



# Rocky Ripple Community Association E-News

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## RRCA CALENDAR

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

**Tues., Apr. 19th**  
**Rocky Ripple Community  
Association Meeting/Tour  
of Riviera Club**

Join the RRCA in touring the Riviera Club – RRCA meeting will follow immediately after the tour.

7:00 pm Riviera Club  
Lounge

**Sat., Apr. 23rd**  
**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.

**Sun., May 1st**  
**Annual Plant Exchange**  
2:00 pm Town Hall

**Wed. May 18th**  
**Deadline for Advertising  
Submissions/Updates for  
2011 Rocky Ripple  
Directory**

Send updates to the  
directory coordinator at:  
[rcomassoc@aol.com](mailto:rcomassoc@aol.com).  
Visit  
[www.rockyripple.org](http://www.rockyripple.org) for  
details.



## Annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup>

*This photo was taken at the start of last year's  
Easter Egg hunt at the town hall.*

The annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk begins at 12:00 noon at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 23, 2011. 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!

### WE NEED CAKES AND PLASTIC FILLED EGGS!

Please donate plastic filled eggs for the Easter egg hunt!! You can drop them off to Diane Householder by 9:00 am on the day of the event (5319 Crown Street). If you need plastic eggs to fill, call Diane at 254 -1454 or Mandy Redmond at 259-7512.

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 23<sup>rd</sup>, or call Diane or Mandy at the numbers above to make other arrangements for pick-up.

If you want to assist the Easter bunny in hiding eggs, let Diane or Mandy know.

THE RIVIERA CLUB  
EST. 1933



## Check out the Riviera Club and All it has to Offer on April 19<sup>th</sup> (Tour starts at 7 pm at the Riviera Club)

Have you wondered what the Riviera Club is all about and what activities they may have to offer for you and your family? Rocky Ripple neighbors have the chance to check out the Rivi, along with the Rocky Ripple Community Association on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will meet in the upstairs lounge. Riviera Club membership manager, Benjamin Fronczek, will be our host and tour guide. Per Benjamin, there will be other activities going on there that night, so we'll see the Rivi in action. The monthly Rocky Ripple Community Association meeting for April will take place immediately following the tour in the lounge of the Riviera Club. For more information about the Riviera Club, go to <http://www.rivi.org/>.

## Rocky Ripple Community Association

### Officers:

Karen Stone, President  
252-5786

Dhyana Raynor, Vice  
President 414-5018

Mandy Redmond,  
Treasurer 259-7512

Diane Householder,  
Secretary 254 -1454

Ann Wickham, Sergeant  
at Arms 466-9773

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### We're on the Web:

[www.rockyripple.org](http://www.rockyripple.org)



[We're on Facebook](#)



## Plant Exchange Coming on May 1st – Help the Town Hall Flower Bed Become a Hosta Bed

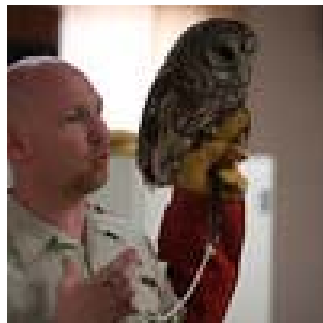
The annual Rocky Ripple plant exchange, headed up by local resident and green thumb extraordinaire Nancy Barton will happen Sunday, May 1st at 2 pm at the town hall.

Dig up and bring plants from your garden that you do not want or for which you have an

overabundance. Your neighbors will do the same. Then pick out something new that you have wanted to try or need for your own garden. Those of you that know the prices of perennials at local garden stores know what a great deal this exchange is. In addition, you gain real-life knowledge about the plant from the previous owner.

This year, we will have a special endeavor as part of the plant exchange. Resident Ann Wickham, who has been taking care of the flower bed on the east side of the town hall for several years is looking to make a change. Plants currently in this bed (including some day lillies, mint, coneflowers and more) can be dug up and taken. In exchange, please bring your extra hosta plants for transplanting into the bed. Ann's vision is that we have a beautiful hosta-only shade-loving bed for everyone to enjoy when finished.

This brings up a great opportunity for the Community Association to thank the wonderful volunteers that take care of the various town flower beds, trees and parks in our town, such as Connie Pitner, who has lovingly maintained the mound at the entrance to Hohlt Park, and the Veterans Association, which continues to maintain and beautify Peace Park on the corner of Byram and 52nd. THANK YOU ALL!



## Special Event Sponsored by the RRCA and Butler University – Live Owl Education Session was Educational and Fun

Check out photos from the Rocky Ripple Community Association and Butler University's Center for Urban Ecology jointly sponsored visit from raptor rescue specialist Leslie Grow and DNR staff that happened April 2nd at the Town Hall.

