

TAX MATTERS

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REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

OCTOBER 30, 2008 (#08-44)

- 2009 HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION – YOUR SPECIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED
 - Once again, the Taxpayers Association will encourage educational taxation and government insight by sponsoring a competition involving our local high schools. This year, teams of five students will represent their high school and take a test on taxation and government
- ALL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF LOITS ARE NOT THE SAME
 - This article examines the property tax relief local option income tax

OCTOBER 23, 2008 (#08-43)

- LOCAL PUBLIC QUESTION #1
 - The fact that voters in certain townships and counties had a choice in the matter is creating more confusion and future problems for the state. The ultimate goal of the Kernan-Shepard report was to have all 92 counties of the state of Indiana functioning with the same form or rules of government

OCTOBER 16, 2008 (#08-42)

- BOARD OF HEALTH HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING
- FISCAL IMPACT OF 2008 INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 - The financial situation has changed drastically since this report was published. We will need to wait to see if revenue collections will remain as estimated. If not, what is the solution? - http://www.in.gov/sba/files/As_Passed_2008_Whole_Report_and_Letter.pdf

OCTOBER 9, 2008 (#08-41)

- BID SELECTION FOR HONEY HILLS / DALLAS ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT
- GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS – AN AMERICAN TRADITION
 - This is not the first time our government has bailed out our economy:
<http://www.wsj.com/article/SB122186662036058787.html>

The Taxpayers Association is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues. Any citizen or group of citizens in Vigo County may be a member. Current members are encouraged to promote membership in the organization by giving the attached application to a potential member. [See the TA application and dues structure.](#) This is NOT an invoice for your dues.

1. MARK YOUR CALENDAR – MAY 19, 2009 (12:00 NOON)

We are now planning the 2009 Taxpayers Association annual meeting. The guest speaker will be announced next week. We will again do those things that have worked in the past (door prizes, student contest winners, etc.) Please mark your calendar, plan to attend, and most importantly, bring a guest and a potential new member. New memberships will help with the tight budget we expect due to the economy.

2. ANNUAL REPORT – PUT AN EXTRA COPY TO WORK

The 2008 edition of the Taxpayers Association Annual Report will be mailed soon! It is again bigger and better and a valuable source of information for all kinds of reasons depending on your business or personal needs. Eight hundred copies are to be printed and distributed to members, county officials, schools, and public libraries. Please consider giving a copy to a potential new member. We can mail you the additional copies you may want if you let us know the number as soon as possible.

3. ELECTION RESULTS

The Indiana Business for Responsive Government made a 16-page report detailing the election results throughout the state. This includes the Public Question #1 asking the 43 largest Indiana townships to vote on eliminating their township assessors. Thirty-one townships voted “yes,” while 12 (including Vigo County’s Harrison Township) voted “no.” The counties of the state will not be on the same page when it comes to common state rules.

IBRG Report -

<http://image.exct.net/lib/feed11787c670d/d/1/2008%20General%20Election%20Results%20%20Report%20-%20VERSION%202%20-%202008-11-05.pdf>

4. PUBLIC MEETINGS

The purpose of this calendar is to encourage taxpayers to attend public meetings. Taxpaying persons working at your business or living in your neighborhood should be encouraged to attend a meeting of their choice at least once per year. The date and time for the meetings listed below are always subject to change. Organizations that are underlined have a web page that can be accessed by clicking on their respective hyperlinks. The contact person is also listed. You should call the appropriate office and confirm the date and time if you plan to attend.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Public Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>
Mon. Nov. 10	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Nov. 10	6:00 pm	West Terre Haute Town Board	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Mon. Nov. 10	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Wed. Nov. 12	10:00 am	<u>Area Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Bernard 235-1361
Wed. Nov. 12	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board – General Meeting</u>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Wed. Nov. 12	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Thur. Nov. 13	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Nov. 17	5:30 pm	<u>Human Relations Commission</u>	Booker T. Washington Center	Jeff 232-0110
Mon. Nov. 17	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Public Library</u>	Library – Main Branch	Nancy 232-1113
Tue. Nov. 18	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Nov. 18	10:00 am	City Board of Sanitary Commissioners	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Nov. 18	12:00 pm	Taxpayers Association Board Meeting (RSVP: LUNCH PROVIDED BY THBC)	Terre Haute Bowling Center	Bernard 235-1361
Wed. Nov. 19	9:30 am	Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District	109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN	Janet 800-387-3380
Wed. Nov. 19	4:00 pm	<u>City Redevelopment Commission</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Phenny 232-0018
Thur. Nov. 20	1:30 pm	Tree Advisory Board	City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room	Jennifer 232-4028
Mon. Nov. 24	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Nov. 24	4:00 pm	<u>County Park Board</u>	County Annex	Julia 462-3391
Mon. Nov. 24	6:00 pm	<u>City Council – Special Call</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Nov. 24	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Nov. 25	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Nov. 25	5:00 pm	<u>County Council</u>	County Annex	Auditor 462-3361

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