

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Opt-out letters were recently sent in the mail to residents for the Village's electric aggregation program. If you had previously chosen a different supplier, you may not have received an opt-out letter, but rather an opt-in letter. A new, one-year contract with Direct Energy with a price of \$0.1066 per kwh will begin from the May 2025 meter reading until the May 2026 meter reading. If you do not opt-out, Ameren will remain your electric utility and continue to bill you. But you will see Direct Energy listed on the supply portion of your Ameren electric bill and the Village's aggregation price will be used to calculate the supply charge on your bill.

Here's a little background information on the electric aggregation program for those who may not know. In the 2012 election, the proposition of an Opt-Out Municipal Electric Aggregation Program was passed by Beckemeyer voters. To withdraw from the program, residents would need to opt-out prior to each contract launch or renewal or anytime afterward, otherwise automatic enrollment will proceed. The automatic enrollment is a requirement by the State of Illinois for municipal aggregation programs.

Municipal Aggregation negotiates the purchase price of electricity on behalf of residential and small business utility customers in the Village of Beckemeyer. In recent years because of an unpredictable market, the supplier contracts have been for shorter periods resulting in residents receiving opt-out letters more frequently.

Residents are able to opt-out of the program and choose their own supplier if they decide to. If you want to opt-out, you will need to contact Direct Energy at 1-866-968-8065 or mail in the opt-out form to Direct Energy by April 21st. You may remove yourself from this program at any time without a penalty, but you will be subject to a 12-month waiting period to re-enter the aggregation program.

VILLAGE-WIDE YARD SALES

Village-wide yard sales will be on Saturday, April 26th. Maps with sale locations will be posted on the Village Facebook page and maps will be available to pickup at Village Hall, Casey's and GTSB.

DUMPSTERS for VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

Waste Management will be supplying two roll-off dumpsters for residents to use May 2nd-4th. The dumpsters will be available at the Village Maintenance Shed property located @ 311 E. First St. This is the fenced-in area just East of the Village Hall. The dumpsters will only be available for Beckemeyer residents to use. They will not accept any electronics, tires, appliances, TVs or hazardous materials. Dumpsters will be under surveillance.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Village is looking to fill two vacant spots on the Zoning Board of Appeals. If interested, qualified candidates can contact Village Hall to be considered.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Village Hall is an IDNR vendor and sells hunting and fishing licenses.
- ✓ Waste Management will pick up one bulk item per residence per month on the normal Tuesday trash day. Call or e-mail Village Hall to schedule a bulk item pickup. Bulk items are items such as a mattress, dresser, couch, chair, etc. Mattresses must be wrapped in plastic before they will be picked up.
- ✓ You can pay your water bill by credit/debit card on our website. Go to <https://beckemeyeril.gov/> A convenience fee does apply.
- ✓ A zoning permit must be obtained before you add anything to your yard such as a fence, deck, shed, pool, concrete, etc. Call Village Hall for any questions. Applications are also available on the Village website.

VILLAGE YARD WASTE DUMP

The Village of Beckemeyer has a dump for yard waste located just East of town along First Street. The dump is strictly for yard waste accumulated within Village limits. Violators will receive a citation.

PARK PAVILIONS AVAILABLE FOR RENT

The Village offers pavilion rentals at both of our parks. The City Park, located at 721 Louis Street, has one pavilion available to rent for free for village residents and a \$50 fee to non-residents. The BCDC Park has the Main Pavilion, the East Field Pavilion and the Gazebo by the lake. Rental fee for each of those is \$50. The pavilions are available beginning January 1st each year on a first-come first-serve basis. Call Village Hall to make reservations.

UPCOMING EVENTS:**APRIL**

18th & 25th -- Fish Fry 4:30-7pm @ Legion
20th -- Easter Egg Hunt @ BCDC Park 2pm
26th -- Village Wide Rummage Sales

MAY

2nd -4th – Dumpsters for Village Clean-up
12th – Village Board Meeting

JUNE

7TH -- BCDC Tractor Pull, 8am to midnight @ BCDC Park
9th – Village Board Meeting
14th -- Flag Day Ceremony @ Legion