

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

AUGUST 12

#### Evenings in Ellis Park

Ellis Park, Danville

7 PM

Enjoy free live music from the Blue Sky Dogs, an Allman Brothers tribute band. Reserve a VIP table for \$40, or pack your chairs and cooler for a night out! Learn More:

[www.danvillechamber.com](http://www.danvillechamber.com)

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 5

#### Dodge Power Brokers Nationals

Lucas Oil Raceway Park

U.S. Nationals - The largest NHRA drag race in the world!

Come experience the fastest accelerating vehicles on the planet as they reach speeds over 320 MPH in less than 4 seconds! Learn More:

[www.raceirp.com](http://www.raceirp.com)

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

#### Fair on the Square

Downtown Danville

Sat: 9 am-6 pm Sun: 10 am-4 pm

Danville Tri Kappa's Fair on the Square is an annual community event that draws large numbers of visitors — from Danville and surrounding towns — to the streets surrounding the Hendricks County Courthouse. Learn More:

[danvilletrikappa.org](http://danvilletrikappa.org)



ANNUAL MEETING

### 2022 Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event

July 1-21, 2022, Hendricks Power Cooperative celebrated its 86th Annual Meeting by hosting its online hybrid board of directors' election. Cooperative members were invited to vote online via their SmartHub account or during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair on Thursday, July 21st. Members who registered to vote received ten dollars in fair food vouchers and chance to win one of five 500-dollar bill credits.

The Cooperative registered more than 1500 members through its voting period. Election results were announced during the annual meeting at the Hendricks Power Expo Hall at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 21st. In addition to election results, the agenda also included cooperative updates and the announcement of the five 500-dollar bill credit recipients.

Brent Shay was announced as the new Director in Area 1 along with incumbents Andy Lynch, Area 2, and Matt Hession, Area 3.

Shay and his wife Terri have been Hendricks Power members and Hendricks Co. residents for more than 37 years. Shay is currently a Sales Executive for Eby-Brown in Plainfield and participates in a variety of local organizations including the Hendricks Co. Building Facilities Organization, Indiana Wholesale Distributors Association, along with Meals on Wheels and Active Grace Food Pantry.

"Brent will be a valuable asset to the Hendricks Power Board of Directors and our members," said Andy Lynch, President of the Board. "His professional experience combined with his passion for his community will aid in making informed Cooperative decisions."

The five recipients of the 500-dollar bill credits were James Cramer (Coatesville), Dale Hughes (Brownsburg), Kevin Ruhs (Brownsburg), Heidi Spahn (Brownsburg), Robert Wilkins (Plainfield).

Thank you to our members for participating!

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811 DAY REMINDS HOOSIERS TO  
**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

**AUG. 11 IS JUST ONE DAY A YEAR, BUT INDIANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES HOPES THE 8/11 DATE ON THE CALENDAR WILL SERVE AS A NATURAL REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS TO CALL 811 ANY DAY OF THE YEAR BEFORE A DIGGING PROJECT.**

#### EVERY SIX MINUTES...

an underground utility line is damaged somewhere in the United States because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.

Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that need a call to 811 before starting.

Indiana requires two full working days' advance notice to the 811 center or online before a digging project to give the utilities enough time to mark the approximate location of their underground utilities on your property. Each utility will be marked in a specific color. The marks are valid for 20 days.



## HPC Participates in Brownsburg Playground Renovations

### *Hendricks Power Employees Lend a Hand and a Donation to Revitalize Brownsburg Playground*

Hendricks Power employees volunteered their time renovating Blast Off Park in Brownsburg's Williams Park on July 14th. A group of twenty-two employees assisted in installing railings, decking, and rooftops to the new playground. The effort was part of the second phase of the renovation, with the first phase taking place in October of 2021.

The original wooden playground was built in 2000 and needed structural improvements, updated play features, and increased accessibility. The wooden parts of the structure were replaced with sustainable recycled plastic lumber that will reduce wear from age and weather.

Hendricks Power was also able to donate \$2,500 and awarded a matching \$2,500 grant from CoBank to assist in the park's improvement.

"Investing in the communities we serve is at the forefront of everything we do," said Dana Cochran, Director of Marketing and Member Engagement at Hendricks Power Cooperative. "Brownsburg Parks provide family-friendly spaces that lend to our community's health and happiness"

The 21-year-old playground was also awarded a \$25,000 CreatiNG Places matching grant.



**CREATE AN ELECTRICAL SAFETY PLAN  
BEFORE YOU PLANT A TREE**

**TREES AND POWER LINES OFTEN COEXIST WITHOUT PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE WHEN PLANTING A TREE.**

#### QUICK TIPS FOR SAFELY PLANTING A TREE:

Call 811 to have underground utilities marked at least a few working days, but no less than two full working days, before digging (IC 8-1-26). Knowing their locations helps you dig safely, and planting a safe distance away will help prevent damage from roots.

Create a basic plan, or a sketched diagram, before you begin planting to avoid future troubles. Using the information from the underground utility locator service will be a big help in setting some guidelines.

Consider a tree's potential growth when choosing its location. If it's expected to grow higher than 15 feet, choose a spot 25 to 50 feet away from utility lines and your home.

Plant with energy savings in mind. Not only can you upgrade your landscape, you can decrease your energy use, too. Trees can keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Just be sure you're aware of power line location and avoid structural damage.



HPC NEWS

## Stinson Retires from HPC Board of Directors

### *Don Stinson, Area 1 Director, Retires after 24 Years of Service*

Area 1 Director, Don Stinson, was recognized at the Hendricks Power Annual Meeting on July 21st, at the Hendricks Power Expo Hall. Stinson had served on the Board of Directors for 24 years and served at the President of the Board for six years. Greg Ternet, Hendricks Power CEO, honored Stinson with a plaque of recognition and thanked Stinson for his contribution.

"Don served not only his district, but our entire membership. He has been a steady pillar throughout the years, and served as an exemplary role model. He always kept our members and their well-being as his priority and for that, we will thank him," Ternet stated at the meeting.

*Thank You & Congratulations, Don!*



Hendricks Power CEO, Greg Ternet, and Don Stinson