

## TAX MATTERS

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### REVIEW OF PAST TAX MATTERS

#### NOVEMBER 20, 2008 (#08-47)

- FLOOD ROAD REPAIR
  - 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.
- 2008 ANNUAL REPORTS/SURVEY
  - By now, you should have received a copy of the Taxpayers Association Annual Report. You should also find a survey accompanying this report. Please complete the survey at your convenience and return it using the pre-addressed envelope provided.
- TA ANNUAL MEETING DATE CORRECTION
  - The Taxpayers Association Annual Meeting will be held *Tuesday, April 28, 2009* instead of May 18 as was previously announced

#### 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>

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. SURVEYS AND DUES

**Surveys:** If you haven't sent us your survey (included in the Annual Report envelope), please do so. Your survey will be kept anonymous. Summation results will be published in the next issue of *Tax Topics*. We are interested in your thoughts, and we need your personal information so that we may update our database. Please contact us if you need clarification on any of the questions.

**Dues:** Most Taxpayers Association invoices for 2009 have now been sent, and dues are arriving daily. We have received \$7,122.50. Thank you for your prompt payments. If you will be paying after January 31, 2009, please let us know so that we may develop the 2009 budget accordingly.

## 2. FARRINGTON'S GROVE HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Farrington's Grove is ready to showcase some of its historic treasures again this year with the Holiday Home Tour on December 7 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Vigo County Historical Museum for \$10 each or can be purchased at each stop on the tour for the same amount. As usual, attendees may go to as many or as few addresses for the \$10 as they want to, and in any order.

The year's homes demonstrate the wide range of architectural styles in the neighborhood. Our generous neighbors who have graciously agreed to open their homes this year are:

Geoff and Jessica Weyton (714 Park St.)

Joel and Ina McMullen (825 7<sup>th</sup> St.)

Diane Trackwell (Farrington Bed and Breakfast, 7<sup>th</sup> St.)

Harriet McNeal (901 8<sup>th</sup> St.)

Honey Creek Title Service – Pam and Archie Kappel (405 South 6<sup>th</sup> St.)

Anthony Square Retirement Center (500 College Ave.)

With the Vigo County Historical Museum's wonderfully preserved Italianate (1411 South 6<sup>th</sup> St.), we will have seven stops on the tour. Refreshments will be available at several locations. The board of Farrington's Grove Historical District, extends our sincere thanks to all our participants.

If you have additional questions, contact Dan or Kaylynn Sanders at [sandersarch@hotmail.com](mailto:sandersarch@hotmail.com) or call 235-3116.

From: Marie Pontius of the Terre Haute Neighborhood Partnership

## 3. WHAT COSTS MORE PER YEAR THAN THE IRAQ WAR?

Wonder why you don't hear much about this in the debates.

None of the people that run the debates (tv networks), who ask the questions will allow this type information to get out to the public.

They all go hide when these questions are asked, why??

## WHAT COSTS MORE PER YEAR THAN THE IRAQ WAR?

Answer: Illegal Aliens Cause Massive Cuts for US Seniors

I hope the following 14 reasons are forwarded over and over again until they are read so many times that the reader gets sick of reading them.

I have included the URL's for verification of the following facts:

1. \$11 Billion to \$22 billion is spent on welfare to illegal aliens each year.

<http://tinyurl.com/zob77>

2. \$2.2 Billion dollars a year is spent on food assistance programs such as food stamps, WIC, and free school lunches for illegal aliens.

<http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.html>

3. \$2.5 Billion dollars a year is spent on Medicaid for illegal aliens.

<http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.html>

4. \$12 Billion dollars a year is spent on primary and secondary school education for children here illegally and they cannot speak a word of English!

<http://transcripts.CNN.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.HTML>

5. \$17 Billion dollars a year is spent for education for the American-born children of illegal aliens, known as anchor babies.

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>

6. \$3 Million Dollars a DAY is spent to incarcerate illegal aliens

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>

7. 30% percent of all Federal Prison inmates are illegal aliens.

