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### Voter Registration Deadline

Register to vote by Oct. 11 so you can vote in the Nov. 8 general election! Support your local electric cooperative by voting for candidates who support policies that strengthen rural Indiana and the continued provision of safe, reliable and affordable energy.

Learn More:  
[indianavoters.in.gov](http://indianavoters.in.gov)

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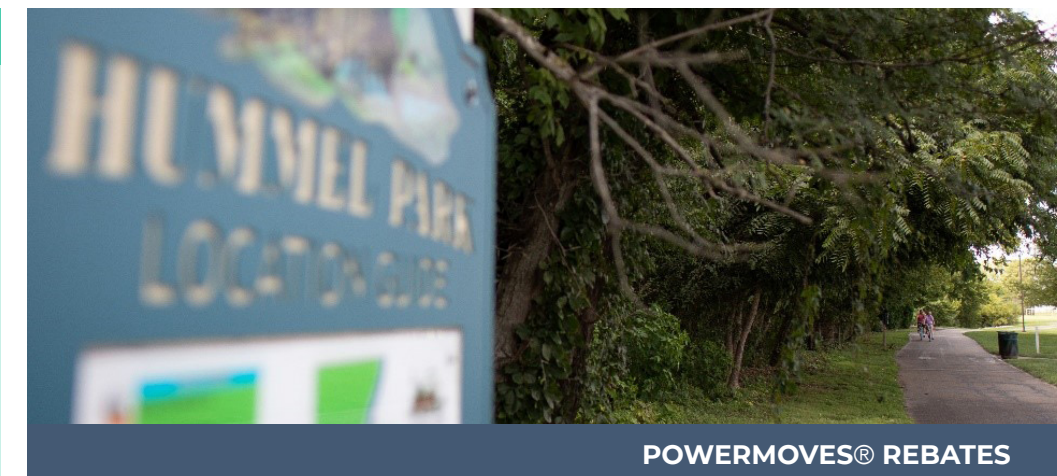
### Championship Saturday

Lucas Oil Raceway Park  
12 pm  
Championship Saturday will feature three unique season-finales for the USAC Silver Crown National Championship, National Pavement Midget Championship, and Sprint Cars – all in one day! Learn More:  
[www.raceirp.com](http://www.raceirp.com)

NOVEMBER 8

### Indiana General Election

Have your voice heard! Get out to vote on Nov. 8! Voting is critical to a healthy democracy. Support your local electric cooperative by voting for candidates who support policies that strengthen rural Indiana and the continued provision of safe, reliable, and affordable energy. Learn More:  
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POWERMOVES® REBATES

## Kick the Bucket Truck

Local community receives electric co-op rebates for security light improvements enhancing light longevity, maintenance cost and energy use

A picturesque community park featuring playgrounds, trails and a baseball field complex also routinely hosted other visitors: repairmen in a bucket truck to fix or replace burned-out security lights. Fortunately, the local township received support from its local power provider for a more permanent solution– and even got paid money to do so.

Hummel Park received \$2,755 in Power Moves® rebates from Hendricks Power Cooperative for upgrading exterior security lights. The exterior lights are in the parking lot, near the performing arts center, several trails and outside of the baseball and softball complex press box. The upgraded LEDs save 26,182 kilowatt-hours in energy use compared to the previous lights.

“LEDs, in many cases can be a clear win, that lowers energy costs for businesses, regardless of their industry. They offer a longer lifecycle, which means less maintenance, and they emit brighter light while using less energy,” said Steve Hite, Energy Services Supervisor at Hendricks Power. “The Power Moves rebates we offer can help speed up the time it takes for an upgrade project to pay for itself in energy savings, making a lot of projects even more appealing.” The upgrades were completed over two years ago, and not a single LED has since needed to be replaced.

“We’re impressed. Hendricks Power was great to work with, and the process was simple,” said Guilford Township Trustee Chuck Ellis. “Dealing with our REMC, they are local.”

The Hummel Park project highlights how different kinds of businesses and organizations can benefit from energy efficiency upgrades that can improve energy use and lower overall costs, said Greg Ternet, CEO of Hendricks Power.

