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The Thorntown Park Board works hard each year to maintain and improve the community's recreation area, and this year was no exception. With a grant from the Boone County Solid Waste Management District, the Board was able to order new items for the park made with recycled materials, including two new benches, a bike rack, and mats for the playground's swings and slides.

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History in the Making

A Message from IMPA



Though the COVID-19 pandemic has shaken our sense of normalcy, the course of history shows us that the emergence and rapid spread of a deadly illness is anything but abnormal. Humanity has been confronted by detrimental outbreaks of contagious diseases before, such as the Bubonic Plague in Europe, the Smallpox outbreaks in the Americas, and the Spanish Flu during World War I. Each of these difficult moments in humanity's past has been paired with significant cultural and social changes, and the COVID-19 pandemic is certainly following suit.

Many of the same practices that are complicating our life today were frequently implemented to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases in years past, including self-isolation and the limiting of public gatherings. The word "quarantine" itself became popularized in 17th century Italy to describe a mandated isolation (frequently lasting 40 days) that was required of newly arrived travelers to prevent the development of foreign diseases in Italy. Since we still have no reliable treatments or vaccinations to address COVID-19, revisiting the strategies of time gone by is currently our best approach to battling the ongoing public health emergency. Regular social distancing and self-quarantine for those who show symptoms, accompanied by wearing masks, have shown to be the most effective ways to reduce the risk of the transmission of COVID-19 at the present time.

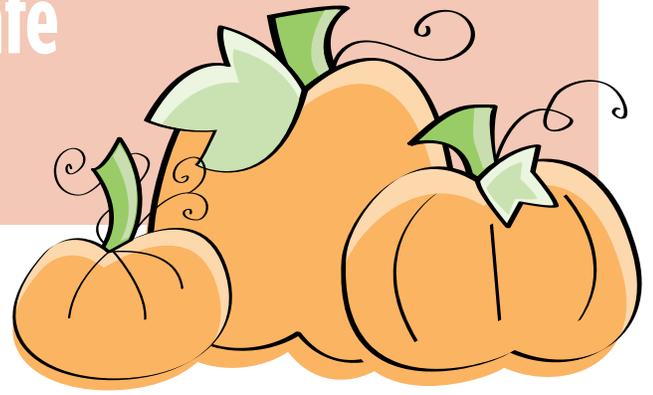
As your community's wholesale power provider, the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) embraces its role as an essential service provider through the developing pandemic. COVID-19 is unique from past plagues and outbreaks in that our world is

now connected virtually. Through isolation and social distancing, we can still call family and friends, stream entertaining content, and attend virtual doctors' appointments, business meetings, and religious services. All these things are possible through the power of modern electricity and the country's electric distribution infrastructure. Without the hard work of utility employees on the front lines through COVID-19 to continue supplying a bit of normalcy to the world, we would truly be back in the "dark ages."

Though it was all the way back in March when the first confirmed case of COVID-19 came to Indiana, Hoosier communities are still adapting to the ever-evolving global situation. IMPA and utility personnel in all of the Agency's member communities continue to remain diligent at work and in public spaces. Maintaining the health and well-being of the community, along with a reliable electric service, is at the core of everything the Agency and your local utility are doing.

As history shows, our world has healed from disease outbreaks before, and it will certainly heal from COVID-19. As troubling as the current pandemic is to all of us, societies of the past have confronted similar obstacles and triumphed. We will surely follow in the footsteps of our predecessors, and we can learn a great deal from their actions and innovations. As we look forward in the fight against COVID-19, IMPA encourages everyone to be safe and know that we are all in this together. •

Keep Your Information Safe This Holiday Season!



Hackers know that during this time of year, we are all more likely to pull out our credit cards and do some online shopping in preparation for the holidays. As a result, cybercriminals have come up with some crafty ways to ruin all your holiday fun. Whether you're buying decorations, party favors, or gifts, be sure to keep these tips in mind to make sure you can keep that carefree, festive spirit alive!