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>

8. \$90 Billion Dollars a year is spent on illegal aliens for Welfare And Social Services by the American taxpayers.

<http://premium.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0610/29/ldt.01.html>

9. \$200 Billion Dollars a year in suppressed American wages are caused by the illegal aliens.

<http://transcripts.CNN.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.HTML>

10. The illegal aliens in the United States have a crime rate that's two-and-a-half times that of white non-illegal aliens. In particular, their children are going to make a huge additional crime problem in the US

<http://transcripts.CNN.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0606/12/ldt.01.HTML>

11. During the year of 2005 there were 4 to 10 MILLION illegal aliens that crossed our Southern Border also, as many as 19,500 illegal aliens from Terrorist Countries. Millions of pounds of drugs, cocaine, meth, heroin and marijuana, crossed into the U.S. from the Southern border Homeland Security Report.

<http://tinyurl.com/t9sht>

12. The National Policy Institute, estimated that the total cost of mass deportation would be between \$206 and \$230 billion or an average cost of between \$41 and \$46 billion annually! Over a five year period.

<http://www.nationalpolicyinstitute.org/pdf/deportation.pdf>

13. In 2006 illegal aliens sent home \$45 BILLION in remittances back to their countries of origin.

<Http://www.rense.com/general75/niht.htm>

14. 'The Dark Side of Illegal Immigration: Nearly One Million Sex Crimes Committed by Illegal Immigrants In The United States.

<http://www.drdsk.com/articles.html>

Total cost is a whooping... \$338.3 BILLION A YEAR!!!

Snopes is provided for doubters:

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/immigration/bankofamerica.asp>

*Source: E-mail forward*

## 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.

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Public Meeting</b>                       | <b>Location</b>                   | <b>Contact Info</b> |
|---------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 <sup>st</sup> Floor | Robin 232-4767      |
| Mon. Dec. 8   | 6:00 pm     | <b>West Terre Haute Town Board</b>          | 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   | 9:00 am     | <u>County Commissioners</u>                 | County Annex                      | Judy 462-3367       |
| Tue. Dec. 9   | 4:15 pm     | <b>Vigo County Redevelopment Commission</b> | County Annex                      | Amanda 234-2524     |
| Tue. Dec. 9   | 7:00 pm     | <b>Seelyville Town Board</b>                | Seelyville Water Office           | Tamara 877-2665     |
| Wed. Dec. 10  | 10:00 am    | <u>County 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   |
| Mon. Dec. 15  | 5:30 pm     | <u>Human Relations Commission</u>           | Booker T. Washington Center       | Jeff 232-0110       |
| Mon. Dec. 15  | 7:00 pm     | <u>Vigo County Public Library</u>           | Library – Main Branch             | Nancy 232-1113      |
| Tue. Dec. 16  | 9:00 am     | <u>County Commissioners</u>                 | County Annex                      | Judy 462-3367       |
| Tue. Dec. 16  | 10:00 am    | <b>City Board of Sanitary Commissioners</b> | City Hall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor | Sally 235-5458      |
| Wed. Dec. 17  | 9:30 am     | <b>Clay-Owen-Vigo Solid Waste District</b>  | 109 E. Nat'l, Brazil IN           | Janet 800-387-3380  |
| Wed. Dec. 17  | 4:00 pm     | <u>City Redevelopment Commission</u>        | City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor | Phenny 232-0018     |
| Wed. Dec. 17  | 7:00 pm     | <u>Airport Authority</u>                    | Airport                           | Kara 877-2524       |
| Thur. Dec. 18 | 1:30 pm     | <b>Tree Advisory Board</b>                  | City Hall Mayor's Conf. Room      | Jennifer 232-4028   |
| Mon. Dec. 22  | 2:00 pm     | <u>Board of Public Works and Safety</u>     | City Hall – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor | Robin 232-4767      |
| Mon. Dec. 22  | 4:00 pm     | <u>County Park Board</u>                    | County Annex                      | Julia 462-3391      |

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