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Meet Bargersville's New Utility Administrator

As the town of Bargersville continues to strive for reliable and low-cost utilities, Ken Zumstein is eager to contribute his utility experience to his role as the new town Utility Administrator. Zumstein has lived in Bargersville for over 30 years, serving on the Town Council for seven of those years and focusing much of his work on utility projects and solutions. Now, as Bargersville's Utility Administrator, Zumstein oversees the wastewater, water plants, water distribution, metering, and electric utilities. He

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Celebrate Lineworkers with IMPA

Your municipal utility's lineworkers, the men and women who maintain and repair electric distribution lines, are subject to several hazards every day, and yet their work is essential for your community's power needs. These utility professionals put themselves in harm's way each day to keep the lights on in your community's homes, schools, churches, and businesses, at times subjecting themselves to volatile weather conditions, dangerous heights, and live electrical currents.



The invaluable work that linemen and women commit themselves to often goes underappreciated, which is why the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is excited to celebrate and promote National Linemen Appreciation Day. Each April 18th, utilities across the United States make an effort to honor the hard work and dedication that lineworkers show to their communities every day of the year. Though the holiday has already come and gone this year, join IMPA in appreciating these essential personnel throughout the entire year, and thank your local lineworker for the hard work that they do each day!

Safety Around Downed Power Lines

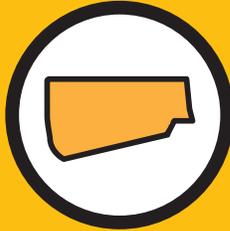
Winter ice storms and the stormy spring season can sometimes spell trouble for power lines. Your municipal electric utility wants to ensure that you exercise caution if you happen to be near any downed power lines this year. Follow these steps to stay safe if you see a downed power line:

- Move away from the line and anything that is in contact with the line, as the ground around power lines may be energized up to a 35 foot radius.
- Assume that all downed power lines are energized and dangerous.
- Shuffle with small steps away from the power line, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times to minimize the potential of a strong electrical shock.
- If you see someone who is in contact with the downed line, do not touch this person. Call 911 for help.
- Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything else in contact with one.

What keeps electrical workers safe?

An array of special gear and equipment keeps crew members safe while working on electrical equipment and lines.

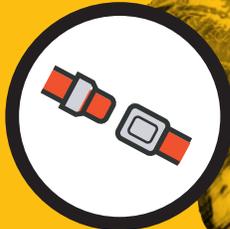
Rubber sleeves: Worn over clothes to protect workers from accidental contact with live lines or other equipment.



Clothing: Arc rated clothing such as jeans and shirts are made from flame resistant materials and avoid using metal components (buttons, zippers).



Safety Strap/Harness: Either connected to the inside of a bucket truck or attached around the pole to prevent falls.



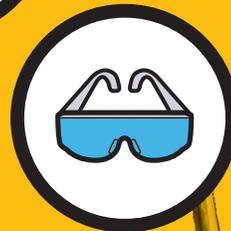
Rope/Handline: Includes a pulley and steel clips to assist with lifting and lowering materials and acts as a lifeline in the event of an emergency.



Boots: Reinforced steel or ceramic toe, with serrated heels and reinforced sole for support in climbing and working on poles.



Hard hat: Insulated and rigid to protect workers from contact with electrical hazards or falling objects. Includes slots for adding in ear protection or face shields, when necessary.



Glasses: Keep glare and objects/small debris from workers' eyes.



Gloves: Workers wear two layers of gloves. Insulated rubber gloves protect from electric shocks and burns, and an outer pair of leather gloves help keep the rubber gloves from getting punctured or torn.



Hot stick: Insulated fiberglass tool used when working with live lines and equipment.



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New Utility Administrator

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spends his time monitoring the daily operations of all these facilities, including the financial aspects of each town utility. With a background in civil engineering and utilities, and many years of experience with the community of Bargersville, Zumstein feels comfortable in his new role.

Zumstein grew up in the southern rural community of Starlight, Indiana, moving to Indianapolis in 1972 to work in the civil engineering field and attend ITT Technical Institute. After graduating, Zumstein continued to pursue a successful career in civil engineering, marrying his wife, Linda, in 1987 and having two children, Dawn and Shawn. Now with six grandchildren, Zumstein enjoys spending his free time with family and traveling.

In his seven years as a Town Council Member in Bargersville, Zumstein's familiarity with civil engineering led him to concentrate on utility improvement. As the town experienced residential growth and I-69 extensions, Zumstein felt that he could best serve the town as a manager of utilities. Now as the Utility Administrator, he is already working with the Indiana Department of Transportation to relocate water distribution facilities along future stretches of I-69 to accommodate utility enhancements.

"I saw that the town's growth needed someone who could make sure we look ahead for the expansion of utilities in the I-69 area," said Zumstein. "Since I had already spent seven years working closely with the utilities, my transition to becoming Utility Administrator has gone smoothly and I have great communication with the staff. I am looking forward to seeing the town continue to prosper while keeping the utilities reliable and utility rates manageable."

