



# Rocky Ripple E-News

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## Rocky Ripple CALENDAR

**Thur., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**RREM/CERT** (emergency management/ rescue response team) **Meeting**  
7:00 pm Town Hall

**Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Holiday Bazaar**  
10 am – 3 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 pm Town Hall

**Tues., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 pm Town Hall

**Sat. Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Family Game Night**  
6 – 9 pm Town Hall  
More detail will be provided when available.

**Tues., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 pm Town Hall

**Sat. Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Family Game Night**  
6 – 9 pm Town Hall  
More detail will be provided when available.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS, ROCKY RIPPLE!

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ROCKY RIPPLE Holiday Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale



### Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Rocky Ripple Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Rocky Ripple shirts, insulated tumblers, drink cozies, bumper stickers, and baked goods. The RRCA will also raffle off 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 and sandwiches.*

### 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 baked goods from residents. Baked goods should be delivered to Town Hall by 09:30 am on Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, or can be dropped off to Mandy Redmond the evening before. Call Mandy at 317-319 -7865 for more information.

## Rocky Ripple Town Officials

### Town Councilors

Andy Hazel  
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[ajhaze77@gmail.com](mailto:ajhaze77@gmail.com)

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### Town Marshal

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[We're on Facebook](#)

## *BAZAAR TABLES ARE FULL; WAITLIST AVAILABLE*

Tables for selling handcrafted items at the holiday bazaar are full. To be waitlisted in case of a cancellation, please contact Nancy Barton at 317-771-1728 or [sandertales@aol.com](mailto:sandertales@aol.com).

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## Rocky Ripple Town Council Election Results

Thanks to the large voter turnout for the 2019 Rocky Ripple Town Council election. The newly elected Rocky Ripple Town Council (serving 01-Jan-2020 through 31-Dec-2024) includes the following individuals:

Julie Smith, clerk/treasurer  
Megan Hulland, town councilor  
Mandy Redmond, town councilor  
Randy Sanders, town councilor

Specifics can be found at the following location: <https://www.indy.gov/workflow/election-results>

Thank you to all candidates that ran for office. It is because we have people willing to step up that we are able to maintain this small vibrant town of ours. Shout out also to Tamara Carr and crew that ran the Rocky Ripple quick and efficient polling location for this year's election. Brief profiles of each council member and their plans for Rocky Ripple are listed below. The town council welcomes your questions and feedback – to learn details about what the council does, attend the monthly town council meetings that are scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the town hall.

## Town Council Responsibilities and 2020 Town Council Member Profiles

Rocky Ripple maintains a three-member town council, and a town clerk/treasurer, all of which are elected to four year terms by the registered voters that live within the town of Rocky Ripple. The members of the Town Council identify community needs and commit town resources to meet those needs within the limits of federal and state law.

Specific duties include street maintenance, oversight of the Rocky Ripple Police department, town street lighting, adopting an annual budget, establishing the annual tax rate, calling bond referendums when necessary, enacting local ordinances and town policies, formulating policies for the conduct of Town operations, making appointments to advisory boards and committees, and overseeing long range plans for the community in areas including land use and town facilities such as streets and parks.

The town's clerk/treasurer responsibilities are separate from the Town Council and the clerk/treasurer does not vote on actions. The clerk-treasurer is responsible for maintaining town records and ensures that they comply with all state and local legislation. Specific duties include preparing and publishing meeting minutes and notices for the Town Council, preparing and maintaining official town records, history, accounts, contracts, claims, and financial transactions. Duties also include receiving and disbursing town money and preparing monthly financial reports for presentation at Town Council meetings. A profile of each newly elected official is contained below and on the following pages.

## Rocky Ripple Community Association

### Officers:

Rachel Wuthrich,  
President 815-814-5497

Dhyana Raynor, Vice  
President 317-414-5018

Mandy Redmond,  
Treasurer 317-319-7865

Alex Redmond, Secretary  
317-340-5700

Megan Wright, Sergeant  
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## Clerk/Treasurer Julie Smith



Incoming clerk/treasurer Julie Smith has been a resident of Rocky Ripple for 26 years. She grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana and attended Indiana University. She is married to Micheal, and has three college aged kids, Madeline, Erin, and Jonathan. Julie comes to the job well equipped, as she has been a volunteer treasurer for two different organizations and has always had an interest in this particular position.

## Town Councilor Megan Hulland



In incoming town councilor Megan Hulland's day-to-day job as a brand manager for a major corporation, she works in a heavily regulated environment with a lot of diverse opinions and perspectives. As a council representative for Rocky Ripple, she will apply these same skills for the benefit of our town, approaching major issues like representing Rocky Ripple's voice in the development of flood protection infrastructure and championing community affordability for longtime residents with a sensitive and strategic eye. Megan has lived in the community for four years.

Megan is committed to transparently communicating to residents, providing clarity on all town initiatives and ensuring that we as a neighborhood are deeply connected to one another and to the world around us.

