

MARCH

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

FYI: During the recent power outage, the Village Hall received several calls. We have nothing to do with your electric --- please call Ameren at 1-800-755-5000 or Clinton County Electric at 526-7282. Thank you!

VILLAGE NEWS:

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village of Aviston will be flushing hydrants the week of March 11th-15th. Please refrain from washing light colored clothing during this time. We will notify you if we need a longer time period to complete the flushing.

SUMMER HELP

The Village of Aviston is accepting applications for summer help. All applicants must be 16 years of age by May 1, 2019 and reside within the Village corporate limits. Applications may be picked up at the Village Hall and must be completed and returned to the Village Hall no later than Friday, March 31st, 4:00 p.m.

GRASS CUTTING

The Village is also accepting applications for lawn/grass cutting. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older by April 1, 2019; able to pass a routine drug test; able to operate a large riding mower and do routine maintenance on the mowers. The anticipated start for this job will be as soon as lawn cutting is needed. Lawns to be cut include Aviston Community Park, Kopff Park, Village of Aviston properties and along roads and areas assigned. During peak times, lawns may need to be cut 4-5 days a week and a total of 6-8 hours per day. Applications can be picked up at the Aviston Village Hall M-F from 8-4. Application deadline is March 31st, 4:00 p.m.

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.

We will no longer be making phone calls to residents to remind them of past due invoices. Letters will still be sent stating the cutoff/shutoff dates. To ensure that you do not get shut off, please submit your payment on time.

SEWER RATE INCREASE

Minimum usage for sewer rates will increase by \$2.00 with the March 1st billing.

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

Garbage rates will increase with the April 1st billing. In-town rates will be \$16.07 and out-of-town will be \$21.17.

The Village of Aviston website (avistonil.org) has been revised to now include an updated listing of all of our local Aviston businesses, with also a very brief description of what they have to offer. Please click on the 'Business' link to view the list. You will likely be surprised of all we have to offer right here in our hometown, so please look over this list and whenever possible, do what you can to support our local businesses and keep our money local. If you are a business owner, please look over the information as well and report any desired revisions or updates to Garrick Krebs at customcamerasolutions@outlook.com or Dawn Heimann-Neumann at dhgraphics@charter.net.

PARK PAVILION or VINTAGE HALL RENTALS

If you'd like to book any of the pavilions at the park or to rent the Vintage Hall, you may call the Village Hall and request the date or look on the Village of Aviston website under the heading: Events/Calendars, 'Aviston Park Calendar, Pavilion Bookings and Vintage Hall' to see if your date is available. Also, for the Vintage Hall – keep in mind that it does not apply to the entire first floor. You are only guaranteed the front/south portion.

AVISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department would like to AGAIN remind everyone to PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES!!! There have been more reports of thefts from unlocked vehicles in our Village as well as in other towns. PLEASE LOCK ALL VEHICLES ALL THE TIME!!!!

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 April, June, August, October, and December from 8-10 a.m. at the shed (down the hill towards the Village dump)

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scout Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 10th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Aviston Legion Home. ALL YOU CAN EAT!!! On the menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, pork sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, fruit cocktail, orange juice, milk and coffee. Support your local Pack 255 and get a great breakfast!!!

AVISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aviston Elementary School has established April 17, 2019 for their Blue-Ribbon Award Celebration. Festivities will include a whole school outdoor group picture, a “Breakfast of Champions,” an assembly with local dignitaries, a parade through town, a special luncheon, and a talent show. The community is invited to enjoy this celebration with the students, faculty, and staff. Public activities will begin at 9:30 AM with a welcome and speakers. At 10:15, the parade will step off, circling from the school, to the Vintage Hall area, and back down 4th Street. Lunch will be provided to students and community members who RSVP in advance. The day will end with a student talent show and dismissal at 1:45 PM.

BIRTH-5 YEAR SCREENING

Aviston Elementary School and Kaskaskia Special Education District (KSED) will conduct FREE screenings for children birth-5 years of age. Screenings are scheduled for Thursday, April 11 from 9-3 and Friday, April 12 from 9-noon. Parents/guardians may contact the school office at 228-7245 to schedule an appointment. Information that will be needed include: Child’s full name (first, middle, last), Medicaid # (if applicable), address, resident school, birthdate, parents’ names, and phone number. All screenings will be done at Aviston Elementary. All appointments will be made via phone call. **NO EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR APPOINTMENTS.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Aviston Elementary School will start registering children for Kindergarten on April 1, 2019 for children who will be 5 years of age prior to September 1, 2019. Parents/guardians can go to the website (www.avistonk-8.org) to find the kindergarten registration form. Go to the “Registration Forms” link, then under Kindergarten Registration. Only the “New Student Registration” form needs to be turned in ASAP so they can start a count of incoming students. The registration form can be dropped off in the office, mailed to the school (350 S. Hull St., Aviston, IL 62216), scanned and emailed to the office (schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org) or faxed to the office at 618-228-7121.

The following exams will be required for incoming Kindergarten students and must be turned in prior to the start of the 2018-2019 school year: Vision

Exam (from an optometrist), Dental Exam (from a dentist); Physical Exam with updated immunization record.

These forms are also found under “Registration Forms Per Child” online or can be picked up in the school office. Other registration paperwork will be available AFTER May 1, 2019 for all school registration. For any questions, please contact the school office at 618-228-7245 or via email at schoolsecretary@avistonk-8.org.

