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Sidewalk System throughout Town to See Improvements

Since 2009, the Town of Pendleton has been planning for its almost completed Safe Routes to School project. This statewide project is based on the federal program, which is designed to make bicycling and walking to and from schools safer and more convenient for schoolchildren. The Town of Pendleton received funding from the Indiana Department of Transportation as well as from the Madison County Council of Governments to help pay for this project, which will connect both the middle and high schools together, as well as connect both schools with Falls Park and other downtown residential neighborhoods.

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Sidewalks

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The two schools will be connected through a ten foot asphalt path, making it more convenient for the middle school to use the high school's athletic facilities and for transportation to and from each school. The project also consists of a pedestrian crossing on East State Street between the Ricker's Convenience Store and CVS Pharmacy. By building this crossing, the Town is giving pedestrians a safe access from one side of the street to another at this busy intersection in Pendleton.

"Pendleton has quite a few sidewalks, but many were not connected, and there were a lot of gaps, especially around the middle and high school," said Rachel Christenson, Planning and Zoning Coordinator for the town. "The completion of the Safe Routes to School project will allow for more accessibility within heavily traveled areas."

In addition to the Safe Routes to School program, the Town of Pendleton also received a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health's Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity. This grant will help to pay for a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan, which will aim to identify key projects that will make the town more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Christenson said she expects that the plan will include on and off-road bicycle trails as well as an evaluation and improvement of the town's current sidewalk system. Part of the grant will pay for a consulting firm to develop the plan, and the town hopes to secure a firm and begin work on the plan within the next couple of months. ●



The middle school and high school will eventually be connected by a ten-foot asphalt path.

Plans Underway for New Water Treatment Plant

In order to ensure that the Town of Pendleton is equipped with an ample supply of clean drinking water, the town is in the midst of designing and constructing a new water treatment plant, which will be located on the south side of town. This facility will be the second water plant in town, and will provide an increased capacity of water for the town's residents, businesses, and industries. By designing and constructing this new water plant, the town is taking a proactive approach to ensure that there is always a plentiful amount of safe water available for decades to come.

All of the preliminary work for the water treatment plant has been completed, which included selecting a site for the plant, and drilling to ensure an adequate supply of water was available in that area. The project is currently in the design stage, with the Town of Pendleton working closely with Banning Engineering out of Plainfield, Indiana to complete the design. Construction is expected to begin this year, and should be completed sometime in 2017. Construction will include the treatment plant, as well as three new wells, which will be located in close proximity to the new treatment plant. ●

Pendleton Celebrates Indiana's Bicentennial

Throughout 2016, the Town of Pendleton and its Bicentennial Committee, the 1820 Society, are making it a priority to celebrate Indiana's 200th birthday through multiple events and town beautification projects. One such project is the Bicentennial mural project, which will celebrate both Pendleton and Indiana history by tying the town to national public figures or events. The Committee has accepted mural proposals from the public, and Pendleton's elected officials will decide on the official mural in early June.

The Bicentennial Torch will also pass through Pendleton on October 14th and planning for a town-wide celebration is currently in the works. Other Bicentennial events include a pool party at Brown's Pool, co-ed and men's softball leagues, and the Barnstock 2016 concert. More information on these events and on membership in the 1820 Society can be found at www.facebook.com/1820Society.



Tidbits & Trivia

Question: Which of the following is a benefit of living in a municipal electric 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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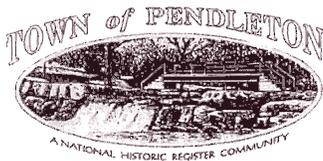
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Save Energy This Summer!

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. ●