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Town Honors Former Clerk-Treasurer

After working as Centerville's Clerk-Treasurer for twenty years, Janice L. Roberts retired from service on January 1, 2016, handing over all duties to the town's new Clerk-Treasurer Susan Dillman. Roberts moved to Centerville in 1956, graduating from Centerville Senior High School in 1962 and then from Ball State University with a degree in business. After graduating from college, Roberts worked for Manpower and was also a Real Estate Broker for Lingle Real Estate. She was then elected as Centerville's Clerk-Treasurer in 1995, and served in that role until 2016.

During her time as Clerk-Treasurer, Roberts was active in many programs and achieved many milestones. She was a member of the mentoring program for Clerk-Treasurers, served as the District Director of the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers, and became a Certified Municipal Clerk in 2003. Additionally, Roberts was certified by the State of Indiana Department of Commerce as a Community Development Block Grant Writer. She also played an active role within

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The Value of Electricity

If a group of people were asked to think of a few items that they cannot live without, a variety of answers may come up: food, water and basic shelter are usually some of the first objects that people may think of. Others may say their smart phones or their tablets. Still others might say their microwaves, televisions or vehicles. While these items run the gamut in terms of necessities and luxuries, they all have one component in common: the utilization of electricity. Without electricity, there would be no refrigerators to store food, or heaters and air conditioners to regulate the temperatures inside homes. Without electricity, there would be no way to power or charge electronics and other appliances. An extended power outage would also make it difficult to fill a car with gasoline and provide clean, filtered water. Virtually all of the necessities and luxuries in life are powered by electricity.

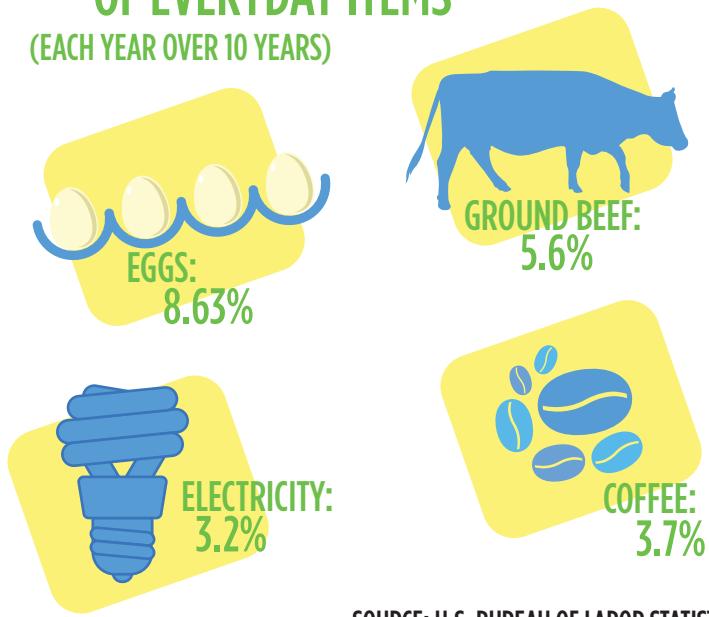
Cost Calculation of Electricity

So, since electricity plays such a vital role in nearly all aspects of life, the cost of electricity must be high to keep up with its demand, right? Actually, no. The cost of electricity is one of the greatest values in today's world. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, a government agency that collects, analyzes, and disseminates information pertaining to energy, the average monthly residential electric bill in Indiana is \$115.56. When that total is divided by the 31 days that make up an

average month, the average cost of electricity per day in Indiana is only \$3.73. That means that you are able to do laundry, prepare meals, watch television, charge smart phones, tablets and laptops, and complete a variety of other tasks at any time of the day or night, all for less than \$5 a day. In today's world, it's difficult to find anything of worth for under \$5, making the value of electricity even more surprising.

Not only is electricity a great value, but its average annual price increase is also low when compared to other daily staples. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of electricity has increased an average of 3.2% each year, over the last ten years. In comparison, the cost of coffee has increased 3.7%, ground beef has increased 5.6% and eggs have increased by 8.63%.

AVERAGE PERCENT PRICE INCREASE OF EVERYDAY ITEMS (EACH YEAR OVER 10 YEARS)



SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

- Average Daily Cost of Electricity in Indiana

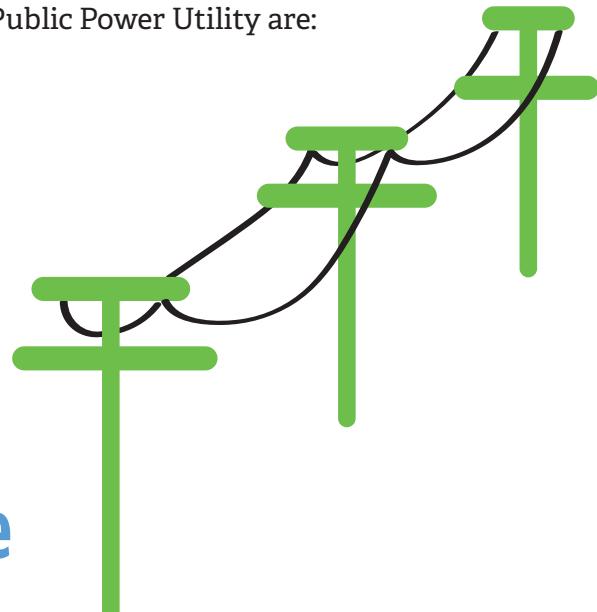


Electricity's average annual price increase is even more impressive when the amount of new technology and the energy it takes to power those devices is taken into consideration. While the advent and invention of new technology has been rapid over the past decade, the cost of electricity has not jumped significantly. Additionally, electricity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, allowing light switches to be turned on at any hour, and heaters and air conditioners to run through the night. The value of having access to electricity at any time of the day or night for only a few dollars a day makes it one of the most economically advantageous products available.

The Value of an IMPA Community

Electricity is an excellent value all around, but because your community owns its own Municipal Electric Utility, electric rates in your community are even lower than in other towns and cities in Indiana. A Municipal Electric Utility, also sometimes called a Public Power Utility, means that a utility is owned and operated by the town or city in which it is located. Your hometown electric utility purchases low-cost and reliable electricity from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), and then uses its own equipment and infrastructure to deliver power to residents and businesses in the community. Some of the greatest benefits of a Public Power Utility are:

- 1. Low-cost power**
- 2. Reliability**
- 3. Local, hometown service**



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Centerville Welcomes New Clerk-Treasurer

Starting her first term on January 1st after taking over from longtime Clerk-Treasurer Janice Roberts, Susan Dillman now serves as Centerville's Clerk-Treasurer. In this role, Dillman is responsible for a host of responsibilities that include managing and monitoring the town's finances, funds and investments, producing annual budgets, processing payroll and attending Town Council meetings, as well as many other tasks. Prior to serving as Clerk-Treasurer, Dillman was the Assistant Manager at WUFFACE Federal Credit Union.

"These past few months have been a whirlwind, but I really love this job," stated Dillman. "I've been involved within the Town of Centerville for many years, and this gives me another opportunity to give back. I am looking forward to streamlining and organizing a lot of processes in order to help our town run even more smoothly."

Since becoming Clerk-Treasurer, Dillman has taken advantage of many professional development and training opportunities to help bring her up to speed and prepare her for the duties of her new position. Dillman attended a Newly Elected Officials Training in January, as well as the 21st Annual Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute & Academy at Ball State University. Dillman also attended a training session at the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Centerville's wholesale power provider, aimed at informing newly hired or elected community officials about IMPA's role within the community.

Dillman and her husband Doug have lived in Centerville for 18 years, and have three children, all of whom attended Centerville-Abington Community Schools. Dillman is also the secretary on the Centerville-Center Township Public Library's Board. The Town of Centerville welcomes Dillman as Clerk-Treasurer and wishes her all the best! ●



Pictured on left is Susan Dillman, Centerville's new Clerk-Treasurer. Dillman also attended former Clerk-Treasurer Janice Roberts' retirement celebration, and read Roberts' biography out loud to all attendees.

Former Clerk-Treasurer

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other areas of the community, serving as a past president for the Centerville Women's Club and also as a member and Sunday school teacher at the Centerville United Methodist Church. She was also nominated for a service award by the Centerville Lion's Club.

"Janice has been a pillar of strength for both Wayne County and for Centerville," said Dick Hamm, State Representative for House District 56, which includes the majority of Wayne County. "We appreciate your efforts and everything that you've accomplished over your 20 years of service." State Senator Jeff Raatz was also in attendance to honor Roberts on her accomplishments in the town.

To celebrate her many achievements, the Town of Centerville threw a retirement party for Roberts, and also declared January 10, 2016 as Janice L. Roberts Day in the Town of Centerville. The retirement party was attended by Town Council members, State Representatives, town employees and friends and family. All attendees had the opportunity to thank Roberts for her years of service and to wish her well with her retirement. "I've enjoyed working with everyone and getting to know so many people in Centerville," said Roberts. "We are really blessed." ●

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-Janice Roberts, Former Clerk-Treasurer

Tidbits & Trivia

Question: Which of the following is a benefit of living in a municipal electric community?

- a) Local, hometown service
- b) Low-cost service
- c) Reliability
- d) All of the above

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

OR

MPN Energy Efficiency Quiz
11610 North College Avenue
Carmel, IN 46032

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 member utilities purchase their power through IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within the community.

Joint Action Agency

noun.

A not-for-profit organization of municipal utilities that band together to jointly own and operate generation and transmission facilities to gain economies of scale.

