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Pictured is the Kingsford Heights Town Council. Top row, L-R: Renee Wiltfong, Kari Moss, Jeana Blake
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Kingsford Heights Welcomes New Town Council Members

In January, the Town of Kingsford Heights welcomed four new Town Council members to its five-member Council. New members include Renee Wiltfong, President; Kari Moss, Vice-President; Terry Beane, Sr.; and Jerry Hunt. These four new members join incumbent Council member Jeana Blake.

Since the new term began in January, all five Council members, along with Kingsford Heights Clerk-Treasurer Patty Arnett, attended a Newly Elected Officials Training in Indianapolis. This training, presented by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, takes place every four years and

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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

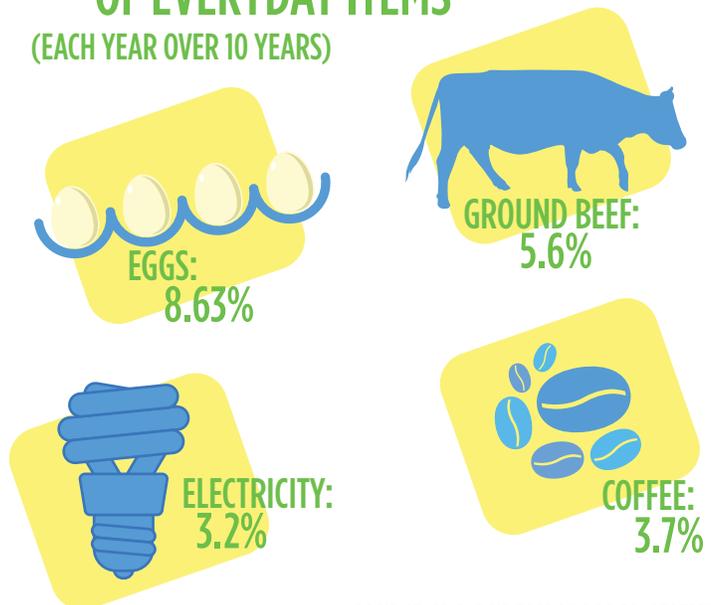
So, since electricity plays such a vital role in nearly all aspects of life, the cost of electricity must be high to keep up with its demand, right? Actually, no. The cost of electricity is one of the greatest values in today's world. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, a government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

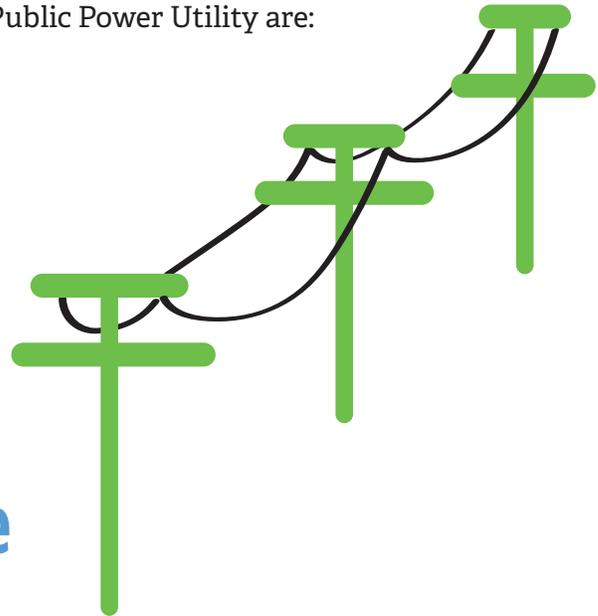


Electricity's average annual price increase is even more impressive when the amount of new technology and the energy it takes to power those devices is taken into consideration. While the advent and invention of new technology has been rapid over the past decade, the cost of electricity has not jumped 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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Community Center Offers All-Ages Programming

The Kingsford Heights Community Center, located at 515 Wayland Road, provides an active and safe space for residents of all ages to enjoy. Currently, the Community Center boasts a host of programming and event options, catering to both children and adults. Most recently, the Community Center hosted a successful Community Breakfast, which raised enough money to purchase a new parent/child swing for Ford Park. The Community Center is hosting another fundraising event, this time in the form of a spaghetti dinner. Taking place on Saturday, April 16th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., this dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs with your choice of marinara or Alfredo sauce, plus garlic bread, salad and a drink. The cost of dinner is donation only, and all proceeds will be used to purchase an additional parent/child swing for the park.

