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Highway Project Continues

The city of Washington began working late last year to rehabilitate the highway that runs through city, known as “Business 50” or “Highway 50.” Rebuilding the road has been a prime concern for the community for years, and the city has finally come to agreements with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to let Washington assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the road. Now that the ownership has been transferred, Washington and INDOT have planned a multimillion-dollar project to improve the conditions of the highway.

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Celebrate Lineworkers on April 18th with IMPA

Your municipal utility's lineworkers, the men and women who maintain and repair electric distribution lines, are subject to several hazards every day, and yet their work is essential for your community's power needs. These utility professionals put themselves in harm's way each day to keep the lights on in your community's homes, schools, churches, and businesses, at times subjecting themselves to volatile weather conditions, dangerous heights, and live electrical currents.



The invaluable work that linemen and women commit themselves to often goes underappreciated, which is why the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is excited to celebrate and promote National Linemen Appreciation Day. Each April 18th, utilities across the United States make an effort to honor the hard work and dedication that lineworkers show to their communities every day of the year. Be sure to follow IMPA's social media pages to celebrate National Linemen Appreciation Day with us and thank your local lineworker for the hard work that they do each day!

Safety Around Downed Power Lines

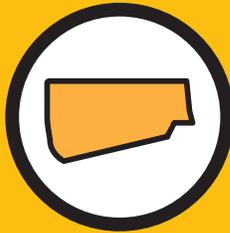
Winter ice storms and the stormy spring season can sometimes spell trouble for power lines. Your municipal electric utility wants to ensure that you exercise caution if you happen to be near any downed power lines this year. Follow these steps to stay safe if you see a downed power line:

- Move away from the line and anything that is in contact with the line, as the ground around power lines may be energized up to a 35 foot radius.
- Assume that all downed power lines are energized and dangerous.
- Shuffle with small steps away from the power line, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times to minimize the potential of a strong electrical shock.
- If you see someone who is in contact with the downed line, do not touch this person. Call 911 for help.
- Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything else in contact with one.

What keeps electrical workers safe?

An array of special gear and equipment keeps crew members safe while working on electrical equipment and lines.

Rubber sleeves: Worn over clothes to protect workers from accidental contact with live lines or other equipment.



Clothing: Arc rated clothing such as jeans and shirts are made from flame resistant materials and avoid using metal components (buttons, zippers).



Safety Strap/Harness: Either connected to the inside of a bucket truck or attached around the pole to prevent falls.



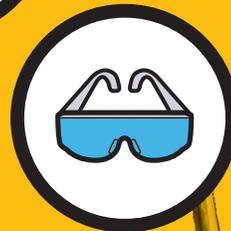
Rope/Handline: Includes a pulley and steel clips to assist with lifting and lowering materials and acts as a lifeline in the event of an emergency.



Boots: Reinforced steel or ceramic toe, with serrated heels and reinforced sole for support in climbing and working on poles.



Hard hat: Insulated and rigid to protect workers from contact with electrical hazards or falling objects. Includes slots for adding in ear protection or face shields, when necessary.



Glasses: Keep glare and objects/small debris from workers' eyes.



Gloves: Workers wear two layers of gloves. Insulated rubber gloves protect from electric shocks and burns, and an outer pair of leather gloves help keep the rubber gloves from getting punctured or torn.



Hot stick: Insulated fiberglass tool used when working with live lines and equipment.



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Reconstruction of the highway is anticipated to last at least four years before the project is completed. The aging road will be rehabilitated with new pavement and curbs, as well as a multi-use path in certain sections to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. Improving and relocating utility infrastructure beneath the road will also be a part of the project, as city officials want to avoid any need for digging up the newly paved roads in the near future. Water mains, power lines, and the sewer system under the highway will all be under consideration for replacement.

By the end of construction, the rehabilitation of the highway should help Washington bring in more industry and jobs to the area. The project will also lead to a safer and more walkable city for residents. INDOT is covering a majority of the project's costs, with the rest of the funding coming from tax incremental financing (TIF), a commonly used public financing method that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects. With lengthy and arduous negotiations regarding ownership behind them and funding secured, city officials are excited to see the road work begin and look forward to its completion. •

Public Power Benefits from Business Expansions

Economic development in Washington helps the community continue to grow as two large industries in town pursue expansion opportunities. These expansions create jobs in Washington and invest millions of dollars into the city, benefitting the community's economy. In addition to economic advantages, Washington's public power utility will benefit from the increased electric demand from these large industrial customers.

