



# Town Council/Community Association

# Rocky Ripple

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## Rocky Ripple CALENDAR

**Tues., Jun. 9**  
**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Jun. 16**  
**Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting**

Elections for Secretary and Treasurer

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Thurs., Jul. 2**  
**RREM/CERT Meeting**  
(emergency management/ rescue response team)

7:00 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Jul. 14**  
**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Jul. 21**  
**Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Aug. 11**  
**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Aug. 18**  
**Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting**

7:30 pm Town Hall

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## No voting at Town Hall for Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election



The City of Indianapolis has limited locations for voting in the June 2nd primary election. The Rocky Ripple Town Hall will not be one of the locations. The closest location for voting will be at St. Thomas Aquinas church, 4600 N. Illinois. If you submitted a ballot by mail you can check to see if it was received at [indianavoters.in.gov](http://indianavoters.in.gov). More information and a list of all Marion County voting locations can be found at the following link: <https://vote.indy.gov/>.

## Surveying of Properties for Floodwall Underway/Town Council Update on Floodwall Protection



Owners of property along the river in Rocky Ripple recently received letters from DLZ, a subcontractor to AECOM and City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works. The letters were to let affected property owners know that survey work will be done on their properties in the near future. AECOM has been hired by the city to serve as its technical representative for the Rocky Ripple flood protection initiative. You may recall that AECOM is the engineering firm that came up with the plans that allow for protection, while saving all homes in Rocky Ripple.

The surveying began in mid May and will take several weeks to complete. It is being done in order for the city to obtain specific information in preparation for the Rocky Ripple floodwall project. The survey will be used for identifying design and land acquisition (easement) needs/details for the proposed floodworks and establishing cross sectional information for river modelling necessary for completing the project. This land surveying is a preliminary engineering task foundational to other future engineering tasks. The work should include no or very minimal clearing of vegetation to complete.

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[We're on Facebook](#)

Rocky Ripple Town Councilors met with Indianapolis DPW, AECOM and Butler University representatives on May 11, 2020. Updates on the Rocky Ripple Floodwall Project were provided. This included a discussion of the surveying that will occur as outlined above. In addition, councilors were introduced to the AECOM technical representative, who will oversee the sourcing and overseeing of engineering firms that will be hired to work on the project on behalf of the Indianapolis DPW.

After completion of the surveying activities, modeling and analysis of the data is expected to take place through at least fall of 2020, at which time the team will have a firm understanding of what type of wall (earthen, concrete T walls or I walls) will need to go where) will be needed and then the permitting process with the state can begin.

Progress updates will continue to be provided at monthly Rocky Ripple Town Board meetings, with approved minutes of the meetings available the month following the meeting on the town website. If anyone has any questions regarding this, do not hesitate to contact your town council members.

## Town Council Updates – Road Repairs on June 8<sup>th</sup>, Weather Permitting

As mentioned in the last edition of the RR ENews, the Town of Rocky Ripple has been awarded a third INDOT Community Crossings Grant for street paving in 2020.

**Globe Asphalt will begin performing the work the week of June 8th, weather dependent, and we ask your patience and cooperation during the paving process.**

The roads will be milled, cleaned and filled with asphalt to match the adjoining streets. A grinding machine, dump trucks, and paving machine are part of this operation. Parking and through-vehicular-traffic will be affected during this operation. Once the asphalt is placed and compacted, the street will be reopened to traffic as soon as possible. We ask that you do not park near the roadways to be paved. Below is a list of streets to be paved.

Section 1: W 54th St from Karstadt Dr to Riverview Dr  
Section 2: Lester St from W 52nd St to W 53rd St  
Section 3: Lester St from W 53rd St to W 54th St  
Section 4: Byram Ave from W 53rd St to W 54th St  
Section 5: Sunnymede Ln from W 51st St to W 52nd St  
Section 6: Annette St from 5326 Annette St to W 54th St

Please address questions to:  
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## Town Council Updates – COVID 19 Related Restrictions

The town of Rocky Ripple continues to operate under Marion County and State mandates regarding activities and restrictions relating to the COVID 19 pandemic. This includes timing for re-opening of Hohlt Park facilities and usage of the town hall. The town hall is currently available for rental. Renters should follow current COVID 19 related guidance with regard to social distancing, wearing of face masks, and number of people at events. The Hohlt Park pavilion and park remain unavailable until restrictions are lifted. The Port O Let will not be installed until restrictions are lifted.