The DNR staff introduced attendees to a Bald Eagle, Screech Owl, Barn Owl, Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Red-Tailed Hawk. Thanks again to Angie Herrmann for coordinating this event and sharing the photos taken of these wonders of nature. Photos are available at:

<http://angelaherrmann.smugmug.com/Nature/Birds-of-Prey/>

**RRCA Newsletter:**

*The Rocky Ripple Community Association newsletter is published 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.*

*Editor: Mandy Redmond*



## 2011 Rocky Ripple Festival to Be Held on Sat. September 24, 2011

**Artist Booth Applications are available online now ([www.rockyripple.org](http://www.rockyripple.org))**

### 2011 Rocky Ripple Festival – call for volunteers

**Dhyana Raynor**, will once again head up the 2011 festival. Other 2010 festival committee heads who agreed to do it again are listed below. Also listed are the open positions for which we need volunteers:

- Music: Steve Hurt
- Artists: Megan Wright
- Food/Drinks: Karen Stone
- Publicity/Advertising: open
- Endowment/Fundraising: open
- Signage: open
- Corporate Sponsorship: open
- Raffle: Mandy Redmond
- Children's Area: Kate Bullis
- Trash/Recycling: Jim Poyser
- Set-up Coordinator: open
- Tear-down Coordinator: open

Visit the community association website for a description of these position duties at: [www.rockyripple.org](http://www.rockyripple.org).

Contact Festival Coordinator Dhyana Raynor with ideas for the festival and/or to help plan the biggest/best ever Rocky Ripple Festival.



### Rocky Ripple Community Garden

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 Vandra Linder at [linderdesign@sprintmail.com](mailto:linderdesign@sprintmail.com) or Nancy Barton at [sandertales@aol.com](mailto:sandertales@aol.com) if you are interested. Check out the group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/RockyRippleGarden>





## 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.

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## Rocky Ripple 2011 Directory

Preparation of the 2011 Rocky Ripple directory is in progress and the directory is expected to be printed and distributed in late spring. If you have not yet submitted your directory listing information, submit the information to the RRCA directory editor at [rrcommassoc@aol.com](mailto:rrcommassoc@aol.com) no later than 05/18/2011. Requests for business ads need to be received by 05/18/2011 as well. More information about business ad sizing and prices can be found at the Rocky Ripple Community Association website: [www.rockyripple.org](http://www.rockyripple.org).



Rocky Ripple  
2010-2011

Town  
Directory



## Levy Repair/Proposed Wall Along the Canal

Due to concerns voiced by the Rocky Ripple Town Council, the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association and individual members of the community at large, the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works met with the Army Corps of Engineers to request that Rocky Ripple be included in the protection area. Further details of impact to properties in Rocky Ripple will be developed in the next 90 days and the city will set up time to share the information with area residents. All of this information was detailed in a letter sent to Rocky Ripple residents from the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works on March 28, 2011.

This means that there is still time to have your voices heard regarding this issue. As a service to town residents in this regard, we have listed contact information for your Congressional representatives – let them know your thoughts via a letter or an email. If anyone did not receive a copy of the letter from the city and would like a copy, contact the RRCA and we'll get one to you.

## Letter writing campaign in behalf of flood protection for Rocky Ripple

The following are some ideas that you may include in your letters to public officials. Be sure to refer to the project as the **January 2011 Environmental Assessment Indianapolis, White River (North), IN Flood Damage Reduction Project Phase 3B**. Be sure to include your name and address. Write your letter to Wm. Michael Turner, Chief, Environmental Resources (his address is on other side). Before mailing your letter, make copies and send those to the other officials named (or deliver via e-mail). It is critical that officials here from you. And it's critical that the letter comes from you! Personalize your letter—officials respond better to your personal reasons for taking a particular position on an issue.

*Ideas you may wish to consider including (select what's most relevant to you):*

- Should a significant flood event occur, the Indianapolis Department of Waterworks Canal, which provides water for 600,000 Indianapolis residents, would be compromised if the flood wall is constructed on the east side of the canal, especially given that the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) determined that the canal towpath levee “was not constructed using materials and compaction requirements of a levee” (p3-6).
- Construction of a wall along the east side of the canal would increase Rocky Ripple’s vulnerability in the event of a severe flood.
- The cost of property damage in Rocky Ripple would be between \$33 and \$50 million. And residents would not be allowed to rebuild.
- The proposed flood wall would adversely affect the property value of homes in the Butler-Tarkington community and in Rocky Ripple.
- The proposed flood wall would negatively affect the Indy Greenways walking path.
- Increased construction upstream from Rocky Ripple has contributed to the increase in high water events, thus further compromising the already eroding earthen levee.
- The comment period, 32 days, from February 1 to March 4, 2011, was too short. The comment period should be extended by at least 90 days, preferably six months.
- As tax payers, Rocky Ripple residents should expect the same level of flood protection as other residents.
- The American Water Works Association designated the Central Canal as an American Water Landmark in 1971.
- Given that the White River will be channeled from Broad Ripple, south to and including the area adjacent to the Riviera Club, residents of Rocky Ripple will become increasingly vulnerable to flood events given that channeled water tends to flow faster and higher, thus

further eroding and compromising what remains of the 1930s earthen levee that surrounds the Town of Rocky Ripple.

- Many residents did not live in Rocky Ripple in the mid 1990s. To exclude this community based on a straw poll with a ten-vote difference conducted 15 years ago is hardly a referendum for excluding a community of 712 people from flood protection.
- Those residents who participated in the 1996 decision to opt out of the Army Corps of Engineers project did not say they did not want flood protection for the community.
- Add your personal reasons for wanting the current project stopped and the comment period extended. In stopping the current project, ask officials to reconsider flood protection for Rocky Ripple.

### **Write your letters to:**

*Army Corps of Engineers*

**Wm. Michael Turner**  
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CELRL-PM-P-E (Room 708)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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