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TOWN CALENDAR

Tues., Apr. 11th
Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Sat., Apr. 15th
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., May 4th
RREM/CERT Meeting (emergency management/rescue response team)
7:00 pm Town Hall

Sat., May 3rd
Annual Plant Exchange
Bring plants to exchange.
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Community Garden at Hohlt Park

Tues., May 9th
Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Tues., May 16th
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall
RRCA Elections will be held and bylaws voted upon for update.

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Annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk - Sat. April 15th

The annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk begins at 12:00 noon at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 15, 2017. 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!

Please donate plastic filled eggs for the Easter egg hunt!! Empty eggs will be available at the town hall for people to take beginning on Tuesday before the hunt. You can drop filled eggs off to Diane Householder anytime before 9:00 am on the day of the event (5319 Crown Street) or call Mandy at 317-319-7865 to make other arrangements for pick-up.

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 15, or call Mandy at 317-319-7865 to make other arrangements for pick-up.

If you want to assist the Easter bunny in hiding eggs, meet in Hohlt Park at the pavilion on Saturday, April 15th at 10 am.

Photo from last year's hunt - Only in Rocky Ripple does the Easter Bunny arrive on a Harley Davidson for the Easter Egg Hunt!



Sat. Jun. 3rd

Townwide Garage Sale

All households are invited to participate. RRCA will place newspaper ad. Published hours for sales: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Rocky Ripple Town Council Updates/ Flood Protection Status

Memorandum of Understanding Signed with City and Butler for River Levee Repair

As noted on the town's website and in the Indianapolis Star, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the RR Town Council, Butler University, and the City of Indianapolis to provide flood protection for Rocky Ripple. The MOU was signed by Rocky Ripple Town Council President Carla Gaff-Clark and Butler University Vice President Bruce Arick at the March RR Town Council meeting on 14-Mar-2017. The signed MOU can be viewed in its entirety on the town website (www.rockyripple.com).

The MOU provides that the City of Indianapolis will provide \$10 million in assistance over the next 4 years toward the upgrade of the levee. What exactly will be done will be decided upon by the Town Council after consultation with town residents. In addition, the MOU specifies that Butler University will financially contribute to the project if a FEMA certified levee is pursued.

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/>.

The town council has also been working with the city to have renderings drawn up of what Rocky Ripple will look like, depending on the option pursued. You may have noticed a drone hovering along areas of the river to take photos on which the renderings will be based during the week of March 13th.

The town council is planning a dedicated meeting for residents and other interested parties to view the renderings and ask questions about the various options. This will be scheduled as soon as the renderings are available and is anticipated to occur yet in April or at the latest in early May.

An assessment survey for residents and home owners will be provided at the meeting and delivered to each residence for completion. The survey asks for the resident to provide his/her viewpoints on what should be done for flood protection. The Town Council will then work 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.

Notice of the meeting, when scheduled, will be made available in hard copy form to residents, as well as by email and social media.

As a reminder, it is the Town Council's position first and foremost that the biggest danger to our town is the deteriorated condition of the current levee along the river.

The recent independent analysis of the levee by a New Jersey Engineering Firm (AECOM) stated that "The existing Rocky Ripple levee is in a seriously deteriorated condition. The analysis indicates that the levee currently has a 5% or greater annual chance of overtopping (20 year level of protection) and the levee is likely to be exceeded more than once over the 50 year period of analysis."



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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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Riverbank Stabilization Repairs Completed on Levee North of Town Hall

Rocky Ripple's most risky issue with regard to the river and flooding is if a breach happens to the current levee. During November 2016 a first step project was completed along eight properties on Ripple Road. This work was done on the town's portion of the levee. It helped stabilize the existing earthen levee by taking down dead, dying and hollow trees that could easily cause large root-balls to pull soil out of the levee if they fell during high waters or a wind storm. The second step of this project was completed in March, and included the removal of 7 additional trees along the levee.

Update on Pursuing of Additional Funding for Flood Protection

Members of the Town Council are continuing work with state legislators to secure additional funding for flood protection along the river. News is forthcoming from representatives Greg Porter and Ed Delaney on results from finalization of state budgeting.



Rocky Ripple Community Garden

It's that time of year to think about gardening! Join the Green Thumbs of Rocky Ripple by having your own plot in the Rocky Ripple Community Garden. Anyone can join the garden at anytime during the season. Plots are available for a small donation, first come-first served. Contact Nancy Barton at sandertales@aol.com or 317-255-7628 if you are interested. Check out the group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/RockyRippleGarden>.

Plant Exchange Coming on Sat. May 6th

The annual Rocky Ripple Plant Exchange is coming on Saturday, May 6th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the community garden. You don't have to have a plot in the garden to participate. Bring plants and seeds that you have too many of or no longer want. Check out the plants and seeds others have brought and take home what you would like to plant.



Mark Your Calendars - 2017 Rocky Ripple Festival to Be Held on Sat. September 23, 2017

2017 Rocky Ripple Festival – call for volunteers

Contact Festival Coordinator Dhyana Raynor at dhyanar@sbcglobal.net or 317-414-5018 with ideas for the festival and/or to find out how you can assist with this year's Rocky Ripple Festival. Find out more about the festival at: <http://www.rockyripple.org/rocky-ripple-festival.html>

Rocky Ripple Community Association Board Elections on May 16th; 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 16th. 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 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.

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



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 Community Association E-News?

If you or someone you know wants to be added to the Rocky Ripple Community Association 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. We will also post a hard copy of each issue at the town hall bulletin board for those that do not have access to email and/or the web. 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.

