



# Town Council/Community Association

# Rocky Ripple

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## Rocky Ripple CALENDAR

**Tues., Mar. 10**

**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**

City of Indianapolis  
Neighborhood Services Q & A  
7:30 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Mar. 17**

**Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Thurs., Apr. 9**

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

7:00 pm Town Hall

**Sat., Apr. 11th**

**EASTER EGG HUNT & CAKE WALK**

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Meet at Town Hall  
12:00 noon Easter bunny will lead the walk to Hohlt Park to look for eggs – back to the town hall for the cake walk afterward.

**Tues., Apr. 14**

**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Sat., May 2nd**

**Annual Plant Exchange**

Bring plants to exchange.  
2:00 – 4:00 pm Community Garden at Hohlt Park

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## City of Indianapolis Department of Business and Neighborhood Services to Attend March 10<sup>th</sup> Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting to Answer Zoning/Permitting Questions

Donna Price from the City of Indianapolis Business and Neighborhood Services group will attend the Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting to answer resident questions regarding zoning and permits. The question and answer session will start promptly at 7:30 pm, followed by routine Rocky Ripple Town Council business at no later than 8:30 pm. The session was set up so that Rocky Ripple residents can ask specific questions about building codes, permitting, requirements, and recent permits that have been issued in the town of Rocky Ripple. City County District 7 Councilor John Barth and City of Indianapolis Neighborhood Liaison Natalie Von Dongen are also scheduled to attend the March Town Council meeting.

If you are not be able to attend the March 10<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting, but have a zoning or permitting question, please forward your question(s) in advance to a member of the town council (contact info on page 2 of this ENews) and they will make sure your question is asked and that you receive a response.

## Town Council Update on Floodwall Protection and Floodwall Advisory Board

Requests for Interest (RFIs) from engineering firms for the Rocky Ripple floodwall solicited by the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) during Q4 2019 are still under review by DPW at this time. The information gathering will allow the City to determine next steps and processes for project design and delivery. DPW has indicated that the Town of Rocky Ripple and Butler University will be brought into the process as the decisions progress regarding proposals. Selection decisions may be made in Q2 2020.

At the same time that the RFI assessments are going on, the Indianapolis City



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### Town Marshal

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### Town Hall/Hohlt Park Rental/Scheduling

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[We're on Facebook](#)

County Council continues to develop action on a resolution to direct DPW to prepare a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the City of Indianapolis, Butler University and Rocky Ripple that will outline responsibilities for the Rocky Ripple Floodwall initiative. The MOA is now expected to be approved in the first half of 2020.

As soon as the Rocky Ripple town council has specific information to share about the floodwall proposals/plans it will hold first meetings of the Rocky Ripple Floodwall Advisory Committee. The mission of the Floodwall Advisory Committee will be to assist the Rocky Ripple Town Council in gathering 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. Interested residents that wish to be a part of this committee should contact a member of the Town Council. To view a copy of the Floodwall Advisory Committee Charter, go to <https://rockyripple.files.wordpress.com/2019/09/rocky-ripple-floodwall-advisory-committee-charter.pdf>.



## Town Council Updates – Road Repairs Coming as Soon as the Weather Warms Up

As mentioned in the last 2019 edition of the RR ENews, the town of Rocky Ripple obtained \$93,842.42 in Community Crossings matching grant funds from the state of Indiana Department of Transportation, for a total of \$117,303.02 allocated to be spent for road repairs for the year of 2020.

Globe Paving has been contracted to perform the paving and town manager and marshal Mike Kiefer is working to get this scheduled in 2020 as soon as weather conditions will allow. As a reminder, the streets scheduled to be repaired/repaved with the 2020 INDOT funds include:

- West 54<sup>th</sup> Street from Karstedt to Riverview
- Lester St: 52<sup>nd</sup> to 53<sup>rd</sup>
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- Byram Ave: 53<sup>rd</sup> to 54<sup>th</sup>
- Annette St: 53<sup>rd</sup> to 54<sup>th</sup>
- Sunnymeade Ln: 51<sup>st</sup> to 52<sup>nd</sup>

### ***Thanks to Town Residents and Marshal Mike who Help Patch Potholes in Between***



As Rocky Ripple is responsible for the maintenance of its own streets, any potholes that appear are repaired without assistance from the City of Indianapolis. Town Manager/Marshal Mike Kiefer purchases and installs patches when possible. However, there are just too many to keep up with and we continue to thank our pothole patching angel, resident Jon Stohler, with assistance from Scott Westphal.

Jon donates his time and material to patch potholes in Rocky Ripple on an ongoing basis. So next time you see patches on our roads, thank one of these guys. It is back breaking heavy work to do so, but they do it just because it needs to be done.

***Thanks also to our Snow Removal Crew*** Rocky Ripple is also responsible for its own snow removal and thanks to our snow removal crew, who are paid a small hourly way to keep our roads clear in Rocky Ripple. This year has not been too bad, but the crew has kept our roads plowed when needed and we send a BIG thank you to them!

## Rocky Ripple Community Association

### Officers:

Rachel Wuthrich, President  
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President (317) 414-5018

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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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## 2020 Census on the Way

The 2020 census rolls out in Mid-March. Make sure to participate. The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. The results will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. For every person in our community that is counted, those are additional funds that affect Rocky Ripple on a daily basis for the next 10 years. You can fill out the census by online, phone or by mail. All households should receive a census form by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential. Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. You are kept anonymous: The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home.

For more information visit <https://2020census.gov/en.html>



## Annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk - Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup>

### Volunteers Needed to Head Up Egg Hunt, Work the Cake Walk, Donate Eggs and Cakes

The annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk begins at 12:00 noon at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 11, 2020. Kids 12 and under are invited to participate. The Easter Bunny arrives promptly at noon and will lead the kids on a walk to Hohlt Park to find eggs. After the egg hunt, the cake walk will be held at the town hall. Pay 25 cents a round to take your chance at winning a cake!

