

Town Council/Community Association

Rocky Ripple E-News

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Rocky Ripple CALENDAR

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

Sat., Apr. 20th
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.

Thur., Apr. 18
Council Public Works Committee Info Only Hearing of Council Proposal Approving MDC declaratory resolution PUBLIC HEARING
 7:00 pm City County Bld Public Assembly Room

Thur., May 2
RREM/CERT Meeting (emergency management/rescue response team)
 7:00 pm Town Hall

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

Sun., May 5
Rocky Ripple River Film Festival
 3:00 pm Town Hall (See article for details.)

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Rocky Ripple Town Council Flood Protection Update

So Far in 2019

On 14-Jan-2019, Rocky Ripple town council representatives attended a Rocky Ripple Flood Protection status update meeting called by Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW). At the meeting, it was announced that Butler University Board of Directors continued to support the proposed Option 3 flood protection plan and approved a \$3.65M contribution to the floodwall costs. In addition, Butler University is working with DPW to donate land that will be used for the project. DPW stated they are ready to send the project through the required city approvals and would be mailing a notice to all affected property owners.

The notice was distributed to property owners in February; a copy was also posted on the town's website. The communication stated that the following meetings would be held (dates subject to change):

Acting Body	Tentative Date	Proposed Action
Board of Public Works	February 27	Public hearing and vote on District approval recommendation to MDC
Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC)	March 6	Adoption of a declaratory resolution establishing the proposed District
Full City-County Council	April 8	Introduction of proposal approving the MDC's declaratory resolution
Council Public Works Committee	April 18	Public hearing and information-only hearing of Council proposal approving the MDC's declaratory resolution
Full City-County Council	May 13	Vote on proposal approving of MDC's declaratory resolution
Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC)	May 15	Public hearing and vote on confirmatory resolution establishing the proposed District

The Board of Public Works voted on 13-Mar-2019 to approve the establishment of the Rocky Ripple Flood Control district.

Tues., May 14
Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Tues., May 21
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting
Officer Elections to be Held (see article for details.)
7:30 pm Town Hall

Sat., Jun. 1
Annual Rocky Ripple Neighborhood Garage Sales
8 am - 1 pm Various Locations; more details to follow

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

Tues., Jun. 19
Rocky Ripple Festival Committee Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

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The declaratory resolution establishing the proposed district was adopted by the Metropolitan Development Commission on 06-Mar-2019.

DPW Project Leader Mike Massonne and Bruce Arick, Vice President of Finance & Administration at Butler University, attended the March 2018 Rocky Ripple town board meeting to answer questions regarding the financing and status of the flood protection plan. Residents asked many questions regarding the specifics of how the Flood Control District would affect their property taxes and home values. An update, which included details on how the flood control district works, was sent to all affected Rocky Ripple property owners by DPW on 18-Mar-2019. A copy of this can be found on the RR town website:

https://rockyripple.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/indy-dpw-letter-18mar2019_redacted.pdf

Tax Increment Financing District Example

Per request of residents at the March 2019 town council meeting, resident Micheal Smith has compiled examples of property tax assessments with and without the flood control district for illustrative purposes. See the details in the chart on page 7 of this eNews. Thanks to Mike for compiling this!

What Comes Next?

The Council Public Works Committee meeting on 18-Apr-2019 will be the next public hearing for the proposed Rocky Ripple Flood Control district. Your town councilors encourage you to attend and voice your support of this crucial initiative for our town. If you cannot attend in person, send emails of your support to the Public Works Committee prior to the meeting.

The Town Council discusses what has happened each month in relation to these flood control activities and what will be happening in the near future, during regular monthly board meetings. To stay up to date, you can attend the meetings, read the posted minutes or contact a board member. Background and supporting information for the flood protection initiatives can be found on the Rocky Ripple town website: www.rockyripple.com



Annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk - Sat. April 20th

The annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk begins at 12:00 noon at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 20, 2019. 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 Mandy Redmond any time before 9:00 am on the day of the event (5205 Byram Ave.) 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 20, 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 20th at 10 am.

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We're on the Web:
www.rockyripple.com



[We're on Facebook](#)

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*Photo from previous hunt - Only in Rocky Ripple does
the Easter Bunny arrive on a Harley Davidson for the
Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks, Bunny Dave!!*

River Film Festival at Town Hall on May 5th

**Join the RRCA at Town Hall on Sunday, May 5th for the first ever Rocky Ripple
Film Festival, followed by a short river celebration!**

As a river community, movies about the water speak directly to our hearts. Please join your neighbors on May 5th at 3:00pm at the Rocky Ripple Town Hall for a special screening of three short films developed by local Indiana filmmakers - in partnership with Indiana Humanities - who are hoping to better understand how Hoosiers relate to the water and to one another. Following the movie, we will plan a short outing to contemplate the river from the shores of Wapahani Park. Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for free for all moviegoers. Special guest moderator TBA. Bring a friend and let's celebrate springtime on the water together!

