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## Coatesville Prepares for Annual Car Show

**T**he town of Coatesville is preparing for its 6th Annual Cruisin' in Coatesville Car Show and Street Fair held on July 21, 2018. As the town's biggest event of the summer, there are several things for all members of the community to enjoy, as well as visitors from surrounding communities.

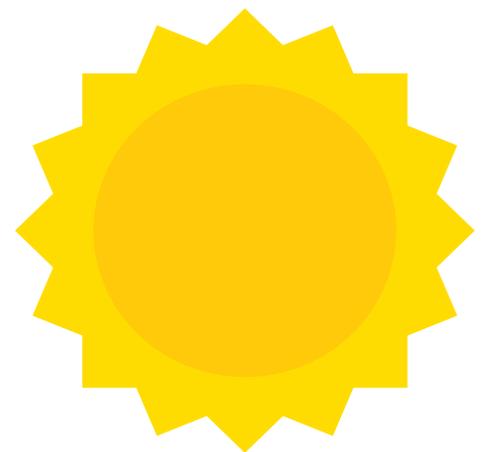
Community members aren't required to bring a car to the show to participate in the events, but the car show is open to the first 200 registered cars.

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# Beat the Heat with Energy Saving Tips

Summer is here, and that means hot, sticky temperatures. You can find relief in a number of places – the museum, pool and even your own home – and still control your electricity costs. As a member of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, your local utility already provides you with affordable rates. Now, it's up to you to save even more and help your local utility manage costs during the peak summer months. Follow one or more of these tips and enjoy a cool, less expensive summer:

- Replace air filters regularly. Dirty air filters can increase your electric bill by 20 percent.
- Shade your outside air conditioning unit with trees or shrubs, but do not block the air flow. A unit operating in the shade uses as much as 10 percent less electricity. Keep plants, shrubs and bushes trimmed so they are at least 18 inches away from your outside A/C unit to allow air to flow freely.
- Use your ceiling fans and pedestal fans. Fans can make it feel three to four degrees cooler. Fans should turn counterclockwise in the summer and clockwise in the winter.
- Do not place lamps or televisions near your air conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Turn your thermostat down when you aren't home, but be mindful of pets. You can save 10 percent of your electricity costs each year by turning the thermostat down 10 to 15 percent for 8 hours.
- Turn your thermostat down when you are sleeping.
- Windows can account for 10 to 25 percent of your electric bill. Install lightly colored window shades, drapes or blinds to reflect heat away from your windows. Close curtains on the south and west facing windows.
- Seal and/or insulate your ductwork.
- Use light-emitting diode (LED) or compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs instead of incandescent light bulbs. LEDs and CFLs last longer, save on energy costs and don't produce heat like the incandescent bulbs.
- Appliances and electronics generate heat. Turn them off when you aren't using them.
- Close the doors in rooms you don't often use so you're not cooling them as well.
- Try to stay in or out. Opening and closing doors lets cold air out and warm air in.



# How Much Do My Appliances Cost to Run?

Today we are using more appliances and electronics than ever before. Have you ever wondered how much it really costs to run each device? Here are some figures using average electric costs for a residential public power customer:

To run one dishwasher cycle  
(depending on how much  
hot water is used)



\$0.17 - \$0.73

To run a central A/C system  
for two hours



\$0.28 - \$0.81

To watch two hours of television  
(ranges for different types of TVs)



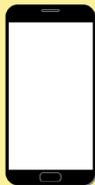
\$0.02 - \$0.06

To light a room for three hours with  
four 60-watt-equivalent CFLs



\$0.02

To recharge a smartphone



<\$0.01

To heat a household's water  
heater for one month



\$46 - \$77

\*Information from the American Public Power Association

# IMPA Welcomes New Solar Parks

IMPA added to its diverse portfolio of power supply resources in 2017 with the construction of four solar parks. In 2018, the Agency will continue its ongoing commitment to providing a low-cost, reliable and environmentally responsible power supply to its 61 communities.

Thousands of additional homes around the state were powered last year thanks to the efforts of IMPA and the member communities the Agency serves. Communities in which solar parks were completed in 2017 include Anderson, Flora, Greenfield and Spiceland.

Other IMPA communities in which solar parks have been built include Argos, Bainbridge, Crawfordsville, Frankton, Huntingburg, Pendleton, Peru, Rensselaer, Richmond, Tell City, Washington and Waynetown.

Raj Rao, IMPA President and CEO, said the output of solar parks throughout the state enables the Agency to continue expanding its diverse portfolio through the addition of solar energy.

