

Rocky Ripple E-News

Rocky Ripple CALENDAR

Tues., Nov. 1

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting

7:30 pm Town Hall

Thurs., Nov. 3

RREM/CERT Meeting

(emergency management/
rescue response team)

7:00 pm Town Hall

Tues., Nov. 15

Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting

7:30 pm Town Hall

Tues., Dec. 1

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

7:00 pm Town Hall

Sat. Dec. 3

Holiday Bazaar

10 am – 3 pm Town Hall

Sign Up Now for a Craft Booth

Tables are available for town residents to display and sell their handicrafts. Contact coordinator Nancy Barton at 255-7628 for details or fill out the registration form in this newsletter and send it to Nancy with your table fee.

Tues., Dec. 13

Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting

7:30 pm Town Hall

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Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting Date Change

Due to the election on November 8th, the monthly Rocky Ripple Town Council meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30 pm at the town hall. Do your duty and vote on November 8th!

Town Council Updates – Road Repairs Coming!

Thanks to clerk/treasurer Kandy Kendall, town marshal/manager Mike Kiefer and councilor Carla Gaff-Clark, the town was able to obtain \$10,000 in matching grant funds from the state of Indiana Department of Transportation, for a total of \$20,000 that will be spent this year for road repairs. Streets scheduled to be repaired/repaved with the 2016 INDOT funds include:

- Riverview Drive between 52nd and 53rd Street
- Annette St: 52nd to 53rd
- West 53rd St: Lester & 53rd to 853 W. 53rd
- Sunset: 5300 block



Butler University has repaved Lester street between 51st and 52nd, where their trucks tore up the street while hauling materials to and from the Butler sports fields. Some stone filling on the side of the road is left to do and will be completed soon.

Town Residents are Helping to Pay For the Road Repairs

In order to obtain the state road repair matching grant, monetary pledges from town residents were solicited for street repairs. More than 25 residents have pledged toward the \$5000 fund goal so far. As part of the submission of the grant proposal to the state, the raising of funds from residents was mentioned and board members felt this was a prime reason the town received the grant money this year. The INDOT Grant committee visited Rocky Ripple in person to present the grant.

It is not too late to donate to the street repair funds. The grant program spans three years and the town will be soliciting additional matching grant funds in 2017 and 2018.

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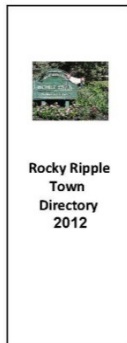
www.rockyripple.com



[We're on Facebook](#)

To pay your previously made pledge or to make a new donation to the street repair fund, send or drop off a check in the mail slot at the town hall.

Make your check payable to the Rocky Ripple Community Association, which will tally the donations and pay the funds to the town for the matching grant. This provides residents that donate with a charitable tax donation since the Community Association is a registered 501(c) non-profit corporation.



New Town Directory in the Works

Town residents Angela Herrmann and Julie Bleakley are working on a new edition of the Rocky Ripple Town Directory. We have not had a directory published since 2012, due to a lack of volunteers to do so, so thanks to Angie and Julie for taking this on!

The directory is distributed in hard copy form only to town residents and contains contact info for town residents that want to be included. It is a great way to find out if you have neighbors with certain skill sets that meet your needs or publish your own skills/interests for sharing, or just use it as a quick tool to look up a neighbor's info.

Only those residents that submit their info by November 8th will be included. If you haven't already done so, print and complete the attached form and drop it off at the town hall mail slot, or if you prefer to submit your info electronically, send it to rrcommassoc@aol.com and the info will be forward to Angie and Julie for inclusion in the directory.

Remember the deadline for inclusion is now November 8th!

Town Council Updates - Floodwall/River Levee Restoration

River Levee Restoration

Town Councilors have been diligently working with the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) to obtain assistance with maintaining and restoring the existing levee along the river. The town council has held firm that the river levee needs repair and restoration work completed, as some areas have been long neglected and are in desperate need of repair. The repairs are needed to avert immediate flood disasters that could result from a breach in the levee from a falling tree.

Town councilors Clark, Morris and Redmond signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the DPW ON 07-Sep-2016 that allows for coordination to make improvements to water quality, flood protection, erosion control and storm water management.

The first phase of the levee restoration project involves the removal of 11 leaning and/or dead trees along the river on town's property between 602 West 54th Street and 500 Ripple Road. The town council wishes to thank the residents that live along that area of the river for their support of this initiative. The trees will be taken down as low as possible without removal of the tree root systems. Work on this initiative should be completed in November. The town's DIRT committee will then work with volunteers to remove and trim remaining honeysuckle and plant grasses or other vegetation that will assist in preventing erosion on the levee.

Additional phases of the project will make improvements to other areas of the levee. Next on the list is the area between 602 West 54th and 836 West 54th, as this area of the levee is contained on town property. The DIRT committee will also work with homeowners that own the property to the river from 836 West 54th Street and south along the river from there if they are in need of assistance to maintain or restore the levee. Contact any member of the town council for more details, or attend a town board meeting and bring your questions.

Rocky Ripple Community Association

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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.

Editor: Mandy Redmond

Westbank Alignment/Floodwall Update

At this time the city of Indianapolis is still moving forward with the floodwall project along the eastside of the canal. The Army Corps of Engineers have held a series of meetings regarding the mitigation of adverse effects of the planned floodwall on historic properties in the area. The identified historic properties include Butler-Fairview historic district, Butler University historic district, the Indianapolis Central Canal and the house on 337 Ripple Road. The meetings have been scheduled with parties that have direct impact, including Rocky Ripple town council members.