2019 Road Repair Update

The contract for repaving of the following streets has been made and work is expected to start as soon as the work can be scheduled:

- 1) Canal Blvd. From: W54th St To: Ripple Rd
- 2) W53rd St From: Canal Blvd To: Lester St
- 3) W53rd St From: 835 W53rd St To: Riverview Dr
- 4) W52nd St From: Canal Towpath To: Lester St
- 5) Crown St From: W53rd St To: W54th St
- 6) Sunny Meade Ln From: W52nd St To: W53rd St
- 7) Annette St From: W53rd St To: 5326 Annette St
- 8) Clarendon Rd From: W51st St To: W52nd St
- 9) W54th St From: Karstadt Dr To: Canal Blvd
- 10) Ripple Rd From: 340 Ripple Rd To: Canal Blvd



In addition, the Rocky Ripple Community Association obtained a matching grant from the city of Indianapolis DPW to repave the remainder of Canal Blvd. between 53rd and 54th streets. This work will also be completed in 2019.

If you see various pot holes patched around town, don't complain that "they should have paved the whole street." *They* doing these smaller repairs are volunteers that deserve a hearty thank you, as our pot hole filling volunteer crew – Jon and Scott, do this out of the goodness of their hearts with no reimbursement for materials. THANK YOU GUYS!!

Rocky Ripple Community Association Board Elections on May 21st; President and Sargent at Arms 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 21st. 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 President and Sargent at Arms.

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.

Rocky Ripple Emergency Management

RREM

Inform • Educate • Train

The Rocky Ripple Emergency Management (RREM) team consists of engaged residents who volunteer to create, update, and implement plans to secure the community in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. RREM is also involved in creating opportunities to educate and train Rocky Ripple residents in matters of public safety and security. Meetings take place quarterly on the first Thursday of month in February, May, August, and November. Anyone interested in being part of this effort are welcome. For more information, visit www.rockyripple.com or contact Andy Hazel at ajhaze77@gmail.com.



20th Rocky Ripple Festival to Be Held on Sat. September 28, 2019

Each year, the Rocky Ripple Festival brings in funding to support Rocky Ripple parks. In 2018, over \$6500 was raised, and the Hohlt Park Endowment fund reached a new high of \$110,000.

Festival coordinator Dhyana Raynor and Artist Coordinator Megan Wright have stated that this will be their last year to coordinate the Rocky Ripple Festival. To keep the festival going, we need your help with this 100% volunteer effort. Contact Festival Coordinator Dhyana Raynor at dhyanar@sbcglobal.net or 317-414-5018 to find out how you can assist with the Rocky Ripple Festival. Find out more about the festival at: <http://www.rockyripple.org/rocky-ripple-festival.html>

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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. 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

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.

Email Notification - 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 rcomassoc@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.

Plant Exchange Coming on Sat. May 4th

The annual Rocky Ripple Plant Exchange is coming on Saturday, May 4th 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.

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

ROCKY RIPPLE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TIF EXAMPLES

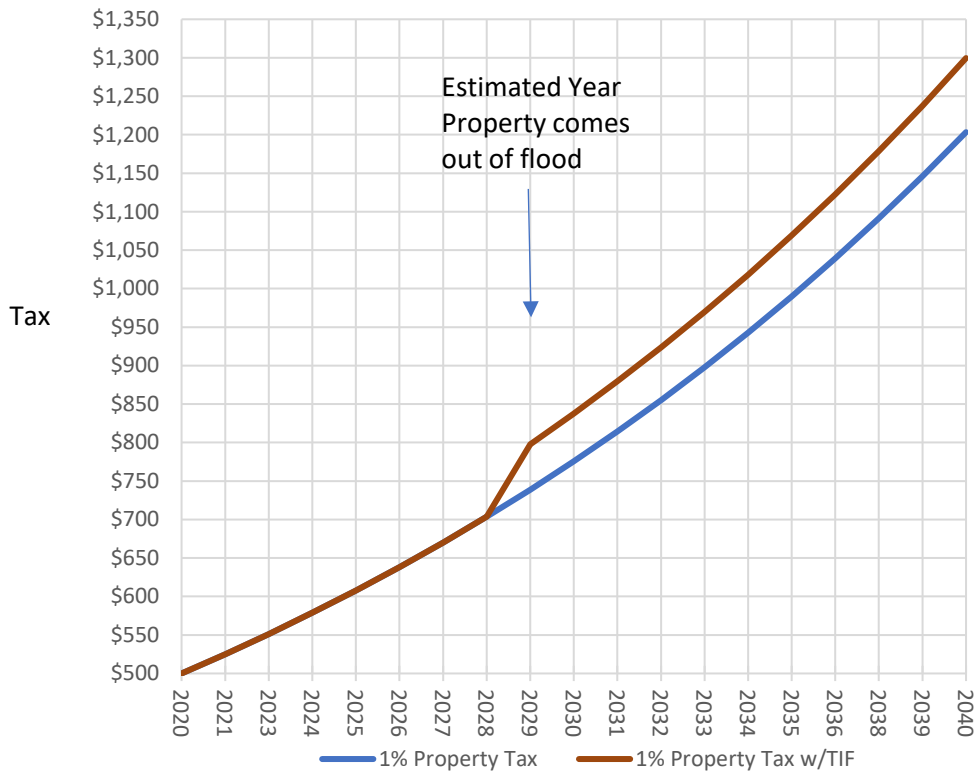
Below are 2 tables with graphs showing your estimated growth in property taxes. The following assumptions are used. Indiana currently has a 5% annual property appreciation rate. So every year your property taxes will go up based on your property appreciating 5% each year. Property taxes are 1% of assessed value. The other assumption based on looking at data that show property value differences to be between 8-9% when located in a flood plain versus outside of a flood plain. We chose 8% for these examples. Assuming that the TIF is approved to go into effect in 2020 your base property value will be fixed at the value it is in 2020. Appreciation growth taxes in your assessed value will be swept into the TIF. Assuming the flood protection is completed in 2028 and FEMA is quick in updating the flood zone maps, we estimate an 8% bump in your property value due coming out of the flood plain.

