

TAX MATTERS

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REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

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- **TAX TOPICS**
 - You can find the newest Tax Topics at <http://www.taxtopics.org/TaxTopicsFall2009HQ.pdf>
- **THE BLUEBERRY STORY**
 - An account from public speaker Jamie Vollmer

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- **TAX TOPICS**
 - The next issue of Tax Topics will be sent by e-mail and will be available on our website, www.taxtopics.org. Free paper copies of the Fall 2009 Tax Topics issue are only available by request. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 (#09-36)

- **WASHINGTON RENOVATION**
 - The estimated costs of renovating Booker T. Washington High School. The School Board voted 6-1 Monday to move the program to South Vigo H.S.
- **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**
 - Agenda for the Sept. 14 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting

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. THIRTY-YEAR SALARY COMPARISON

When I was going through stuff in my basement, I came across a 1979 issue of an old local publication called the *Saturday Evening Spectator*. The cover story was on salaries of Vigo County public officials. We decided to compare those figures of how much select officials made in 1979 with the salaries of the equivalent job descriptions that we researched in 2009.

OFFICE / POSITION	1979 COMPENSATION	2009 COMPENSATION	2009 POSITION TITLE (if different from 1979)
ASST. DIRECTOR, LIBRARY	23,174	67,980	Administrative Coordinator
ASST. SUPT. INSTRUCTION VCSC	31,909	116,686	
CITY ATTORNEY, TERRE HAUTE	16,347	65,613	
CITY CLERK, TERRE HAUTE	15,000	51,750	
CITY ENGINEER, TERRE HAUTE	20,867	72,308	
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR	14,000	38,399	Emergency Management Director
COUNTY ASSESSOR	15,975	43,587	
COUNTY AUDITOR	16,500	43,587	
COUNTY CLERK	16,500	43,587	
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (3)	16,500	46,701	
COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER	16,900	70,399	
COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR	11,490	43,067	Superintendent of Highway Department
COUNTY RECORDER	13,500	43,587	
COUNTY SHERIFF	16,500	130,647	
COUNTY SURVEYOR	13,500	43,587	
COUNTY TREASURER	16,500	43,587	
DATA PROCESSING DIR TERRE HAUTE	13,860	60,686	IT Manager
DIR COUNTY DATA PROCESSING	14,500	41,408	Information Services Director
DIR HULMAN FIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY	13,800	75,846	
DIRECTOR, VIGO COUNTY LIBRARY	27,690	84,355	
DIRECTORS OF ELEM ED & VOC ED (2)	29,872	99,193-110,847	Executive Director Secondary Education, Executive Director Elementary Education
EXEC DIR AREA PLANNING	15,900	42,994	
FIRE CHIEF, TERRE HAUTE	17,850	62,245	
GROUP HOMES DIR WELFARE DEPT	15,000	49,874	
HARRISON TWP ASSESSOR	13,500	39,436	
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS VCSC	30,551	82,525-97,479	
MAYOR, CITY OF TERRE HAUTE	25,000	87,035	

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POLICE CHIEF, TERRE HAUTE	17,850	62,245	
PRINCIPALS/ASST PRINCIPALS VCSC	20,000-28,000	69,424-89,908	
PROSECUTOR	21,650	5,000*	full-time then, part-time now
SUPERVISOR MAINTENANCE VCSC	21,725	93,602	Director Facility Support and Transportation
SUPERVISOR PAYROLL & PERSONNEL RECORDS VCSC	16,840	70,841	Accounting Supervisor/Department Treasurer
SUPT OF PARKS, TERRE HAUTE	12,600	62,065	
SUPT OF PARKS, VIGO COUNTY	12,450	48,560	
SUPT OF SCHOOLS, VCSC	39,500	135,338	
SUPT. SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT	20,810	66,951	Wastewater Utility Director

Source: *The Spectator*, August 18, 1979

2. CITY PARKS ON FACEBOOK



Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Terre Haute Parks and Recreation Department turns to Facebook

The Terre Haute Parks Department has setup a Facebook account to promote the Park's general information to the public. Facebook has become one of the fastest growing communication tools with several government entities throughout the country using Facebook to save money and to communicate information.

If anyone using Facebook would like to become a FAN of the Terre Haute Parks Department, just type "Terre Haute Parks Department" in the Facebook search line. If you would like to become a FAN and do not have a Facebook account, you will need to setup an account. After setting up your account, just type "Terre

Haute Parks Department” in the search line and begin to receive park information on programs, events, park donations, fees, programs and event cancellations, etc.

Eddie Bird
 Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

3. 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. Oct. 1	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Sunshine Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Oct. 5	4:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Drainage Board</u>	County Annex	David 898-2685
Mon. Oct. 5	4:30 pm	Animal Control Board	City Hall – 1 st Floor	
Mon. Oct. 5	6:30 pm	Riley Town Board	Riley Town Hall	Wanda 894-2410
Tue. Oct. 6	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Oct. 6	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Tue. Oct. 6	4:30 pm	Honey Creek Conservancy District	3241 S. 3 rd Place	Craig 232-4311
Wed. Oct. 7	9:00 am	<u>City Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor Conf. Room	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Oct. 7	7:00 pm	<u>County Area Planning Commission</u>	County Annex	Vickie 462-3354
Thur. Oct. 8	7:00 pm	<u>City Council – Regular Meeting</u>	City Hall – Courtroom	Michelle 232-3375
Mon. Oct. 12	2:00 pm	<u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Robin 232-4767
Mon. Oct. 12	6:00 pm	West Terre Haute Town Board	500 W. Nat'l, WTH	Melody 533-2034
Tue. Oct. 13	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Oct. 13	7:00 pm	Seelyville Town Board	Seelyville Water Office	Tamara 877-2665
Wed. Oct. 14	10:00 am	<u>County Board of Zoning Appeals</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Wed. Oct. 14	2:00 pm	<u>E-911 Advisory Board</u>	County Jail – Sheriff's Training Room	Greg 462-3226 ext. 320
Wed. Oct. 14	4:30 pm	<u>City Park Board – General Meeting</u>	Deming Park	Eddie 232-2727
Wed. Oct. 14	7:00 pm	<u>Airport Authority</u>	Airport	Kara 877-2524
Thur. Oct. 15	2:00 pm	Tree Advisory Board	City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room	Jennifer 232-4028
Mon. Oct. 19	5:30 pm	<u>Human Relations Commission</u>	Booker T. Washington Center	Jeff 232-0110
Mon. Oct. 19	7:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Public Library</u>	Vigo County Public Library	Nancy 232-1113
Tue. Oct. 20	9:00 am	<u>County Commissioners</u>	County Annex	Judy 462-3367
Tue. Oct. 20	10:00 am	<u>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</u>	City Hall – 3 rd Floor	Sally 235-5458
Wed. Oct. 21	9:30 am	Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District	109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN	Janet 800-387-3380
Wed. Oct. 21	4:00 pm	<u>City Redevelopment Commission</u>	City Hall – 1 st Floor	Phenny 232-0018
Wed. Oct. 21	5:00 pm	<u>Vigo County Board of Health</u>	County Annex	Louise 462-3428
Thur. Oct. 22	4:15 pm	<u>Vigo County Redevelopment Commission</u>	County Annex	Amanda 234-2524

4. TAX QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“I’m proud to pay taxes in the United States;
the only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the
money.”*

- Arthur Godfrey

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