



Rocky Ripple Community Association E-News

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RRCA CALENDAR

Sun., May 2nd
Annual Plant Exchange
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Town Hall

Bring your plants, seeds and seedlings and exchange with neighbors to get off to a good start for the growing season. Also the Rocky Ripple 4H club will be selling remaining geraniums at \$1.25 per 4 inch potted plant. Contact Nancy Barton at 255-7628 for details.

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

Tues., May 18th
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Sat., June 5th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Clean-up activities for Fountain Park, located at corner of 53rd and Patterson Streets. See *article for details.*

Rocky Ripple Community Association Board Elections on May 18th; Secretary & Treasurer Offices To Be Voted Upon

The Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA) annual elections will be held at the next Community Association meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. RRCA terms of office for the association's board of directors are staggered three year terms. 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. 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 where current association bylaws are 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 obtain a copy of the Rocky Ripple Community Association Bylaws, contact secretary, Diane Householder, at 254-1454.

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's 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 Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk a Hit with Neighborhood Children

Thanks to everyone who donated filled eggs or cakes and other pastries and/or helped with hiding eggs and setting up the town hall for the annual Rocky Ripple Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk, which was held on Saturday, April 3, 2010.

Although the skies threatened rain, this didn't stop the crowd from turning out to see the Easter bunny,

who arrived in Town Marshall Mike Kiefer's brand new police car. The rain held off until the Easter egg hunt was complete and kids went back to the town hall to vie for one of 30 or so donated cakes.

Special thanks to E-bunny Dhyana Raynor, egg hunt and cake walk coordinator Diane Householder, Karen Stone, who coordinated and donated all the snacks for the event and Marshall Mike for the escort service.



Start planning now... Neighborhood Garage Sale Will Be Held Sat. June 5th

This year's town wide garage sale will be held Saturday, June 5th from 9 am to 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. Start planning for the sale and gather those items that have been sitting around and collecting dust. If you don't participate by selling, by all means, get out and visit with the

neighbors having sales. You never know what treasures they may be selling that you might need.

Ads will be placed in local newspapers. If you choose to participate, consider making a small donation to the community association to cover the advertising costs. Contact any RRCA officer to do so.

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 or Nancy Barton at sandertales@aol.com if you are interested. Check out the group at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/RockyRippleGarden>

Rocky Ripple Community Association

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RRCA Newsletter:

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Editor: Mandy Redmond

Thank you to those that mowed our parks in 2009 and continue to do so in 2010 and those that contributed funding to keep up this activity

Last year park maintenance for the town of Rocky Ripple was completed essentially free because of volunteers. With coordination provided by Danny Orr, a group of residents volunteered to mow Hohlt, Peace, and the Wapahani park area next to the town hall. To use the equipment each volunteer had to attend training both on operation and maintenance and demonstrate their proficiency. Also, the volunteers had to sign a liability waiver for the town. Additionally members of the Rocky Ripple Veterans Association have maintained Peace Park using their own equipment. Here is the list of names of people who have spent their time and occasionally their own money to make our town parks the wonderful places they are:

Dan Axler
Chad Bracken
Aaron France
Adam Garvey
Vas (Vic) Maniatis
Daniel Marshall
Scot McManus
Jon Stohler
Anthony Stone
Nisa Janek
Danielle Connell
Robert Tomey

Members of the RRVA who have maintained Peace Park include: Jarret Souders, Chris Wright, Paul Redmond, and Tony Gregory.

Residents who donated money to help offset the price of gasoline and equipment costs were:

Wanda Martin
Jill Morris
Micheal and Julie Smith



Thanks to town resident Danny Orr, his employer Verizon provided shirts for volunteers that mowed Rocky Ripple town parks. Verizon was also a key contributor to our park mowing fund.

Rocky Ripple 4H Club Geranium Sale

The Rocky Ripple 4H Club will be selling geraniums at the annual RRCA plant exchange on May 2nd. The top-quality plants are locally grown at Heartland Gardens in Westfield, Indiana. Five colors are available: Red, White, Salmon, Fuchsia and Light Pink. Plants are \$1.25 each.

