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Public Buildings are Available for Rent

For Lewisville residents who are searching for a space for parties, family reunions, or other gatherings, the Town of Lewisville boasts two separate spaces, both of which are available for rent. The first location is a shelter house, located inside of the Lewisville Community Park. This shelter house is a historical building, built during the Great Depression as a part of the Works Progress Administration program, and still retains much of its historical charms. It does, however, boast modern amenities such as a full kitchen, restrooms, and plenty of parking, and the building and its restrooms are handicap accessible.

Town officials have also applied for a grant through the Henry County Food and Beverage Tax to fund the installation of an air conditioning unit for the shelter house. A group of local community volunteers are committed to ensuring that the space continues to be updated and remains a utilized gathering space for the community.

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Lewisville Welcomes New Clerk-Treasurer

Starting his first term on January 1st, Larry Smith now serves as Lewisville's Clerk-Treasurer. In his role, Smith is responsible for a host of responsibilities including finances, budget estimates, and payroll, along with many other tasks. Prior to serving as Clerk-Treasurer, Smith was employed by Chrysler, and served in a variety of roles including floor worker, and later within training and facilitating.

"I have lived in Lewisville on and off for quite some time, and had thought about getting involved in the community in some way or another for many years," said Smith. "Serving as Lewisville's Clerk-Treasurer will allow me to not only give back to my community, but will also give me the opportunity to utilize my skill set to propel the town forward."

Since beginning as the Clerk-Treasurer, Smith has taken advantage of many professional development and training opportunities to help bring him up to speed and prepare him for the duties of his new position. In January, Smith attended a Newly Elected Officials Training, presented by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. This training takes place every four years, and provides attendees with basic information and tools to help in the first few weeks of office. Smith also attended the 21st Annual Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute & Academy at Ball State University, which will serve as another valuable training to prepare him for the rigors of his career.

Smith is married, and between he and his wife, have seven children and several grandchildren. In his spare time, Smith enjoys beekeeping and harvesting honey from his many beehives. He also likes to spend quality time with his friends and family. The Town of Lewisville welcomes Smith to his new position and wishes him all the best! ●

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The other space for rent is the Community Center, which is located inside of the Houston Brick at 101 E. Main Street. This space also has a full kitchen and restrooms. While smaller than the shelter house, it would adequately fit a gathering of around 20 people.

"We are trying to open up more opportunities within our community," said Larry Smith, Lewisville's Clerk-Treasurer. "Renting out these two spaces provides a much-needed service for residents of Lewisville. It's already been very popular, and we just started renting the shelter house out in January." Both spaces can be rented for \$60 apiece, and more information, including rental agreements, can be found at the Houston Brick. ●

Community Lunches Offered to the Public

Building on the desire to bring residents of Lewisville together, the town is still offering its monthly community lunches at the Community Center. These lunches take place on the second Thursday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and consist of food and fellowship for attendees. The lunches are organized and prepared purely by volunteers, and are funded by freewill donations. All funds that are left over after purchasing food go back into the Community Center fund to pay for updates on the building. Mark your calendar for these upcoming community lunches: Thursday, July 14th and Thursday, August 11th. ●

Celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial!

In an effort to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial all year long, IMPA is bringing readers of the *Municipal Power News* fun facts about Indiana history. Read on to learn more about the Hoosier state.



In October 1824, a group of state officials loaded four spring wagons and moved the state capital from Corydon to Indianapolis, which was a distance of more than 130 miles. The journey took 11 days.

Indiana's Statehouse was built at its present site in 1835. The building was demolished in 1878 to make way for the current Capitol Building, which was completed in 1888.

Indiana has 16 million acres of farmland, which makes up 70 percent of all state land.

Source: Indiana Department of Education

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

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Save Energy This Summer!

As the warmer months approach, here are a few tips to help save energy during the spring months:

- Schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment
- Vacuum registers regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.
- Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat settings about 4 degrees F with no reduction in comfort.

The best way to reduce your electric bill is to do everything you can to make your home more energy efficient. ●