Festival Information booth: Answer questions about Rocky Ripple Festival: artists, bands, other activities. Sell cozies, bumper stickers, beer cups, water. Need 4 volunteers. Two shifts 12 – 3. 3 – 6. Sit under a tent near the entrance on 53rd.

Take Down Team: Collect tables and chairs from festival grounds, dismantle tents and cardboard trash containers, take down tables and chairs inside pavilion and take them to Town Hall. Collect full trash bags and recycle bags. Pack up kids' area stuff. Need 6 volunteers. One shift: 6 – 8pm ish. Please sign up!!! By the end of the festival, we're exhausted and need HELP!

It takes a village to produce a festival. Please contact festival coordinator Dhyana Raynor at dhyana@sbcbglobal.net or by phone/text at 317-414-5018. It only takes a couple hours of your time to help our community. Won't you please consider it?

Annual Rocky Ripple Neighborhood Garage Sale Was A Success – Thanks to those that Donated Sale Items



The annual Rocky Ripple Neighborhood Garage Sale event was held Saturday, June 3rd and turned out as one of the most successful neighborhood sales in years. At least 15 households participated and the weather cooperated beautifully. Mandy Redmond hosted the Rocky Ripple Community Association sale, which included items donated by residents that did not wish to have sales of their own.

Through the generous donations provided, the RRCA raised \$197.50. This covered the advertising costs for the sale of \$135.25, as well as provided the RRCA general fund with \$62.25 that will be used for neighborhood events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt.



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.

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

If you or someone you know wants to be added to the Rocky Ripple E-News distribution list, please send or have them send an email to rcommassoc@aol.com and request being added to the RRCA E-News distribution list. We promise not to use your email addresses for purposes other than communicating information regarding our community and will not share the email distribution list with others. Let us know of any suggestions you may have for things you would like to have included. Contact the RRCA newsletter editor at rcommassoc@aol.com.

2017 ROCKY RIPPLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date/Time	Location
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 05-Jan-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 10-Jan-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 02-Feb-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 14-Feb-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 21-Feb-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 02-Mar-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 14-Mar-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 21-Mar-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 06-Apr-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 11-Apr-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Easter Egg Hunt/Cake Walk	Sat. 15-Apr-2017 12 – 2 pm	Meet at Town Hall at noon
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 04-May-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Plant Exchange	Sat. 06-May-2017 2 – 4 pm	Hohlt Park Community Garden
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 09-May-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting – RRCA Elections (Secretary)	Tues. 16-May-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 01-Jun-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Townwide Garage Sale	Sat. 03-Jun-2016 8 am – 1 pm	Various
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 13-Jun-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 20-Jun-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 06-Jul-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 11-Jul-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 18-Jul-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 03-Aug-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 08-Aug-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 15-Aug-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 07-Sep-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 13-Sep-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 19-Sep-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival	Sat. 23-Sep-2017 11 am – 6 pm	Hohlt Park
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 05-Oct-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 10-Oct-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 17-Oct-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 02-Nov-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 14-Nov-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 21-Nov-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Holiday Bazaar	Sat. 02-Dec-2017	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 07-Dec-2017 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 12-Dec-2017 7:30 pm	Town Hall