

MARCH 2021

LOST AND FOUND

LeMotech adjustable survival bracelet, VW Passat key fob, Timex mens watch

WATER METER INSTALLER

The Village of Aviston is seeking a full-time employee to support our Water Meter Replacement Program, targeted to begin on or around April 2021. The overall job description is as follows:

- 1) Perform all activities required for the replacement of existing water meters with state-of-the-art new hardware, to include:
 - a. Turn mainline valve to close waterflow through line;
 - b. Disconnect water pipe and connects water meter to outlet and inlet pipe unions;
 - c. Examine pipes to detect leaks and communicate with consumers on activities and schedules;
 - d. Open mainline valve to admit waterflow into building; and
 - e. Enter the new meter head info onto a handheld device (tablet)
- 2) May install and repair water system pipes and accessories using suitable outdoor equipment and plumber's hand tools. Locate, inspect, replace, test, calibrate, clean and adjust water meters and related metering equipment.
- 3) Perform basic remediation/restoral work around impacted meter pit areas when required.
- 4) With training and experience, lead a small meter installation team through completion of project. Make recommendations on the efficient replacement of water meters and related equipment.

Other duties may be assigned as weather may impact meter installation schedules.

The project is anticipated to run through the fall of 2022. 40-hour weeks, with competitive pay rate determined through the interview process. Nine paid holidays; vacation, sick days and personal days awarded on an annual, pro-rated basis. Aviston resident preferred. The Village of Aviston is an equal opportunity employer and a drug-free workplace. Applications can be picked up at the Aviston Village Hall M-F from 8-4. **Application deadline (including resume) is March 31st, 4:00 p.m.**

GRASS CUTTING

The Village is accepting applications for lawn/grass cutting. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older by April 1, 2021; 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.** Applicant must be available to work through the end of the grass-cutting season.

SUMMER HELP

The Village of Aviston is accepting applications for summer help. All applicants must be 16 years of age by May 1, 2021 and reside within the Village corporate limits. Applications can be picked up at the Aviston Village Hall M-F from 8-4. **Application deadline is Friday, April 30th, 4:00 p.m.**

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) STICKERS

2021 ORV stickers are now available for purchase. This is for renewals or if you recently purchased an ORV. You will need a sticker to legally drive it on village streets. The forms are available online and we appreciate it if you would provide a copy of your driver's license and a current insurance card at the time of submission. Cost is \$35 per permit and good through December 31, 2021.

SEWER RATE INCREASE

Sewer rates will be increased effective **May 1, 2021**.

For minimum usage:

In-town: from \$17.70 to \$18.70

And then per additional 1,000 gallons of water used; it will go up an additional \$1

TRASH/RECYCLING RATE INCREASE

Trash rates will be going up effective **April 1, 2021**.

In-town: \$17.06

Out-of-town: \$22.16

LARGE TRASH PICKUP

Dates for the large trash pick-up are: May 3rd & October 18th.

RECYCLE/TRASH/DUMPSTERS REMINDERS:

- All recyclables need to fit inside the container. Boxes need to be broken down and placed inside the bin and not on top of it.

- Trash cans can be any color but they should have sufficient handles for lifting and they cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.

- 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) every Monday, Wednesday & Friday. 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).

VILLAGE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (CODE RED)

We have been putting out various notifications lately regarding water main breaks, trash/recycling info, etc. but are still getting some complaints from folks not getting the message.

If you have changed phone carriers, phone numbers or have never been set up in the system, you will not be getting the phone call or text.

You can set this up yourself on our Village webpage: www.avistonil.org (bottom of front page) or fill out the sheet (available at the Village Hall) and we can input it for you.

HEADS-UP: POSTAL MAILINGS

We would like to inform everyone that there may be delays in your mail (both incoming and outgoing). Due to Postmaster General notices, plans are being discussed to eliminate a tier of first-class mail — letters, bills and other envelope-sized correspondence sent to a local address — designated for delivery in two days. Instead, all first-class mail would be lumped into the same three-to five-day window, the current benchmark for nonlocal mail.

So, if you currently have your water bill payment mailed to us, you may choose to mail it sooner or drop it off at the Village Hall to ensure it gets here on time.

You are free to look the information up yourself on-line, for verification. FYI: US Postmaster General's information is: Louis DeJoy. Contact info is as follows: louis.dejoy@usps.com; 1-202-268-2608; 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

HOMETOWN HEROES

SAVE THE DATE: Hometown Heroes Community Event on September 11, 2021 at the Aviston Park. The Aviston Fire Department and ACIC will be working with organizations in our community to host this community-wide event. Stay tuned for more details!

AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 1239

The Queen of Hearts raffle is still going. Drawing is over \$19,XXX now. Tickets are on sale until 9:00 on days that the Heroes Pub is open. They also are on sale early on Wednesdays (drawing date), beginning at 4:00. Drawings are at 8:00; tickets need to be purchased by 7:30 on that day.

