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IMPA Service Corp linemen work on newly placed power lines for a community in the Dedicated Services Program. Kingsford Heights is one of several IMPA member communities that benefits from the Dedicated Services Program, which aims to maintain safe and reliable electric service.

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## Kingsford Heights Benefits from Dedicated Services

**K**ingsford Heights is one of several member communities that is benefitting from an initiative implemented by the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Kingsford Heights' wholesale power provider, and its subsidiary, IMPA Service Corp, at the start of 2017. The new initiative, Dedicated Services, provides participating member utilities with a variety of services aimed at maintaining safe and reliable electric service, including system engineering, system maintenance, emergency and storm restoration, equipment replacement and vegetation management.

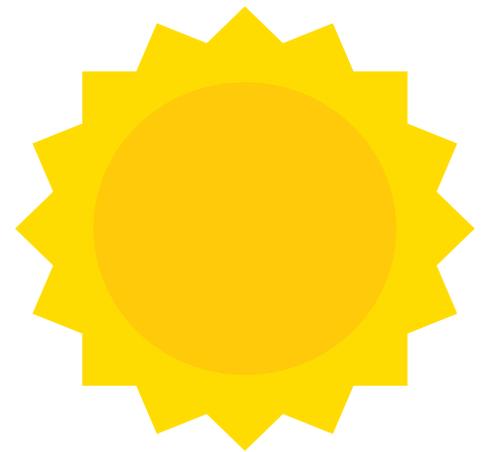
Kingsford Heights has been on board with Dedicated Services since January 2018 and Kari Moss, IMPA Commissioner and Town Council Member for Kingsford Heights, said she is pleased with the services offered.

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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)



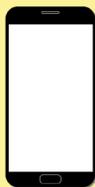
\$0.02 - \$0.06

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 implemented 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

# Kingsford Heights Website to ‘Go Live’

Customers of Kingsford Heights Municipal Electric Utilities are expected to be able to pay their bills through a newly implemented website by the end of spring. According to Kari Moss, IMPA Commissioner and Town Council Member for Kingsford Heights, the website has been in the works for several months and the municipal electric utilities’ employees are excited to give their customers this convenient opportunity to take care of monthly bill payments.

“We love seeing our customers come in when they need to pay their bills of course, but this will provide them with a more convenient way to pay if they don’t have time to come into the office to take care of it,” Moss said. “Before the website, our customers have not been able to do that so it’s a pretty big step for our town.”

According to Moss, the convenience of the website will not only help customers who might not have time to make monthly visits to the office, but it will also help free up some time for the office employees.

“There are several people whose work hours don’t coincide with ours, so now they won’t have to worry about getting into the office to pay their bills if their schedules don’t allow for it,” Moss said. “This will also help our employees on the occasions when the office sees multiple customers at one time, which makes it seem a little hectic and busy in here.”

Moss said the website is expected to be up and running by the end of May. Customers of the utility will be informed when it’s launched and how they can access the website to get general information about the utility and pay their monthly bills online.

# 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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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

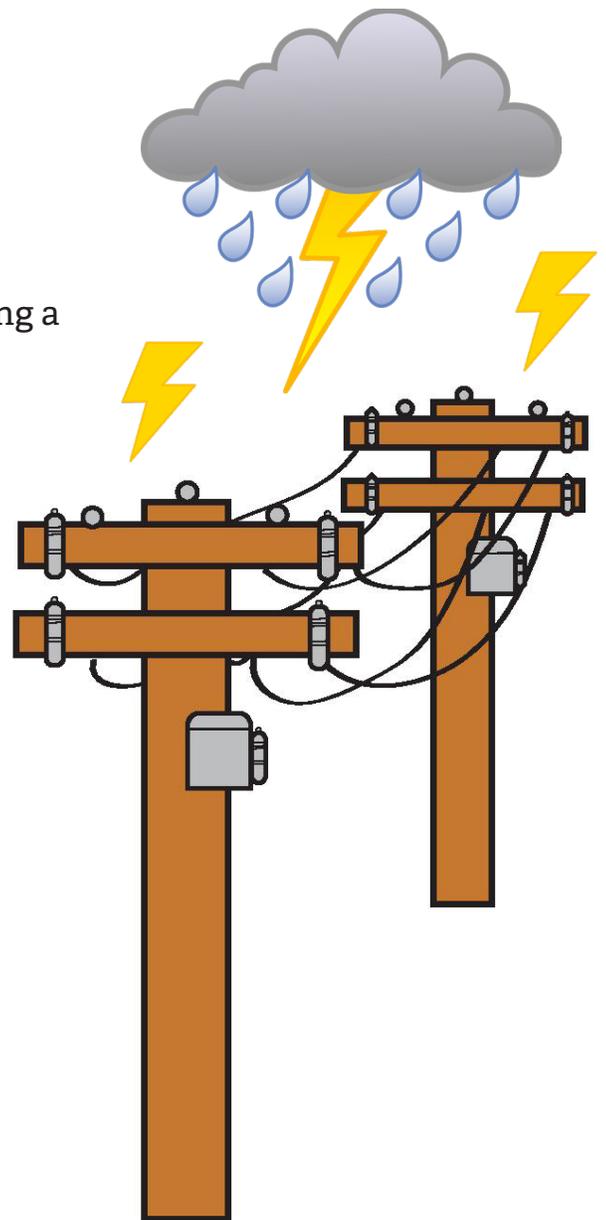
Blend all ingredients well in blender or food processor. Chill for at least 4 hours. Scoop out pineapple half & fill with mix. Top with almonds. Serve with crackers (Ritz are best).

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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!

# Follow IMPA on Social Media!



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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  
Carmel, IN 46032

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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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## Dedicated Services

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“Before we signed the contract our response times for outages were unpredictable because we are so far out of the way,” Moss said. “This will ensure that in case we do have an outage or emergency, the response time will be limited.”

Moss also pointed out the importance of signing a contract for Dedicated Services due to the fact the town doesn’t employ a full-time lineman.

“Because we don’t have a lineman on staff, we are going to be saving money because contracting those jobs out was getting expensive,” she said. “It’s also nice having to make only one phone call to IMPA when something needs immediate attention.”

Joe Schmidt, Vice President and IMPA Service Corp General Manager, said Dedicated Services is an effort to assist IMPA’s member communities by giving them a cost-effective solution to invest in their local distribution systems.

“Sometimes the economics of smaller municipal electric communities having their own personnel, relative to the amount of work they have, is hard to balance,” Schmidt said.

IMPA member communities served by Dedicated Services include Advance, Brooklyn, Centerville, Dunreith, Frankton, Kingsford Heights, Lewisville, Rockville, South Whitley, and Spiceland. Several other member communities are showing interest in what the program has to offer. ●