

# Municipal Power News



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## Kinnett's Corner

Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities Director, Billy Kinnett

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and warm temperatures the summer months bring to our region of the world. Winter used to be my favorite time of the year, but as I grow older, I just can't take the cold like I used to, so I look forward to the heat of summer. Weeknights and weekends for the Kinnett family in the summer are filled with playing golf, swimming, fishing, boating, and gatherings with friends and family. Summer also brings with it all the fun activities in Lawrenceburg. My wife and I are looking forward to another fun filled summer of taking advantage of all the activities in Lawrenceburg. One of our favorite things to do is to come down to Music on the River on Thursday nights at the Lawrenceburg Civic Park. We sit back by the splash pad and watch all the kids play in the water. There's nothing like a good 'ole belly laugh from a child. These kids provide us with a great night of entertainment.

I am happy to report that all is good here at the Lawrenceburg Utility Department. In 2021, we put

together a detailed improvement plan and we have been working towards implementation. As utility personnel, we cringe during ice storms or high windstorms as usually these storms bring with them damage to our electric systems and customer outages. We have had more than our fair share of high windstorms over the last year. However, we have been able to endure very little damage or customer interruptions of service. This is a tribute to the excellent job LMU has done keeping trees trimmed back from power lines and the focus we have on the improvements we're making to LMU electrical systems.

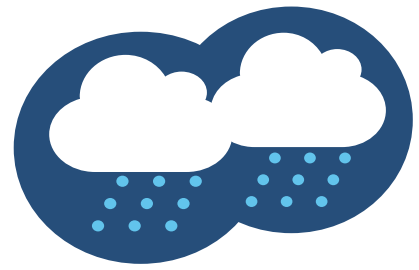
I want you to know that we listen to improvement opportunities that you present to us. Over the last couple of years, I have heard about problems with our phone system. Our customers have experienced a hard time getting through to a live person when we have several outages happening at the same time. I am happy to report that we will be replacing our phone system in the very near future to make the improvements you have suggested. This new phone system will improve our ability to manage phone calls during times we have multiple utility outages. There are many other features and benefits within the new phone system that will allow us to improve communications with our customers as well. I highly recommend signing up for Reach Alert as well to get current updates via phone, text or email as this has been very beneficial for city residents.

I always keep my newsletter upbeat and cheerful because all in all, life is good. However, we have seen that the existing economy is tough on all of us. If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, please call LMU at 812-532-3500 to let us know so we can try to help you in any way we can. There are a couple of funding sources that we can recommend to help our customers obtain money to help pay for their utility bill. There is not one of us at LMU that has not struggled from time to time over the years with trying to figure out how we are going to pay our bills. Our office personnel is great at working with our customers to try to help them in any way we can. We also have a payment plan option that helps our customers catch up with their late payments over a period of months to try to help reduce the stress and burden our customers are having during a rough time in their life. The earlier you contact us, the better we can help you. Customers can also visit [www.THINKLAWRENCEBURG.com](http://www.THINKLAWRENCEBURG.com) for SmartHub payment options. •



Music on the River 2022

# IMPA Responds to Winter Storm Elliott



**F**rom December 22 to the 26 of 2022, Winter Storm Elliott swept across North America, causing record low temperatures and severe winter conditions throughout the United States. Snowfall, ice, and blizzard-like conditions blew through much of the Midwest while hazardous road conditions kept many of us hunkered down inside through the holidays. During these days of sub-zero temperatures, approximately 1.5 million utility customers throughout the country lost power (according to [www.poweroutage.us](http://www.poweroutage.us)).

Fortunately, Indiana utility customers were only a small portion of those without power, and the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) worked diligently with neighboring utilities and the state's Regional Transmission Organizations to ensure the reliability of the power grid. IMPA's seven combustion turbines—totaling 249 megawatts (MW) of capacity in Anderson, Indiana, and Richmond, Indiana—were staffed and operational through the winter storm. The Anderson and Richmond units are run by IMPA employees who worked day and night through December's winter storm to ensure power was delivered to utility customers. These units,

which primarily run on natural gas and are built to operate in temperatures down to -20 degrees Fahrenheit, are a vital dispatchable resource in extreme weather events due to their capability to utilize ultra-low sulfur No. 2 fuel oil as a backup. The backup fuel allowed the units to run and provide power during the whole severe winter weather event.

Other staff members who were out in the field during the cold weather event included IMPA Service Corp's linemen and operations employees who responded to outages in member communities. During Winter Storm Elliott, IMPA Service Corp's crews responded to eight IMPA member communities to assist with power restoration to keep utility customers warm in their homes.

IMPA is grateful to the dedicated staff members who braved the historic winter conditions to ensure the rest of us could remain safe and warm at home. The Agency's reliability, whether during a typical day or an extreme period of uncertainty, is its upmost priority. Now, as we head toward the warmer weather of spring, IMPA looks forward to continuing its legacy of reliable operations and excellent electric service for all member communities. •

# How Does Reliable Electricity Reach Me?

Your power is unique as it is distributed not by a for-profit electric utility, but rather by your municipally-owned, locally controlled electric utility. Your municipal electric utility—also known as a “public power” utility—receives its power from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, a not-for-profit organization created by 61 public power utilities in the Midwest. This is where your electricity begins!

