

MAY 2026



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MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION

We have received several questions about the Village's decision not to renew our municipal electric aggregation program, and we want to explain that decision clearly.

After reviewing current market conditions, recent Ameren pricing, and historical data, we determined that renewing the aggregation contract at this time would likely increase—not decrease—electric supply costs for residents.

Here are the key points:

- Recent Ameren supply rates have averaged lower than the fixed rate being offered through aggregation.
- For a typical household, the proposed aggregation rate would have resulted in higher monthly costs, not savings.

Why this happens:

Electricity prices change throughout the year based on demand.

During most of the year — including spring, fall, and even parts of winter — demand for electricity is relatively moderate. During these periods, Ameren's market-based supply rate is typically lower, allowing residents to benefit from reduced costs.

However, during periods of extreme temperatures, especially in the summer when air conditioning use is highest, demand increases significantly. These short periods can cause market prices to rise, sometimes sharply.

Aggregation programs are designed to protect against those spikes by offering a fixed rate. The tradeoff is that:

- The fixed rate is set high enough to cover those potential peak price increases.

- As a result, it is often higher than Ameren's rate during most of the year.

- Residents pay a higher price month-to-month in exchange for avoiding short-term spikes.

In simple terms, aggregation acts like price insurance — it can limit sudden increases during extreme conditions, but it typically comes at a higher overall cost across a full year.

After reviewing the numbers, we found that even when accounting for possible summer spikes, the proposed aggregation rate would likely result in higher total annual costs for residents.

Additional consideration:

- Aggregation uses an opt-out model, meaning residents are automatically enrolled unless they take action.

- We were not comfortable moving forward with a program where residents could be enrolled without fully understanding the cost impact, especially when savings were not clearly demonstrated.

Implications for you:

- Residents will remain on Ameren's default electric supply.

- You are still free to choose an alternative supplier individually if you wish.

- The Village will continue to monitor the market and will reconsider aggregation if pricing becomes favorable.

Bottom line:

We did not move forward because the numbers did not support it. Our priority is making sure residents are not locked into paying more for electricity without a clear benefit.

If market conditions change and a program can provide real, measurable savings, we will absolutely revisit it.

GRASS CUTTING/YARD WASTE/DUMP

It's grass cutting time! Please do not blow your clippings into the street, in the curbing or on the sidewalks as it clogs up the sewer systems and if it rains, it gets very slick on the roads for cycles. Please cut the grass and blow it back into your own yards.

Please do not leave trash, limbs, and other debris piling up on your property.

You can bring yard waste (leaves, grass, bushes, plants) out to the dump east of the park. **DO NOT** put leaves and grass on the burn pile! They go east

of the burn pile. There are signs posted where everything is to be put.

SOLICITORS WITHIN THE VILLAGE

All solicitors within Village limits are required to have a permit issued by the Village of Aviston. If someone is at your residence, **PLEASE** ask them for their permit. The Village will also advertise on the website and FB page who the permit holder is and what dates they will be in town.

SWIMMING POOLS

Summer is right around the corner -- if you are planning on having a swimming pool, remember: every swimming pool that is more than two (2) feet deep shall be enclosed by a wall or fence at least 4 ft or 48 inches in height. The fence must be a rigid type of fence. The passage through such wall or fence shall be equipped with a gate.

DID YOU KNOW?

Before you make any change to your residence, such as a fence, shed, deck, pool, concrete, etc., you will likely need a building permit. Call us first if you have any questions. The applications are available on our website, or you can visit the Village Hall and pick one up.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Scouts will have a BBQ on May 16th at the Village Firehouse. They will be serving pork steaks, burgers, and hot dogs. They will start serving at 10:30am and will serve until they run out. Be sure to grab some lunch while you're out shopping at the city-wide yard sales.

Aluminum can pick up is the first Saturday of the month, please put cans out on the curb by 9 am. If they miss your cans or you could drop them off yourself, the Scout trailer is located on the east side of the American Legion by the shed. If you have any questions, please email

avistonbersscouts@yahoo.com.

The shed on Brefeld Lane (east of the park) is for electronics only --- no TV's dropped off except on TV recycling day, which is the first Saturday in April, August and December from 8:00-10:00 am. Cost is \$25 per TV.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

For all the bookworms, Aviston Elementary will again have library hours each Tuesday and Wednesday in June from 9:00am-11:00am.

We wish all the Eagles and their families a fun and safe summer break!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2026! Making Aviston proud, we hope they spread their Eagle wings and SOAR during their high school years!

May 7: AGS Athletic Awards 6:30pm

May 14: 8th Grade Graduation 7:00pm

May 15: PreK Graduation 9:00am

May 21: Dismissal 11:45am Last Day – Fun Day!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

May is National Poppy month. In honor of this, the Aviston Legion Auxiliary will be offering desserts at the fish fry for the month of May. Donations will be accepted and will go towards their annual Poppy Drive.