Example: *IMPA is a Joint Action Agency.*

The Value of Electricity

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Municipally owned utilities are often able to provide lower-cost power to their customers than investor-owned utilities because they do not exist to make a profit for shareholders. All money earned by a municipally owned utility is used to cover costs and is invested to improve the electric system for everyone. For example, the average monthly bill for a community that is a Member of IMPA is \$111.62, while the monthly bill for a customer from an investor-owned utility is \$119.42, showing that those who live and work in an IMPA community receive an even greater value in terms of electricity.

Additionally, a municipally owned utility often provides more reliable power because it is owned by the community that it serves. Whenever there is a problem or a power outage, it is addressed immediately by the employees at the utility. Those employees have a sense of pride and a sense of ownership in the utility because they, too, live in the community that they serve.

Finally, a municipally owned utility prides itself on local, hometown service. Public power employees are your friends and neighbors, and they have the same pride in your community that you do. That pride shows in their work on the utility distribution system – every pole, meter and wire is maintained to the highest standards by someone in the community. If there is a problem with your service and you contact the utility office, you talk with an actual person that works in a local office just a few miles down the road.

The Great Value of Electricity

Electricity is a necessity that is available and ready to be used at any time. For under \$5 a day (and even less if living in a Public Power community!), you have the capability to fully power your homes and businesses. So, next time you flip on a light switch, run a load of laundry, or make a cup of coffee, remember that electricity is not only a necessity in daily life, but that it also offers one of the greatest values of any product or service in today's world.●

Cost of Average Monthly Retail Electric Bill

IMPA Member

\$111.62

Investor-Owned Utility

\$119.42

New Look for the Municipal Power News

Readers of the Municipal Power News may notice something different about the publication: it's now in full color! This change is in response to a growing need for visual imagery, making the newsletter more visually pleasing for its readers.

The Municipal Power News is a periodic publication by the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, your community's wholesale power provider. This newsletter aims to inform readers about local community news as well as relevant and helpful information about power and the electric industry. IMPA welcomes comments, questions and suggestions about the newsletter's new look – please send all comments to newsletter@impa.com or 11610 N. College Ave.; Carmel, IN 46032.

The newsletters are also available online! To receive your newsletter electronically, visit www.impa.com, click on News & Publications, and then Municipal Power News. You can then enter your name, e-mail address and community.●

Cooking Corner

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

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Pecan Pie

Recipe submitted by Gail Norton of Washington, Indiana.

-3 eggs, beaten	-2 tbsp. vanilla
-1 cup dark Karo syrup	-1/2 cup packed brown sugar
-2 tbsp. vanilla	-1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter- melted
-1/8 tsp. salt	-1 1/2 cups pecan halves
-9-inch pie shell	

Stir eggs, Karo syrup, brown sugar, butter, vanilla and salt until blended. Add pecans to the mixture and coat well. Pour mixture over a 9-inch pie shell. Bake in center of oven 15 minutes at 425 degrees. Turn oven down to 350 degrees and bake another 40 minutes or until center is done.

Smoked Sausage Soup

Recipe submitted by Jean Marion of Rensselaer, Indiana.

-1/2 pound smoked peeled sausage	-6 medium potatoes, and diced
-2 cups frozen corn	-1 can chicken broth
-1 rib of celery	-1/4 cup sliced carrots
-1/2 tsp. garlic powder	-1/2 tsp. onion powder
-1 1/2 cups milk	-2/3 cup shredded cheese
-salt and pepper to taste	

Dice and brown the 1/2 pound of smoked sausage until done. Set the sausage aside and add the remaining ingredients into a large stockpot. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Add the sausage, and simmer for 15 minutes.

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

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IMPA Commissioner: Gene Kates

Centerville to Begin Utility Rate Study

In an effort to continue providing reliable service to customers and to maintain important utility infrastructure, Centerville Municipal Utilities is in the midst of an ongoing rate study. This rate study is aimed at uncovering costs of operations as well as future growth and infrastructure management across all utilities, including water, electric, wastewater and stormwater. Because of inflation, upkeep and the fact that none of the utilities have raised rates in ten years, a rate study is necessary to determine an accurate and fair rate for utility customers.

This study is expected to take an entire year to complete, due to the amount of information that has to be compiled and examined. This includes information pertaining to equipment, operations and management costs as well as a careful study of what is needed for short, mid, and long-term growth goals. Not only do the utilities need to have enough money to continue upgrading and maintaining infrastructure, but must also meet state and federal guidelines of readiness and reliability. These guidelines detail the necessity of having proper monetary reserves in case of emergencies, equipment failures or natural disasters.

"This rate study requires Centerville Municipal Utilities to do an internal analysis of all of our utilities to see where we are," stated Gene Kates, Building Commissioner for the Town of Centerville. "We are really being proactive by completing this rate study before there is a problem within any of our utilities." The study is expected to conclude by the end of the year. Once finished, results of the study will be communicated to the public. ●