

TAX MATTERS

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1. TODAY'S BIG NEWS
2. SCHOOL CORPORATION TASK FORCE
3. CITY PARKS MASTER PLAN
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Don't forget: Taxpayers Association Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 12:00 Noon @ Terre Haute Bowling Center

REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

NOVEMBER 6, 2008 (#08-45)

- ANNUAL REPORT – PUT AN EXTRA COPY TO WORK
 - 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.
- ELECTION RESULTS
 - Indiana Business for Responsive Government Report - <http://image.exct.net/lib/feed11787c670d/d/1/2008%20General%20Election%20Results%20%20Report%20-%20VERSION%20%20-%202008-11-05.pdf>

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

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. TODAY'S BIG NEWS

The Indiana Court of Appeals made a ruling concerning the 2007 mayoral election between current mayor Duke Bennett and former mayor Kevin Burke. For the complete 59-page ruling, [click here](#). For a Tribune-Star summary of the ruling, [click here](#).

2. SCHOOL CORPORATION TASK FORCE

I will be representing the Taxpayers Association by serving on the Vigo County School Corporation task force committee, which is charged with reviewing the facilities' needs of the corporation over the next ten years. The committee is composed of 35 Vigo County residents representing parents, businesses, elected officials and taxpayers. For more details about the task force, please see the newspaper article by Sue Loughlin on page A4 in the November 13, 2008 *Tribune-Star* issue. Please give me your ideas and thoughts about future school facilities in Vigo County. The committee will be meeting again on Monday, November 24, 5:00 PM, at the Vigo County School Administration Building. This meeting is open to the public.

3. CITY PARKS MASTER PLAN

The Terre Haute Parks and Recreation Department has just released their master plan for 2009-2013. This 119-page document is intended to "serve as a toolkit to guide the park system's management." This master plan was prepared by Hannum, Wagle & Cline Engineering. We have this binder in our TA office. If you would like to look at it in our office, please let us know.

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.

Date	Time	Public Meeting	Location	Contact Info
Thur. Nov. 13	6:30 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
Mon. Dec. 1	6:30 pm	Riley Town Board	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Tue. Dec. 2	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Dec. 2	10:00 am	City Board of Sanitary Commissioners	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Dec. 2	4:30 pm	Honey Creek Conservancy District	3241 S. 3 rd Place	Craig 232-4311
Wed. Dec. 3	9:00 am	<u>City Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor Conf. Room	Bernard 235-1361
Wed. Dec. 3	7:00 pm	<u>County Area Planning Commission</u>	County Annex	Vickie 462-3354
Thur. Dec. 4	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Sunshine Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375

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