

The Broad Ripple Gazette

The Broad Ripple Gazette is a project we have been planning for over a year. We think that we are ready to do it and with a growing population in the area that Broad Ripple is ready for it.

We will bring you the local news and cover issues that affect us all. From construction & zoning to concerts in the park. You will learn about your community of residents and merchants.

The Broad Ripple Gazette is also dedicated to preserving our history, and, working in conjunction with BroadRippleHistory.com, will use this newspaper to share the histories of the area as they are discovered and recorded.

We hope you will include us in your Broad Ripple life. We promise to work hard to keep you informed on the present and remind you of the past.



A View from above of the dam on the White River, the start of the Central Canal and Downtown Broad Ripple

Our slogan is: The news from Broad Ripple “Now & Then”. That sums up what the Broad Ripple Gazette is all about. We will give you today’s news (Now) along with the history of Broad Ripple (Then).

The Gazette will be published bi-weekly. You can pick it up at several fine shops in Broad Ripple area.

Humbly, your editor,
Alan Hague



New paint and signs on the occasion of the Grand Reopening

Julian Center and Kroger’s opens remodeled center

by Alan Hague

April 28 Thrifty Threads, located at 1021 Broad Ripple Avenue [once the home of Peaches Records and the A&P Grocery], reopened today after an extensive remodeling completely underwritten by Kroger Co. The speakers included Julian Center executive director, Ann DeLaney, 3rd district councilman, Jim Bradford, deputy mayor, Carolyn Coleman and Kroger Co. central marketing area president, Lisa Holsclaw.

Kroger executives approached Ann DeLaney to learn about the Julian

Center. “I kept showing them more and more, they couldn’t get enough”. They put together a team of 10 to 15 people to see how they could help. This became a group of 25 to 30 employees from all levels at Kroger. “Pretty soon everyone got involved. We had managers wielding paint brushes. You could tell when people were leaving work in jeans and tennis shoes that they were on their way to their “night job”.

The repairs were storewide, including fixing the leaky roof, putting new signs both inside and outside of the building and up on the sign pole, all new lighting and new paint inside and out. The merchandise was reorganized with new fixtures to strengthen retail appeal.

Thrifty Threads serves two main purposes, one is to offer donated merchandise for sale to customers to raise money for the Julian Center programs and the second is to provide a place for Julian Center residents to shop for themselves and their families.

The Center gives its residents vouchers to use in the store to buy whatever they need, toys for the



New layout, lighting and fixtures transforms the store

children, clothes for a job interview or furniture for a new place to live. This gives them a dignified way to start to rebuild their lives.

It is great to have all of the community leaders present to show how much they care, but it was extra special to have a Julian Center resident come to see the remodeled store. She embodies what the Julian Center is really about, helping battered women and children get back on their feet.

I asked her what it meant to her to see the new store and all of these people who came to celebrate. “It is wonderful. It feels good to have a nice place to come to shop, instead of a depressing donation center.”

“It was by chance that I found the Julian Center. I was all alone with

no hope when a woman I was talking to recommended it. They rescued me in the middle of the night and all I had was the clothes on my back. That was the first night I had a good night’s sleep.”

When she came to the shelter she was seriously injured. I asked her what would she have done if there



Ann DeLaney Cutting the ribbon

hadn’t been a Julian Center. “I could have ended up dead. I had no friends or relatives left and had nowhere to turn.”

The goal of the Center is to help rebuild the lives and restore independence to the temporary residents.

“Fifteen years ago I would never have believed that I could have been in this situation. It can happen to anyone, even to women you would never imagine. With the Center’s help I am becoming independent and it feels great.”

I learned today what Thrifty Threads is really about, helping and rebuilding. It is more than a thrift store. It makes a difference.



Councilman with Jack Murphy



Ann DeLaney
Executive Director



Jim Bradford
Councilman

CALENDAR

May 14	(Fri)	Spring Gallery Tour 6pm to 10pm
May 15	(Sat)	Farmers Market opens for the season Saturdays 8am to Noon through October
May 18	(Tue)	BRVA Meeting 7pm BR Methodist Church
May 22/23	(Sat/Sun)	34th Annual BR Art Fair Indianapolis Art Center
June 4	(Fri)	ARTSPARK Groundbreaking Indianapolis Art Center 10am
June 5	(Sat)	2nd Annual Taste of Broad Ripple Westfield Blvd & Guilford
June 15	(Tue)	BRVA Meeting 7pm Indianapolis Art Center
July 20	(Tue)	BRVA Meeting 7pm Indianapolis Art Center
July 31	(Sat)	Broad Ripple Blues Fest Broad Ripple Park

Calendar items are subject to change without notice



Key Bank Coming To BR

by Alan Hague

Construction has begun on the new Key Bank to be located on the northwest corner of 64th and College Avenue. Two buildings were removed to make way for the construction, the USA Muffler shop, which closed last year, and a rental house.

