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# 930 West 54th

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## Your Town Officials

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**Council meetings**  
Second Tuesday monthly  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall  
930 West 54th Street

**Town Web site**  
[www.rockyripple.com](http://www.rockyripple.com)

**Community Association**  
[www.rockyripple.org](http://www.rockyripple.org)

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## Certified election results for Council Record turnout brings out Rocky Ripple voters

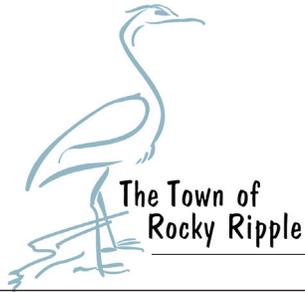
Municipal elections tend to bring Rocky Ripple voters out. This past November was no exception. The Marion County Election Board certified results for the three candidates receiving the most votes for the Rocky Ripple Town Council at-large are:

*Brad Barcom (D) 205 votes / 30.6 percent*  
*Carla Gaff-Clark (R) 187 votes / 27.91 percent*  
*Robert Tomey (R) 177 votes / 26.42 percent*

Clerk Treasurer, *Cathy Hurt (I) 183 votes / 100 percent*, ran unopposed, therefore she will continue her work in the new term. Julie Bleakley and Greg Goodrich also appeared on this year's ballot (101 votes cast between them). Because of changes in her work and travel schedule over the next two to three years, current Council member, Angela Herrmann, chose not to seek re-election this time. Brad Barcom will take her place on the Council. The new terms begin January 1, 2012.



*Robert Tomey (left), Angela Herrmann, and Carla Gaff-Clark meet Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard at the 12th annual Rocky Ripple Art Festival in Hohlt Park. The Council is grateful to the Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA) for organizing the Festival and for all that RRCA volunteers do for the Town!*



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## Council highlights from the past four years

*Over the past four years, your Town Council members have:*

- lobbied State Officials to retain Rocky Ripple as an **“included town,”** with nearly unanimous support from residents.
- worked with community neighbors to ask City, State, and Federal Officials to be included in the **flood protection** project, moving us closer to a resolution than when we began in 2008.
- **recovered a \$30,000 bond** as repayment of the funds pilfered by previous Clerk/Treasurer, Ann Jansen. She is repaying her debt to the town at nearly \$2,000 annually. State Board of Accounts (SBOA) investigators reported that Jansen had taken \$60,320.90 from Town coffers. **Kudos to all who volunteered** to care for town property when funds were scarce. In July 2009, the town was nearly out of money.
- **increased transparency** on all Town business and finances, especially since the December 9, 2008, appointment of the current Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Hurt. Hurt has made all minutes and financial reports available to post at [www.rockyripple.com](http://www.rockyripple.com).
- **obtained three grants totaling close to \$50,000** from the Indiana Criminal Justice Agency to purchase a new police car and law enforcement equipment. Officials sold the old police car, placing that money in a fund to purchase a new car later.
- **rezoned as parks 11 lots** at 53rd & Patterson (Fountain Park), 53rd & Byram, and Patterson between 53rd & 54th.
- launched partnership with **Butler’s Center for Urban Ecology** resulting in an IPL Golden Eagle grant that has made ecological restoration and education programming possible.
- implemented a **bicycle registration system** through the Town Marshall to aid recovery of stolen bicycles.
- **increased communication** with residents through annual print and regular e-mail updates to residents, maintained and redesigned a Town Web site, launched a Facebook page in partnership with the Community Association, and commissioned a new, resident-designed Town logo.
- installed an **emergency response horn** on Town Hall.
- produced new **high-water/election day signs**.
- created a **Facilities Request Form** for scheduling use of the Town Hall and Hohlt Park pavilion.

*Of course, the Council’s accomplishments, which really represent the Town’s accomplishments, could not have happened without the help and support of you, Rocky Ripple’s residents.*

### Financial stability marks close of Council’s term

As of October 31, 2011, Clerk/Treasurer Cathy Hurt reports that the Town has \$67,572.85 total in checking and savings. Hurt has submitted a \$108,773 budget for fiscal year 2012 and is waiting for approval from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

### Special thanks ...

... to all Rocky Ripple volunteers for all you do and have done, too often with not enough recognition.

### Seeking photos of 1913 flood for historic project

The National Weather Service is collecting digitized images of the 1913 historic flood for an anniversary project. If you have photographs of the 1913 flood, or any other Rocky Ripple photos of archival interest, contact Angela Herrmann to make arrangements for scanning your images. All photos will be part of a digital archive for Rocky Ripple and a January 11 program organized for the community about the White River.

### ISO Weather geeks

If you are a high schooler interested in how to monitor river levels during high-water events for RREM, call Jill Morris, 257-9757.