

TAX MATTERS

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REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

NOVEMBER 13, 2008 (#08-46)

- COURT OF APPEALS RULING ON MAYOR
 - The complete ruling can be found here:
<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/opinions/pdf/11130801ebb.pdf>
- CITY PARKS MASTER PLAN
 - The Terre Haute Parks and Recreation Department has just released their master plan for 2009-2013 and can be found in the TA office.

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

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. FLOOD ROAD REPAIR

The attached spreadsheets show the cost and the amount received from FEMA for the numerous road and bridge repair projects in Vigo County that resulted from the June 6, 2008 flood. Though not all the money promised by FEMA has been received, most of the repair projects have been completed. We commend the highway department for doing an excellent job in a short period of time.

2. 2008 ANNUAL REPORTS

In a few days, you will be receiving a copy of the Taxpayers Association Annual Report. You will also find the following survey accompanying this report. Please complete the survey at your convenience and return it using the pre-addressed envelope provided.

TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION 2009 QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME _____
COMPANY _____
ADDRESS _____

e-mail _____
telephone _____
fax _____

These questions are intended to upgrade the TA database and acquire a general opinion on our service to the membership. Please respond with yes or no to the following.

- 1___ Do we have your address information correct? If no, please put correct information above.
- 2___ Are you receiving TAXTOPICS? (First week of each season)
- 3___ Are you receiving TAX MATTERS? (Thursday of each week)
- 4___ Can you help acquire an additional member by suggesting a contact person? If so, please supply name and company if applicable.
- 5___ Do you think the 1% residential, 2% rental, and 3% business proposed property tax caps should be supported by the TA?
As you know from previous TA publications, there is opposition to classifying property tax and the issue may not be constitutional.
- 6___ Would you accept a position on the TA board of directors? Terms are for 3 years, and we should have 27 board members with 9 new members each year.
- 7___ Should the TA object to any and all new taxes, especially the local option income tax (LOIT) option?
- 8___ Can you attend the TA annual meeting to be held April 28, 2009, at 12:00 noon at Idle Creek Banquet Center? Dr. Dan Bradley (ISU) will be the guest speaker.
- 9___ Can you bring a guest to the annual meeting? A formal invitation and reminder will be sent to those answering yes to # 8 above.

THESE ARE OPINION QUESTIONS

The 2009 TA income might not be enough to meet expenses. What services do you suggest we reduce in order to save money?

We are developing a WEBSITE to promote tax related information to all that may be interested. What do you think should be included?

It is clear that under the current economic conditions, local government services must be reduced. What services would you suggest that Vigo County units reduce or eliminate?

3. ANNUAL MEETING DATE CORRECTION

The Taxpayers Association Annual Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 28, 2009** instead of May 18 as was previously announced.

4. THANKSGIVING

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no *Tax Matters* next week. We will return December 4. In the meantime, have fun gobbling turkey and watching football!

5. 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
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	4:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Drainage Board</u>	County Annex	David 898-2685
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	Judy 462-3367
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
Mon. Dec. 8	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Dec. 8	6:00 pm	West Terre Haute Town Board	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Mon. Dec. 8	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Dec. 9	4:15 pm	Vigo County Redevelopment Commission	County Annex	Amanda 234-2524
Tue. Dec. 9	7:00 pm	Seelyville Town Board	Seelyville Water Office	Tamara 877-2665
Wed. Dec. 10	10:00 am	<u>Area Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Dec. 10	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board – General Meeting</u>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Thur. Dec. 11	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375

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