

## **TAX MATTERS**

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### **REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS**

**OCTOBER 18, 2011 (#11-07)**

- **2011 TAXPAYERS ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE**
  - The 2011 Annual Report has been completed and made available on our web site, [www.taxtopics.org](http://www.taxtopics.org)
- **GETTING A BETTER VIEW OF HOW OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE USED**
  - If there is sufficient interest, the Taxpayers Association will arrange for members to visit (field trip) units of government where tax dollars and/or user fees are expended
- **TAKING ADVANTAGE of YOUR LIBRARY TAX --- KINDLES & NOOKS**
  - The Library board heard a report by Bonnie McNair, Information Services and Technology Services (ISTS) Manager, at their regular meeting held Monday, October 17, 2011 about the use of the Kindle 3s and the Nook.

**JUNE 30, 2011 (#11-06)**

- **CITY AND NON-CITY PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION**
  - We have prepared several bar graphs demonstrating the allocation of property tax dollars comparing the averages of non-city locality taxes and city locality taxes:  
<http://www.taxtopics.org/TM2011/HomesteadGraphComparisonCityVsNon-City.pdf>
- **RAILROAD STUDY**
  - Please go to this web site [www.terrehauteurailstudy.com](http://www.terrehauteurailstudy.com) and read many documents about the Terre Haute Urbanized Area Railroad Corridor Study and do the survey by clicking on the box on the right side of the home page.

The Taxpayers Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(4) 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. 2012 MEMBER ANNUAL DUES

Invoices for 2012 dues are in the mail. Mailing the invoices on or after December 1 has been our practice for the past seven years. This allows that members may use funds still available for 2011 or make the payment using 2012 budgets. This is also an opportunity to correct the payment according to the approved dues schedule. The schedule is shown below. Dues for 2012 should be paid by **January 31, 2012**. Your correct amount may be more or less. You may also contribute more than the suggested amount. We are also seeking names of potential new members. If you know of a person or business that might support the Association please let me or any board member know of the person to contact. Our revenue for 2011 was down compared to 2010 but not enough to reduce the services you may need.

## TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION of VIGO COUNTY

### VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

<b>BUSINESS:</b>						
<i>If you own your business property, use the "Property Tax \$\$\$" columns. If you lease your business property, use the "Lease Footage" columns.</i>						
<b>Property Tax \$\$\$</b>			<b>Dues</b>	<b>Lease Footage (in square feet)</b>		
\$0	-	\$2,000	<b>\$110.00</b>	0	-	2,000
\$2001	-	\$5,000	<b>\$137.50</b>	2001	-	5,000
\$5,001	-	\$10,000	<b>\$275.00</b>	5,001	-	10,000
\$10,001	-	\$30,000	<b>\$550.00</b>	10,001	-	30,000
\$30,001	-	\$60,000	<b>\$825.00</b>	30,001	-	60,000
\$60,001	-	\$100,000	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	60,001	-	100,000
\$100,001	-	\$200,000	<b>\$1,650.00</b>	100,001	-	200,000
\$200,001	-	\$350,000	<b>\$2,200.00</b>	200,001	-	350,000
\$350,001	-	\$500,000	<b>\$2,750.00</b>	350,001	-	500,000
\$500,001	-	\$1,000,000	<b>\$3,850.00</b>	500,001	-	1,000,000
\$1,000,001	and up		<b>\$5,500.00</b>	1,000,001	and up	
<b>NON-BUSINESS:</b>			<b>Personal Dues</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>		

## **2. 2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

As of this date all members should have received a paper color version of the 2011 Annual Report. If you didn't receive said report please let us know. If you need an additional copy for a potential new member, please let us know. The report can also be found at our web site [www.taxtopics.org](http://www.taxtopics.org) under PUBLICATIONS listed on the left side of the home page. Beginning January 15, 2012, the 2012 Annual Report will be published there as a document under construction and updated with names and numbers added as new information is acquired. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for the format or items that should be added or deleted.

## **3. 2012 ANNUAL MEETING      SPONSORS NEEDED**

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held on April 19th, 2012, at 12:00 noon. It will be held at the Idle Creek Banquet Center. Our Guest speaker will be Dr. Dottie King, President, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. You are invited to be a sponsor of this event. Sponsor names and or logos will be published and shown on the program for the event. We plan to have at least 70 persons attend this event.

## **4. STATE PARTNERSHIP ADVANCES TRANSPARENCY FOR HOOSIERS**

### **IDLGF Press Release**

INDIANAPOLIS (November 16, 2011) – The Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (“Department”), in cooperation with the Indiana Business Research Center (“IBRC”) at Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business, launched the second phase of a new online data collection system and public access website that substantially increases transparency and accessibility of local government finance information for Hoosiers.

In its first phase, the system, known as the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (“Gateway”), allowed local officials to submit 2012 budget forms electronically from July 1 to November 3.

As part of the second phase, these budget figures are now incorporated into an interactive, taxpayer-friendly research website, <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>, where figures can be easily compared against other units and analyzed per capita. The public site allows taxpayers to access relevant data by property address, view up-to-the-minute budget summary information and download customizable reports.

“Once Gateway is fully implemented, with a few mouse clicks, citizens can obtain local government budgets, property tax information, debt tallies, and spending reports,” Department Commissioner Brian Bailey said.

Local officials also will use Gateway to submit annual reports to the State Board of Accounts, allowing users to tie budget information to expenditure information easily for the first time. They also will report debt information through Gateway, providing taxpayers with information about borrowing costs and overall indebtedness. This data, which local officials must submit by March 1, will be made available through the public access website this spring.

“By linking local government finance to the other data hosted on Stats Indiana, policy makers and businesses will have information at their fingertips to help them make fiscal decisions in the context of

their overall community, or communities they may consider joining,” IBRC Deputy Director and Chief Information Officer Carol Rogers said.

The initiative is a joint effort of the Department, IBRC, and the State Board of Accounts through the Information for Indiana (“IFI”) program, a collaborative project launched by Governor Mitch Daniels in July 2005.

Additionally, last year, the State launched the Indiana Transparency Portal, [www.in.gov/itp](http://www.in.gov/itp), which provides Hoosiers with access to information on how the State is utilizing its resources and includes information on state contracts, employee salaries, budget, revenue data, state debt authority and more.

Gateway builds upon the success of the award-winning Indiana Transparency Portal and extends the transparency to local units of government. More information about the Indiana Transparency Portal is available at <http://www.in.gov/itp>.

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## 5. INDIANA TAX CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

#### DECEMBER 1, 2011

- Annual permit fees are due for regulated places of amusement and entertainment one year from the month the permit was issued. **State Fire Marshal.**

- Last day to file the IFTA license renewal form (IFTA-1) in order to receive timely credentials. **IDOR.**

#### DECEMBER 5, 2011

- First day aircraft dealer registration renewal may be processed for 2011 (Form #10763). **IDOR.**

#### DECEMBER 15, 2011

- Due date of fourth installment of corporation estimated tax (Form 1120-W). **IRS.**

- Estimated quarterly insurance gross premium tax due. **Indiana Department of Insurance.**

#### DECEMBER 20, 2011

- Due date for filing corporation quarterly return (Forms IT-6, FT-QP and URT-Q) for taxpayers on a calendar-year basis or with a fiscal year that ends on the closing date of the calendar quarter. **IDOR.**

#### DECEMBER 31, 2011

- 2011 aircraft dealer registration certificate expires. If not renewed (Form #10763), all aircraft inventory will be held subject to regular registration, excise tax and sales tax (Form #7695). **IDOR.**

- Deadline for filing broker-dealer and securities agent license renewals with the Central Registration Depository of the National Association of Securities Dealers. **Indiana Securities Division (Secretary of State).**

- Deadline for filing investment advisor and investment advisor representative license renewals with the Investments Adviser Registration Depository operated by the National Association of Securities Dealers. **Indiana Securities Division (Secretary of State).**

- Intrastate motor carrier decals expire. **IDOR.**

- IFTA motor carrier decals expire. **IDOR.**

- Collection agency licenses expire Dec. 31 of the year following their issuance. **Secretary of State.**

- Last day for filing property tax deductions. **County Auditor.**

- Deadline for a loan broker to file an application for license renewal. **Indiana Securities Division (Secretary of State).**

- Deadline for originators who work for a loan broker to file their registration renewals. **Indiana Securities Division (Secretary of State).**

- Deadline to file a homestead credit, mortgage deduction, age 65 deduction, blind or disabled deduction, all veterans deductions, geothermal energy heating or cooling device deductions, and hydroelectric deductions. **Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.**

Source: <http://www.indianachamber.com/media/pdf/2011TaxCalendar.pdf>

## 6. 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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Public Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact Info</i>
Thur. Dec. 1	6:00 pm	<u>City Council – Sunshine Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Dec. 5	4:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Drainage Board</u>	County Annex	David 898-2685
Mon. Dec. 5	6:30 pm	<b>Riley Town Board</b>	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Tue. Dec. 6	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Dec. 6	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Dec. 6	4:30 pm	<b>Honey Creek Conservancy District</b>	3241 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Craig 232-4311
Wed. Dec. 7	9:00 am	<u>City Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conf. Room	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Dec. 7	7:00 pm	<u>County Area Planning Commission</u>	County Annex	Vickie 462-3354
Thur. Dec. 8	6:00 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Dec. 12	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – Board of Public Works Room	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Dec. 12	5:30 pm	<u>Human Relations Commission</u>	Booker T. Washington Center	Jeff 232-0110
Mon. Dec. 12	6:00 pm	<u>Vigo County School Board</u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Mon. Dec. 12	6:00 pm	<b>West Terre Haute Town Board</b>	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Tue. Dec. 13	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Dec. 13	4:15 pm	<u>Vigo County Redevelopment Commission</u>	County Annex	Amanda 234-2524
Tue. Dec. 13	5:00 pm	<u>County Council</u>	County Annex	Auditor 462-3361
Tue. Dec. 13	7:00 pm	<b>Seelyville Town Board</b>	Seelyville Water Office	Tamara 877-2665
Wed. Dec. 14	10:00 am	<u>County Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Dec. 14	2:00 pm	<u>E-911 Advisory Board</u>	County Jail – Sheriff's Training Room	Greg 462-3226 ext. 320
Wed. Dec. 14	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Thur. Dec. 15	2:00 pm	<b>Tree Advisory Board</b>	City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room	Jennifer 232-4028
Mon. Dec. 19	5:30 pm	<u>Vigo County Public Library</u>	Vigo County Public Library	Nancy 232-1113
Tue. Dec. 20	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Dec. 20	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Dec. 20	4:00 pm	<u>County Park Board</u>	County Annex	Julia 462-3391
Wed. Dec. 21	9:30 am	<b>Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District</b>	109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN	Janet 800-387-3380
Wed. Dec. 21	4:00 pm	<u>City Redevelopment Commission</u>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Phenny 232-0018
Wed. Dec. 21	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board</u>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Tue. Dec. 27	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Dec. 28	5:30 pm	<u>Information Technology Advisory Board</u>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Brad 244-2316
Mon. Jan. 2	6:30 pm	<b>Riley Town Board</b>	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Tue. Jan. 3	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367

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Tue. Jan. 3	4:30 pm	<b>Honey Creek Conservancy District</b>	3241 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Craig 232-4311
Wed. Jan. 4	9:00 am	<u><a href="#">City Board of Zoning Appeals</a></u>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conf. Room	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Jan. 4	7:00 pm	<u><a href="#">County Area Planning Commission</a></u>	County Annex	Vickie 462-3354
Thur. Jan. 5	6:00 pm	<u><a href="#">City Council – Sunshine Meeting</a></u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
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Mon. Jan. 9	5:30 pm	<u><a href="#">Human Relations Commission</a></u>	Booker T. Washington Center	Jeff 232-0110
Mon. Jan. 9	6:00 pm	<u><a href="#">Vigo County School Board</a></u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Mon. Jan. 9	6:00 pm	<b>West Terre Haute Town Board</b>	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Tue. Jan. 10	9:00 am	<u><a href="#">County Commissioners</a></u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
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Wed. Jan. 11	10:00 am	<u><a href="#">County Board of Zoning Appeals</a></u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
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Thur. Jan. 12	6:00 pm	<u><a href="#">City Council – Regular Meeting</a></u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Tue. Jan. 17	9:00 am	<u><a href="#">County Commissioners</a></u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Jan. 17	10:00 am	<u><a href="#">City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</a></u>	City Hall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Sally 235-5458
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Wed. Jan. 18	5:00 pm	<u><a href="#">Vigo County Board of Health</a></u>	County Annex	Louise 462-3428
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Mon. Jan. 23	4:00 pm	<u><a href="#">County Park Board</a></u>	County Annex	Julia 462-3391
Mon. Jan. 23	5:30 pm	<b>Terre Haute Housing Authority</b>	2001 N. 19 <sup>th</sup> Street	Jeff 232-1381
Mon. Jan. 23	7:00 pm	<u><a href="#">Vigo County School Board</a></u>	VCSC Board Room	Judy 462-4216
Tue. Jan. 24	9:00 am	<u><a href="#">County Commissioners</a></u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Jan. 25	5:30 pm	<u><a href="#">Information Technology Advisory Board</a></u>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Brad 244-2316
Wed. Jan. 25	7:00 pm	<u><a href="#">Airport Authority</a></u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Tue. Jan. 31	9:00 am	<u><a href="#">County Commissioners</a></u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367

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