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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 1

New Year's Holiday

Wishing you and your family new beginnings and prosperity. Our office will be closed January 2 in observance.

JANUARY 29

Legislative Breakfast

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
7 am

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast, followed by an opportunity to speak with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse.

The remaining 2024 dates are February 26th and March 25th.

RSVP to

janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com by the Thursday before the event.

MARCH 1

Youth Program Deadlines

Applications for Youth Tour and Camp Kilowatt are due for consideration.

Learn More:

www.hendrickspower.com

MARCH 8

HPC Scholarship Deadline

Applications for Commitment to Community Scholarships are due by 4:30 pm.

Learn More:

www.hendrickspower.com



LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS

2024 Legislative Breakfasts

Legislative Breakfast dates announced for 2024 session

Each year, Hendricks Power helps sponsor a series of Legislative Breakfasts for local residents. These breakfasts serve as an opportunity for those in our community to learn more about what's happening during session at the Indiana Statehouse.

Breakfasts will take place at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Complex in the North South Hall and kick off at 7 am. Upcoming dates for the breakfasts are Monday, January 29, February 26, and March 25.

These free breakfasts are the largest publicly attended legislative events in the state during session and will feature time for Q & A, where attendees have the chance to ask their own questions. Don't miss this chance to learn more about our state legislature! Breakfasts will feature Representatives Greg Steuerwald, Becky Cash, Craig Haggard, and Jeff Thompson, along with Senators John Crane, Mike Young, and Brian Buchanan. We hope to see you!

Please, RSVP to Janna Bolen of Indiana Farm Bureau by the Thursday prior to each breakfast at janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com or by calling (317) 745-4463.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS:



Don't forget
to RSVP!

Applications Open for Youth Programs

Hendricks Power sponsors multiple youth programs each year to empower and educate our community's younger generation. This year, we will continue supporting the Commitment to Community Scholarship, Camp Kilowatt, and Youth Tour.

Commitment to Community Scholarships will be awarded to current high school seniors pursuing higher education. Each scholarship will be worth \$1,500. Applications require an essay, high school transcripts, and a letter of recommendation. Completed applications are due by March 8, 2024.

Camp Kilowatt, formerly Touchstone Energy Camp, is a sponsored summer camp at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. The camp takes place June 5-8, 2024. Students will enjoy horseback riding, zip-lining, archery, canoeing, and much more while learning basics about electricity! Students entering 7th grade in 2024 are eligible to attend. Applications are due March 1, 2024.

Youth Tour is a week-long, all-inclusive sponsored trip to Washington D.C., that allows current high school juniors the opportunity to visit historical places throughout the city and meet with Indiana's congressional delegation. The trip will be June 16-23, 2024. Applications are due March 1, 2024.

If you would like to learn more about these programs or apply, visit our website at www.hendrickspower.com. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Thomas at ethomas@hendrickspower.com or by phone at (317) 718-7606.



ENERGY TIPS

Managing your Winter Energy Consumption

As the chilling winter weather begins, make a few changes to increase your home's efficiency.

Would you look at the time?

Avoiding energy consumption from 5-8 pm on weekdays is our biggest tip on reducing your monthly balance. Purchasing energy from the wholesale power provider is the most expensive during these hours. Instead, try to shower and do dishes after 8 pm, use smaller appliances to make dinner, and adjust your thermostat down a couple of degrees during these times.

Automate your home

If you don't have a programmable or smart thermostat, there's no better time to upgrade! Programming your thermostat can make a sizable impact on your bill, as heating is the top energy user in many homes. Try automating other appliances as well! Try programable dishwashers, washing machines, and smart plugs and bulbs.

Do Not Compare Yourself to Others

Although comparing your bill to others can be tempting, avoid the urge! There are a variety of differences in homes and lifestyle habits that many may not recognize. For example, the age of appliances, amount of insulation in the house, personal habits of residents, and even what time people do their laundry and shower can make significant impacts.

Take Control of Your Usage

Using SmartHub on your Desktop or mobile device can pay off. SmartHub allows you to compare your usage to last month's or year's, monitor hourly consumption, and even give you statement balance estimates. You can also set usage thresholds so you're notified when you use a certain amount of energy, which is great for those on a budget. In addition, you can sign up for budget billing and pre-paid billing for the most control!

Looking for more energy-saving tips? Check out website! www.hendrickspower.com or by calling (317) 745-5473

Earn a \$10 statement credit in three easy steps for enrolling in paperless billing!

- 1 Sign in or register for a SmartHub account. You can do this on a desktop or mobile device.
- 2 In your Settings, select "Paperless Billing."
- 3 Toggle the switch to turn on paperless and enjoy the convenience of immediate access to your statements, access past statements, increase your account's security, reduce waste, and earn \$10!

SCAN NOW TO DOWNLOAD SMARTHUB!



Left to right: Greg Ternet, Hendricks Power CEO, Buddy Faulkner, Facilities Manager, Brownsburg School Corporation, Steve Hite, Energy Services Supervisor, Hendricks Power

Brownsburg Schools Take Advantage of PowerMoves Rebates

Becoming more energy efficient and cashing in on rebates isn't just for residential members. Brownsburg Schools have gone above and beyond when it comes to efficiency. By retrofitting indoor and outdoor lights at Reagan Elementary and East Middle School, the School Corporation received \$83,756 of rebates from Power Moves and Wabash Valley Power Alliance throughout 2023.

"We applaud Brownsburg Schools and their commitment to energy efficiency. I highly recommend lighting upgrades and retrofits for our commercial members because of their quick return on investment due to their energy savings." Says Steve Hite, Energy Services Supervisor. "We strongly encourage any business interested in making upgrades, lighting or otherwise, to give us a call to see how we can assist them in getting available rebates."

To see a full list of 2024 rebates for businesses, visit www.powermoves.com.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATES

Hendricks Power Board of Directors Redistricts

Hendricks Power Cooperative's board of directors recently approved a revised district map (see right). This redistricting, or rebalancing, of directors' seats was needed to ensure members maintain fair and equal representation. Increased growth in portions of Hendricks Power's service territory necessitated these changes. While the physical size of the districts might not look "even," the actual number of members in each district is more equal. Hendricks Power's board previously consisted of 10 directors, each elected to represent a geographical district. With the revised boundaries, the board will consist of 7 directors elected to represent a district designated on the map, and 2 at-large directors that may reside in any area within the service territory.* This is the first time Hendricks Power has revised its districts since its inception in 1936. It was a multi-year process and the board was careful to balance the need for updates along with a growing and ever-changing membership.

Districts Up for Election in 2024:

Area 6, Director: Chris Mann Area 7, Director: Susan Webb At Large, OPEN

*Anyone running for the at-large vacancy in 2024 may not reside in District 2 - two directors are already in that district and there shall not be any more than two in the same area.