## Town Councilor Mandy Redmond



Re-elected town councilor Mandy Redmond has been a Rocky Ripple resident since 1983. She lives along the canal with her husband Paul. Mandy has served for six years on the town council, in various offices of the community association, as festival coordinator for five years and as a community association liaison to the Town Council over the years.

Mandy will drive the town's most important initiative - the floodwall project - to completion during this next term. She understands that this project is a compromise and that there are consequences associated with providing this needed protection. She will ensure our riverfront residents have a say in how this rolls out, as it affects them individually. She also plans to keep working on various projects in process for our town - an updated website with enhanced functionality, continued road improvements, "spiffing up" our town hall and sourcing money for a new police car for our marshal.

## Town Councilor Randy Sanders



Town councilor elect Randy Sanders has lived in Rocky Ripple for almost 4 years. He grew up in Brownsburg and lived on the west side of Indy for 25 years. While searching for a home he found the Rocky Ripple community, where, as Randy says, you can meet a wide array of people and get involved in all aspects of what happens here.

Randy has worked with his current company for 25 years, running many projects. This will translate to his new role of town councilor.

Randy has attended 90% of Rocky Ripple town meetings in the past three years to learn as much as he can about this town and what it takes to keep it going, while and community garden. Randy will ensure clear communication between the City, builder companies, our Town Council and community members as we move forward with the new levee.

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

Requests for Interest (RFIs) were solicited from engineering firms for the Rocky Ripple floodwall by the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) during October/early November. DPW is currently reviewing the RFIs and preparing response for the submittals. 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. It is possible that some selection decisions may be made during December and January.

At the same time that the RFI assessments are going on, the Indianapolis City County Council is taking 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 expected to be approved prior to year-end 2019.

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>.

## **2019 Rocky Ripple Festival Results/ Thank You Dhyana Raynor and Megan Wright**

2019 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Rocky Ripple Festival. The 2019 Rocky Ripple Festival was a smashing good time and generated over \$8000 for the Rocky Ripple Parks Foundation.



This was the last year that Dhyana Raynor will serve as chairperson/coordinator of the festival, as Dhyana has decided to turn over the reins after doing so for 11 years. Juliette Nehring has graciously stepped up to coordinate the 2020 festival and will work closely with Dhyana in making the transition.

Artist coordinator Megan Wright has also decided that 2019 was her last year serving in this capacity, after having done so for the past 10 years. Mike Kane will take over for Megan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dhyana and Megan for their dedication over the past 11 years and before to the Rocky Ripple Festival, turning a small festival of locals into a sought after event for over 80 artists every year.

Attendance has increased each year and the annual event has become a mainstay in the fall festival season on the north side of Indianapolis. MANY THANKS!!!

## Festival Committee Needs Your Help

As has been for the past 20 years, the festival is an event solely put on by volunteers and the festival committee needs your help to put on the 2020 Rocky Ripple Festival.

The community association wants to hear from RR residents who would like to collaborate and help run the 21st Annual Rocky Ripple Festival, which will be held on 26-Sep-2020. What are your visions for the festival? What kind of energy/talents do you have that would enhance this annual fund-raising event?

The RRCA doesn't necessarily want the Rocky Ripple Festival to grow much larger. However, we're always interested in it becoming better. We'd like to hear from you. How do you see yourself fitting in with the Festival this year? Artistic? Muscle? Brainstorming? Coordinating? Financial? Marketing/advertising skills? Maybe you are really, really busy but have a couple of hours on the day of the festival to help deliver water to the artists, mingle and sell raffle tickets, or play hoops with the kids. We'll take it!

It takes a village to produce a festival.

Please contact this year's festival coordinator, Juliette Nehring at [msjuliettemusic@gmail.com](mailto:msjuliettemusic@gmail.com).

***Rocky Ripple Festival  
Biggest Little Festival west of the Canal***



**Don't Forget to Donate to the Rocky Ripple Community Association while Holiday Shopping at Amazon.**

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](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile). 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.



## Roads and Streets Update; New Signage Coming to 52<sup>nd</sup> Street

Due to Rocky Ripple Marshal/Town Manager Mike Kiefer's efforts, we have again received state of Indiana matching grants to pave Rocky Ripple streets in 2020. The 2020 funding will be used to pave the problem streets that were unable to be completed in 2019. Work on the streets will begin in Spring, as weather allows.

In an effort to slow down traffic speeding in and out of the Butler fields south of Rocky Ripple, the Rocky Ripple Town Council agreed that the intersection at Lester and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street would be turned into a four way stop. In addition, reflective signage indicating upcoming stops will be added along 52<sup>nd</sup> street to incoming traffic. Final adoption of the ordinances for this change will be voted upon at the December Rocky Ripple Town Council meeting, with installation of the signs shortly thereafter, weather permitting.



## 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?

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