



Rocky Ripple E-News

Rocky Ripple CALENDAR

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

Wed., Aug. 19th
NOTE DATE CHANGE
Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Tues., Sep. 3rd
RREM/CERT (emergency management/ rescue response team) Meeting
7:00 pm Town Hall

Tues., Sep. 8th
Rocky Ripple Town Board Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Thurs., Sep. 10th
Storm Water Rate Increase Meeting
5:30 pm St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Tues., Sep. 15th
Rocky Ripple Community Association Meeting
7:30 pm Town Hall

Sat. Sept. 26th
Rocky Ripple Festival
11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Hohlt Park.

Town Council Update on Canal Westbank Floodwall/River Levee Repair

As of August 4th, per Department of Public Works Project Manager, Mike Massonne, the coring, drilling and surveying for the Canal Westbank feasibility study is complete and the analysis of the results will be completed in September. At that time, the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Indianapolis will meet to discuss the results.

With regard to the certification of the Warfleigh levee, the permit for the required tree clearing has been appealed and a hearing regarding appeal proceedings is being determined by Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Further details on this initiative will be shared as they are available. The Rocky Ripple Town Council issued a resolution opposing this option in 2014. This was sent to the City of Indianapolis and will continue to be shared as needed with other entities involved in this project.

Rocky Ripple Town Councilors Carla Gaff Clark and Mandy Redmond met with Butler University officials in June and were advised that Butler University remains supportive of the town's levee repair initiatives and, until further plans are presented by the city and voted upon by the Butler board of directors, remains opposed to the construction of a floodwall along the canal. Butler expressed interest in serving as a conduit/meeting location for discussions to be set up between the city, Rocky Ripple, Butler University, Citizens Energy and other neighborhood liaisons to determine best path forward for floodwall/levee repair initiatives. This idea will be pursued with the city by both Butler and Rocky Ripple town councilors.

For a relatively unbiased overview of options and issues related to flood risk reduction initiatives, ready the June/July 2015 issue of the Indy Midtown magazine, a copy of which was delivered to all households in Rocky Ripple. The article is entitled "Levee Options for Maximum Benefit" and is authored by Bill Baranek. Although publisher Tom Healy did not provide the RR Enews with permission to reprint the article, he did state that they hoped to make the Indy Midtown magazine available online in the near future. If you do not have access to this edition and wish to read the article, contact Mandy Redmond.

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City of Indianapolis Sewer Project for Rocky Ripple Update

Based upon further communication with the Citizens Energy/City of Indianapolis sewer project leader, Bob Masbaum, Town Councilor Carla-Gaff Clark reports that the **planning** for installation of sewers in Rocky Ripple is currently scheduled for June 2016 and they will hire a contractor to design the system for Rocky Ripple. Construction of the sewers will not begin before 2017.

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2015 Rocky Ripple Festival Coming Soon!

Sat. September 26, 2015
11 am – 6 pm

Here is the current scoop on this year's Rocky Ripple Festival

Confirmed Bands:

Sunny Meade with Kenneth Yerian, David Linder & Friends
Neil Cain & Otter Damage
Flatland Harmony Experiment www.flatlandharmony.com
Pork & Beans Brass Band www.pnbb.com www.facebook.com/pnbb
HyRyder www.hyryder.com www.facebook.com/hyryder

Returning MC is David Harrison.

Additional festival info:

- Local food vendors: La Chinita Poblana, Punch Burger, Graeter's Ice Cream, more to be announced
- Over 60 artist booths
- Jeremy South's "Make and Take" pottery in the Children's Activity Area
- Pedal & Park Free & Secure bicycle parking

Festival Committee Needs Your Help

Help put on this year's Rocky Ripple Festival !!!

The community association wants to hear from RR residents who would like to collaborate and help run the 16th Annual Rocky Ripple Festival of the Arts.

What are your visions for the festival? What kind of energy/talents do you have that would enhance this annual fund-raising event?

Did you know that the festival is run entirely by volunteers? That all proceeds help support and improve the parks in Rocky Ripple? That the RRCA is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to serve this eclectic, unique town within the city of Indianapolis?

The Rocky Ripple Festival is becoming an increasingly popular end of the summer destination. It's FREE! It's fun! What's not to like?

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, Dhyana Raynor at dhyanar@sbcglobal.net or by phone/text at 317-414-5018.

Rocky Ripple Festival
Biggest Little Festival west of the Canal

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RRCA Newsletter:

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Help Needed for Hohlt Park Playground and Picnic Bench Facelifts

We will be working to get Hohlt Park in top shape before this year's festival. Areas of focus are sanding/resealing of the picnic tables in the park, as well as sprucing up the playground. The playground area will be

remulched and quotes are being obtained for replacement of worn swing seats and new playground equipment to replace the aged bouncer. Volunteers are needed to assist in repainting the merry-go-round and climbing unit and the sanding/resealing of the picnic tables. We are looking to do these activities on a Saturday or Sunday in August or early September and it should not take more than 2 hours of your time. Please contact Mandy Redmond if you can help (redmond.mandy@gmail.com or txt/phone: 317-319-7865).

