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Town Reveals New Seal

For the first time in the town's history, Coatesville now has a Town Seal, which will serve as the visual identification for Coatesville. This seal, created by local resident Steve Shultz, pays tribute to the agricultural heritage of the community. The seal's background is that of a countryside, and contains images of a tractor and a grain elevator. It also boasts the town's history by stating the year of Coatesville's founding and incorporation.

This seal was officially adopted by the town on December 7, 2015 at a Town Council Meeting. The Town plans to place this seal on the side of town trucks as well as other pieces of town property. The Town Seal is currently displayed at the Town Hall, which is open to the public Monday - Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.●

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

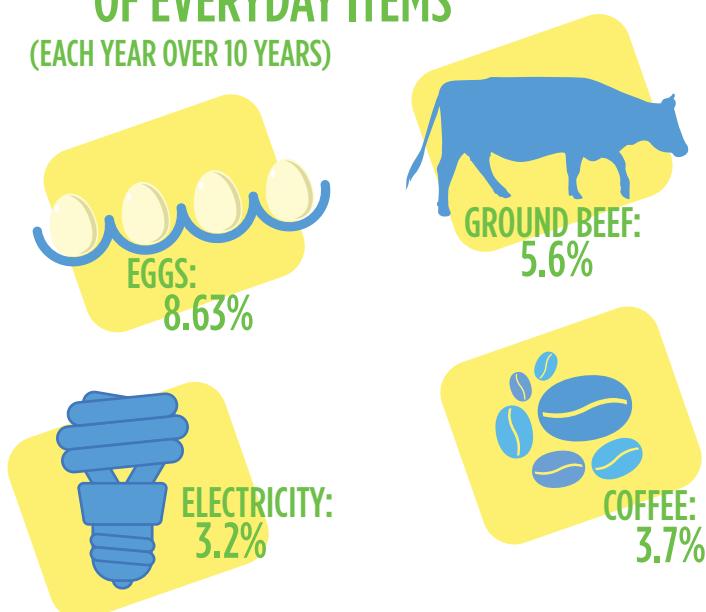
So, since electricity plays such a vital role in nearly all aspects of life, the cost of electricity must be high to keep up with its demand, right? Actually, no. The cost of electricity is one of the greatest values in today's world. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, a government 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

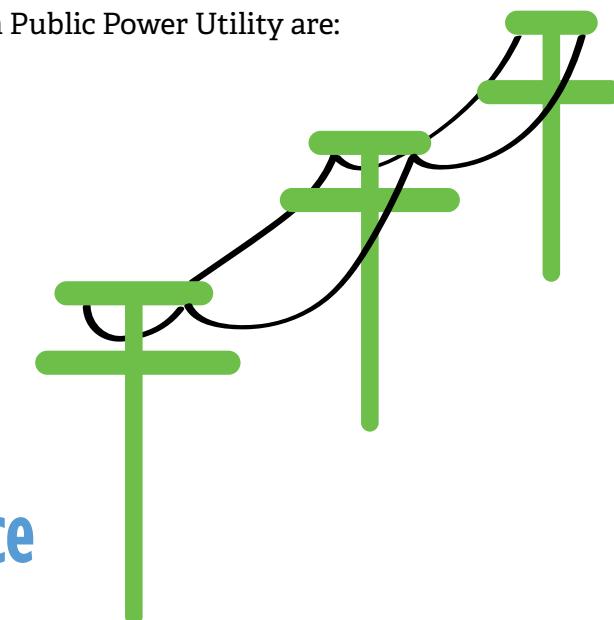


Electricity's average annual price increase is even more impressive when the amount of new technology and the energy it takes to power those devices is taken into consideration. While the advent and invention of new technology has been rapid over the past decade, the cost of electricity has not jumped 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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Save the Date for Upcoming Community Events!

The Town of Coatesville hosts a variety of community events that take place throughout the year. Be sure to mark your calendar for both the recurring and special events in Coatesville.

Coatesville Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry is open every second Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Christian Fellowship Center, located at 5009 S. Milton Street. It is open to any resident with a Coatesville zip code and is sponsored by the Coatesville Christian Church and the Coatesville United Methodist Church.

Town Bingo:

Sponsored by the Coatesville Downtown Revitalization Committee, a friendly game of Bingo takes place at the Community Building on the second Saturday of each month, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mystery Book Club:

Located at the Coatesville Public Library, the Mystery Book Club takes place on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This book club is open to all Coatesville adults and includes free refreshments. There is a minimal charge for the book, typically between \$2-3. Call the library at 765-386-2355 for more information.

Cruisin' In Coatesville Car Show and Street Fair:

This 4th annual community event is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m., the car show from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and awards at 1:45 p.m. Online registration for the car show is now available and costs \$20. For more information, visit www.coatesvilleindiana.org.



Keep in Touch with Coatesville

In an effort to better communicate with residents, the Town of Coatesville has plans to install a communication box outside of Town Hall. This box will hold the Minutes from the latest Town Council meeting as well as other pertinent town information. In addition to the communication box, the town has also instituted a comment and suggestion box, located in the deposit slot on the south end of the Town Hall. The purpose of this box is to provide an outlet for residents to submit comments and suggestions to the Town Council. In order for a comment to be read at a Town Council meeting, it must be dated and put inside a sealed envelope. A name and contact information are not required, but is recommended in the case that the Council would need to follow up with the individual.

In addition to the communication and comment boxes, the Town of Coatesville also has a Facebook page, which is used to share town news, information and Minutes from meetings. 'Like' Coatesville's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TownOfCoatesville to stay up-to-date with all local news and information. •

Tidbits & Trivia

Question: Which of the following is a benefit of being an IMPA 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 a low cost, reliable and environmentally-responsible power supply to its members.

IMPA member utilities purchase their power from 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

Pecan Pie

Recipe submitted by Gail Norton of Washington, Indiana.

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

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

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.

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

MPN Recipes
11610 N. College Ave.
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or
newsletter@impa.com

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Community Spotlight: Cinnamon Girls Bakery & Café

Cinnamon Girls Bakery & Café, owned by Jill and her daughter Lindsey Nichols, prides itself on offering its family's long-time famous secret recipe for cinnamon rolls. This secret recipe was developed by Jill's parents, Cecil and Nancy Turpin, who honed their craft by making homemade cinnamon rolls and selling them across Indiana. The cinnamon rolls became so popular that Jill opened her store in Coatesville so people are able to purchase the cinnamon rolls year round.

In addition to the famous cinnamon rolls, the bakery and café also offers a variety of breakfast and lunch options including biscuits and gravy, donuts, pastries and smoothies. Cinnamon Girls Bakery & Café is open Tuesday-Saturday from 7:00am – 2:00pm. For more information, call 765-386-2867. ●