One local industry seeking expansion is ISOFlex Packing, a food-grade plastics supplier. ISOFlex started in Washington with one production line in 2014 and now has four lines at full capacity. The business recently signed a contract with the multinational consumer goods corporation Procter & Gamble and will now be establishing another production line as a result. The development will be a \$4.5 million expansion, making ISOFlex a \$16 million investment for Washington.

The second industrial expansion that recently finished in Washington came from NASCO Industries, a protective outerwear manufacturer. NASCO completed construction on a new warehouse facility and new corporate offices for their headquarters. Increased demand of NASCO's product prompted the need for expansion, and the updated facilities were finished in early 2020.

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These industrial expansions contribute to the development of the town's utility infrastructure by increasing the business's power demand on Washington's utility. Since Washington's electric utility is a public power utility, the power payments that local industrial businesses make stay in the community and go toward maintaining low electric rates and efficient infrastructure for everyone. As a result, Washington benefits from industrial expansion in more ways than an average community because of their municipally owned power utility. Public power means that industrial expansion is great for the business's health, the community's growth, and the electric utility's condition. •



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: How many member communities were a part of IMPA at the Agency's origination in 1983?

Find out at impa.com/about-impa

Generation Resources

noun.

The facilities that produce electricity for distribution and delivery to homes and businesses. Generation resources include coal, nuclear, and natural gas power plants, as well as renewables like solar parks and wind turbines.

Example: *IMPA's generation resources include a mixture of coal, natural gas, renewable, and purchased power.*



Cooking Corner

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Kim's Chocolate Chip Cookies

Recipe submitted by Patsy Conolty of Washington, Indiana.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup butter flavored Crisco
- 2 1/2 cups quick oats
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 12 oz bag of chocolate chips

Combine eggs and sugar and beat until fluffy. Add the Crisco and vanilla and blend until well-mixed. Put quick oats into a blender and blend into a flour. Add blended oats to mixture and add salt, baking soda, baking powder, and flour, and mix well. Mix in chocolate chips. Bake at 350 degrees on a greased sheet for 9 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before eating.

Old-Fashioned, Baked Mac & Cheese

Recipe submitted by Debbie Johnson of Richmond, Indiana

- 2 1/2 cups uncooked macaroni
- 1 3/4 cups Velveta cheese, cubed
- 3 tbsps butter
- 4 cups milk
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in a 13" by 9" baking dish. Pour the uncooked macaroni into the baking dish and stir until coated. Add salt, pepper, cheese, and milk to dish. Bake uncovered for 1 1/4 hours to 1 1/2 hours. Do not stir while baking. When finished, the macaroni will be lightly browned on top. Let stand 10 minutes after baking.

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Protect Yourself from Utility Scams

Cyber threats, scams, and frauds are an ever-growing threat to all industries, and the utility industry is no exception. Several scams impersonating local utilities and requesting payments or personal information have been reported in Indiana, so knowing how to avoid and elude scammers and cybercriminals is an increasingly necessary skill. Here are some important tips and facts to protect yourself, your family, and your information from utility scammers.

Telephone Scams

If someone calls threatening to cut off your power, hang up. Never pay over the phone in response to a call, especially when you're threatened with a service disconnection. Scammers know how to spoof caller ID, so do not trust a number even if it shows the name of your municipal utility. Your utility will never demand payment over the phone, so never give personal or financial information to an unsolicited caller.

Fraudulent Emails

Delete all suspicious emails that demand or require immediate action to verify personal information. Scammers often use the technique of phishing, sending fraudulent emails impersonating a trusted source, to incite individuals to give out personal or financial information. Through these emails, scammers try to rouse a sense of urgency in the victim who will generally be asked to provide sensitive data. If you receive a suspicious email, do not follow instructions given by the sender or click on any provided links.

Suspicious Third-Party Payments

Online utility bill pay is a convenience to many residents and businesses. Unfortunately, scammers are aware that more and more individuals are utilizing these web payment portals and are seeking to take advantage. Some cybercriminals are directing customers to third party payment websites to steal money and financial information from victims. If your utility offers an online payment option, be sure that the website you are using is directly affiliated with the utility. To be safe, contact your municipal utility and talk to them about the appropriate online payment website.

The most common security threats are committed by phone, by email, and by suspicious websites. If you feel that a scammer has contacted you, immediately stop your communication with them and contact your municipal utility to report the issue.

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