CARDINALS TICKETS

The PTA will again be selling Cardinals tickets. The order forms for these tickets will be going home soon. The game is Thursday, June 20th at 6:15 p.m. against the Florida Marlins. Please spread the word as we have 200 tickets to sell. The tickets are \$25 each. Please note that the tickets may not be sold on StubHub as we are allowed to purchase the tickets at a great discount to be used as a fundraiser. Selling the tickets on such sites will jeopardize future fundraisers. If you have any questions regarding the tickets, please contact Ann Venhaus at annvenhaus@yahoo.com.

AVISTON LEGION

The Aviston American Legion invites you to their all-you-can-eat Spring Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, March 17th, serving from 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Dine in or carry-out. In addition to the meats, it includes sauerkraut and backbones, potatoes, vegetables, homemade pies and cakes.

AVISTON LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Auxiliary Rummage Sale. They could not make it happen without the support of the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members. A special thank you to the Boy Scouts, CYM and PSR members and all the volunteers who aren’t Auxiliary members but were there to lend a hand ... you’re all AMAZING!! They received tons of clothing, houseware items, books, toys, AWESOME BAKED GOODS and many, many more donations. Because of your overwhelming support and generosity, the Auxiliary Rummage Sale was a huge success. THANK YOU, community of Aviston for your ongoing support. The Legion couldn’t make it without your backing.

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

The Citizens for Aviston committee would like to express a sincere thanks to all who contributed and participated in our 2019 fundraising event. All proceeds from the yearly event go towards Aviston Park improvements. Congratulations to all of our drawing winners! **THE WINNERS WERE:** GRAND PRIZE - Cody Imming, 2nd Place – Mike & Peggy Rakers, 3rd Place – Maisie Kampwerth, 4th Place – Larry & Kathryn Lucas, 5th Place – Jerry Middeke, 6th Place – Rob & Lori Zanger, 7th Place – Craig & Stacey Lampe, 8th Place – Brianne Burcke, 9th Place – Ryan Poettker, 10th Place – Dustin & April Foutch

AVISTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB (ACIC)

For those of you who don't know, the ACIC is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving Aviston and making it a great place to live. The ACIC hosts several events/fundraisers throughout the year and manages the park concession stands in the summer.

This year, the ACIC is making a push to expand its reach to more and more Aviston residents. Our residents/members are the backbone of the organization, and we wouldn't exist without you. We want to be sure that all residents are kept up to date on all current and future initiatives.

With that, we are updating our contact list and would love to have your most up-to-date information. You can use this web address: <https://bit.ly/2F4qtCP> or email: acic62216@gmail.com. No matter what your situation is – you are new to town, you are already an active member, you are thinking about getting more involved, or you simply want to stay in the loop – we'd appreciate the opportunity to update your information and keep you in the know.

As always, you can follow us on Facebook as well. Thank you!

The ACIC would like to thank Imming Insurance Agency for donating the TV to the Vintage Hall Concession Area.

Upcoming ACIC events:

- March 23 – 9 a.m. – Park Cleanup. Please help support your local park! (Make-up date – 3/30)
- March 25 – 7 p.m. – Meeting at Vintage Hall --- everyone is welcome to attend
- May 18 – City-wide garage sale
- June 8 – Aviston Block Party (in conjunction with Pedaling 4 Parkinson's Bike Ride)

AVISTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The next Aviston Business Association (ABA) meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th at the Vintage Hall. The purpose of these informative, bi-annual meetings is to keep all our Aviston businesses updated on various business-related topics within our town, while providing valuable information we all can use to better run our businesses as well.

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Amy Kruse of the local Edwards Jones office here in town. She will provide some valuable information on a few retirement and insurance-related topics that should come in handy to us all, regardless of who you prefer to handle your investments, insurance, etc.

All Aviston business owners or managers are invited. Doors will open at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:00 (usually lasting ~ 1 hour). Beer, soda, and snacks are also being provided, courtesy of Amy Kruse as well.

These meetings have been very informative and we have gotten very positive feedback on the format and content. Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you there.

AVISTON KHOURY LEAGUE

The Aviston Youth League forms for the upcoming baseball/softball season are available through Aviston Grade School, City Hall and Aviston Youth League's Facebook site. The deadline for the T-Ball is May 1st. The forms can be returned to Aviston Grade School in a sealed envelope or to 14163 South Fork, Aviston. Any questions, please contact Larry Hilmes at avistonyouthleague@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
 - Cub Scout Breakfast 8-1 at Legion
- 11-15 - Hydrant flushing
- 14 – Aviston Business Association meeting
- 17 – Legion Pork Sausage & Roast Beef dinner
- 23 – Park Cleanup (9 a.m.)
- 25 – Water bills due
 - Park District Meeting
- 26 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 30 – Make-up date for Park Cleanup
- 31 – Summer Help applications due
 - Grass cutting applications due



APRIL

- 1 – Garbage Rate Increase
 - Village Board Meeting
 - Kindergarten Registration starts
- 6 – Boy Scout Recycling (+ TV's)
- 11-12 – Birth-5Year Screening
- 17 – School Blue Ribbon Award Celebration
- 29 – Park District Meeting
- 30 – Zoning Board Meeting