MAY 2020

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

LOST AND FOUND

Child's wallet found on N. Page St. Call the Village Hall to identify and claim

COVID-19

The Village Hall is currently closed to the public until further notice due to COVID-19 concerns. Use the drop box located north of the front door if you have something to drop off. It is recommended to everyone to practice social distancing.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

LARGE TRASH PICKUP

Town-wide large trash pick-up has been rescheduled for **June 1**st.

If you have a large trash item that needs to get picked up and it's not during a large trash pick-up time, you may call Republic Services, personally, and request/schedule the pickup. The number to call is: (618) 656-6883, Option 3, and Option 3 again. You may also reach them at: www.republicservices.com and schedule/request a large trash pick-up.

We know that a lot of the residents are doing extra spring cleaning due to the COVID-19 situation. A dumpster is located at the City Shed that is picked up (emptied) three (3) times a week. A full dumpster means "come back and try again." If materials are dumped alongside or overfill the container... that's not good -illegal as a matter of fact- so please don't do that. If the lid does not close, it is too full! There are cameras fixed on the dumpsters and abusers will be identified and invited to come get their treasures and pay a fine (starting at \$100).

GRASS CUTTING/YARD WASTE/DUMP

It's grass cutting time! (please see attached flyer)

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.

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) STICKERS

If you have a sticker which you purchased last year, you are still legal through December 31, 2020. If you recently purchased an ORV, you will need a sticker to legally drive it on village streets. Cost is \$35 per permit and good through the end of the year. Renewals will be required effective 1/1/21.

AVISTON PARK

The Aviston Park has closed some of its facilities (pavilions, bathrooms and playgrounds) due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The walking path remains open.

2020 CENSUS

The worker assigned to our area is asking for our help to encourage the residents of Aviston to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire online or over the phone as soon as possible. This reduces the need for a Census worker to visit your home. The website to respond to the questionnaire is: https://www.my2020census.gov. For help with their questionnaire, the toll-free number is: 1-844-330-2020.

Also, the U.S. Census Bureau is still looking to hire more employees for when the COVID restrictions are lifted. Safety for residents and Census workers is a top priority. They will need more help when it's safe to contact those who haven't completed their questionnaires. The website to apply is: https://www.2020census.gov/jobs For information or for assistance with applying, please call 1-855-562-2020.

AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION

The Queen of Hearts raffle is postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19. Pot is over \$20, XXX.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

St. Francis "Journey of Blessings" Mission
Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.
Due to COVID-19, the St. Francis "Journey of Blessings" Mission has been rescheduled to September 26, 2020 through October 1, 2020.
Until then stay safe!

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Thank you to everyone that has donated food and items for our families in need, especially Rose Acre Farms for eggs and Snowy Sweets for the collection, pick-up and delivery of essential items. If any family has a need for food or hygiene items, please leave a message at the school at 618-228-7245 or email kfuehne@avistonk-8.org.

Join Aviston Elementary in celebrating the Class of 2020! The 2020 8th Grade Graduates will parade through town on **Thursday**, **May 21**, **2020**, starting at 6:00 pm at Aviston Elementary School. More details & a few surprises will be available closer to the date. Visit <u>avistonk-8.org</u> or Like the Aviston Elementary School Facebook page for more information. #AvistonEagles #ClassOf2020 #FlyingWithPerfectVision. Everyone is encouraged to celebrate the graduates, but please follow social distancing guidelines.

Final Days of School - The final day of remote learning for students is **May 19**. Student item return and pick up will be **May 26** and **May 27**. More information for the return/pick up process will be sent in upcoming weeks. Have a very enjoyable summer!

Student Registration - All students must register online at www.avistonk-8.org this year. This includes Pre-K and all new and returning K-8 students. Once registered online, a packet will be mailed to Pre-K, Kindergarten and new student families. Returning students in grades 1-8 will not receive a packet in the mail.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scout can recycling has resumed – first Saturdays of each month.

DO NOT just drop off TV's at the shed. This costs the Boy Scouts money every time one is left. Please help them --- not cause them undue expenses. Other electronics are able to be dropped off at the shed NO TV's!!!!

AVISTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB

ACIC Upcoming Events:

- City-wide garage sale has been postponed due to COVID-19 (no date set yet)
- Saturday, June 13th Aviston Block Party.
 Mark your calendars! Bringing back Pedal for Parkinson's, Tee-Ball, and much more!

OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

Here is your monthly reminder about the upcoming Oktoberfest in downtown Aviston. Event to be held **October 17, 2020** at the City Center, better known as Vintage Hall. When traveling in Germany, most towns have a City Center where local shops, banks, restaurants and city government buildings would be located. Atop the tallest building would typically be the town clock. Aviston is very similar in that aspect with businesses located downtown and a bell tower on top of Vintage Hall.

Hoping everyone is practicing social distancing at this time and will be ready for a German celebration this fall! Get your Oktoberfest t-shirts by contacting Connie Robben at 618-971-5511 or getting them from the Village Hall. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS WANTED

The Western Clinton County Senior Services Center, located in Trenton, is looking for drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels (MOW) one day a month in the Aviston area. Some of our drivers have asked to be replaced. We currently have 7 residents who receive MOW. It's just one day a month and takes about an hour. If you would like to volunteer for this much needed program, please contact Barb Haselhorst, 618-806-2948.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- $\overline{10}$ Mother's Day
- 18 Park District Meeting
- 21 8th Grade Graduates Parade 6:00
- 25 Water Bills Due
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 Zoning Board Meeting

JUNE

1 – LARGE TRASH PICK-UP

- Village Board Meeting
- 6 Boy Scout Recycling
- 13 Aviston Block Party
- Pedaling for Parkinson's
- 29 Park District Meeting
- 30 Zoning Board Meeting



STAY SAFE!!!