Contact Nancy Barton at 255-7628 or sandertales@aol.com if you would like to order plants in advance.



2010 VOLLEYBALL! – Volleyball Players, join us in Hohlt Park for lively pick-up games of volleyball, Thursdays at 6 pm for kids and adults; Sundays at 2:30 pm for adults only, weather permitting.

DON'T FORGET. We've gone GREEN! Saving paper. Saving \$\$.

Beginning with the January 2010 issue of the Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA) newsletter, we are distributing information electronically. This contributes toward doing our part for the environment, as well as saves costs. Printing of the newsletters for Rocky Ripple households costs approximately \$50 per issue. This is money that the RRCA can use for other community initiatives and events.

If you know of someone that wants to be added, please have them send an email to rrcommassoc@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. 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 what you think of the new format and any suggestions you may have for things you would like to have included. Contact the RRCA newsletter editor at rrcommassoc@aol.com.

2010 Rocky Ripple Festival Updates



Planning and other activities for the 2010 Rocky Ripple Festival, which will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 11 am to 6 pm in Hohlt Park, are well under way. This will be the festival's 11th year.

Per Festival Chair Dhyana Raynor, the [Pedal & Park organization](#) is onboard to provide 40 feet of bike racks. They will also post our bike friendly event on their [website](#) and on their flyers.

Children's area coordinator Kate Bullis is planning to include a playground supervisor, kid's relay race and 3-legged race, Mad Science booth, bounce tent, and face painting for this year's festival.

Artist coordinator Megan Wright reports that 13 artists have paid for booth space as of April 19th.

Visit www.rockyripple.org/festival for the latest information, artists exhibiting and musicians playing.

Open 2010 festival committee positions remaining include the following:

- Endowment/Fundraising: open
- Raffle: open
- Set-up Coordinator: open
- Tear-down Coordinator: open

To volunteer for the open committee head positions, or to volunteer in any capacity for the 2010 Rocky Ripple festival, contact one the following individuals:

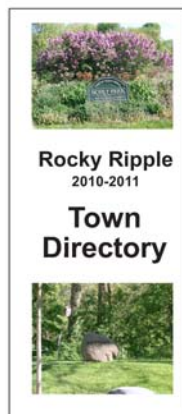
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Megan Wright	mwright2@indy.rr.com	259-4352
Karen Stone	klstonerrca@yahoo.com	252-5786

Visit the community association website for a description of the position duties at: www.rockyripple.org.

2009 Rocky Ripple Festival Results

With money raised at the 2009 Rocky Ripple Festival, we deposited \$5000 into the Rocky Ripple Parks Endowment fund. The fund, which is managed by the Central Indiana Community Foundation, now has close to \$40,000. Funds are used to maintain parks and green spaces within Rocky Ripple. Tax-deductible donations to the Endowment fund can be made through the Rocky Ripple Community Association. Contact Treasurer Mandy Redmond at 259-7512 for additional information.

[Click here](#) to view 2009 festival pictures, courtesy of local photographer Joshua Lebherz.



Rocky Ripple Directory...Hot off the Press

The 2010/2011 Rocky Ripple Town Directory has been printed and is in the process of being distributed to every household in the neighborhood. If you have not received your copy by 05/10/2010, please email the directory editor at rrcommassoc@aol.com to receive a copy.

The directory is produced by the Rocky Ripple Community Association as a benefit for residents of Rocky Ripple. Participation in being listed in the directory is voluntary and the Rocky Ripple Community Association does not use the information/addresses provided for anything other than publication in the directory. It is only available in hard copy.

The directory is paid for through the advertisers that have generously paid to be included. Please show your appreciation for the advertisers by giving them your business - and while doing so, mention that you saw their ad in the Rocky Ripple Directory.

The RRCA is recruiting advertisers for next year's directory. If you have a business and want to be included, or know of a business that should be included, please visit the Rocky Ripple Community Association website for additional information:

www.rockyripple.org

If you wish to make a correction or change to your directory listing, or if you are not yet listed in the directory and want to be, please email the directory editor at

rcommassoc@aol.com.



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.