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Construction Underway for New Water Treatment Plant

In order to ensure that the Town of Middletown is equipped with an ample supply of clean drinking water, the town is working with Butler Fairman & Seufert, an engineering firm, to construct a new water treatment plant. This plant is located on South 8th Street on the south end of town. The original water treatment plant was built in the 1950's and is the second oldest facility in the State of Indiana. While the current plant still effectively filters water, it is difficult to find replacement parts when they stop working due to age, and the technology in the plant is very inefficient.

Currently, the water treatment plant operators must manually open and close all the valves

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that direct the flow of water inside the plant. Once the new plant is built, operators will utilize computers to open and close the valves, making the process much more accurate and less prone to human error. In addition, the plant currently uses chlorine gas to disinfect and treat the water, but that practice is antiquated and also unsafe for the operators. Once the new facility is up and running, the operators will treat the water via salt water chlorination, which is a process that uses dissolved salt to safely chlorinate water. It's a common practice for swimming pools, but a fairly new technology when it comes to water treatment plants.

"This new water treatment plant will provide a huge benefit to the Town of Middletown," stated Drew Cooper, Middletown's Clerk-Treasurer. "The current plant, while still operational, is aging quickly, and doesn't have up-to-date technology. This new plant will be safer for our operators who work inside the plant, and it will also be more efficient."

The Town received a \$500,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs that will help pay for this new treatment plant. The town also plans to salvage all of the useful parts in the existing plant to either sell or reuse. In addition to the new facility, two new wells will be dug near the plant to provide a water source. Construction on the new water treatment plant began in March, and is expected to be complete by November. Once the new plant is up and running, the former water treatment facility will be salvaged and then torn down.●

Online and Paperless Bill Pay Available

Middletown Municipal Utilities is pleased to offer both paperless billing and an online bill pay option for its customers. Signing up for paperless billing will not only simplify your monthly bill paying process, but will also protect the environment and save your community-owned electric utility money by reducing its paper costs. Instead of receiving your electric bill in the mail each month, it will instead be sent via e-mail, where you will then be able to view your usage and pay your bill.

Online bill pay is also available for those who prefer to not mail a check or stop in the office. An autopay option, meaning the bill will be automatically deducted from a checking or savings account each month, is also available. All of these options can be found on Middletown's website, www.middletownin.com.●

Save the Date: Middletown Farmers Market

The Town of Middletown is proud to offer a local Farmers Market, located in downtown Middletown. The market is open Friday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through September 9th. Vendors are welcome, and can either pay to set up shop by the week, or purchase a station for all eleven weeks of the market. All proceeds from vendor booths go to the Middletown Fall Festival. Vendors include direct sales as well as crafts and food. For more information about being a vendor or about attending the market, call 765-686-1778.●

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

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

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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.*

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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
- 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.
- Vacuum registers regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.
- 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. ●