In addition to serving as the site for community dinners, the Community Center also hosts an open gym each Tuesday and Thursday evening for children of all ages. From 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., children ages 11 and younger can utilize the gym, and then from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., there is a craft time for the same age group. For those ages 12 and older, open gym is scheduled from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Open gym allows children of all ages to play games and socialize in a safe space.

The Community Center also hosts the Kingsford Heights Sewing Club each Monday from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., as well as a Ladies Bible Study each Wednesday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. In addition, the Community Center is also available to rent for private parties and events. Rental rates vary depending on which part of the building is being rented, as well as if alcohol will be on the premises. For those interested in learning more about the programming, events and rental fees at the Community Center, either stop in, or call 393-9218. ●



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 16th; 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Open Gym

Tuesday and Thursday; 5:00-8:00 p.m.
***Time depends on age of child**

Sewing Club

Monday; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday; 6:00 p.m.

Town Council

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provides attendees with basic information and tools to help in the first few weeks of office. This training allowed the Council members and Clerk-Treasurer to learn pertinent information to help prepare all of the individuals for the roles and responsibilities of their new positions. The Town of Kingsford Heights welcomes its newest Council members and wishes them the best in their new leadership positions! ●

Renovated Park, Baseball Diamonds

Ready for Spring

After spending much of 2015 renovating and updating Ford Park, volunteers on the Town's Park Board will see the fruits of their labor once the park officially opens for the spring and summer season. The renovations on the park included painting all of the playground equipment and removing a few pieces of rusty and unsafe equipment from the park grounds. Additionally, new mulch beds were added underneath all of the equipment, which makes the playground safer and more visually appealing. The chain-link fence that surrounded the perimeter of the park was removed, and all of the wood boards on the existing benches were replaced with fresh, new wood. The sidewalks were also cleaned and weeded, making the park more walkable and pedestrian-friendly.

Most recently, the Park Board held a breakfast at

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The Park Board worked diligently to repaint park equipment and add new mulch beds to increase the safety of the park.

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.

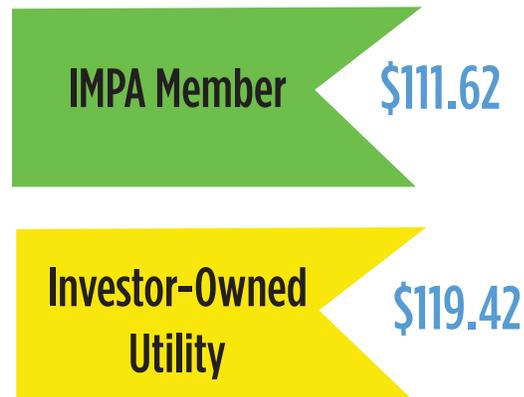
Additionally, a municipally owned utility often provides more reliable power because it is owned by the community that it serves. Whenever there is a problem or a power outage, it is addressed immediately by the employees at the utility. Those employees have a sense of pride and a sense of ownership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



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:

MPN Recipes
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Carmel, IN 46032
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newsletter@impa.com

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Pecan Pie

Recipe submitted by Gail Norton of Washington, Indiana.

- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup dark Karo syrup
- 2 tbsp. vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 9-inch pie shell
- 2 tbsp. vanilla
- 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.

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Parks

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the Kingsford Heights Community Center, aimed at raising money to purchase a new piece of equipment for the park: a parent/child swing. This type of swing allows for a child and adult to sit on the same swing while facing each other, enabling the adult and child to interact together while swinging. This swing, which cost \$800, was completely funded by the breakfast. The Park Board hopes to purchase two more parent/child swings to add to the park.

Ford Park was not the only public space that was revamped. The two baseball diamonds located at the park near the Community Center are also in the process of being completely renovated, and a brand new concession stand and restroom facility is also being built. Park Board volunteers have been diligently working on the baseball fields and concession stand in order to be prepared for the upcoming season of the Victory City Ball Club. Because the baseball diamonds were vacant for several years, there is quite a bit of work that has had to be done in order to get the fields ready for the upcoming Tee Ball season.

The Park Board consists solely of volunteers, and is always looking for more individuals to join the Board to help. For more information about Park Board projects and how to get involved, visit www.facebook.com/kingsfordheightsparks.



Thanks to community donations, the Park Board was able to purchase a parent/child swing for the park. The Board hopes to purchase two more of these types of swings.