- **Only shop on reliable websites.** Use the websites of retailers you know and trust and be sure to access their webpages through a reliable search engine or by directly typing their URL into an address bar.
- **Be wary of online discounts.** If an offer is too good to be true, it probably is! Unreliable websites and fake companies attempt to bait victims by offering fake discounts that lead to fraudulent links. Only use coupon codes or discounts provided by trusted retailers.
- **Beware of seasonal frauds.** Phishing is a form of cyberattack where hackers use emails to impersonate a trustworthy source and lure victims into clicking malicious links. Around the holidays, hackers send out fake package tracking emails, e-cards, charity donation scams, and purchase confirmations. Before clicking on links in an email, always be sure that it comes from a trusted source.



The **Indiana Municipal Power Agency**, your community's wholesale power provider, wants you and your family to have a wonderful, safe holiday season. Follow us on our social media accounts for plenty of holiday fun and safety tips!



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Boone County MIBOR Realtors came to Thorntown for a “Day of Service” to create the Born Learning Trail.

Park Plans

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Additionally, the Park Board is planning to install a Gaga Pit in the park, which is a variant game of dodgeball. A “Born Learning Trail” that has early-learning activity stations along the sidewalk path was also recently installed. A grant from the Boone County MIBOR Association made this improvement possible.

While the Park Board tries to bring new amenities to the Thorntown Park, an unanticipated chain of events also brought other upgrades to the park this year. Early in 2020, the Boone County Solid Waste Management District hosted their Annual “REUSE Heart and Sole” campaign, in which businesses compete to collect shoes in reusable condition to donate to those in need. The winner of the campaign was Heritage Construction & Materials team, who collected the most shoes and won a 100% recycled bench as a prize. Wanting to keep the bench local, Heritage Construction & Materials decided to donate the bench to the town of Thorntown, who installed it in the town’s park.

At a dedication ceremony for the installation of the recycled bench, town personnel joined with officials from the Boone County Solid Waste Management District and Heritage Construction & Materials, as well as officials from the family of companies under Heritage, including Milestone Contractors, Asphalt Materials Inc., and US Aggregates, to celebrate the accomplishment this August.

“It was wonderful to have personnel from all these different companies at the dedication ceremony,” said Angie Moody, Thorntown Park Board Member and Community Development Director. “We had a great time discussing the Thorntown community and everything the Park Board hopes to achieve. While we were all gathering for a photo around the bench, I jokingly mentioned that I dreamed about getting the park’s driveway and parking lot paved. Only a few weeks later, I get a phone call that Milestone Contractors paved these areas as a gift to Thorntown. I couldn’t believe it!”

Thanks to Milestone, the Park’s driveway leading to a communal shelter house is paved and much more accessible to those who use it.

“People in the community are always using that shelter house, and it’s so much easier for them to reach the area and get their coolers out there now,” said Moody.

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Eagle Scout Brings Bike Air Station to Thorntown

Boone County teen Anson Sperry lead a project to establish two bike air stations on the Big 4 Trail connecting Lebanon and Thorntown, wrapping up the project in late August. The two stations provide a variety of tools and a bike mount to help local cyclists with any tire air needs or repairs that come up while they're riding through the county. With one station located in Lebanon and the other in Thorntown, cyclists can depend on the air stations no matter where they are on the Big 4 trail.

Through this community project that focused on improving local quality of life, Sperry completed the final specifications of the Boy Scouts of America to become recognized as an Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout ranking is the highest achievement attainable through the Boy Scouts of America, and less than 10% of Boy Scouts reach the respected position. Requirements

to become an Eagle Scout include (but aren't limited to) progressing through all lower scout rankings, earning 21 merit badges, serving as a leader in your scout troop, demonstrating Scout Spirit, and completing an Eagle Scout Service Project to benefit the community—all before the age of 18. Sperry's plan to develop and install the bike air stations in Boone County successfully served as his Eagle Project.

Thanks to Sperry's dedication and Scout Spirit, Boone County residents can better enjoy the beautiful amenities in their community. Congratulations to Sperry on his well-deserved honor! •



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.

Cooking Corner

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

MPN Recipes
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Cranberry Cheesecake

Recipe submitted by Betty Bird of Paoli, Indiana

- 16 oz Philadelphia cream cheese
- 16 oz finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 small bag of chopped raisins
- finely chopped pecans

Beat cream cheese until smooth, then mix in all other ingredients except for the pecans. Use a spatula and your hands to form the mixture into a ball. Coat the ball with the finely chopped pecans to create an outer crust. Serve with crackers, vegetables, pretzels, or whatever you like!