## 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

## COVID 19 Related Cancellations – No Rocky Ripple Festival or RRCA-sponsored Neighborhood Garage Sale this Year

With heavy hearts, the Rocky Ripple Community Association and Festival Committee weighed options and made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Rocky Ripple Festival due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Notices to artists that had already registered for this year's festival were sent that stated that the RRCA did not feel they can safely and effectively host the festival in our community at this time.

The Festival Committee is exploring other options to showcase our community of artists. If you have ideas for reimagining this year's festival, the group would love to hear from you. The RRCA looks forward to bringing together artists and musicians, vendors and volunteers, and attendees and neighbors in 2021.

Due to similar concerns, the RRCA sponsored neighborhood garage sale is cancelled for 2020.

## Rocky Ripple Community Association Board Elections on Jun 16<sup>th</sup>; Secretary and Treasurer Offices and Bylaw Proposed Changes to be Voted Upon

The Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA) annual elections will be held at the May Community Association meeting on Tuesday June 16<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. Per the current RRCA bylaws, to be a member, you must have attended at least one community association meeting during the past year.

The June RRCA meeting is also the time when current association bylaws will be reviewed and changed, as voted upon by the officers. Current suggested changes to the bylaws that will be voted upon at the June meeting are attached to this ENews edition.

To review the current 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.

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## Rocky Ripple Community Garden Featured in Indy Midtown Magazine, Creative Plant Exchange Held in May

Although unable to hold the usual gathering for the annual plant exchange in May due to COVID 19 related concerns, community gardeners sponsored a drive-by plant exchange in front of the garden. The community garden was also featured in the April/May edition of Indy Midtown Magazine. Did you know that Rocky Ripple's community garden is the longest running community garden in the Indy midtown area?



Co-founder and current head of the gardeners, Nancy Barton, a long time Rocky Ripple resident and community contributor, shared the history of the garden, which was started in 2001. This occurred in the early stages of the development of Hohlt Park when various plots of land were purchased by the town or donated by property owners to form the park. Former Rocky Ripple residents Rick and Monica Burkhardt owned the land that is now the community garden and sold it to the town. Rick had previously developed the plot as garden space, where he grew produce that he sold at the former Rocky Ripple farmer's market, which existed before the Broad Ripple and other farmer's markets were established. Rick passed away in 2001 and the garden was subsequently named in his honor. You can find the full Indy Midtown article at <https://www.indymidtownmagazine.com/community-gardeners-dig-midtown/>.

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Rocky Ripple Emergency Management

# RREM

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## 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.

## 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 July 2, 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).



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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 [amazon-smile.org](https://amazon-smile.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.



## 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 [rcomassoc@aol.com](mailto:rcomassoc@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 [rcomassoc@aol.com](mailto:rcomassoc@aol.com).

## REVISED 2020 ROCKY RIPPLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date/Time	Location
Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting	Tues. 09-Jun-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
Rocky Ripple Comm Assoc 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 Comm Assoc 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 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 Comm Assoc Meeting	Tues. 15-Sep-2020 7:30 pm	Town Hall
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 Comm Assoc 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 Comm Assoc 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

## BYLAWS

### ROCKY RIPPLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### ARTICLE 1 NAME

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be Rocky Ripple Community Association, INC. (RRCA)

#### ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The Rocky Ripple Community Association exists 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.

#### ARTICLE 3 REGISTERED OFFICE

- 3.1 The registered office of this corporation shall be: 930 West 54th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208.

#### ARTICLE 4 MEMBERS

- 4.1 Membership in the Rocky Ripple Community Association is open to all residents of the town of Rocky Ripple who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and wish to participate in the affairs of the organization.
- 4.2 The general membership of the organization shall elect the Board of Directors, and approve any and all changes to the bylaws.
- 4.3 An annual meeting of the membership shall be held on the third Tuesday in May. An officer of the association shall chair the meeting. Notice of this meeting shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. A quorum shall consist of seven (7) active members. Proxy votes are not permitted. The meeting shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- 4.4 Special meetings of the membership may be called by the president or a majority of the board. Notice of such meetings shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to such meetings.

