

# City of Bushnell

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, our homes and businesses require electricity.

As your electric provider, the City of Bushnell is well aware that safe, reliable and low-cost electricity is essential to our community and part of what makes our city a great place to live and work.

As a community-owned utility—a utility that is owned by the customers we serve—we also know how important it is to stay close to our customers and provide them with the personal touch only a hometown utility can offer.

**COMMUNITY POWER.**  
*What it means to you.*

- + Local service reliability
- + Not-for-profit operations
- + Local decision making
- + The personal touch of a hometown utility

## PERSONAL TOUCH

*Special ways we give back to our community*

- + Financial contribution to the City's General Fund
- + Fast, efficient local system management
- + Personalized service for our customers, who are also neighbors, families and friends
- + Maintenance of Sports Complex lighting
- + Fall Festival electric service
- + Christmas decorations



## COMMUNITY POWER

Back in 1919, when the citizens of Bushnell decided to establish their own electric system, they believed local ownership and control would ensure competitive rates and superior service.

They also understood that a community-owned electric system can be a mainstay of community prosperity because all the benefits of a community-owned utility stay in town and the utility supports city operations and community projects.

Thanks to the foresight of our forefathers, today, decisions about the operation of your utility aren't made in a corporate board room in some other city, at a meeting you're not allowed to attend. In our system, decisions are made here, at City Council meetings. This type of local decision-making enables us to make decisions that best suit our local needs.

## STATEWIDE STRENGTH

Our utility has prospered over many years because we've kept pace with changes in our industry. Recently, we've been successful by forming strategic alliances with other consumer-owned utilities around Florida to enhance our operation.

By combining our utility's strengths with the strengths of like-minded utilities, we are working together for the mutual benefit of our customers.

This combination of community power and statewide strength makes municipal electric utilities, like Bushnell, able competitors and valuable community assets. Ultimately, it serves the highest goal of making our community a better place to live and work.



# Florida Municipal Power Agency

*What type of business is best known for customer service—a local company or a large chain? Of those, which is assumed to have greater competitive resources?*

Wouldn't it be great if you could get both: the personal service of a local business backed by the resources of a large organization? When it comes to reliable, affordable electricity, you can—from the City of Bushnell and its ownership in the Florida Municipal Power Agency.



#### STATEWIDE STRENGTH

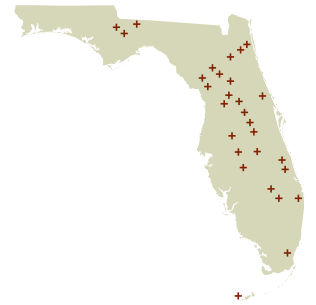
*What it means to our community*

- + Economies of scale
- + Access to resources
- + Strength in numbers

#### POWERFUL RESOURCES

*Services FMPA provides to Bushnell*

- + Wholesale power supply
- + Joint purchasing of material
- + Information technology support
- + Fiber optic support
- + Engineering services
- + Finance and rate analysis
- + Legal services
- + Loan program



#### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Bushnell provides electric utility service to approximately 1,000 customer accounts, but it is also part of a large, statewide wholesale power supply organization that represents 1.8 million Floridians. Bushnell is one of the founding members of this organization, called the Florida Municipal Power Agency.

#### WHAT IS FMPA?

Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) is a wholesale power company owned by 29 municipal electric utilities. FMPA provides economies of scale in power generation and related services to support community-owned electric utilities.

#### STATEWIDE STRENGTH FOR BUSHNELL

Each of FMPA's 29 members is locally owned and operated, but community-owned electric utilities share common concerns that can best be solved by working together.

For example, by coordinating the wholesale electric power needs of several municipals, utilities can build a larger, more efficient power plant and share in the plant's operating expenses. This saves money and reduces electric costs for consumers.

Power generation is the largest operating expense for electric utilities, so reducing these costs adds up to significant savings for Bushnell's electric customers.

#### COMMUNITY POWER + STATEWIDE STRENGTH

While most people do not know that FMPA exists, it plays an active role behind the scenes reducing costs for retail electric customers.

And by pairing the personal service of a community-owned electric utility, like Bushnell, with the resources of a statewide organization, like FMPA, Bushnell's customers get the best of community power and statewide strength.



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Community Power. Statewide Strength.

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