DECEMBER

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

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

The Village Hall will be closed on the following days due to holidays: December 25^{th} and January 1^{st} .

VILLAGE NEWS:

The 2019 Consolidated Election is scheduled for April 2, 2019. Petitions for the elected office may be circulated starting September 18, 2018. The filing period for the election is December 10-17, 2018. Each candidate has a petition signature requirement of 6-56. If you would like to run for office (Aviston will have 3 Trustee positions Open), you must first file a Statement of Economic Interest with the County Clerk's Office. Upon filing that, you will receive a 'receipt' which would need to be turned into the Village Hall so Village Staff can file the certificate of ballot at the Courthouse. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Hall.

WATER BILLS

Payments on water bills are due by the 25th of each month. If your bills aren't paid by that date, a late fee will be assessed.

RECYCLING

The 2019 Recycling calendar is included in this newsletter

AVISTON PARK DISTRICT

The Aviston Park Board has begun a park bench program to place benches for seating around the walking path. These benches can be purchased as a memorial for a loved one, a donation from an entire family, or just a way to help brighten up our community's park. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing a bench. the donation will be \$1,000. The Park Board will order the bench, assemble it and place it along the walking path. Included on the bench can be 2 lines of writing of 32 characters per line. For example, there is a bench at the park that reads: 'In Loving Memory of' (19 characters with spaces); 'Walter "Peepers" Rakers' (23 characters including spaces). Please e-mail Board President Mike Toeben at miketoeben@gmail.com and the Board will forward the form to be filled out and returned.

The lights on the addition to the walking path are in place. There are also outlets on each new pole to add to the Christmas light display for the Christmas season. Please be sure to thank the Christmas light committee

and follow our Facebook page (Aviston Park) to see when all can help put the lights up for the season.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

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

TV recycling (\$25 fee) is on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, and December from 8-10 a.m. at the shed (down the hill towards the Village dump)

AVISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Scrip Program is up and running. An order is placed each week in December. The Scrip Program is a way to purchase gifts (gift cards) for people on your Christmas list while earning money for the PTA. If you have any questions, please contact: avistonelementarypta@gmail.com. Delivery dates are December 6, 7, 14, 15 and 22. The school office also has a selection of gift cards on hand if you need one on short notice.

The PTA would like to remind everyone as they do their holiday shopping to consider using Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon. All you need to do is select Aviston Elementary as your fundraising organization. You do need to use the actual Amazon Smile website and not the Amazon App to make these purchases. The PTA appreciates your support for this fundraiser!

Discount cards are available in the school office and are available for \$10. Don't miss out on some great deals!

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Christmas mailing season is quickly approaching. Please ship early to ensure your packages are delivered before Christmas Day!!! 2018 Holiday Cut-off Dates to mail your packages:

First class mail: December 20 Priority Mail: December 20 Priority Express: December 22 USPS Retail Ground: December 14

AVISTON LEGION AUXILIARY

Thanks to all who donate to the Poppy Drives. 100% of these donations support our Veterans. At the last Auxiliary meeting, it was decided to donate funds from the Poppy Account to the John Cochran VA, Marion VA, and Jefferson Barracks Hospitals in the amount of \$800 each. Your generosity in supporting this valuable cause is so appreciated.

Clinton County has a "Snack Pack" program which prepared bags of food for children who might not eat over the weekend without it. Aviston Grade School has children who fall into this category. Volunteers drop off bags each week and are discreetly given to these children. The Auxiliary voted to donate \$500 to this program. All donations go directly to purchasing food.

An Auxiliary committee will be distributing Christmas fruit baskets and good cheer again this year to Aviston residents who now reside in assisted living or nursing homes. These are people who have donated their time and talents to our village, so now it's time to remember them.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all!

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> DECEMBER

18 – Zoning Board Meeting

25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

7 – Village Board Meeting

29 – Zoning Board Meeting

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

SAVE THE DATE The next Citizens for Aviston Dance will be held on February 9th, 2019! A \$60 ticket includes monthly drawings from August 10th – February 9th, dinner for two, free beer and soda all evening, music from Blacktop Boulevard, lots of fun, along with chances to win up to \$2,000 the night of the event. It's the cheapest night out you will ever have, plus so many chances to win! Only 500 tickets are sold, get yours before they are gone! You do not need to be present to win any of the drawings and your name is thrown back in each month. 100% of the profits are spent on park improvements! November Monthly Drawing Winners (\$60 each) were: Kevin & Angie Kohlbrecher, Daniel Friedman, and Nick & Martha Strubhart.

Call Kim (Kurt) Rakers (604-6100), Anna (Chad) Kuhn (304-7725), Karrie (Mark) Rakers (420-0330), Leslie (Brad) Eversgerd (978-6103), Tracy (Deej) Session (972-0854) or Julie (Brandon) Wade (616-4633) if you would like to purchase a ticket.