The rental was once known as the Talbott House. It originally faced



College Avenue and was turned 90 degrees clockwise to face 64th, when, around 1960 the east section of the property was subdivided to erect Patton’s Sinclair Station. According to Joe Talbott, his uncle’s house is built on the high ground. Since it was one of the only dry buildings in the area during the 1913 flood, it became a meeting and organization site for the flood workers.



Walkers just a few blocks from the finish line on Broadway Street

2004 Spotlight On Nursing 5K/10K a success

by Alan Hague

April 17 The third annual Spotlight On Nursing 5K/10K Run & Walk filled the streets of Broad Ripple with 1021 participants. This year’s event, organized by RN Specialties and operated by Ken Long & Assoc., raised over \$40,000 for the Nursing 2000 Foundation’s scholarship programs that support four local nursing schools. Many local hospitals were sponsors, including Clarion Health and St. Francis.



Walkers and runners gather at Broadway Park after the event

Finishing times can be found at www.KenLongAssoc.com on the web. Next year’s event is scheduled for April 23.

Additional photos for most stories can be viewed at www.BroadRippleGazette.com

A Message from your editor

I will include this section for a few issues so everyone can get a chance to find out who I am and why I started the Gazette.

I am a life-long resident of Broad Ripple. My family has been in Broad Ripple for many generations. Jacob Coil, who platted and named Broad Ripple in 1837, had two daughters that married into my family in the 1870s.

My grandfather was a mail carrier at the BR post office and a charter member of the American Legion Post. My grandmother worked at the Broad Ripple National Bank in Mustard Hall that became Fletcher Trust, then AFNB and now is Bank One. My Uncle worked at Hoster-Roberts Ford that is now Passwater’s and the Old Pros Table. My Great-Grandfather, Grandmother, Uncle, Father and Sister all graduated from BRHS. I am class of 1978 and met my wife in Mr. Kassig’s chemistry class. Our son is a sophomore and plays bass trombone in the marching band. I am the currently the organizer of the BRHS Reunions for the classes of the 1930s and early 1940s.

For many years I have wanted a newspaper that answered my questions. Where did that store go? Why were those people digging on the corner? When is the BRHS Homecoming Parade? What goes on in that business?

The Gazette will be that paper. You will get an unbiased look into what is going on in Broad Ripple, as I have no financial interests in Broad Ripple nor am I affiliated with any organizations. I am simply a Broad Ripple resident that is passionate about the area. You will also read about the history of Broad Ripple. This history continues to expand as I uncover new sources of stories and photos.

Being a bi-weekly paper we will not be able to cover news “as it happens”. Our focus is on issues that are not time sensitive. These are stories that you will probably never see anywhere else, so getting them a week or so later will be so much better than not at all. I have hundreds of stories planned, but if there is something you want to read about please let us know.

I think you will enjoy the Gazette. I know I will enjoy bringing it to you.

-AH

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Recent Zoning

2004-DV3-009 6471 BROADWAY to legally establish a 550.50-square foot carport with a one-foot rear yard setback (minimum five-foot rear yard setback required for accessory structures) and a zero-foot north side yard setback (minimum five-foot side yard setback required). The details of this petition are on file.

2004-UV3-011 6572 CORNELL to provide for an art studio with an administrative office (not permitted) with a 3.6-foot setback from the existing right-of-way of 66 th Street and a fourteen-foot setback from the existing right-of-way of Cornell Avenue (minimum setback of 25 feet from the existing right-of-way required). The details of this petition are on file.

2004-UV2-008 6320 and 6324 NORTH COLLEGE AVENUE to provide for a bank (not permitted) with a twelve-foot front yard setback (minimum forty-foot front yard setback required), a two-foot north and south side yard setback and a six-foot rear yard setback (minimum twenty-foot perimeter yard required), and to provide for a five-foot tall, sixty square foot pylon sign (not permitted) within the existing right-of-way of North College Avenue (minimum fifteen-foot setback from the existing right-of-way required). The details of this petition are on file.

2004-UV2-009 6566 CARROLLTON AVENUE to provide for a 2,028 square foot administrative office (not permitted) with a ten-foot rear yard setback, a 6.10-foot north side yard setback (minimum twenty-foot perimeter yard required) and with parking and a walkway in the required south perimeter yard (not permitted). The details of this petition are on file.

