



Weekly News

Energy Prices

The Price of Energy Expected to Spike this Summer

If you've been following the news lately, it should be no surprise what's happening with energy prices throughout the country. Recent reports have quoted Ameren officials speculating the average Illinois consumer, using 1,000 kWh, could see an increase of \$50 per month on their electric bill (\$600 annually). June pricing was recently determined at 9.807 cents per/kWh which is approximately double what costs were last summer.

Ameren provides energy **distribution** services to 1.2 million customers in downstate Illinois. Residents can choose their own electrical **supplier** from numerous brokerage firms who typically allow consumers to lock in fixed rates for an extended period of time. If consumers do nothing, Ameren will also become the supplier.

According to the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) website, energy prices are high across the globe due to a number of factors including the Russian invasion of Ukraine, increased demand after the pandemic, and extreme weather. Other sources indicate the need to invest in an aging energy infrastructure, a rapid government push to green energy, and inflationary economic conditions in general as additional issues creating the significant spike in price.

Village Trustees share this information because if you live in town and utilized the Village-negotiated brokerage contract with Constellation, you received a letter a few months ago regarding the expiration of the 3-year agreement for the supply of a fixed electricity rate. Participation was optional for Tremont residents who, as mentioned earlier, are free to shop around for their own electrical supplier.

Trustees were hopeful to continue the arrangement but the prices for a fixed rate were significantly higher because of the many uncertainties in the existing market. In fact, the 3-year fixed rate being offered now is higher than the current supply rate being charged by Ameren. On the advice of our current broker, Village officials elected to decline entering any agreement for at least a year while waiting to see if any stabilization occurs in the marketplace.

Many of our residents did not participate in the Village program. Those folks have already explored various rates over the years and possibly signed an agreement with a supplier of their own choosing.

If you utilized Constellation through the Village program and do nothing, Ameren will provide both the delivery and supply of electricity to your home. At this moment, that appears to be the cheapest option even though rates are increasing significantly.

The Village will continue to monitor conditions in order to determine if opportunities exist to lessen the impact of these higher prices by entering into a long-range agreement as we have done previously. Unfortunately right now, there are no options. Residents concerned about higher energy prices are urged to seek their own comparisons at "Plug in Illinois" a website that allows consumers to shop for various suppliers and learn energy savings tips that can assist in lowering usage.

Did You Know...?

In The Year 1897

Article from the Tremont News of October 19, 1917 titled "Twenty Years Ago":

- Ladies wore bustles
- Operations were rare
- Nobody had seen a silo
- Nobody had appendicitis
- Nobody sprayed orchards
- Nobody wore white shoes
- Cream was 5 cents a pint
- Bevo* was a favorite drink
- Lawyers did not tell the truth
- Nobody heard of a “tin Lizzie”
- Farmers came to town for their mail
- The butcher “threw in” a chunk of liver
- Straw stacks were burned instead of baled
- You stuck tubes in your ears to hear a phonograph, and it cost a dime

**Bevo - Anheuser-Busch “non-intoxicating” near-beer drink popular during and just prior to Prohibition*



Above: Ladies in bustles, ca 1890

Volleyball Camp

The 2022 Youth Volleyball Camp is for incoming K-8th graders. The camp will be June 6th - June 9th in the High School North Gym. K-2nd meet from 9:30am - 10:30am. 3rd-5th meet from 10:45am - 12:15pm. 6th-8th meet from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.

Tremont District Library

Evening Story Hour

Monday, May 16
6:00 - 6:45 pm

Highly requested! Monthly evening sessions of Story Hour for you and your preschooler to enjoy! Themes are different than our regular daytime sessions. No registration required.

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (YA Book Club)

Tuesday, May 17th

7:00 pm

Ages 12-19 are invited to join us to discuss a monthly book (or two) pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested! If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at lizzi@tremontlibrary.com to be added to our Remind group.

Upcoming reads:

- May 17th – “The Maze Runner” & “The Scorch Trials” by James Dashner

Baby and Me

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Camp Invention

Attention Parents and Guardians! If you are still looking for an exciting and fun summer learning opportunity for your child, check out Camp Invention®! For students entering grades K-6, this program is a one-of-a-kind experience that will introduce your child to STEM concepts through engaging, hands-on challenges. As they rotate through four all-new activities, campers collaborate with friends, develop problem-solving skills and bring their creative ideas to life. Students do NOT need to attend Tremont schools or live in the Tremont school district to attend camp.

Tremont Middle School is offering the program from June 13th to June 17th from 9:00AM-3:30PM daily. Save \$15 if registering by May 18th using code: EXPLORE15

[Click here](#) to learn more about Camp Invention.

Contact Steve Verdun at steve.verdun@d702.org with questions or to learn more.

Tremont Museum - Save the Date

THIS WEEK TUESDAY! "The Wreck of the Columbia"

The Tremont Historical Society invites all to hear WMBD's Ken Zurski on **Tuesday, May 17 at 7 PM** at the Community Center on Sampson Street.

Ken has written and spoken about a number of books, including “The Wreck of the Columbia,” about the infamous riverboat accident that occurred on the Illinois River near Pekin on July 5, 1918, during one of the main social events of the year.

Ken will share the gripping stories of some of the passengers who were on the boat, the rescue operation, the investigation into the accident, and what was learned from the event. Nearly everyone around knew at least one person who died in the disaster, the worst maritime accident in the history of the Illinois River.

Don't Forget: June 18, 10:00-11:00 AM

The Underground Railroad Conductor Recognition Event

Where: Tazewell County Court Administration, 342 Court Street #102, Pekin IL

Tremont's own Peter Logan will be remembered and recognized. Peter is a recently discovered conductor. He was the first formerly enslaved person to own property in Tazewell County. Then, at great risk, he helped escaped slaves pass through the Tremont area on their way to Canada and Freedom.

Monday

JV BB @ Eureka - 4:30PM

Tuesday

SB Regionals @ IVB - 4:30PM

Wednesday

HS Boys Track Sectional home - 4:00PM

BB Regionals @ Olympia - 4:30PM

Thursday

Girls Track State Finals @ EIU

Friday

SB Regional Championship @ IVB - 5:00PM

Saturday

BB Regional Championship @ Olympia - 11:00AM

Girls Track State Finals @ EIU

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

