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IMPA Service Corp Helps Advance Thrive

Year-round, electricity keeps our homes comfortable, our appliances running, and our worlds connected. That's why leaders in Advance understand that keeping the town's public power utility in good condition is imperative for citizens and business owners in the community. Unfortunately, maintaining a reliable local electric system can be difficult with limited funds and the expense of skilled labor, especially for small municipalities like Advance. Luckily, the local utility has paired with its wholesale public power provider, the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), to ensure cost-effective electric maintenance.

In 2017, Advance enlisted in the Dedicated Services Program through IMPA's engineering and operations subsidiary, IMPA Service Corp. Since then, IMPA Service Corp staff have worked with the local utility to solve electric issues large and small. Developed in 2013, the Dedicated Services Program provides hands-on assistance to participating communities, recruiting and maintaining their own full-time staff and service equipment so small towns are not required to do so alone. This program was created at the request of several IMPA members who knew that a cost sharing

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IMPA Service Corp Helps Communities Thrive

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), a not-for-profit political subdivision of the State of Indiana, provides 100% of the wholesale power supply needed in your community. However, IMPA's efforts to serve all 61 of its member communities don't end there. One of the most significant supplementary services that the Agency provides is its operations and engineering expertise through its subsidiary, IMPA Service Corp.

IMPA Service Corp was formed in 2001 at the request of several member communities who wanted the Agency's help in finding qualified engineers to design projects for their electric system on a pay-per-use basis. Since its formation, IMPA Service Corp has rapidly expanded from providing management consulting,

engineering and project management, and rate-related services to a wide-reaching organization that offers additional services in the areas of system management, distribution utility services, substation maintenance, and more.

Now, IMPA Service Corp employs dozens of engineers and lineworkers who each play a vital role in keeping the lights on in the Agency's member communities.

IMPA Service Corp's engineers take on a variety of projects to ensure the Agency's communities thrive—whether they're refining a utility's reliability through infrastructure improvement projects or diversifying our power supply by designing new generation units. The team also works on coordination studies, service request estimates for projects, and more. ISC's engineers show exceptional

devotion to their roles through the responsibilities that they fulfill for the sake of members each day.

"Each engineer has their own unique strengths that we play to, and everyone is always willing to chip in and work jointly on projects, even if it's not technically assigned to them," said Phil Lopresto, IMPA Service Corp Assistant General Manager. "I'm proud to have our engineering team; they make for a great, hard-working group."



IMPA Service Corp Engineers



IMPA Service Corp's lineworkers assist several member communities with the day-to-day maintenance that is needed to keep electric service reliable. This team aids participating members in the areas of system management, distribution utility services, substation maintenance, and outage restoration. Like lineworkers everywhere, these staff members work long hours, through difficult weather, and with high voltage equipment to bring power to residents and business owners.

"Our lineworkers work day and night to make sure our communities have access to dependable power," said Mike Adams, IMPA Service Corp General Manager. "We continue to work to improve our members' systems so that power outages and interruptions become less frequent. But when the inevitable happens, we're there to restore power too."

Over the span of 25 years, IMPA Service Corp has become an integral part of over a dozen IMPA communities, in many cases serving as a community's primary resource for electric system maintenance, operation, and restoration. IMPA Service Corp is also a resource for services to other members on an as needed basis. IMPA is proud to serve its members beyond power supply through the hard work of its team at IMPA Service Corp. •



Reader Feedback

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 provides this wholesale power to 61 communities in Indiana and Ohio, who collectively make up the Agency's membership.

What's the most interesting thing in your home that's electrified? For example: a toothbrush, litterbox, or robot vacuum.



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!

Topic Survey

Is there more about your community that you would like to know? Do you have questions about how public power or your municipally-owned utility works? Would you like to learn more tips and tricks as to how you can improve your home's energy efficiency?

Reach out to newsletter@impa.com to suggest topics for future *Municipal Power News* newsletters and let us know what articles you enjoy most, and what you'd like to see next!



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program formed through the Agency could bring savings and reliable service to those involved. Services provided through the program include, but are not limited to, system analyses, tree trimming, and emergency outage restoration.

IMPA Service Corp's line crews replace utility poles and lights in the community, complete line maintenance, manage vegetation, and respond to service requests from town staff. IMPA Service Corp has also taken on an extensive project to convert the town's infrastructure from 4 kilovolts to 12 kilovolts, improving reliability and efficiency. On top of these achievements, the organization remains continuously available for engineering work, site preparations, and communications help.



Regular preventive work completed by IMPA Service Corp decreases the number of outages in the community each year, but their crews are always ready to respond to any power outages that do occur.

“I know I can depend on IMPA Service Corp’s crews to take care of us when the inevitable happens,” said Shari Johnson, Advance Clerk-Treasurer. “When we call in an

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outage, their crews get here as fast as possible and do good work to get us back online. Partnering with IMPA has been a tremendous benefit to our town.”