COLLECT YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS!!!

Please collect your aluminum tabs from soda and beer cans! Give them to any student or teacher at Aviston Elementary or Marge Thole. We are collecting them to give to the Shriners hospital in St. Louis. The proceeds benefit the children and families at Shriners Hospital. Please help with this community project! Any questions, please call Marge Thole at (618)604-0374.

ACIC Upcoming Events:

May 14-16 – City Wide Garage Sale

Maps with house locations will be posted on our Facebook page and will be available for pickup at the Village Hall starting May 12th. Boy Scouts will be at the firehouse selling food and drinks on May 16th. Make sure to stop in and grab a bite!

June 13 - Party at the Park

Save the date for the festivities! Come on out to the Aviston City Park to enjoy food, T-ball, bounce houses, Fantastick Pops, and music from Shut Up Mark. The day will kick off with Pedaling 4 Parkinson's at 9:30 am.

Celebrate 250 years of freedom this Fourth of July weekend with the American Legion! Shirts are

being sold by ACIC – grab your “Clinton County Celebrates Freedom” tee and scan the QR code for details and to order. Orders are due by June 14th. Completed orders will be ready for pickup prior to the event.



PEDALING 4 PARKINSON’S

Pedaling 4 Parkinson’s bike ride/walk will be held on **June 13th** at the Aviston City Park. Ride begins at 9:30 am and packets can be picked up at 9:00 am. All proceeds benefit the APDA Greater St Louis Chapter and the Clinton County YMCA Parkinson’s Exercise Class.

Registration forms can be completed on the Pedaling for Parkinson’s Facebook page or by clicking on the QR code.



ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What: Rainforest Falls VBS

When: July 6-10 from 9:00am-12:00 noon

Where: St. Francis Parish Center

Who: Kids going into K-5th Grade as of August 2026.

Register NOW - Deadline is June 29, 2026
Hard copy registration forms can be found at the church entrances and the parish website:
www.stfrancisav.org or register and pay online at www.osvhub.com/stfrancisav/forms/vbs-2026 or by using the QR code below:



For more information, call Janice Lampe at 618-228-7709 or Sue Szoke at 618-228-7811.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

St. Francis of Assisi Parish School of Religion (PSR) is now registering students for the 2026-2027 school year. Parent of any child in grades 1-8 who is new to the program is asked to contact the parish office by June 1st to register. Parents of anyone who is in the PSR Program can re-register by going

online and filling out the form. Reception of First Communion and Confirmation requires a 2-year program (1st and 2nd grade, 7th and 8th grade). If you have any questions, please contact the DRE—Sister Jeannette Fennewald at St. Francis Parish office (618-228-7219 or dre@stfrancisav.org)

AVISTON FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

The Aviston Aces Youth Football Team is holding registration on July 19th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the East (Main) Pavilion of Aviston Park. Registration is open for those entering 5th through 8th grade. Multi-sport athletes are encouraged to register. The season begins the last week of July, and games start in late August. Our teams won the conference championships last season, and we look forward to going back-to-back. Come join a championship program with championship coaches and equipment. If unable to register, text Chad at 314-578-1595.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Annual Nick Bledsoe Memorial Scholarship Golf Scramble will be held May 30, 2026, at the Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville, IL. Tee-off at 1:00pm. Cost is \$90/player or \$360/team which includes 18 holes of golf w/ cart, free lunch & evening meal. There will be a Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, and Gun Raffle. For silent auction donations, sponsorship information, general questions, or to sign up, call Hanna Bledsoe (618)791-4445.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 10 – Mother’s Day
- 14 – Aviston Elementary 8th Grade Graduation
- 14-16 City Wide Garage Sale
- 21 – Last day of school
- 25 – Memorial Day (Village offices closed)
- 26 – Park District Meeting (@ Park)
- 26 – Zoning Board Meeting

JUNE

- 1– Village Board Meeting
- 13– Pedaling 4 Parkinsons
- 13 - Party at the Park
- 21 – Father’s Day
- 29 – Park District Meeting
- 30 – Zoning Board Meeting



NEW VILLAGE HALL HOURS

The new hours for the Village Hall will be Monday thru Friday 7:30am – 4:30pm

OFF ROAD VEHICLES (ORV) PERMITS

2026 PERMITS ARE IN!!

The 2025 permits expired 12/31/25. You need a sticker to legally drive ORV's on village streets. If you are purchasing a renewal sticker, please provide your 2025 sticker number. Cost is \$35 per permit and good through December 31, 2026.

REMINDER: You must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license to operate an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV)/ Side-by-side/ golf cart on village streets.

Please obey all driving laws and be aware of your surroundings. BE CAUTIOUS!!

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