

AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

MAY 26

Memorial Day Holiday

Our office will be closed in observance.

MAY 28 - AUGUST 18

Summer Fun Run/Walk

Various Hendricks County Parks
4:30 - 6:30 pm

Visit new parks & trails across Hendricks Co. to support the Parks Foundation!

Learn More & Register:

summerfunrun.org

JUNE 14

B&O Bicycle Tour

Cardinal Elementary, Brownsburg
7:30 am - 3:00 pm

Choose from 11-, 17-, 25-, 45- and 62-mile loops. After the ride, stick around for lunch & some live music.

Learn More: botrail.org

JULY 1-16

Online Board of Directors Voting

Login to SmartHub to cast your vote! Voting ends July 16 at 11:59 pm.

JULY 17

Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Join us for our board of directors election, live line safety and electric vehicle demos, Silly Safaris animal shows, face painting, and balloon animals!

Learn more:

hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting

SEVERE WEATHER OUTAGES



Crews Restore Power After Severe Storms Cause Widespread Outages

On April 2, a substantial portion of Hendricks Power members experienced severe storms, including a confirmed tornado in Brownsburg that caused widespread outages. Hendricks Power operations and line crews worked overnight to restore power quickly and safely. Boone REMC (Lebanon, IN), Tipmont (Linden, IN) and J & J Electric (Kokomo, IN) provided mutual aid by sending line crews to assist Hendricks Power on April 3. Power was restored to HPC's service territory on Sunday, April 6.

The storm's aftermath was particularly devastating. The Linemen had forty damaged or fallen poles and multiple substations in need of repair. Hendricks Power services 35,000 members with 2,540 miles of line. Every member and employee's safety is our top priority every day.

"Everyone doesn't always see what's behind the outage—downed poles in hard-to-reach places, tangled lines in trees, and miles of back roads. We want to get the lights back on fast, but safety must come first." Kris Harmless, Line Superintendent at Hendricks Power Cooperative, said.

Harmless added, "When severe weather happens, our priority is getting the power back. Thanks to our linemen and mutual aid support from Boone (REMC), Tipmont and J & J Electric, our teams were able to work around the clock to restore service and support our members through this outage."

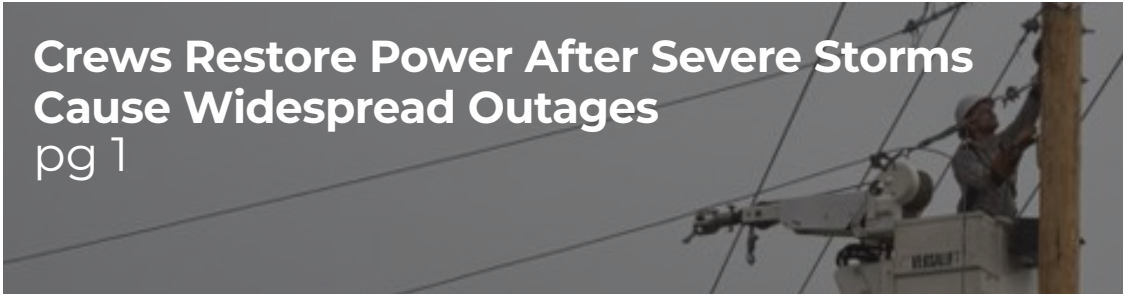
The determination and expertise of Hendricks Power's line crews—along with support—played a pivotal role in the storm recovery efforts. Their hard work, resilience, and teamwork reflect the true strength of the cooperative community.



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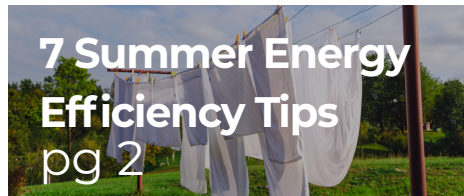
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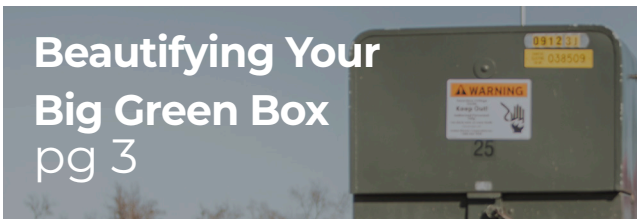
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MEET ANDY LYNCH

Hendricks Power Board President & Area 2 Director

Where do you live?

I live in Center Township just north of Danville, which is considered Area 2.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy being outdoors—whether it's working the land, traveling to take in new sights, or simply lending a hand where it's needed. I've lived in Danville my entire life with my family, children and grandchildren, who are all nearby. Spending time with family is a big part of what brings me joy. It means a lot to me to be able to help others, whether it's pitching in for a neighbor or providing support to friends nearby. Giving back and staying connected to the people around me is a strong value of mine.

Tell us briefly about your background and what led you to join the board.

While attending Purdue University, I spent my summers working at Hendricks Power, which gave me an inside look at how the cooperative operates and serves the community. That experience sparked my interest in the cooperative business model and its member-first approach. After graduating and returning

home to farm, I knew I wanted to stay involved and make a meaningful impact, so I decided to run for the board. It was a natural step for me to continue supporting the community I've always called home.

Which Cooperative Principle most strongly resonates with you?