“We are certain these parks will have a lasting impact on the communities,” Rao said.

IMPA has begun construction on additional solar parks in IMPA member communities for 2018. Generation data for each solar park is available on IMPA’s website at [www.impa.com/solar](http://www.impa.com/solar). •

## Anderson 2

- 8.1 MW
- Largest IMPA solar park
- Powers over 1,000 homes annually

## Flora

- 0.81 MW
- 2,964 solar panels
- Powers over 100 homes annually

## Greenfield

- 2.84 MW
- 10,450 solar panels
- Powers over 400 homes annually

## Spiceland

- 0.53 MW
- 1,938 solar panels
- Powers over 80 homes annually

# Coatesville Opens New Park to Public

The town of Coatesville broke ground on a new park in 2017. Located downtown on Main Street, the Coatesville Town Park opened in September and welcomed several members of the community to test out its features.

Linda Stoddard, Coatesville Town Council Member and IMPA Commissioner, said the park came together with efforts from people in the community, businesses, churches, and several organizations.

“Everyone coming together to make sure this park opened makes it very special,” Stoddard said. “This park has been a true challenge and the community pulled through together for one common cause.”

Stoddard said at one point in time, some of the funding for the park was questionable when it seemed like one of the park’s shelters would have to be put on hold.

“Pastors of three churches in town went to their congregations and explained the need for the park shelters,” she said. “Within a very short timeframe, one of the shelters was fully funded by the Coatesville United Methodist Church, Grace Baptist Church, and the Coatesville Christian Church. The additional shelter was funded by the Coatesville Downtown Revitalization Group.”

The park consists of six play features, four benches, two shelters, and picnic tables. Two local business owners, David and Nancy Clarke, offered to donate additional land, if needed, for the park.

The town’s park board members will be meeting to discuss other needs for the park including trees, honorary plaques, as well as an entrance. •



Mason Schrader, 5, brought his shovel and offered his help in the final touches of the park’s opening in Coatesville.

# Cooking Corner

For a chance to be featured in the newsletter and win a prize, send your recipe to:

MPN Recipes  
11610 N. College Ave.  
Carmel, IN 46032  
or  
[newsletter@impa.com](mailto:newsletter@impa.com)

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## Pesto

Recipe submitted by Kristy Lewellyn of Linton, Indiana

2 cups packed fresh basil leaves  
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1/3 cup pine nuts  
3 medium sized garlic cloves minced  
salt & pepper  
1/2 cup parmesan - optional

Chop basil, nuts & garlic as finely as possible and slowly add other ingredients. The perfect start to your own Bruchetta. Or, serve over pasta or as an appetizer with crackers or bread.

## Chutney Cheese Canapé

Recipe submitted by Leisa Lowrey of Jasper, Indiana

8 oz. cream cheese  
1/4 c. chutney, chopped fine  
1/2 tsp. dry mustard  
1 tsp. curry powder  
toasted slivered almonds  
serve in 1/2 pineapple - optional

Blend all ingredients well in blender or food processor. Chill for at least 4 hours. Scoop out pineapple half & fill with mix. Top with almonds. Serve with crackers (Ritz are best).