#### ARTICLE 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 5.1 The control and management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in its board of directors.
- 5.2 The board of directors of the corporation shall consist of five (5) members, as stated in 7.1. Any resident of the town of Rocky Ripple who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years shall be eligible for election to the board.
- 5.3 Any director who moves his or her residence from Rocky Ripple during his or her tenure shall relinquish said directorship.
- 5.4 Any director may be removed, for cause, by a majority vote of the other board members.
- 5.5 Should a vacancy for any reason occur on the board, the board may elect a director to serve for the duration of the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1 The board of directors shall meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the location of the registered office. Notice of these meetings shall be provided to Rocky Ripple residents.
- 6.2 Special meetings, for a specifically stated purpose, may be called by the president or a majority of the board. Notice of such meetings shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to such meetings.
- 6.3 At any meeting of the board, a quorum shall exist if at least three (3) members are present. A majority vote of the quorum is necessary for the transaction of business.
- 6.4 Board meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE 7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 7.1 The directors of this corporation shall consist of a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and a sergeant-at-arms.
- 7.2 The president shall be chief executive officer of the corporation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors, sign all written contracts of the corporation and perform all other duties as are incident to the office.
- 7.3 The vice-president shall perform the duties specified in section 7.2 of this article in the absence or disability of the president.
- 7.4 The treasurer shall have charge of the corporate treasury, receiving, and keeping the monies of the corporation and disbursing funds as authorized. The treasurer shall also keep all records of the corporation's fiscal activities and file all reports and returns as required by law. He or she shall perform all other duties as are incident to this office.
- 7.5 The secretary shall have the responsibility for providing that all notices required by these bylaws be issued, and shall provide that all minutes of all meetings of the board of directors and membership be adequately kept. He or she shall have responsibility for all corporate books, records and papers, and any and all written contracts of the corporation. He or she shall perform all other duties as are incident to this office.
- 7.6 The sergeant-at-arms shall be responsible for calling and tallying all votes that come to the floor of the board or membership meetings. He or she shall also act as head parliamentarian.

## ARTICLE 8 ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 8.1 Election for the board of directors shall be held at the annual membership meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Each member present shall have one vote for each of the vacant seats to be filled. Election shall be by simple majority.
- 8.2 Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years, except that the initial term of the president and the sergeant-at-arms shall end after the first year, and the initial term of the treasurer and the secretary shall end after the second year. Thereafter the board shall be elected in staggered three year terms.
- 8.3 Each director shall be eligible for reelection.

## ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- 9.1 These bylaws may be amended by a three-quarters vote of members in attendance at the annual membership meeting.
- 9.2 All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing by a RRCA member to the board of directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.
- 9.3 The secretary shall make available to all active members a list of all such proposals at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE 10 PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION AND CONDUCT OF THE CORPORATION

- 10.1 No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that this corporations shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these articles.
- 10.2 No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
- 10.3 This corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 10.4 Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 10.5 The directors or members shall not be personally liable for debts, liabilities or other obligations of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE 11 FISCAL YEAR

- 11.1 The fiscal year of this corporation shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

Approved May 1997

## AMENDMENT 1 ROCKY RIPPLE HOHLT PARK ENDOWMENT FUND

- 1.1 A restricted fund is hereby created within the budget of The Rocky Ripple Community Association, Inc.
- 1.2 The name of this fund is The Rocky Ripple Hohlt Park Endowment.
- 1.3 All monies distributed from this fund shall be used for the following purposes:
  - A) Maintenance of landscape, structures, and installations in Rocky Ripple Hohlt Park.
  - B) Capital improvements to Rocky Ripple Hohlt Park.
  - C) Maintenance and improvements to other designated park areas or greenspace properties owned by the town of Rocky Ripple or the Rocky Ripple Community Association.
- 1.4 The uses described in section 1.3.A above shall receive priority above all other uses.
- 1.5 The annual disbursement of monies from this fund shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the principal invested in this fund at the close of the previous fiscal year.
- 1.6 The Board of Directors of The Rocky Ripple Community Association shall determine the disposition of all monies distributed from this fund.
- 1.7 The Board of Directors of The Rocky Ripple Community Association shall be responsible for investing these funds in a fiduciary responsible manner.

Amended May 2001