Special Thanks to Jon and Scott for Patching our Roads

If you see local residents Jon Stohler or Scott Westphal, be sure to give them a big thank you for patching our roads this month! The patch on 53rd street between Lester and Annette is now much smoother travel. Jon and Scott put two tons of hot mix down on the streets and plan to do more later.

Storm Water Utility Fee Update/Info Meeting on Sept. 10th

In Dec. 2014, the Indianapolis City-County Council approved a storm water user fee rate adjustment that may change your storm water utility fee. Storm water utility fees for all types of property are now calculated based on the City's measurement of the impervious surface area on your parcel. Indy citizens will be able view the amount of impervious surface area on their properties and the specific fee amount by using an online customer service database.

Join Public Works staff to ask questions about the rate adjustment and see a demonstration of how to use the customer service interface tool to look up your specific parcel and storm water utility fee amount.

THR, SEPT 10 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6050 N MERIDIAN STREET

For more information, and to see the calculation for your property, visit www.indy.gov/Stormwater. If you have questions, please call the DPW Storm Water team at 317-327-2015.

Streamlines Project Provides Art and Waterways Learning Endeavor



Wondering about the story behind the new artwork displayed in Holcomb Gardens at Butler University? Per Molly Trueblood, Center for Urban Ecology at Butler University, Butler is one stop in a collection of artwork installations along Indianapolis' waterways and adjacent greenspaces inviting the community to explore, experience and learn about the science of local water systems through visual art, poetry, dance and music, provided by the StreamLines project.

What is StreamLines?

Funded by the National Science Foundation*, StreamLines is a place-based arts and science learning project that will encourage the people of Indianapolis to explore the city's water systems through interactive experiences. The project also incorporates a website and smart phone application to increase access, interpretation and opportunities for learning.

StreamLines' goal is to help people better understand the connections between their daily activities and choices as well as the science of the city's water. We hope it will inspire the public to ask questions and test their knowledge about the surroundings, and advance a new level of appreciation for the waterways as an asset in their neighborhoods. StreamLines is a platform for cross-fertilization between artistic creativity and science interpretation. The project team will encourage exchange between disciplines with a goal to generate new and replicable forms of art and social practice for science learning.

Where is StreamLines located and when will it take place?

The visual art will be located at focus areas identified by community stakeholders as part of the Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) initiative. These focus areas are along the White River, Fall Creek, Central Canal, Little Eagle Creek, Pleasant Run and Pogue's Run. The StreamLines website and app will allow the public around the clock access to the visual art, poetry, dance and music.

StreamLines officially launched in July 2015. The installations will remain in the neighborhoods as ongoing assets and programming will run through the grant term, which concludes in September 2017.

Who is involved? How is it funded?

In 2013, the Center for Urban Ecology at Butler University received a \$2.9 million, four-year grant from the National Science Foundation* to explore how artistic installations and programs can promote community engagement in science learning. The funding covers planning, implementation and research.

StreamLines is modeled on the City as Living Laboratory/FRAMEWORK. Mary Miss founded City as Living Laboratory (MM/CaLL)® to forge collaborations led by creative artists with scientists and communities, grounded in dialogue, place-based experience and interactive experimentation. Travis Ryan, director of the Butler Department of Biology, administers the teams of artists, researchers and planners.

How were the artists chosen?

The Center for Urban Ecology at Butler University selected artists and organizations for the project including Mary Miss, a New York-based visual artist, is designing the visual art installations.

StreamLines is modeled on the City as Living Laboratory/Framework including Miss' previous work commissioned by the Indianapolis Museum of Art, "FLOW: Can You See the River" in 2012.

Poets House and Kinetic Project will curate poetry and music, respectively, for all of the installations and will make recommendations on local, national and international artists for this project. Cynthia Pratt and Larry Attaway from the Butler University Department of Dance will choreograph original works for each space.

How can I get involved?

StreamLines supports community dialogue about the future of Indianapolis' waterways. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate in waterway committee meetings as part of the Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW) initiative. Dates, times and locations for ROW waterway committee meetings can be found at OurWaterways.org.

Neighborhood meetings will also be a primary source for sharing information and collecting feedback. The public is invited to participate in StreamLines programming and respond to surveys that will inform how we can improve the process and outcomes in the future. In addition, local organizations and neighborhood groups are invited to create programming opportunities with the StreamLines project team.

Where can I find more information?

Contact Molly Trueblood, Center for Urban Ecology at Butler University
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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.

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