



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: **November 12th, 22rd & 23rd.**

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.

FLU CLINIC

The Village will be hosting a Flu Clinic on
Wednesday, November 14th from 9-11 a.m. at the
Village Hall. Please be sure to bring your insurance
cards. If you've missed other clinics, this is a good
chance to get your flu shot before the flu season
hits.

RECYCLING

The Village has received a link from Republic
Services to assist everyone on reducing the
contamination in recycling and how to become an
efficient recycler. The link is:
<http://recyclingsimplified.com/>.

GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD

The renovation of the Aviston Vintage Hall has
truly been a project for the ages. Using money

raised at the Aviston 150, a group of volunteers has
tirelessly worked on the renovation of this building
since 2014. The beauty of this building has made
us all very proud. Not only have they redone an
Aviston landmark, but they have made it into an
events venue to be used far into the future.

Because of the unbelievable number of volunteer
hours for the work on this building, the Aviston
Village Board saw fit to enter it into the Governor's
Hometown Award, which recognizes outstanding
volunteer efforts. At a gathering in September, the
judges in Springfield heard about this great project
from Project Chairman Kurt Schmitz and one of the
most active volunteers, Deb Luebbers. The judges
were truly impressed by what they saw, what they
heard, and what they felt was an outstanding
volunteer project. Because of that, our Vintage Hall
was chosen as one of the 4 finalists for the top
award in the whole state.

This final presentation will take place on
Thursday, November 15th, again in Springfield.
Aviston presents at 9 a.m. After the 4 presentations,
there will be an award ceremony at 1 p.m. at the
Governor's Mansion.

Because of the work of the vintage Hall group,
Mayor Dale Haukap has declared November as
Vintage Hall Volunteer Month. We give special
recognition to the great volunteers who took a page
out of our history, by using a large number of
volunteers, along with professional help, to renovate
our Vintage Hall. CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OF THEM!!!

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.

AVISTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB (ACIC)

The ACIC presents: "CHRISTMAS KICKOFF" on Sunday, November 25th at the Aviston Vintage Hall with lighting at 5:30. Pictures with Santa 1-5 pm (\$5 ea.). Chili, cookies, hot chocolate, pony rides (\$2 ea.), and more! The Carolers will be singing at 5:00 with the Christmas lighting at 5:30.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Santa's Elves have been repairing displays since August 1st and are setting them up for the lighting of the lights on November 25th. Come out and get your picture taken with Santa, take a 'reindeer' ride, and enjoy some chili, cookies and hot chocolate. Festivities start at 1:00 with the arrival of Santa. The Carolers will be singing at 5:00 with the Christmas lighting at 5:30. Donations from the event go to the purchase and repairs of lights. Come out for an enjoyable gathering!

Please stay back from the Christmas displays. There are many stakes and clear wires holding these displays up and you could trip and get hurt or destroy the display. Parents – please advise your children and remind them to have respect for the village property and to not take lights from displays.

Take time to thank your dedicated Elves: Barb Lohman, Theresa Schrage, Jeannine Mueller, Carol Feldmann, Ruthie Markus, Jane Hollenkamp, Aggie Strieker, Marilyn Zobrist, Diane Hegger, Mary Ann Kujawa and Diane Woltering. Thanks to all the Elves' husbands who came out and helped erect the 25 ft. trees and repairs! Also, thanks to Jason Rakers, Tony Sudholt, Kaitlyn Lampe, Alex Robben, Tom Luebbers and John Feldmann for helping put lights on the pavilions. A big thanks to the Aviston Legion Auxiliary and the ACIC for their help in buying new displays this year.

BOY SCOUT NEWS **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

The Boy Scouts will be participating in the annual food drive. Bags will be dropped off at the homes

on the weekend of November 9th/10th. Pickup will be November 17th, starting at 9 a.m. No glass jars please.

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 December from 8-10 a.m. at the shed (down the hill towards the Village dump)

AVISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From Tami Kampwerth, Aviston Superintendent: I am excited to announce that the school has been named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon-Exemplary High Performing School. This is a tremendous achievement for our students and faculty and the entire Aviston community. The letter we received is included below. If you would like to see the link to our school's story, it can be found here:

https://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/winning/18il143pu_aviston_elementary_school.html

We are just sharing our good news now, but we plan to have a celebration sometime in November after the award ceremony. The National Blue Ribbon award is being presented to 24 schools in Illinois, and 349 in the United States. This is truly an honor we can all be very proud of at our school.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

A friendly reminder that the postal service will be closed Monday, November 12th to honor Veterans Day and Thursday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving Day. Normal business hours will resume the day after the two holidays.

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

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! October Monthly Drawing Winners (\$60 each) were: Jerry Kues, Clay & Sherry Goesten Kors, and Christi Lappe.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 11- Veterans Day Program at New Baden
- 12 – Village Offices closed
- 14 – Flu Clinic at Village Hall, 9-11 a.m.
- 17 – Scouting for Food pickup
- 22 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 22-23 – Village Offices closed
- 25 – K of C Breakfast @ Legion
- 25 – CHRISTMAS KICKOFF – Vintage Hall – Santa arrives!!!
- 27 – Zoning Board Meeting

DECEMBER

- 1 – Boy Scout TV Recycling & aluminum can recycling
- 3 – Village Board Meeting

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!!**