“Hummel Park is a gem that provides unique programs and opportunities that significantly improve the quality of life in our community,” said Greg Ternet, CEO of Hendricks Power. “We are invested in all of the members we serve, and we are proud to partner with them to help solve their energy needs and ensure their success.”



# DON'T GET TRICKED THIS OCTOBER!

This October, you should be treated by ghoulish figures visiting on Halloween — not tricked by unexpectedly high energy costs. Every fall, people enjoy the milder temperatures while preparing for the coming Midwestern winter. Make sure you’re treating yourself to energy savings by making the right upgrades.

## PICK A MINI SPLIT; NOT A SPACE HEATER

Electric resistance space heaters have been a go-to solution for cold, uncomfortable rooms. That easy solution to a cold room comes with a high price once the monthly electricity bill comes due. Instead, consider a mini-split heat pump, which can add a little extra heat much more affordably than an electric resistance space heater. Mini-split heat pumps come in various heating capacities, so you can find one to heat rooms big and small. Don’t forget that there are also Power Moves rebates to make mini-splits even more affordable.

## BUY FANS WITH LONGER BLADES; NOT STUBBY ONES

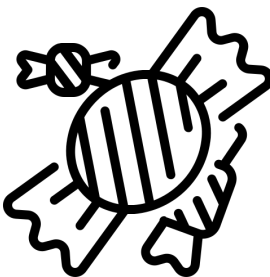
Energy Star recommends ceiling fans installed in rooms 144 to 400 square feet should have a total blade span (from one fan blade edge to the edge of the opposite fan blade) between 44 and 54 inches. Consider a smaller blade span for smaller rooms and, conversely, a longer blade span for larger rooms. Ceiling fans sized too small will waste energy by spinning without the person in the room feeling enough air movement.

## BUY MORE AIR SEALING; NOT A WHOLE HOME HUMIDIFIER

Living in a home with dry, staticky winter air is not fun. Most people think they need a humidifier. Yet excessively dry winter air is a symptom of a poorly air-sealed home. A better idea is to have an energy audit and blower door test conducted. This can find holes, gaps and cracks in the home that let hot air escape. Proper air sealing reduces how much conditioned air escapes, keeping your energy bills low and humidity levels comfortable.

## BUY A COLD CLIMATE AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP; NOT AN ELECTRIC FURNACE

While you may be aware of air source heat pumps, cold climate heat pumps have improved compressors that enable them to be at least 75% more efficient than an electric furnace when it is 5 degrees outside. Add in Power Moves® rebates for installing cold climate heat pumps and you can experience big-time money savings in long-term energy costs!



Even minor home improvements can lead to long-term energy savings. Contact your Hendricks Power Energy Advisors for tips on how you can decrease your home's energy usage. Visit [www.hendrickspower.com](http://www.hendrickspower.com) or [www.powermoves.com](http://www.powermoves.com) to see what rebates your home may be eligible for!



## WHAT WOULD HALLOWEEN BE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY?

ELECTRICITY HAS PLAYED A BIG PART IN THE MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD HALLOWEEN ALLOWS US TO EXPLORE AS MONSTERS AND SUPERHEROES. **BUT DON'T TURN YOUR FRANKENSTEIN LABORATORY OR HAUNTED HOUSE INTO A REAL-LIFE HORROR STORY THROUGH ELECTRICAL FIRES OR HAZARDS.**

### USE THE FOLLOWING TIPS FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN:

**Make sure your outdoor decorations only LOOK or SOUND spooky.** Inspect each mechanical ghoul, ghost or goblin for cracked, frayed or bare wires. You don’t want them to cause a real shock or start a fire!

Want to convert your yard or open garage into a haunted house? **Only use electrical items marked “for outdoor use.”** Plug those decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

Halloween night is not the time to take a trip. **Keep electric cords away from doorways and walkways**, lest you or your trick-or-treaters trip and fall.

**Keep nails and staples away from light strings and extension cords.** They can easily damage the cord’s insulation and expose the wires inside.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

With winter weather on the way, now is the time to seal drafty windows. If you can see daylight around a window frame or if you can rattle a window (movement means possible leaks), the window likely needs to be sealed.

Most window leaks can be sealed with caulk or weatherstripping, which come in a various compounds and materials. Visit [www.energy.gov/energysaver](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver) to learn how and where to seal air leaks.