In addition to becoming the Town Utility Administrator, Zumstein was also appointed to become Bargersville's new commissioner for the Indiana Municipal Power

Agency (IMPA) earlier this year. IMPA's board of commissioners is comprised of 61 representatives, one from each of the Agency's 61 member communities. Each commissioner is appointed by their community's governing body to represent their town or city to IMPA, ideally acting as a two-way communicator between the community and the Agency. IMPA is glad to welcome Zumstein to the role of commissioner.

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Wastewater Expansion Project

The sanitation division of Bargersville Municipal Utilities is on schedule to complete an extensive expansion of the town's wastewater plant. Construction on this project has focused on increasing the plant's wastewater capacity to two million gallons per day, twice its previous size. The project will also result in better phosphorus removal capabilities to comply with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Thanks to the wastewater renovation, Bargersville will avoid IDEM violations and the fees that come with them.

The wastewater plant project was funded with State Revolving Funds, which provide low-interest loans to communities who seek to improve their water or sanitation utility infrastructures. The project has come in well under budget and town officials are eager to see its completion. •

Tidbits & Trivia

The **Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA)** is a not-for-profit organization that provides an economic, reliable, and environmentally responsible power supply to its members.

IMPA provides this wholesale power to 61 communities in Indiana and Ohio. IMPA member utilities purchase their power through IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within your community.

Question: How many member communities were a part of IMPA at the Agency's origination in 1983?

Find out at impa.com/about-impa

Generation Resources

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The facilities that produce electricity for distribution and delivery to homes and businesses. Generation resources include coal, nuclear, and natural gas power plants, as well as renewables like solar parks and wind turbines.

Example: *IMPA's generation resources include a mixture of coal, natural gas, renewable, and purchased power.*



Cooking Corner

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Kim's Chocolate Chip Cookies

Recipe submitted by Patsy Conolty of Washington, Indiana.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup butter flavored Crisco
- 2 1/2 cups quick oats
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 12 oz bag of chocolate chips

Combine eggs and sugar and beat until fluffy. Add the Crisco and vanilla and blend until well-mixed. Put quick oats into a blender and blend into a flour. Add blended oats to mixture and add salt, baking soda, baking powder, and flour, and mix well. Mix in chocolate chips. Bake at 350 degrees on a greased sheet for 9 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before eating.

Old-Fashioned, Baked Mac & Cheese

Recipe submitted by Debbie Johnson of Richmond, Indiana

- 2 1/2 cups uncooked macaroni
- 1 3/4 cups Velveta cheese, cubed
- 3 tbsps butter
- 4 cups milk
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in a 13" by 9" baking dish. Pour the uncooked macaroni into the baking dish and stir until coated. Add salt, pepper, cheese, and milk to dish. Bake uncovered for 1 1/4 hours to 1 1/2 hours. Do not stir while baking. When finished, the macaroni will be lightly browned on top. Let stand 10 minutes after baking.

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Protect Yourself from Utility Scams

Cyber threats, scams, and frauds are an ever-growing threat to all industries, and the utility industry is no exception. Several scams impersonating local utilities and requesting payments or personal information have been reported in Indiana, so knowing how to avoid and elude scammers and cybercriminals is an increasingly necessary skill. Here are some important tips and facts to protect yourself, your family, and your information from utility scammers.

Telephone Scams

If someone calls threatening to cut off your power, hang up. Never pay over the phone in response to a call, especially when you're threatened with a service disconnection. Scammers know how to spoof caller ID, so do not trust a number even if it shows the name of your municipal utility. Your utility will never demand payment over the phone, so never give personal or financial information to an unsolicited caller.

Fraudulent Emails

Delete all suspicious emails that demand or require immediate action to verify personal information. Scammers often use the technique of phishing, sending fraudulent emails impersonating a trusted source, to incite individuals to give out personal or financial information. Through these emails, scammers try to rouse a sense of urgency in the victim who will generally be asked to provide sensitive data. If you receive a suspicious email, do not follow instructions given by the sender or click on any provided links.

Suspicious Third-Party Payments

Online utility bill pay is a convenience to many residents and businesses. Unfortunately, scammers are aware that more and more individuals are utilizing these web payment portals and are seeking to take advantage. Some cybercriminals are directing customers to third party payment websites to steal money and financial information from victims. If your utility offers an online payment option, be sure that the website you are using is directly affiliated with the utility. To be safe, contact your municipal utility and talk to them about the appropriate online payment website.

The most common security threats are committed by phone, by email, and by suspicious websites. If you feel that a scammer has contacted you, immediately stop your communication with them and contact your municipal utility to report the issue.

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As Bargersville's IMPA commissioner, Zumstein will participate and vote in monthly board meetings that guide the direction of IMPA. Through Zumstein, the town of Bargersville will have a voice in the decisions that the town's wholesale power provider makes. This representation is yet another benefit of having a municipally owned power utility, and both IMPA and Bargersville are proud to provide these opportunities to the community. •