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Cranes are a common sight in Linton.

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Maintaining Excellent Electric Reliability

Keeping the lights on in Linton homes and businesses is the number one priority for the city's municipal power utility, and officials know that strengthening the local electric infrastructure is vital to improving the reliability of electric service. As a result, utility officials worked with the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), Linton's wholesale power provider,

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and IMPA Service Corp, the Agency's engineering and operations subsidiary, to perform a system inventory approximately three years ago. This inventory allowed the city to identify all 2,400 utility poles in the community and assess the condition of each pole. Since doing this back in late 2017 and early 2018, Linton's utility workers have gradually progressed through a pole replacement project, in which utility poles in poor condition are removed and replaced.

"The guys have been diligent about changing out our bad poles since the inventory project was completed," said Brent Slover, Linton's General Manager of Utilities and IMPA commissioner. "Our experience with IMPA Service Corp was great. We were able to identify 16 poles that needed immediate attention and replaced those right away. It also helped us find hidden issues with our infrastructure such as leaking transformers, crossarm issues, and

any problems with attachments to the equipment. So far, we've addressed many of those problems, and we've probably replaced about 12% of our poles. We're going to be ramping up our progress once spring comes around."

These utility improvements make a safer community for residents and business owners and prevent unexpected outages and power interruptions. A healthy electric infrastructure also serves to attract potential industries and businesses who heavily consider the health of a region's utilities. In the end, an excellent electric system could assist the economy and bring jobs into the city.

Upgrades to the city's electric distribution system can have a lasting positive impact on utility service and economic growth for decades. Through the utility staff's hard work, membership with IMPA, and collaboration with IMPA Service Corp, Linton officials are ensuring that the community has a bright future with access to a low-cost, reliable, and environmentally-responsible power supply. •



Winter Energy Efficiency Tips

While temperatures remain low, some residents and businesses may see their electric use go up. Luckily, since Linton's electric utility is a public power utility and a member of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, your community already provides you with some of the best electric rates in Indiana. As outside temperatures stay cold, you can take the following energy-saving measures to save even more on your utility rates.

- Take advantage of sunlight and open curtains on south-facing windows during the day to help warm your home.
- Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable during the day and reduce a few degrees when you are sleeping or away from home.
- Replace furnace and heat pump filters at least once a month for the best efficiency.
- Set your water heater to the warm setting at approximately 120°F.
- Find and seal any air leaks you feel coming from cracks or gaps in windows and doorways.

Tidbits & Trivia

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 provides this wholesale power to 61 communities in Indiana and Ohio. IMPA member utilities purchase their power through IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within your community.

Question: In what year was the Indiana Municipal Power Agency founded?

If you would like assistance with your answer, visit our website at **impa.com** and explore our pages for information that could help you formulate a good guess!

Send your answer to **newsletter@impa.com**, along with your name, e-mail address, and address for a chance to win an energy efficiency prize pack! We will randomly select the winner from a pool of correct entries.

Watt's the Word?

Investigating power terminology

Energy

noun

The capacity to do work. In physics, it exists in potential, kinetic, thermal, **electrical**, and various other forms.

The origins of the English word "energy" come from the Ancient Greek term *energeia*, meaning "activity/operation." The term was used by Aristotle in 4th century BCE to convey a force of expression in rhetoric. It wasn't until the 1800s that the word became associated with electricity, with engineer William Thomson claiming in 1867, "Electricity is a form of energy." In physics, energy is measured in various units, such as joules, watts, calories, and more!

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