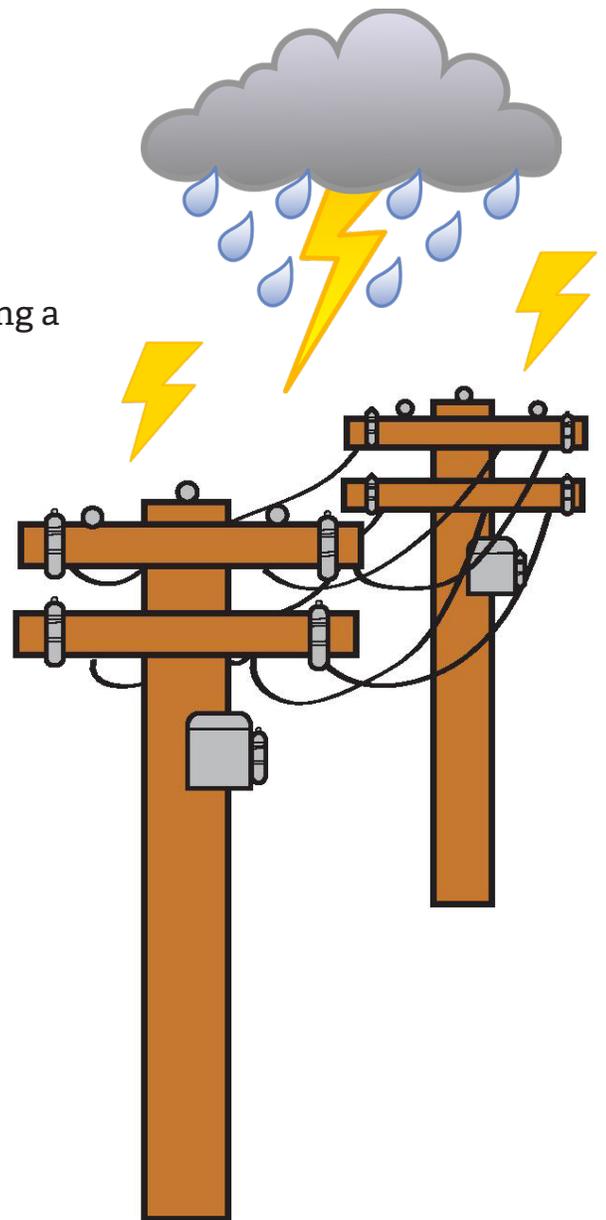


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|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Advance         | Covington      | Huntingburg       | Paoli         | Thorntown    |
| Anderson        | Crawfordsville | Jamestown         | Pendleton     | Tipton       |
| Argos           | Darlington     | Jasper            | Peru          | Troy         |
| Bainbridge      | Dublin         | Kingsford Heights | Pittsboro     | Veedersburg  |
| Bargersville    | Dunreith       | Knightstown       | Rensselaer    | Walkerton    |
| Blanchester, OH | Edinburgh      | Ladoga            | Richmond      | Washington   |
| Bremen          | Etna Green     | Lawrenceburg      | Rising Sun    | Waynetown    |
| Brooklyn        | Flora          | Lebanon           | Rockville     | Williamsport |
| Brookston       | Frankfort      | Lewisville        | Scottsburg    | Winamac      |
| Centerville     | Frankton       | Linton            | South Whitley |              |
| Chalmers        | Gas City       | Middletown        | Spiceland     |              |
| Coatesville     | Greendale      | Montezuma         | Straughn      |              |
| Columbia City   | Greenfield     | New Ross          | Tell City     |              |

# Thunder and Lightning, Oh My!

**T**hunderstorms can be very unpredictable. It could be a warm, sunny day, and minutes later a dark cloud appears on the horizon. Every year in the United States, lightning kills about 100 people and injures about 250 others. Follow these steps to ensure the safety of yourself and others during thunderstorms:

- Be cautious and aware of your actions during a thunderstorm.
- Don't handle any kind of electrical equipment.
- Even using the telephone can be dangerous during a storm because lightning can follow the phone circuits after striking miles away. Cordless and cellular phones are generally safe, but any metal object can become a hazard when used outside during a storm.
- If you must be out during a storm, avoid wide open area and stay away from wire fences, railroad tracks and all metal objects.
- Also, stay clear of trees and poles – tall objects and wet wood attract lightning.



The bottom line is that storms are dangerous, so exercise caution and be prepared!

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## Tidbits & Trivia

**Question:** How many solar parks did IMPA open in 2017?

- a) 1
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) 7

Send your answer to the question to IMPA, and we will randomly select winners from all of the correct entries to receive an energy efficiency prize pack. Please send your name, e-mail address and address with your answer to:

[newsletter@impa.com](mailto:newsletter@impa.com)

OR

MPN Energy Efficiency Quiz  
11610 North College Avenue  
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IMPA member utilities purchase their power through IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within the community.

## Renewable Energy

Energy that is collected from resources which are naturally replenished on a human timescale, such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

Example: Solar parks are a form of renewable energy.

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## Car Show

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There is a \$20 entry fee (\$15 with four or more food items to donate for the food pantry). Registration for the car show runs from 7 until 10 a.m., and the show runs from 10 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Awards for the car show will be given at 1:45 p.m.

Events for the day include:

- Live Music
- Handmade Trophies
- Car Show Bingo
- Poker Walk
- Silent Auction
- Vendors
- Local Shopping
- Pre-Registration Rain Guarantee & Perks
- Food
- And a whole lot more!

More information about the car show can be found at [www.CoatesvilleIndiana.org/CarShow2018.html](http://www.CoatesvilleIndiana.org/CarShow2018.html) or [www.facebook.com/coatesvilleindy](https://www.facebook.com/coatesvilleindy).