Discussed mitigation strategies have included the type of stone that will be put on either side of the proposed floodwall and what can be done so that there is minimal impact to established trees in Holcomb Gardens. Further meetings are planned, but not yet scheduled.

In April 2016, the City of Indianapolis contracted with AE Com, an independent Engineering firm located outside of Indiana to compile a summary of all the flood protection analyses/documents completed for Rocky Ripple over the past 20 years. The purpose of the study is threefold: (1) to make sure the city has accurately documented the considered options for flood protection; (2) to determine if the documented conclusions are sufficient; and (3) to determine if there are outstanding considerations that require further discussion.

The AE Com study was originally scheduled to be completed in September, 2016, but has been delayed. It is anticipating to be completed yet in 2016. Once the study is available, city officials will review it with the Rocky Ripple town council and continue the ongoing work to figure out best path forward for the town of Rocky Ripple. The town council will make the study results available to residents as soon they are received.

ROCKY RIPPLE Holiday Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale

Saturday, Dec. 3rd



The annual Rocky Ripple Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 am to 3 pm. This is the place to see how talented your neighbors are, with the added benefit that you can purchase holiday decorations and a variety of hand-crafted wares. The Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA) will be selling drink cozies, bumper stickers and baked goods. The RRCA will also hold a raffle, with prizes donated by those displaying their wares at the bazaar. A special thank you to Nancy Barton, who serves as coordinator for this event, and has done so since the event was first held!

Lunch is available for purchase – including homemade soup, sandwiches and hot dogs!

PLEASE DONATE BAKED GOODS

Baked goods will be sold during the Rocky Ripple Holiday Craft Bazaar by the RRCA. The RRCA would like to place a special call for homemade (no store-bought, please) baked goods from residents. Baked goods should be delivered to Town Hall by 09:30 am on Sat. Dec. 3rd, or can be dropped off to Diane Householder the evening before. Call Diane at 254 -1454 for more information.

TABLES STILL AVAILABLE

Tables to sell your handcrafted items at the holiday bazaar are \$10. Use the form

below to sign up.

2016 ROCKY RIPPLE HOLIDAY BAZAAR APPLICATION

(submit to Nancy Barton, 533 Ripple Road with \$10 fee payable to RRCA)

Name:

Address:

Phone: _____

Type of items you will be displaying: _____



Don't forget, when doing your holiday shopping this year, shop at Amazon.com using 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. 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.



2016 Rocky Ripple Festival Results

The 2016 Rocky Ripple Festival raised slightly over \$5800 toward the Parks maintenance and endowment fund. A hearty thank you to Dhyana Raynor, coordinator of the festival, Megan Wright, artist coordinator, Charlie Morgan for lining up the bands and the usual community association and community volunteers that make it happen.



Local food and drink vendors included Rocky Ripple's own veterans serving corn on the cob, La Chinita Poblana, Punch Burger and the Pita Pit, as well as new dessert sensation S'More Mobile. Ever faithful John Hill and the Broad Ripple Brewpub provided beer and wine.

The team is already hard at work beginning planning efforts for the 2017 festival, which will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Help put on this year's Rocky Ripple Festival!!! The community association wants to hear from RR residents who would like to collaborate and help run the 18th Annual Rocky Ripple Festival of the Arts.

The RRCA doesn't necessarily want the Rocky Ripple Festival to grow much larger, but we're always interested in it becoming better. We'd like to hear from you. Please contact coordinator, Dhyana Raynor at dhyanar@sbcglobal.net or by phone/text at 317-414-5018.



Hohlt Park Permanent Stage Project

Resident John Bleakley, owner/operator of Blue Heron Construction LLC, has put together plans and a model of a proposed stage to be built roughly where the temporary stage is placed every year for the Rocky Ripple festival in Hohlt Park. A committee to develop the concept and long-term plans for use of the stage, as well as to plan for how the costs to build and maintain the stage would be covered has been formed. Once plans are complete, the concept will be presented to the Rocky Ripple town council for approval. \$10,000 in donations is available for the project, as well as a commitment from the Rocky Ripple Community Association to provide 2016 festival proceeds for the project, if approved, by the town council.

The committee is looking for interested residents to participate in the planning and development of this project. Contact committee members Chris Wright at (317) 259-4352 or Kandy Kendall at (317) 255-8117 for more details and/or to join the committee. Pictures of the stage model are shown below. The stage model is located at the town hall if anyone would like to take a closer look.



Rocky Ripple RREM

The Rocky Ripple Emergency Management committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at the town hall at 7pm. Anyone interested in being part of this effort are welcomed. For more information, visit www.rockyripple.com or contact Andy Hazel at ajhaze77@gmail.com.



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?

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 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 newsletter editor at rcommassoc@aol.com.

Rocky Ripple Residents ONLY

Back by popular demand!! COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

To be included in (or removed from) the directory, to place an advertisement for your business, or to change your information, send your request to:

Angela Herrmann or Julie Bleakley
RRCA Directory Editors; Rocky Ripple Town Hall,
930 W. 54th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208
email: rrcmassoc@aol.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Children: _____

Pets: _____

Services/Skills: _____

Special needs: _____

New Change/update Remove me

Contact me about advertising!

I have suggestions for changes/comments:

Print & deliver to Town Hall at 930 West 54th Street.