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Spiceland Municipal Utilities Completes Electric Annexation

Following years of planning and construction, Spiceland Municipal Utilities has completed the electric annexation on more than 500 acres of land near the Interstate 70 and State Road 3 interchange. This annexation has nearly doubled the size of Spiceland, and town officials say that this annexation will keep Spiceland visible and viable.

"We expect that much of the town's future growth will take place near the I-70 interchange," stated Jeff Lane, Superintendent of Spiceland Municipal Utilities. "By annexing the area around the Interstate, the town will not only be visible from the highway, but will also capitalize on

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How to Save Money and Conserve Energy this Summer

With the summer months come rising temperatures. Higher temperatures mean the frequent use of an air conditioner, and sometimes a strain on paying electric bills. Did you know that Spiceland's wholesale power provider, the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), along with Spiceland Municipal Utilities, offer residential energy efficiency incentives that are perfect for the summer months?

IMPAs residential energy efficiency program offers residential customers of IMPA member communities, including Spiceland, the opportunity to earn rebates on qualifying heating, ventilation and air conditioning installations. Heat pumps with ratings of 16 SEER or greater are eligible for a \$150 rebate, central air with 16 SEER or greater are eligible for a \$125 rebate and geothermal units are eligible for a \$175 rebate. Those interested can learn more and apply for IMPAs Residential Energy Efficiency Program online at www.impa.com/energyefficiency.

If you're not currently in the market for a new HVAC system, there are still opportunities available to help you save on your energy bill. The U.S.

Department of Energy recommends setting an air conditioning thermostat to 78 degrees Fahrenheit while the home is occupied to balance comfort with energy savings. Then, when the house is empty, turn the thermostat up a few degrees, which can save anywhere from five to 15 percent on your electric bill.

It's also important to schedule an annual air conditioning tune-up with an HVAC expert. A tune-up brings an air conditioner back to its peak operating efficiency, which has the potential to lower your electric bill. It also extends the life of the unit and can detect any problematic issues within the system. Another money-saving alternative to a central air conditioning unit would be to purchase a window unit to cool only one room, such as a bedroom or a living room. This will cost significantly less than cooling an entire home, and depending upon the size of the house, may be adequate enough to keep you comfortable during the warm summer months. For more tips on saving money while staying cool this summer, visit www.impa.com/energyefficiency and click on Heating & Cooling. ●

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the businesses that are located in that area." Now that the area is annexed, businesses such as Montgomery's Steakhouse, Flying J, Denny's and Mr. Fuel are officially a part of the Town of Spiceland. ●

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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IMPA member utilities purchase their power through IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within the community.

Joint Action Agency

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
- 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. ●