We built 2 tables one based on an assessed value of \$50,000 and one base on a value of \$100,000. How to read the tables. The first set of columns shows the property value and estimated taxes if we do not have a TIF. The second set shows with a TIF. As you will note your taxes remain the same regardless until 2029. In 2029 your property increases in value due to coming out of the flood zone. At this point your taxes will diverge. This is not due to the TIF but due to the fact that your property value increases with flood protection and does not without.

\$50,000 Example

Year	Without TIF		With TIF				
	Assessed Value	1% Property Tax	Assessed Value	Base Property Tax	TIF Escrow	1% Property Tax w/TIF	
2020	\$50,000	\$500	\$50,000	\$500	\$0	\$500	Projected year TIF Goes in effect
2021	\$52,500	\$525	\$52,500	\$500	\$25	\$525	
2023	\$55,125	\$551	\$55,125	\$500	\$51	\$551	
2024	\$57,881	\$579	\$57,881	\$500	\$79	\$579	
2025	\$60,775	\$608	\$60,775	\$500	\$108	\$608	
2026	\$63,814	\$638	\$63,814	\$500	\$138	\$638	
2027	\$67,005	\$670	\$67,005	\$500	\$170	\$670	
2028	\$70,355	\$704	\$70,355	\$500	\$204	\$704	
2029	\$73,873	\$739	\$79,783	\$500	\$298	\$798	
2030	\$77,566	\$776	\$83,772	\$500	\$338	\$838	
2031	\$81,445	\$814	\$87,960	\$500	\$380	\$880	
2032	\$85,517	\$855	\$92,358	\$500	\$424	\$924	
2033	\$89,793	\$898	\$96,976	\$500	\$470	\$970	
2034	\$94,282	\$943	\$101,825	\$500	\$518	\$1,018	
2035	\$98,997	\$990	\$106,916	\$500	\$569	\$1,069	
2036	\$103,946	\$1,039	\$112,262	\$500	\$623	\$1,123	
2038	\$109,144	\$1,091	\$117,875	\$500	\$679	\$1,179	
2039	\$114,601	\$1,146	\$123,769	\$500	\$738	\$1,238	
2040	\$120,331	\$1,203	\$129,957	\$500	\$800	\$1,300	

\$50,000 Initial Assessed Value



\$100,000 Example

Year	Without TIF		With TIF				
	Assessed Value	1% Property Tax	Assessed Value	Base Property Tax	TIF Escrow	1% Property Tax w/TIF	
2020	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	Projected year TIF Goes in effect
2021	\$105,000	\$1,050	\$105,000	\$1,000	\$50	\$1,050	
2023	\$110,250	\$1,103	\$110,250	\$1,000	\$103	\$1,103	
2024	\$115,763	\$1,158	\$115,763	\$1,000	\$158	\$1,158	
2025	\$121,551	\$1,216	\$121,551	\$1,000	\$216	\$1,216	
2026	\$127,628	\$1,276	\$127,628	\$1,000	\$276	\$1,276	
2027	\$134,010	\$1,340	\$134,010	\$1,000	\$340	\$1,340	
2028	\$140,710	\$1,407	\$140,710	\$1,000	\$407	\$1,407	
2029	\$147,746	\$1,477	\$159,565	\$1,000	\$596	\$1,596	Projected year Properties come out of floodplain
2030	\$155,133	\$1,551	\$167,543	\$1,000	\$675	\$1,675	
2031	\$162,889	\$1,629	\$175,921	\$1,000	\$759	\$1,759	
2032	\$171,034	\$1,710	\$184,717	\$1,000	\$847	\$1,847	
2033	\$179,586	\$1,796	\$193,952	\$1,000	\$940	\$1,940	
2034	\$188,565	\$1,886	\$203,650	\$1,000	\$1,037	\$2,037	
2035	\$197,993	\$1,980	\$213,833	\$1,000	\$1,138	\$2,138	
2036	\$207,893	\$2,079	\$224,524	\$1,000	\$1,245	\$2,245	
2038	\$218,287	\$2,183	\$235,750	\$1,000	\$1,358	\$2,358	
2039	\$229,202	\$2,292	\$247,538	\$1,000	\$1,475	\$2,475	
2040	\$240,662	\$2,407	\$259,915	\$1,000	\$1,599	\$2,599	

\$100,000 Initial Assessed Value