2004-DV1-012 5164-5170 NORTH COLLEGE AVENUE to provide for a restaurant with a twelve-seat sidewalk café (not permitted) and five off-street parking spaces (minimum sixteen parking spaces required). The details of this petition are on file.

Recent Alcoholic Beverage Permits

Alley Cat – Sunday sales permit

Recent City-County Council Votes

Not in session at this time

Your Councilman

James Bradford
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District 3
Bounded roughly by:
Spring Mill to Keystone and 52nd to 96th

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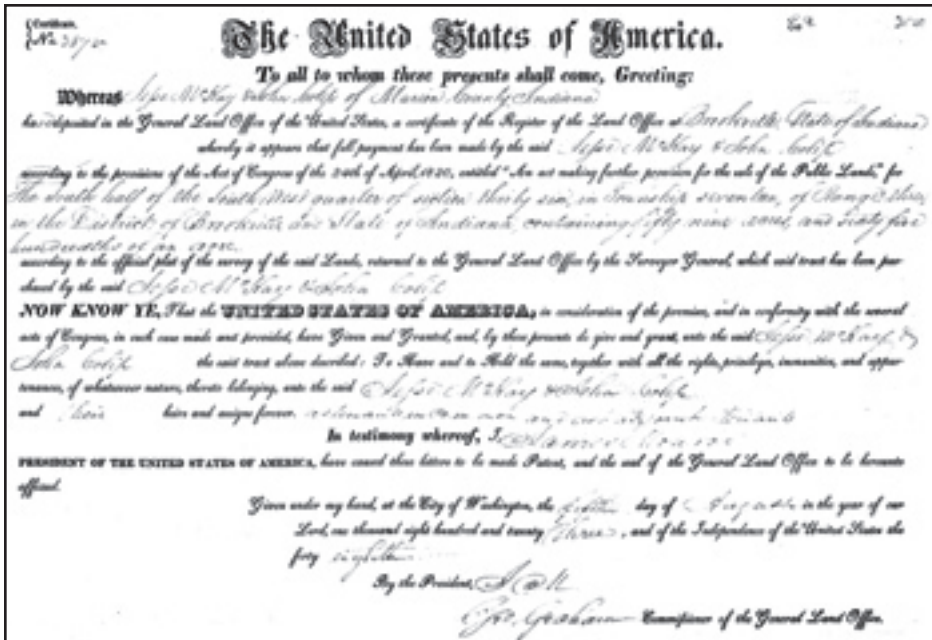
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Land patent of Jessie McKay and John Colip from 1823 for a section of the area that later became Broad Ripple.

Early Broad Ripple Village History

a synopsis

In 1821 it was decided to move the capital from Corydon to its present location, Indianapolis.

In the early 1820’s the United States government offered vacant land to its citizens. The General Land Office, located in Brookville serving central Indiana, sold parcels of 640 acres and issued a Land Patent [see above] for each parcel. John Colip and Jessie McKay were awarded

The original land records can be viewed at www.glorerecords.blm.gov

the majority of the land that is now known as

Broad Ripple. These land patents are dated 1823, although the actual land purchases may have been several years earlier.

In 1836 work began on the Central Canal and in 1837 on the feeder dam.

In April 1837, Jacob Coil plotted 48 lots south of the White River and north of the canal and called it Broad Ripple village. According to Sulgrove’s History of Indianapolis and Marion County (1884), Broad Ripple village was “so called from the fact that the ripple in the river at that point was the largest and widest in the country, and the place was known by that name from the time of the first settlement.”

In Broad Ripple High School’s publication, The History of Broad Ripple (1968), it states that, “This ripple was so large, it was said that only one man, Isaac Simpson, could throw a stone across it.

One month after Coil lays out Broad Ripple village, James and Adam Nelson laid out 32 lots south of the canal. This area was named Wellington, in honor of the Duke of Wellington.

The State of Indiana ran out of money in 1839 and all canal building was stopped. Only 8.8 miles of the project were completed, running from Broad Ripple to Indianapolis.

The two villages separated by a canal were great rivals. The post office was moved three times between the two villages. Sulgrove states that by 1884 it was situated in Wellington, but named Broad Ripple. Eventually the entire area north and south of the canal would be known as Broad Ripple.

The graded township high school was built in 1883. The cost of the project was about \$7,500.

Broad Ripple Village residents voted for incorporation in 1894 [see column, Old Town of Broad Ripple Meeting Minutes]. It remained the Town of Broad Ripple until 1922, when after several failed attempts, it was annexed into the city of Indianapolis.

An original annexation remonstrance document can be viewed at BroadRippleHistory.com

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Old Town of Broad Ripple Meeting Minutes

The Town of Broad Ripple was incorporated in 1894 and started holding regular meetings.

