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## IMPA Washington Solar Park Progressing

**T**he City of Washington and its wholesale electric power provider, the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), are in the midst of constructing a solar park on the city's west side. The IMPA Washington Solar Park, which IMPA will own and operate, is expected to generate approximately four megawatts of electricity on approximately 23 acres of land. Construction on the park began in the spring, and is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

"The IMPA Washington Solar Park is one of the largest solar parks that we have built to date, and will further diversify the Agency's power supply. The construction of the solar park will continue to build upon IMPA's steady momentum after the completion of nine solar parks in 2014 and 2015," said Raj Rao, President and CEO of IMPA. Today, 13 megawatts of IMPA's power supply is generated from solar parks in the IMPA member communities of Argos, Bainbridge, Crawfordsville, Frankton, Pendleton, Peru, Rensselaer, Richmond and Tell City. The project to construct a solar park

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# Washington Welcomes New Clerk-Treasurer

**S**tarting her first term on January 1<sup>st</sup>, Beth McGookey now serves Washington as its newest Clerk-Treasurer. As the Clerk-Treasurer, McGookey is responsible for a host of responsibilities that include managing and monitoring the town's finances, funds and investments, producing annual budgets, processing payroll and attending City Council meetings, along with many other tasks. Prior to serving as Clerk-Treasurer, McGookey worked for Old National Bank for 36 years, serving in a variety of roles including customer service, new accounts and loans.

"I am very excited to serve as the Clerk-Treasurer for Washington," said McGookey. "After spending most of my career in the banking industry, I've had the opportunity to hone many skills that will transfer well to this new position. With the help of my excellent staff, I look forward to improving processes and propelling the city forward."

Since beginning her term as Clerk-Treasurer, McGookey has taken advantage of many professional development and training opportunities to help bring her up to speed and prepare her for the duties of her new position. In January, McGookey attended a Newly Elected Officials Training, presented by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. This training takes place every four years, and provides attendees with basic information and tools to help in the first few weeks of office. McGookey also attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute & Academy at Ball State University, which



Beth McGookey, Washington's new Clerk-Treasurer

will serve as another valuable training to prepare her for the rigors of her career

McGookey was born in Loogootee, but moved to Washington in 1982 and has lived in the city ever since. In addition to her work experience, she also holds a degree in Business Management from Vincennes University. The City of Washington welcomes McGookey to her new position as Clerk-Treasurer and wishes her all the best! ●

# Solar

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in Washington is part of IMPA's larger plan to develop a solar park in each of the 60 communities that it serves with wholesale electric power.

"IMPA appreciates the confidence placed in us by Washington and the other communities we serve with wholesale electric power in adding this renewable energy source to our generation portfolio," commented Rao. "The addition of more solar parks not only provides an educational impact to IMPA's member communities throughout the state, but also serves to bolster IMPA's already diverse portfolio, reinforcing the Agency's goal to provide municipally-owned utilities with a power supply that is low-cost, reliable and environmentally responsible. ●

## Washington Celebrates Indiana's Bicentennial

**T**hroughout 2016, the City of Washington and its 200 Plus Project Committee and Subcommittees are making it a priority to celebrate both Indiana and Washington's 200<sup>th</sup> birthdays through multiple community events. This committee, which consists solely of volunteers, is tasked with planning events such as community concerts, a parade, a talent show, and several festivals, all aimed at celebrating the Bicentennial. The 200 Plus Project is officially endorsed as a Legacy Project by the Indiana Bicentennial Committee.

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### 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](mailto:newsletter@impa.com)

OR

MPN Energy Efficiency Quiz  
11610 North College Avenue  
Carmel, IN 46032

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is a not-for-profit organization that provides a low cost, reliable and environmentally-responsible power supply to its members.

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

### Joint Action Agency

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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.

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## Bicentennial

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The Bicentennial Concert Series, one component of the 200 Plus Project, kicked off on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and will offer six concerts throughout the year. Upcoming concerts include Nostalgia on June 26<sup>th</sup>, The Beatles vs. the Rolling Stones on August 13<sup>th</sup>, The Devonshires on October 15<sup>th</sup> and Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits on November 19<sup>th</sup>. All concerts are held at the Washington High School Auditorium and cost anywhere from \$5 to \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, which is located at 1 Train Depot Street in Washington.

In addition to the concert series, the 200 Plus Project also consists of a Ten Day Bicentennial Celebration, taking place from July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>. This celebration includes a Fourth of July Festival, a talent show, free movies, a fireworks display, a parade and more. The 200 Plus Project concludes in September when the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay travels through Daviess County.

The 200 Plus Project doesn't just include events. Public displays such as murals, city quilt blocks and commemorative Bicentennial coins are also part of the celebration. The Committee also aims to create long-lasting, landscaped gateways at the four major entrances to the city, welcoming both visitors and residents alike to Washington. More information on all of the events, the concert series and the projects can be found on the 200 Plus Project's website, [www.200plusproject.com](http://www.200plusproject.com).