## STEP 1

IMPA is the wholesale power provider to your community, meaning that it produces or purchases electricity (depending on what is most economically advantageous) and transmits that energy to your local utility. IMPA’s power supply portfolio is made up of coal, natural gas, solar, wind, and nuclear energy. By providing its member communities with power from multiple sources, IMPA can maintain stable costs.

## STEP 2

Once the power is generated, no matter from which type of resource, a set of equipment located within a substation is used to “step up” the electricity’s voltage. A higher voltage means that the electricity can travel longer distances over high-voltage transmission lines with lower energy losses.



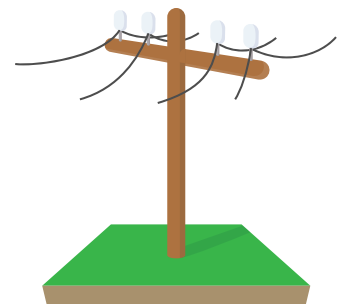
## STEP 3

Once “stepped-up,” the electricity is sent along transmission lines, allowing it to reach IMPA’s member communities. IMPA jointly owns a portion of the state’s transmission system, which covers about 2/3 of Indiana.



## STEP 4

Once the electricity reaches a community like yours, it is “stepped down” by a local substation, bringing the power to a lower voltage that will allow it to travel on your local community’s distribution power lines.



## STEP 5

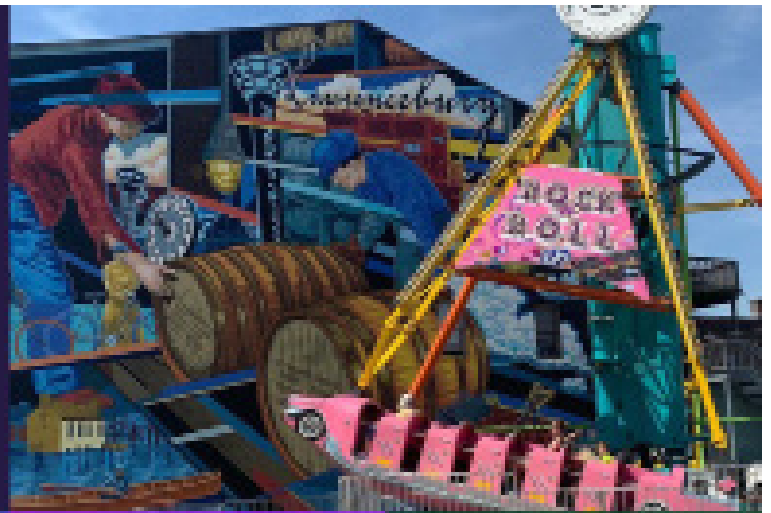
The power then travels along local distribution lines owned by your public power utility to reach homes and businesses in the community.





2023

JOIN US FOR THESE GREAT EVENTS THIS SUMMER!



# MUSIC *on the* RIVER

7-9 PM

- June 8 Cash Unchained
- June 15 Jesse Duran Duran
- June 22 TVE Lights
- June 29 Cozy Beard & the Salsowinders
- July 6 Sounds of Summer
- July 13 Magic Bus
- July 20 Fleetwood Gold
- July 27 The Eagles Project
- Aug 3 CRUSH: Bob Jovi Experience
- Aug 10 Walt Sanders: Elvis Tribute
- Aug 17 WKDA, MAN
- Aug 24 Satisfaction: Rolling Stones

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# YOGA IN THE PARK

June - September

Wednesdays at 10am  
Saturdays at 9am

Bring your water bottles & yoga mats and get active!



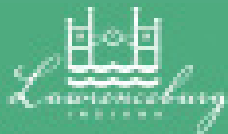
FREE Movies Begin At Dusk (9pm)

- June 6 Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
- June 13 Top Gun Maverick
- June 20 Abominable
- June 27 Mrs. Doubtfire
- July 11 Spider-Man: No Way Home
- July 18 Luca
- July 25 Wakanda Forever

# FARMERS MARKET

In the Mural Lot on High St.  
Saturdays, June - Mid October  
9am-1pm

Fresh produce, baked goods,  
artisan crafts, live music, and  
kids activities!