*We are looking for a volunteer to head up the Easter egg hunt this year.*

This entails gathering up all donated eggs and heading up the crew that hides the eggs in the park, as well as announces the start of the egg hunt and enforces smaller kid vs. bigger kid area lines so everyone gets a chance to find eggs. Time required is about two hours in total. Call or text Mandy for more details or if you can volunteer your time to do this (317-319-7865).



**EVERYONE IS ASKED TO DONATE at least a dozen plastic filled eggs** for the Easter egg hunt!! It doesn't take much time or effort to do this. You can drop them off to Mandy Redmond by 9:00 am on the day of the event (5205 Byram Ave).

**We are also in need of donated cakes for the event. Cakes can be dropped off at the town hall from 9:00 to noon at the town hall on April 11, or call Mandy at 317-319-7865 to make other arrangements for pick-up.**

**If you want to assist in hiding eggs, meet in Hohlt Park at the pavilion on Saturday, April 11th at 10:30 am.**



# Rocky Ripple Community Association Board Elections on May 19<sup>th</sup>; Secretary and Treasurer Offices to be Voted Upon

The Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA) annual elections will be held at the May Community Association meeting on Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. RRCA terms of office for the association's board of directors are staggered three year terms. The offices that will be elected this year are Secretary and Treasurer.

Any member of the community can run for RRCA office. However, to vote for RRCA board member candidates, you must be a member of the community association. To be a member, you must have attended at least one community association meeting during the past year.

The May RRCA meeting is also the time when current association bylaws will be reviewed and changed, as voted upon by the officers. Suggested changes to the bylaws must be submitted in writing for review 30 days in advance of the meeting to the secretary of the association. To review the Rocky Ripple Community Association Bylaws, go to [http://www.rockyripple.org/uploads/RRCA\\_Bylaws.pdf](http://www.rockyripple.org/uploads/RRCA_Bylaws.pdf) or contact secretary, Alex Redmond, at 317-340-5700.

## Don't forget....RRCA is not the same as the Town Council

The community association should not be confused with the Rocky Ripple Town Council, which is comprised of Rocky Ripple's elected representatives. The Rocky Ripple Community Association is a separate organization whose mission is to provide social, cultural, recreational, and educational services to the Town of Rocky Ripple and its residents, and in so doing strengthen the bonds of civic unity and provide for the common welfare of all residents.

The RRCA has been in existence since November 12, 1948 when the Ladies Auxiliary of the Rocky Ripple Volunteer Fire Department was formed. Through the next four decades, the Ladies Auxiliary raised money to fund the volunteer fire department as well as provide social events for the residents of Rocky Ripple.

With the dissolution of the Volunteer Fire Department in 1989, the Ladies Auxiliary adopted new bylaws on February 6, 1990 and renamed the organization the Rocky Ripple Community Association. In March of 1998, the Community Association incorporated and became a Not For Profit organization in order to apply for grants, increase revenues and thus be able to provide additional support to our community.



## Rocky Ripple Plant Exchange on May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bring your plants, seeds and seedlings. House plants welcome too! Trade and share with neighbors. The exchange takes place at the Burkhardt Community Garden located in Hohlt Park, 53rd and Sunny Meade.

## Visit the RREM Facebook Page

Find out the latest RREM news and safety updates at <https://www.facebook.com/RREMCERT/> . "Like" the page and receive automatic updates.

Rocky Ripple Emergency Management

# RREM

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## RREM Committee Meetings

Rocky Ripple Emergency Management committee meets quarterly the first Thursday of the month at the town hall at 7pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2020. Anyone interested in being part of this effort are welcomed. For more information, visit [www.rockyripple.com](http://www.rockyripple.com) or contact Andy Hazel at [ajhaze77@gmail.com](mailto:ajhaze77@gmail.com).



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](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.

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## 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 [rrcommassoc@aol.com](mailto:rrcommassoc@aol.com) and request being added to the 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 newsletter editor at [rcommassoc@aol.com](mailto:rcommassoc@aol.com).

## 2020 ROCKY RIPPLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date/Time	Location
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 02-Jan-2020 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Volunteers to Paint Interior of Rocky Ripple Town Hall	Sun. 12-Jan-2020, 11 am	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 14-Jan-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Family Game Night	Sat. 18-Jan-2020 6-9 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 11-Feb-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 18-Feb-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Family Game Night	Sat. 22-Feb-2020 6-9 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 10-Mar-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 17-Mar-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 09-Apr-2020 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 14-Apr-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Easter Egg Hunt/Cake Walk	Sat. 11-Apr-2020 12 – 2 pm	Meet at Town Hall at noon
Plant Exchange	Sat. 02-May-2020 2 – 4 pm	Hohlt Park Community Garden
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 12-May-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting – RRCA Elections (Secretary and Treasurer)	Tues. 19-May-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Townwide Garage Sale	Sat. 06-Jun-2020 8 am – 1 pm	Various
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 09-Jun-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 16-Jun-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 02-Jul-2020 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 14-Jul-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 21-Jul-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 11-Aug-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting	Tues. 18-Aug-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 08-Sep-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 15-Sep-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Festival	Sat. 26-Sep-2020 11 am – 6 pm	Hohlt Park
RREM/CERT Meeting	Thur. 01-Oct-2020 7:00 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 13-Oct-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 20-Oct-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 10-Nov-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting	Tues. 17-Nov-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Holiday Bazaar	Sat. 05-Dec-2020 10 am – 3 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 08-Dec-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall