

## TAX MATTERS

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### REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

#### SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 (#08-39)

- NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION POSITION ON BAILOUTS
  - No more bailouts!
- MySmartGov.org
  - MySmartGov.org is a new grassroots organization that is trying to persuade the 2009 General Assembly to adopt the recommendations to streamline government made by the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform

#### SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 (#08-38)

- IMPACTS OF PROPERTY TAX REFORM
  - The Center for Urban Policy and the Environment gave observations of our state's property tax reform in an August 2008 publication:  
<http://www.policyinstitute.iu.edu/PubsPDFs/Property%20Tax%20Reform.pdf>
- CITIZENS' GUIDE TO PROPERTY TAX AND MORE
  - <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2516.htm>

#### SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 (#08-37)

- TAX CAPS AND GAPS #2
  - If lower cap percentages are to be proposed by this organization, what do you feel would be fair? Should there be different caps? Should the state lock in on one cap for all types and let the trended AV be the variable?
- COUNTY COUNCIL SURVEY
  - <http://tax.vigocounty.org/tax/polls.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. PARKS DEPARTMENT SURVEY RESULTS**

The Taxpayers Association thanks you for responding to the Terre Haute Parks Department survey that we sent to you on two separate occasions. The survey was produced and tallied by Hannum, Wagle & Cline Engineering. Follow Terre Haute Parks and Recreation Master Plan for a [graphical display of survey results](#) and the [raw data distribution](#).

## **2. NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS – ARE YOU INVOLVED?**

To give you a better overview of the good work the Terre Haute Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee is doing, click [here](#) and read six pages of minutes from their April 22, 2008 meeting.

## **3. NOT A GOOD WEEK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Due to lack of quorum, the county budget committee was unable to meet on Monday at 4:00 pm.

Then on Wednesday, at 7:00 pm, the Area Planning Commission did not have a quorum with seven of 14 members present and will try again Friday, October 3, at 2:00 pm.

## **4. VICTORY DAYS**

Victory Days is an annual event designed to honor, preserve and perpetuate the memory and sacrifices made by so many Americans during World War II. By turning back the clock at the Terre Haute International Airport to the 1940's, this community-based event serves as a living museum designed to entertain and educate visitors as they enter an authentic re-enactment of both military and civilian life.

For additional information on Victory Days or to purchase advance tickets visit [www.victorydays.org](http://www.victorydays.org).

October 3-October 5, 2008  
8:00 AM-6:00 PM Daily  
Terre Haute International Airport – Hulman Field

## **5. DON'T FORGET**

The vice presidential candidates debate tonight!

## 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. The contact person is also listed. You should call the appropriate office and confirm the date and time if you plan to attend.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
Fri. Oct. 3	2:00 pm	<b>County Area Planning Commission</b>	County Annex	Vickie 462-3354
Mon. Oct. 6	3:00 pm	<b>W.C. Indiana Economic Development Flood Focus</b>	County Annex	Bernard 235-1361
Mon. Oct. 6	6:30 pm	<b>Riley Town Board</b>	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Tue. Oct. 7	9:00 am	<b>County Commissioners</b>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Oct. 7	10:00 am	<b>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</b>	City Hall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Oct. 7	4:30 pm	<b>Honey Creek Conservancy District</b>	3241 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Craig 232-4311
Wed. Oct. 8	10:00 am	<b>Area Board of Zoning Appeals</b>	County Annex	Bernard 235-1361
Wed. Oct. 8	2:00 pm	<b>E-911 Advisory Board</b>	County Jail – Sheriff's Training Room	Greg 462-3226 ext. 320
Wed. Oct. 8	4:30 pm	<b>City Park Board – General Meeting</b>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Wed. Oct. 8	7:00 pm	<b>Airport Authority</b>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Thur. Oct. 9	7:00 pm	<b>City Council – Regular Meeting</b>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Oct. 13	6:00 pm	<b>West Terre Haute Town Board</b>	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Tue. Oct. 14	9:00 am	<b>County Commissioners</b>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Oct. 14	2:00 pm	<b>Board of Public Works and Safety</b>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Robin 232-4767
Tue. Oct. 14	4:15 pm	<b>Vigo County Redevelopment Commission</b>	County Annex	Amanda 234-2524
Tue. Oct. 14	7:00 pm	<b>Seelyville Town Board</b>	Seelyville Water Office	Tamara 877-2665
Wed. Oct. 15	9:30 am	<b>Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District</b>	109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN	Janet 800-387-3380
Wed. Oct. 15	4:00 pm	<b>City Redevelopment Commission</b>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Phenny 232-0018
Wed. Oct. 15	5:00 pm	<b>Vigo County Board of Health</b>	County Annex	Louise 462-3428
Thur. Oct. 16	1:30 pm	<b>Tree Advisory Board</b>	City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room	Jennifer 232-4028
Mon. Oct. 20	5:30 pm	<b>Human Relations Commission</b>	Booker T. Washington Center	
Mon. Oct. 20	7:00 pm	<b>Vigo County Public Library</b>	Library – Main Branch	Nancy 232-1113
Tue. Oct. 21	9:00 am	<b>County Commissioners</b>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Oct. 21	10:00 am	<b>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</b>	City Hall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Sally 235-5458
Wed. Oct. 22	4:30 pm	<b>City Park Board – Business Meeting</b>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Wed. Oct. 22	7:00 pm	<b>Airport Authority</b>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Fri. Oct. 24	5:30 pm	<b>Information Technology Advisory Board</b>	City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Brad 244-2316

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