Community Picnic  
April 22



Terrific Tuesdays: Kids Activities  
June 13, 20, & 27  
July 11 & 18



Special Olympics

Fire Truck Pull  
August 12



Shakespeare in the Park  
August 29

Lawrenceburg Summer Event Series presented by CIVISTA BANK



Tastes of Summer  
Saturday, June 17



Bike Race  
Saturday, July 15



Summer Fest  
Saturday, August 19



Fall Music Fest,  
September 22 & 23



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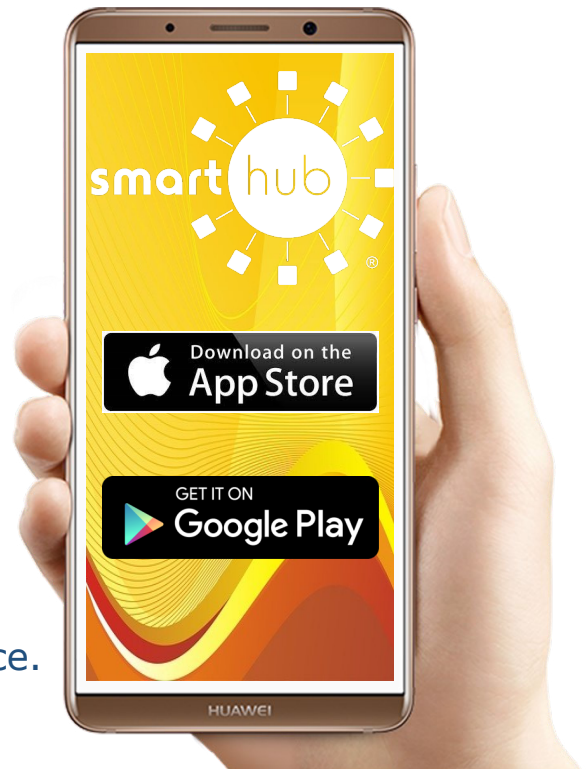
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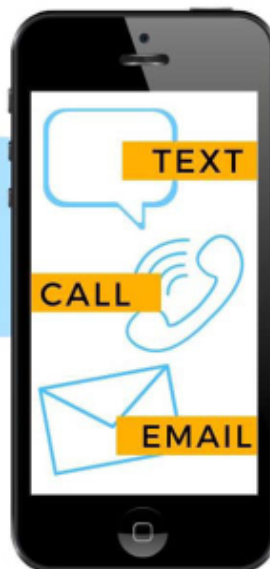
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Here's how in 3 easy steps:

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2. In the organization field, type "Lawrenceburg"
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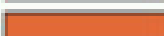

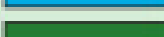



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# Cooking Corner

## Broccoli Casserole

Recipe submitted by Kimberly of Paoli, Indiana

- 2 lbs broccoli, frozen or cooked
- 1 roll ritz crackers, crumbled
- 1/2 lb velveeta, cubed
- 1 stick butter divided in half

Cook broccoli according to package directions. Add velveeta and 1/2 stick butter. Cook until melted. Butter a 2 qt casserole dish. Pour broccoli into casserole dish. Pour crumbled crackers on top. Melt remaining 1/2 stick butter and pour on crackers. Bake on 350 degrees for 30 minutes and enjoy!

## White Mountain Salad

Recipe submitted by Jean of Middletown, Indiana

- 1 small can crushed pineapple (in juice)
- 1 can chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 eight oz tub cool whip (thawed)
- 1 can Eagle brand milk

In a large bowl, stir all ingredients together. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

“When I take this recipe to a dinner, I always get several requests for the recipe!” - Jean

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

MPN Recipes  
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# How Do I Save Energy in Hot Weather?

Last year, we asked *Municipal Power News* readers, “What are some of the methods you use to reduce your energy consumption in hot weather?” Here’s what Kenneth had to say!

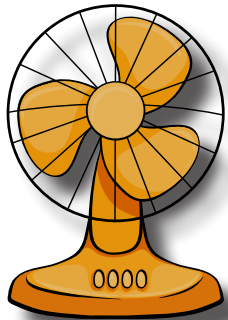
*“Our answer at home is to close the drapes, blinds, and try to cook with the air fryer, microwave, or outside on the grill instead of using the stove or oven on the really hot days. We’ve already purchased new thermo sliding glass doors with blinds and low-e ratings. We’ve also spray-foamed the basement*

*walls and the underside of the roof. For a 1964 house, we feel pretty efficient.*

*At work, we try to close the blinds and raise the thermostat a degree or two. We also bought two digital smart thermostats and replaced the old mercury bulb sliders.”*

-Kenneth E

That’s a great answer, full of energy efficiency tips! Below are a few other ways you and your family can save on energy this summer.



## Energy Efficiency Tip #1

Use fans around your home to circulate cool air. Set ceiling fans to turn counter clockwise, as this will push air down and create a cooler feeling in the room.

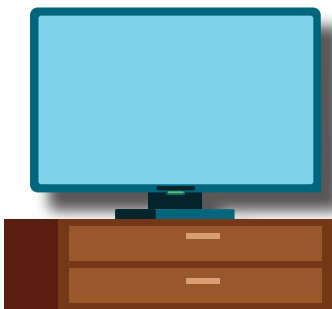
## Energy Efficiency Tip #2

Replace air filters in your home with each season. Dirty air filters can cause your system to work harder and longer, using unnecessary energy as a result.



## Energy Efficiency Tip #3

Keep lamps and TV sets away from your thermostat. Thermostats can sense the heat that these items give off, which can cause the A/C to run longer than required.



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## Employee Spotlight: Christina Yocum

Christina has been an employee of Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities for five years. She works in the billing department and enjoys working with customers to help them with any concerns. She has been a big part of the metering upgrades that Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities has implemented and enjoys giving back to the community. Outside of work, she loves to go camping and spending time with her children and grandchildren. ●