In this column, each issue, I will print my transcription of the old Town of Broad Ripple meeting minutes. These are taken from the original, hand-written minutes that contain many spelling errors. I have transcribed all of the records as they were entered, including those errors. I will make some corrections in brackets [].

Here is the first installment:

Broad Ripple Election 21st June 1894

At the election held in the town of Broad Ripple June 21st 1894 to determine whether said town should be incorporated the following was the vote cast for incorporating fifty nine (59) votes:against incorporating twenty (20) votes.

The election inspectors then passed the following order.

We Joses H Campbell, Daniel H Harecourt [Harcourt] and Henery M Hessong inspectors at the election held in the town of Broad Ripple and the state of Indiana on the 21st day of June 1894 for the purpose of determining whether said town should be incorporated, hereby divide said town into three districts for the purpose of electing trustees thereof, as follows, to wit.

First district_All that part of said town bounded as follows shall constitute the First district to wit.

All that part of town lying North of Main St constitutes district No one (1) All that part of town lying North of Shelby St and south of Main street constitutes district No two (2)

All that part of town lying south of Shelby street constitutes district No three (3)

Jas H Campbell }
Henry M Hessong } Inspectors
D.H. Harecourt }

A Statement of the Polls of an Election held in the voting precinct in the town of Broad Ripple Marion County Indiana on the 14th day of July 1894 for the purpose of electing town officers as set forth in the following headings.

Clerk Jas H Brady. Treasurer Henry M Hessong. Marshall Geo E Hubbard. Trustee 1st District Neels(?) B.S. Florander(?). Trustee 2nd District Clarence L. Kirk, Trustee 3rd District Joseph H. Bates. State of Indiana Marion County SS.

Be it known that on Saturday the 14th day of July 1894 the undersigned returning inspector and Judges of the voting precinct of an election help in the town of Broad Ripple in the county of Marion aforesaid, having assembled at the voting place in the town of Broad Ripple in the county and state aforesaid between the hours of 8.o.c A.M. and 6.o.c P.M of the said 4th(?) day of July as the board of Canvassers of said election selected Jas H Campbell as chairman of said board.



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Mary LeForge surrounded by two cakes, banners, balloons and a table full of gifts and cards from her friends and customers.

LeForge Celebrates Birthday at McDonald's

by Alan Hague

April 26 There are no empty spots in the Broad Ripple McDonald's parking lot today. The electronic sign on Broad Ripple Avenue flashes "Happy Birthday Mary". This popular lunch spot is especially crowded as dozens of loyal customers and friends make their way to wish Mary LeForge a happy birthday. Most have a card or a small present, one man brings



her a single yellow rose wrapped in yellow paper. Mary tells me that yellow is the color for friends. She has many around her on this day.

McDonald's has been celebrating Mary's birthdays for years. I asked her if it would be polite for me to ask how many candles were on the cake this year and she proudly replied, "Eighty-two!"

She has been a McDonald's employee for five years, working six days a week, logging forty hours. Manager, Mike Harmon, says "Mary is one of our hardest working employees. She would work seven days a week if we would let her. She is very dedicated and doesn't even take breaks. We hope she continues to work with us for as long as she wants."

In 2002 the Broad Ripple store was torn down and rebuilt. While it was closed Mary worked at the 96th Street location. "The people were great up there. When the new Broad Ripple store reopened I told them I was leaving to return to it, they said they wanted me to stay. It was too difficult to get there on the bus because of the schedules, I had to go back to Broad Ripple."

Mary told me of the time that Bob Green, Oprah's diet guru, came to the store. He was introducing the new, healthy salads to the McDonald's menu. She had many photos taken with him, in the restaurant and even out on the Monon Trail and was included in the TV coverage that day. "I've had my picture on the placemats



and I've been in about ten newspapers."

Before coming to McDonald's, Mary worked at Habig's for about eight years. "Before that, I was the manager of the Knife & Fork at the old Hook Drugs (now CVS) on College. I managed it for eight years, thirteen to seventeen hours a day, 364 days a year. We were closed on Christmas. It was hard work, but I loved it!"

She says she is lucky to have so many friends, but, in this busy and sometimes impersonal world, the reality is that we are the lucky ones to have her.

Happy Birthday, Mary.

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Random Rippings

Our White River was on TV recently. "Living Dangerously", a program on The National Geographic Channel, featured a story on a rescue of a family from their boat on the White River Dam. It is airing again on May 17, June 8 and June 9.

Did you see the train tracks in Broad Ripple Avenue a few weeks ago? The old street car tracks reappeared in a large chuckhole in front of McDonald's. The street cars once ran down Broad Ripple Avenue to Broad Ripple Park, where there was a turn-around loop.

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