



## *People and Places*

## *Insider*

### ***The History of Auburn: Auburn Electric Department***

Proudly known as the “Home of the Classics” for their pioneering role in the early automotive industry, Auburn continues to make a name for themselves.

### ***Creating a progressive community has guided Auburn from its earliest days.***

Founders Wesley Park and John Badlam Howe established the city along Cedar Creek at the intersection of two major trails – creating the beginnings of an infrastructure that promotes growth and advancement. While dirt trails and the Pony Express have been exchanged for major highways and fiber optics, that same mission guides them today.

### ***One of the most attractive aspects of the City of Auburn is the community spirit that is felt by residents and businesses alike.***

There’s a reason why so many residence choose to live, work and play there. The Community of Auburn thinks you’ll see that when you walk their scenic streets...visit local retail and restaurant establishments... take in city parks... and attend cultural and community events. Plainly put, it doesn’t take long to realize Auburn is a special place.



### ***Utility Safety Practices***

***As a municipal utility provider, Auburn Utility is committed to delivering responsive, reliable service.***

The City of Auburn manages water, sewer, electric and refuse/recycling services all together, giving you both convenience and cost-savings—one contact, one bill and one provider.

***Auburn Electric powers the community through efficient operations that ensure the utility is not only ready to respond to issues, but proactively preventing them as well.***

The utility is continuously focused on safety, people, customer service and system health—all with the mission of delivering reliable quality power.



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## Auburn Utilities Current Projects

The City of Auburn and Auburn Electric Utilities have a few new projects underway. Beginning with a new 3 phase overhead line to complete a loop to the Auburn Community new Astral Senior Living Complex with 304 rooms west of the interstate. Also completed, was a new installation to an underground infrastructure along with fiber optic that was provided to (21 lots) of residential property. The Auburn Utility had Wood Poles inspected for their entire system and found 310 rejects with replacing 280 poles, over 90 % pole replacement. Kudos to Auburn for completing all work by the Utility alone! Job well done!

Thank you to our Featured Associate Member for **March!**

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## Congratulations to Jim Schrader 16 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Mishawaka & Mishawaka Utilities!

Jim Schrader recently retired from the City of Mishawaka and Mishawaka Utilities. Jim's career with the utility began in October of 2005 hiring in as Mishawaka's General Manager.

Considering a career span of 16 years it's impossible to acknowledge all that Jim has accomplished. He shares of his extraordinary staff and all that they have built on in the years past to present. Mishawaka, provides electric service to the residents and commercial buildings in Mishawaka with over 27,000 residential meters.



A few notable projects Jim helped lead in were the implementation of the new AMR Systems for 3,000 residential and 4 to 5,000 of commercial and industrial sites. Jim also helped establish the new Wolverine Power agreement for power supply with the lowest cost rates of the Country. His experience and dedication will be missed by all.

The IMEA Board & Staff would like to thank Jim for his outstanding leadership and dedication to Mishawaka Utility and the City of Mishawaka. We hope you look forward to spending time with grandbabies, family and enjoy traveling as you've shared with each of us.

## EVENT CALENDAR

[April 5-9, 2021](#)

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[Mid-America Science Park \(Scottsburg, IN.\)](#)

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**OCTOBER 12– 15, 2021**  
**IMEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
& VENDOR EXPO**  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION! PART OF GREAT WORK IS IMPROVING YOUR SKILL SET, CREATING BETTER EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATION, OR LEARNING ABOUT THE SUCCESSES OF OTHERS AND APPLYING THEM TO YOUR WORKPLACE.

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