Advance is one of 15 IMPA member communities to join the Dedicated Services program, making up over 25% of IMPA’s membership. To learn more about IMPA Service Corp and how it assists your community, visit www.impa.com/about-impa/impa-service-corp!

What’s the Word?

Investigating Power Terminology

Peak Load

This term refers to the electricity that is generated during periods of time where power is in high demand. This typically includes very hot weather, very cold weather, and evening times when utility consumers are doing chores, turning the

lights on, and relaxing with electricity.

Peak load generation is produced by power plants that are specifically engineered to start up in a matter of minutes to cover high periods of demand. IMPA has combustion turbines and coal power plants that supplement its power supply portfolio during peak times. Since renewable energy is intermittent, it can’t always help during peak times, but battery storage can sometimes help the issue of intermittency.

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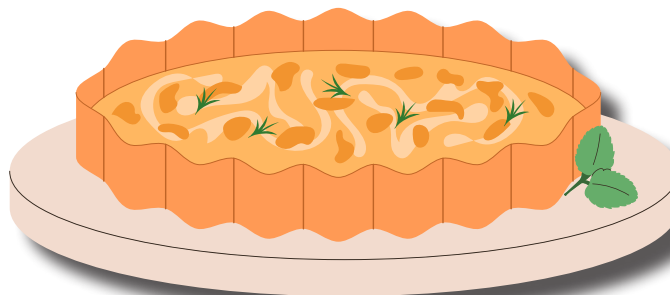
Green Chile Quiche

Hors d'oeuvre

Recipe submitted by Leisa of Huntingburg, Indiana

- 2 4oz cans of chopped green chiles
- 10-12oz Cracker Barrel extra sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 3 tbsp milk

Drain the chiles and line the bottom of a quiche dish or Pyrex pie plate with them to form a “crust.” Shred the cheese and layer it over the chiles. Beat together eggs and milk and pour over the cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve the quiche as a spread with crackers - Ritz are the best!



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How Has Electricity Changed?

In the last edition of the Municipal Power News, we asked you, “how has technology and electricity changed since your childhood?”

Bonnie of Crawfordsville provided a great perspective that helps us realize how much things have changed over the decades:



“As you will gather here, I’m no spring chicken. I’ve been around quite a while, and I have seen many, many changes. I was born and raised in Montgomery County, grew up in the Yountsville area, graduated from Alamo High School, and married a great guy from Darlington, IN.

As I thought about the changes I’ve witnessed, the first memory I had was spending time on my grandmother’s farm which was located south of Yountsville. I remember coming home after dark and watching her light the gas lights. Then I remember the excitement when electricity was installed in the house and all we had to do was flip a switch. I also remember visiting with friends of my parents who weren’t fortunate enough to have gas lights and we sat around and visited in a gloomy living room lit only by oil lamps.

Fairly recently, I purchased a new, French door refrigerator, with an ice maker, of course. Having this convenient, modern appliance made me recall having an ice box. We had an ice man who came by and delivered big blocks of ice to keep our food cold. Or, we could go to the ice plant in Crawfordsville and purchase ice. I seem to recall the ice plant being located on Walnut Street.

So far as technology - oh my, it’s an amazing time to be alive to see those changes. Many years ago, I recall seeing ads on tv that something was coming called “The Information Highway.” I sort of shrugged it off but wondered what they were referring to. Well, it was the internet! How could I have ever imagined such a thing when typing away on my Underwood typewriter in business class at AHS.

Practical use of technology came when I became a secretary/treasurer at North Montgomery High School. I was hired to convert our double entry bookkeeping system to computer. We tried coming up with our own system and were not very successful. Then, I received information about a system designed for schools. Wow! It was amazing! What once took hours now took minutes. And, when it was time for those nerve-wracking visits from the State Board of Accounts, I could have lengthy financial reports ready with the press of a button.

Those are just a couple of examples of the things I’ve seen. Now, here comes AI. I really can’t imagine what the future holds in that regard. It’s going to be up to my grandchildren and great grandchildren to figure that one out.

As for me, I’ve seen many things. Some of them are wonderful and amazing. Others, not so much. My hope is that innovations to come can be used for improving lives and saving our beautiful planet. I hope I can go on learning new things but still keep the fond memories from my past.

P.S. - I forgot to mention cell phones and smart watches. This could go on and on. LOL.”

Many thanks to Bonnie for providing her insightful thoughts! •

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Cook with Safety in Mind!

To many of us, cooking is such a mundane daily task that we often don't remember how dangerous it can be if things get out of hand. Prevention is always the best way to protect yourself from electric and fire hazards, so make sure you're following these tips next time you whip something up in the kitchen:

- Never leave cooking food unattended, whether on the stovetop or in a microwave
- Make sure your kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) protected outlets
- Unplug appliances when not in use
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms and never disable a smoke alarm when cooking