Salted Peanut Chews

Recipe submitted by Roleen Pickard of Rockville, Indiana

- 3 cups mini marshmallows
- 2 cups Rice Krispies
- 2 cups salted peanuts
- 12 oz peanut butter chips
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup margarine
- 2/3 cup corn syrup
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 3 tsp vanilla

Mix flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, egg yolks, 1/2 cup margarine, and 1 tsp vanilla, and press mixture into a greased 9"x13" pan. Bake for 10-15 minutes at 350° until golden brown. Sprinkle 3 cups mini marshmallows on top and return to oven for 2 minutes, or until marshmallows look puffy. Let cool.

In a sauce pan, heat corn syrup, remaining margarine, remaining vanilla, and peanut butter chips just until melted. Remove the sauce pan from heat, and add Rice Krispies and salted peanuts.

Spoon mixture from sauce pan over marshmallow crust. Chill, cut into bars, and serve!

Advance	Covington	Huntingburg	Paoli	Thorntown
Anderson	Crawfordsville	Jamestown	Pendleton	Tipton
Argos	Darlington	Jasper	Peru	Troy
Bainbridge	Dublin	Kingsford Heights	Pittsboro	Veedersburg
Bargersville	Dunreith	Knightstown	Rensselaer	Walkerton
Blanchester, OH	Edinburgh	Ladoga	Richmond	Washington
Bremen	Etna Green	Lawrenceburg	Rising Sun	Waynetown
Brooklyn	Flora	Lebanon	Rockville	Williamsport
Brookston	Frankfort	Lewisville	Scottsburg	Winamac
Centerville	Frankton	Linton	South Whitley	
Chalmers	Gas City	Middletown	Spiceland	
Coatesville	Greendale	Montezuma	Straughn	
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YOUR HOME



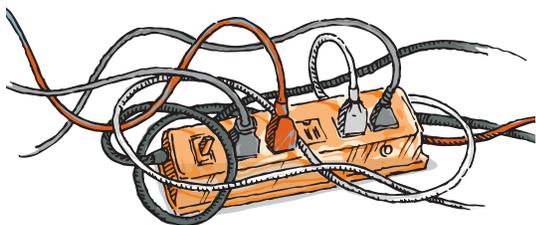
Annually, nearly 50,000 fires in the United States are caused by electrical failures or malfunctions. This results in more than 400 deaths, 1,500 injuries, and \$1.4 billion in property damage each year. Help lower your risk of electrical fires.

Here's how:

Space Heater Safety

- Never leave a space heater unattended
- Locate space heaters out of high traffic areas and doorways where they may pose a tripping hazard
- Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use
- Never use an extension cord with your space heater.
- Make sure your space heater is listed by a recognized testing laboratory
- Read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels before using a space heater
- Space heaters are only meant to provide supplemental heat and should never be used to warm bedding, cook food, dry clothes, or thaw pipes

Overload Warning Signs



Flickering, blinking, or dimming lights



Cracking, sizzling, or buzzing from receptacles



Mild shock or tingle from appliances or switches



Frequently tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses



Burning odor coming from receptacles or switches



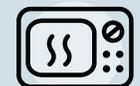
Warm or discolored wall plates

Prevent Overloads

Never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances



Only plug one heat producing appliance into a receptacle outlet at a time



If you have too few outlets in your home, have a qualified electrician inspect your home and add new outlets



Power strips only add additional outlets; they do not change the amount of power being received from the outlet



Use appropriate watt bulbs for lighting fixtures



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IMPA Commissioner: Gary Moody

Park Plans

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“We are so thankful to Milestone, and also to Thorntown’s Utility Department who did the prep work to allow the area to be paved.”

Since the Park Board has a limited budget each year, they depend on grant funding and the help of the Utility Department to get new park projects off the ground. Many thanks to all involved in the upgrades and maintenance of Thorntown’s town park—your service to the community is greatly appreciated. •



Standing are Darla Bevard, Assistant Director of Boone County Solid Waste Management; Cathy Wethington Plant Accounting Administrator with Milestone Contractors; Rebecca Rivers Duncan, Business Administrator with Asphalt Materials Inc.; and Angie Moody, Thorntown Community Development & Parks. Seated are Jennifer Lawrence, Director of Boone County Solid Waste Management and Mark Scott Plant Manager of US Aggregates.