The Cooperative Principle that resonates most with me is Democratic Member Control. I believe strongly in the power of giving every member a voice and ensuring that decisions reflect the needs and values of the community. It's a great honor to represent the people in my area and bring their interests to the board. Knowing that each member has an equal say reinforces the trust and accountability that make cooperatives truly unique and community-driven.

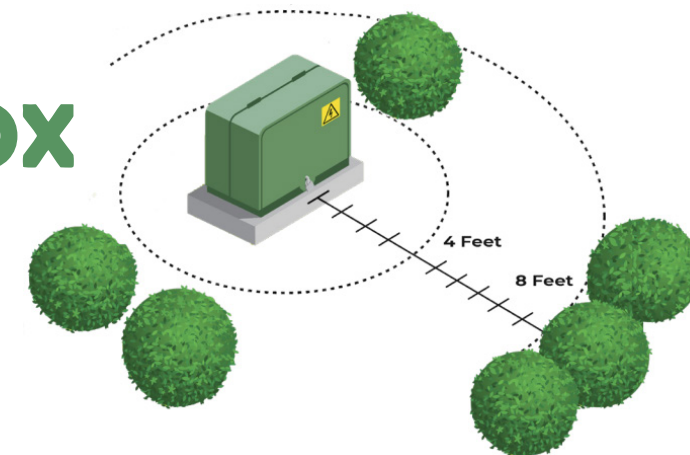
What is your biggest contribution to the board?

Serving on the board for more than 25 years has been one of the most meaningful ways I've been able to give back to

the community that has given so much to me. My longevity on the board reflects not only my deep commitment to Hendricks Power, but also the strong ties I have to Danville and the people who live here—including my children, grandchildren, and lifelong friends. I've always felt it's a privilege to represent the voices of our members and ensure their interests are at the heart of every decision we make. Through years of change and growth, I've stayed grounded in the cooperative principles and driven by a desire to serve with integrity and purpose.

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Beautifying your
BIG GREEN BOX



Many members have pad-mounted transformers in their yards. These "big green boxes" can usually be found in your front yard, especially in subdivisions or neighborhoods. These transformers play a big part in making sure everyone in your neighborhood has electricity.

Many people don't know that crews need clearance around transformers during outages and for maintenance.

These boxes house dangerous high-voltage equipment that requires an 8' clearance in the front and 4' around the sides.

We know transformer boxes can make landscaping and beautifying your front yard a bit of a challenge. Here are five helpful tips to beautify your yard without causing service disruptions that could extend outages or interfere with maintenance.

5 Tips!



Mulch & Decorative Rock Beds
Mulch, pea gravel, or river rocks will add texture while keeping the area clean.



Potted Plants on Rolling Stands
It's a pretty touch — easy to move for maintenance access and can be updated seasonally.



Perennials That Offer Height
Plant flowers with shorter roots like Black-Eyed Susans, Daylilies, Hostas, and Coneflowers.



Groundcover Plants
Creeping Thyme or Ajuga for low-maintenance greenery.



Avoid These Plants
Bushes, trees, woody plants, and ornamental grass will need to be transplanted, which can result in extended outages.

Reminder: Our crew needs to be able to locate and access your transformer whenever an outage arises! Please keep these areas clean and easily accessible.

ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER APPRECIATION

EFFICIENCY TIPS

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ALOOK TO THE FUTURE

SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 11 AM-7 PM

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S HENDRICKS POWER ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT AT THE HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS! ENJOY A SAFETY DEMONSTRATION, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON ANIMALS, SILLY SAFARIS ANIMAL SHOWS, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION. CAST YOUR VOTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN JULY!

SCAN OR VISIT [HENDRICKSPOWER.COM/ANNUALMEETING](https://www.hendrickspower.com/annualmeeting) FOR UP-TO-DATE DETAILS.

7 SUMMER
energy efficiency tips

Avoid Using the Oven
Stay cooler inside by grilling or using smaller appliances.

Use Solar-Powered Lights Outside
They light up your yard without adding to your energy usage.

Use Ceiling or Portable Fans
Fans help circulate cool air so you can raise the thermostat a few degrees without sacrificing comfort (But remember, fans cool people, not rooms).

Consider Solar Screens or Film
These can block up to 70% of heat gain through windows.

Keep Blinds and Curtains Closed
Block sunlight during the hottest part of the day to reduce indoor heat.

Avoid Heat-Generating Activities During Peak Hours
Run the oven, dishwasher, or dryer in the early morning or late evening.

Use the Dryer Sparingly
Take advantage of the summer sun and hang clothes outside to dry.

PLANTING SAFETY TIPS

PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT Tips For Planting Safely Around Underground Utilities

- Call 811 to have underground utilities marked at least 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 planting to avoid future troubles. Using the information from the underground utility locator service will be a big help in setting some guidelines.
- When choosing a tree's location, consider its potential height. If it is expected to grow above 15 feet, plant it 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! Trees can keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Just be sure you're aware of the power line location and avoid structural damage.
- A small tree that grows no taller than 25 feet should be planted at least 25 feet away from power lines. A tree that reaches between 25 and 40 feet in height should be planted 40 feet away. If a tree is expected to grow taller than 40 feet, it should be planted at least 60 feet away. In general, the larger the tree, the farther it should be from power lines.

Have questions about trimming trees near power lines? Call Hendricks Power at 317-745-5473 to stay safe.