

SEPTEMBER 2020

POLICE

Just a reminder from our men in blue to **lock your doors!** That includes your house, vehicles, sheds, etc. Please also keep an eye out for any suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood as well.

LOST AND FOUND (call or visit Village Hall if you think you might have lost something). To date we have accumulated wallets, ball gloves, and a garage door opener.

VILLAGE HALL LOBBY

The Village Hall lobby is closed to visitors. We are working inside. Please put any correspondence you may need to get to us in the drop box. This includes water bill payments. If you pay with cash, make sure to put it in an envelope. If you do not have the stub, write on the envelope your name and/or address so we can credit your account accordingly.

CODE RED

Some of you may have wondered why you didn't get notified about the BOIL ORDER issued on Monday, August 10th. This would be because your residence or business has not been registered in the system. There are two ways to take care of this: get the paper from the Village Hall, fill out and return, and we will put it in the system or you can go to the Village's website: www.avistonil.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and where it has 'CODE RED', document all of your information there. Please check the boxes for Emergency and General notifications so you are covered.

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL SURVEY

If you have not filled out the survey for your residence, it is still available at the Village Hall and also on-line on our website (www.avistonil.org).

PLEASE fill it out and turn it in (drop box or email).

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION INFORMATION:

Petitions are now available for circulation for the 2020 Consolidated Election. The Village has three trustee positions and the Village President up for

election. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking out a petition, please speak with Jenny at the Village Hall. Petitions may begin circulating on September 22nd.

Last day to register for the November election is October 6th. After October 6th, you must register online or you can register and vote in the County Clerk's office at the same time.

Elections will be in person at the Aviston Fire Department, 498 Railroad Street. A mask and voter registration card are required.

SEWER

There have been extra problems going on with people putting things in the Village's sewer system. Please be aware of what you are putting down the drains. Don't put **grease** down your drains. **Grass clippings** also clog up the system. If you run out of toilet paper, do not put **rags** or any other **wipes** down the toilet; likewise, no **personal hygiene items**. The wipes that say 'flushable' are not really flushable, they **DO NOT** disintegrate.

STREET OILING

The Village will be oiling street on September 22nd and 23rd. Signs will be posted along those streets to be oiled. Please remove all vehicles from the streets on those 2 days to avoid them being towed.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

There is concern on property maintenance within the Village limits which include maintaining shrubbery along intersections, accumulating items in yards, dead/dying trees that could be removed or trimmed back. We take pride in our town, please help us keep it beautiful.

CENSUS 2020

The 2020 Census is still underway. Notifications were sent to households throughout the state and country. Census Day was on Wednesday, April 1. It is the day that everyone should use as the reference when filling out the Census. Where a resident lived on April 1 is the basis for how they should fill out their 2020 Census.

If you have not already, it is encouraged for all residents to fill out their 2020 Census form. That can be done online, via phone or via mail. **If you would like to fill it out on-line and do not have the capability to do it at home, you may contact**

the Village Hall and set up a time and we will have a computer available for you.

[More information about responding to the census is available at 2020Census.gov.](https://www.2020census.gov)

Federal funding determined by the 2020 Census will support Head Start programs, nutrition services, Medicaid, and other services for children and families. Since the census is conducted only every 10 years, missing one child means missing out on federal funding for that child for the next 10 years! **YOU'RE HERE! YOU COUNT! YOU MATTER!**

LARGE TRASH/DUMPSTERS REMINDERS:

-If you have large trash items that need to get picked up, you may call Republic Services, personally, and request/schedule the pickup. The number to call is: (618) 656-6883, and listen for the correct prompt to assist you. You may also reach them at: www.republicservices.com and schedule/request a large trash pick-up.

-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... it's illegal - 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).

Town-wide large trash pick-up has been rescheduled for **October 19th**.

ROUTE 50

As you know, there is patching being done on new Route 50. The entire highway will begin resurfacing in the Spring of 2021.

AVISTON PARK

Parents --- please talk to your kids about vandalism and the repercussions that could happen to them. There has been vandalism at the park pavilions and restrooms that our employees have had to clean up after. If the vandalism continues, all pavilions and restrooms will be locked and cameras will be installed.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH Maintenance Technician and Cemetery Sexton

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Maintenance Technician and Cemetery Sexton. This position preserves the buildings and grounds of St. Francis Parish by performing exterior and interior general maintenance and custodial work; identifying improvements and repair needs; and completing necessary repairs when appropriate. Building and grounds include church, rectory, parish center and cemetery. As Cemetery Sexton oversees all operations regarding the cemetery including but not limited to selling and recording burial permits and grave locations, opening and closing of graves, and placement of headstones.

Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma or GED and experience with building maintenance and repairs of a minor to moderate scope. This includes general equipment repair, plumbing, electrical work, painting, window glazing, and carpentry. Ability to identify needs and potential problems and articulate the problem and alternative resolution to the Pastor. Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

To apply send cover letter with résumé to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, PO Box 93, Aviston, Illinois 62216; email to: parish@stfrancisav.org.

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 again to May 1-6, 2021. Until then stay safe!

AVISTON GUN CLUB

The Aviston Gun Club is holding a raffle:
1st Prize: Winchester SuperX 4, 12 ga. Shotgun with camo pattern synthetic stock, chambered for 3 ½" ammo; 2nd Prize: Ruger SR1911 .45 ACP, Stainless finish.

Donation: \$5/ea or 5/\$20. Tickets are available from any Aviston Gun Club member or call Dave @ 618-920-2671.

Drawing is on October 6, 2020. Proceeds for the future development of the Aviston Gun Club.

CUB SCOUT POPCORN

It's that time of year again. Your Aviston/Albers Cub Scouts are selling popcorn beginning September 1st. The selling of popcorn helps the

boys earn money towards summer camp and other fun activities that help the boys grow into well rounded young men.

The scouts will be going door to door soon. If they happen to miss you while you're home please call them and they'll get a scout to your home at a time that works better.

If you prefer to order online or via phone you can certainly do that as well.

Please call or text Matt Kohnen at 618-558-8501 and he will get you connected to a Scout closest to your address.

Pack 255 would like to thank everyone for their continued support in advance!

AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 1239

Our Pork & Beef Dinner will go on as scheduled Sun, Oct 11, serving from 10:30am to 6pm, with carry out only. The Fish Frys are also open with carry out only. Please watch our Facebook page and website for changes to this guidance.

The Auxiliary will also have their annual Holiday Rummage Sale the same day, Oct 11, from 9am to 5pm with Brown Bag at 3pm. The number of people allowed in the building will be monitored and face masks will be required. However, we will **not** be able to accept additional items for the sale.

Now that the Legion remodel is nearing completion, we are looking to add the finishing touches with any old pictures you have of weddings, anniversaries, parties, etc. which show the Legion, even when it was in the Imming Furniture Store. We will return your original pictures. Please give your pictures to any member or drop off at the Legion. Our "Hero's Hall" is amazing. Please come check it out.

The last Car Show was very successful and another has been scheduled for Fri, Oct 16.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

With school back in session we would like to remind motorists to be cautious of kids walking/riding bikes before/after school.

Please also remember of school buses that are stopped. When the lights are flashing, STOP, it is

illegal to go around a stopped bus with flashing lights and the arm out.

Please also remind the kids that are walking and using Aviston/Albers Road and W Fourth Street that there is a cross walk sign there, please push the button for it to light up and alert drivers of their presence. Safety First!

AVISTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB

September 26 – City Wide Garage Sale 8AM-5PM If you would like to be placed on the address list, email the ACIC by September 18th to avistongaragesale@gmail.com. Please include your address and a short description of the items you will be selling. If you cannot email, drop off your address and description at Aviston Village Hall. Address lists will be available at Village Hall, Post Office, or by emailing the address listed above.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 18 – Cutoff to get on garage sale listing
- 22 & 23 – Street oiling
- 26 – City-wide garage sale
- 28 – Park District Meeting
- 29 – Zoning Board Meeting – 7:00

OCTOBER

- 5 – Village Board Meeting
- 6 – Last day to register for November election
 - Aviston Gun Club Raffle Drawing
- 11 – Legion Pork Sausage Dinner (tentative)
- 26 – Park District Meeting
- 27 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 30 – Tentative Trick or Treating date
- 31 – HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



WATER LEAKS

There have been numerous people calling in about higher than normal water bills. Please take the time to check your faucets, toilets, showerheads, outside spigots, pools, and irrigation systems. A few informational facts include:

- The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, or the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- Common leaks include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads. All easily corrected.
- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year.
- A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year.
- An irrigation system that has a leak $1/32^{\text{nd}}$ of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons per month.

