May 2018 Newsletter

VILLAGE HALL: 228-7262 (8-4 M-F) MAINTENANCE SHED: 228-7361 POLICE: EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: 594-4555 (Clinton Co. Sheriffs Dispatch) – quickest way to reach a police officer.

DO NOT call Aviston Village Hall, Police Officers personal home or cell numbers, or Aviston Village officials. By calling these numbers, you will only delay a police response.

Village Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th – Memorial Day.

JOB VACANCY: The Village of Aviston is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant Utilities Manager through June 5th. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Village Hall, located at 149 S Page Street, Aviston IL 62216.

Job Description:

Support the daily operations and maintenance of the Village of Aviston's water and sewer plants. Tasks include inside and outside plant work (line repair and replacement, system checks, water testing, SCADA operation and alarm handling, etc.). Other duties include general maintenance of public property, addressing resident's concerns/issues, and seasonal tasks such as snow removal, street patching, etc.

Education/Experience:

Class 4 Sewer License required at time of hire OR within a timeline negotiated prior hiring. Class B Water License required at time of hire OR within a timeline negotiated prior to hire. Successful applicants should have a Class B CDL or obtain one within 6 months of hire. Associates degree OR equivalent Technical/Trade School training plus three years' experience desired, but negotiable for otherwise qualified candidates.

Benefits:

9 Paid Holidays, Vacation, Sick days and Personal days annually, IMRF, major medical benefits. Aviston resident preferred, but not required. Ten minute response time required in case of emergency/ on call.

If you are planning on adding/changing your residence or business (i.e. fence, patio, patio enclosure, deck; basically anything that is permanent in your yard except basketball poles, swing sets, etc.), you need to get a zoning permit. If you have any questions when making changes to the exterior of your business or residence, please call the Village Hall for assistance.

Summer is drawing near --- 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 3 ½ ft. or 42 inches in height. The fence must be a rigid type fence. The passage through such wall or fence shall be equipped with a gate.

Please keep your properties looking nice. Do not leave trash, limbs, and other debris piling up - bring yard waste to the dump east of the park. When cutting grass, do not blow your clippings into the curb/street as it clogs up the drains. A dumpster is located at the City Shed on East Third St. A full dumpster means "come back in a couple days." There are cameras affixed on the dumpsters and abusers will be identified and may have to pay a hefty fine. Let's help to keep Aviston beautiful!

The **Aviston Police Department** would like to remind all residents that it is illegal to park any RV, trailer, boat, etc. on a Village street.

Please SLOW DOWN in subdivisions!!! There have been many reports of speeding in these areas.

Schools will be out for the summer and therefore the kids will be out more. Parents – remind your children to look both ways when crossing the streets and to be cautious of their surroundings and be careful when riding their bikes. All drivers --- please be aware that kids may be coming out from between cars. Everyone --- be safe out there and keep a look out for everyone and anything suspicious!

Battery powered cars/jeeps/scooters are not considered motorized vehicles and should not be used on the streets. These can be used at your homes/driveways/yards but please keep them off the streets.

AVISTON LEGION

The **Queen of Hearts** ticket sales are in full swing! If anyone has some time on their hands, help is needed for ticket sales. Contact Barb Haselhorst if you are willing to help. (618-806-2948) Ticket sales hours are:

Tuesday: 3-9 p.m.; Wednesday: 3-7:30 and 8:05-9:00; Thursday: 5-9 p.m.; Friday: 4-9 p.m.; Saturday 4-9 p.m.

Closed Sunday & Monday

Memorial Day services will be held on Sunday, May 27th. Legion & Auxiliary members will sit in the front pews at church, followed by services at the cemetery and then flag raising at the Legion.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Fishing Derby to be held at Hidden Lake Winery on May 12th from 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Prizes will be given as well as fish cleaning demonstration and a fish fry. Details will be posted to the Legion Facebook page.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Registration forms for 2018-2019 school year will be available online beginning May 1st. The forms need to be returned by May 15th to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. The school will be available on Monday, May 7th and Thursday, May 10th until 6:30 or you can send them in with your student. The school requests all forms returned before the end of this school year.

If you are new to town or if you get a new neighbor through the summer, (and they have school-age kids), encourage them to visit the grade school on Mondays-Thursdays to get their kids registered.

Aviston Elementary graduation will be on Tuesday, **May 15**th at 7:00.

AVISTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB

The ACIC is organizing the annual VILLAGE GARAGE/YARD SALE for Saturday, May 19th from 8-5. To get on the map, email the ACIC at avistongaragesale@gmail.com by May 5th. Please include the kinds of items you will be selling. If you cannot email, drop off your address and description at Aviston Village Hall. Maps will be available at the Village Hall, Post Office, the ACIC Facebook page, or by emailing the avistongaragesale@gmail.com

Aviston Block Party: Saturday, June 9th. This event will be held to kick off the opening and dedication of the new Vintage Hall. The day starts at 11 a.m. It will include Yard Olympics, Blow-up rides, food/drinks provided by the Sons of the Legion, as well as the band 'Orr & Rolens'. Similar to previous years, the yard olympics will consist of 4 person teams competing in 5 different yard games. The cost is \$40 per team with cash prizes being awarded to the top 3 teams. To register a team, use the link:

https:www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMLXL7Q. All teams must be registered by June 7th, 5 p.m.

AVISTON BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouts will have a BBQ stand in conjunction with the city-wide garage sales on May 19th. 10:00am - 1:00pm at the St. Francis Parish Center. Pork steaks, burgers and brat plates will be served.

Aluminum can recycling is the first Saturday of each month. Put your cans at the end of driveways.

TV recycling (\$25 fee) is from 8-10 a.m. on first Saturday in June, August, October and December.

LET'S GET MOVING AGAIN

Peggy Meier is a certified personal trainer and has started an exercise group in Aviston for any age, but with a focus on Baby Boomers and is looking for a few more participants. **Movement makes our bodies and brains better.** How do you want to age? If you want to be able to get around, reach up into that cabinet, enjoy life, vacation, and have

fun, this is for you! You can't choose how your body will be as you age but you can get your body moving now to help make it better later. Movement and building muscle helps us to stay healthy and feel younger. The benefits for you will be getting healthier and the cost is lower in a group setting. The groups are small enough that you still get the benefits of a personal trainer making sure you are doing the exercises correctly so you don't get hurt. Classes are held at the Park tennis courts on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6 a.m. Another group is trying to get started on Saturday mornings. If this sounds like something that would interest you, join the group on one of the aforementioned days or contact Peggy at (314) 412-2447 or email your interest to betterlifemld@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

12 – SAL Fishing Derby at Hidden Lake Winery

13 - MOTHER'S DAY!

15 – Aviston Elementary Graduation

19 – City-wide Garage/Yard Sales

27 – Memorial Day Services at church, cemetery and Legion

28 – Village Hall Offices closed

JUNE

5 – Job Vacancy Closes

9 – ACIC Block Party at Vintage Hall