The Aviston American Legion invites you to their Spring Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, March 21st, serving from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. In addition to the meats, it includes sauerkraut and backbones, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. The traditional pork and quilt raffles will also be conducted. At the present time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is scheduled to be a **CARRYOUT ONLY** event. Coronavirus prevention practices will be enforced.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEED HELP WITH YOUR FUTURE?!?!

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary is proud to offer a Scholarship program for 2021: \$1,000 – for Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL or family members of Post 1239*: \$1,000 – an individual living within the 62216-zip code area* Look for details and an application on the website: www.americanlegion.com OR pick up an application at Aviston Legion during open hours at the Aviston Legion. *You may apply for both scholarships, if applicable. Deadline for the application is April 1, 2021.

Let us consider helping you with your future!

CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER - CFPM CLASS

Renee Robertson with Safe Food 101 is offering classes at the Aviston American Legion hall downstairs from 8-4:30 on the following dates:

Monday – March 8th
Monday – April, 12th
Monday – May 10th
Monday – June 14th
Monday – July 12th

Cost: \$145 for *classroom* and proctored test **or** \$186 for *online option* with proctored test

- These both include the online exam and handouts

- **8 Hour** - 1 Day Class which consists of the following:
 - Classroom Instruction / Online Testing
 - Class instruction: 8-4:30 pm with the exam following class lecture
 - Student has two hours to complete the exam

The certification test is conducted online using your own computer or tablet, this allows the student to obtain test results immediately upon completion of the test. Must have basic knowledge and computer skills, such as setting up user accounts, logging into websites, using basic computer navigation of mouse (external or mouse pad). Safe Food 101 does not provide a computer for examinees, you must provide your own.

If you have any questions or would like to register yourself or a team member(s), please contact Renée directly at 618-406-4077 or email her at renee@safefood101.com.

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 again to September 25-30, 2021. Until then stay safe!

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scout Recycling: Any electronics can be dropped off any time with the exception of TVs. The electronic shed is open and can be accessed from the side door on the south side of the building. Leave your electronics inside the shed. Consolidate boxes when dropping off. Leave a walkway in the shed for others to drop off. They accept TVs on the first Saturday of the even months from 8-10 a.m. There is a \$25 fee per TV. The next TV recycling day will be April 6th at the electronic shed.

Aluminum cans are picked up curbside the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. If they miss your cans or you would like to drop them off yourself, the Scout trailer is located behind (east) the American Legion.

They do not accept cardboard or paper. Those items can be recycled with your blue bin provided by the Village and picked up every other week.

If you have any questions, please email avistonbersscouts@yahoo.com.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scout Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 14th from 8 a.m. – noon at the Aviston Legion Home. **ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!** On the menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, pork sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy. Support your local Pack 255 and get a great breakfast!!! Adult - \$9, Children (5-11) - \$5, 4 & Under – FREE. To preorder and arrange delivery time, please call 618-558-8501. Or send money via Venmo to @Cubscout_Pack255.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Happy March and St. Patrick's Day, Aviston! We are lucky to have such great students!

Pre-K Screenings - Appointments for screenings will begin on March 1st. To make an appointment, call the school office at 618-228-7245. Screenings will be April 8 from 9-3 and April 9 from 9-12.

Discount Cards - The Sports Boosters are continuing to sell discount cards that have great deals for local businesses. Order forms can be found in the school entryway.

Athletics - Boys Basketball Regionals will be March 8-13 and the conference tournament is March 15-16 and 18. Girls begin their basketball season on March 9! All Aviston athletics home games are live streamed and can be found on the Aviston Eagles Athletics Facebook page.

Academic Teams - Our academic teams are practicing this month for April competitions! The Math Team will be competing at Central High School's annual math competition and the Scholar Bowl will participate in Mater Dei's tournament. Good luck!

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

Thank you to all who supported the Citizens for Aviston Event. 100% of proceeds go to your park board for park improvements/repairs. We are excited to announce that this year's donation to the Aviston Park Board was \$18,500. We would not have the beautiful facilities and park without your continued support.

We were not able to continue with tradition and host a live event this year as everyone's health and safety was our upmost priority. Due to not hosting an in-person event, we had 20 additional \$100 payouts, plus we increased the grand prize from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Congratulations to this year's winners!

The drawing winners were as follows:

GRAND PRIZE – \$3,000 Dawn & Aaron Rakers (Donated 100% back to Aviston causes)
2nd Place – \$1,000 Daniel & Donna Mondt
3rd Place - \$500 Don & Ruth Mary Rakers
4th Place - \$300 Kory & Kelsey Peppenhorst
5th Place - \$200 Kannon Session
6th Place - \$ 200 Adam Brichler

\$100 Winners:

Joe & Lara Truong
Colleen & Larry Harper
Mariah Markus
Randy & Angie Spaeth

Marvin Ratermann
Carol Voyles
Alexis Voyles
Jim & Carleen Haselhorst
Mike Nettekmeier
Ron Harem
Tom & Deb Schrage
Lindsay & Brad Fischer
Todd & Kim Hustedde
Julie Huelsmann
Elizabeth Ketchum
Nathan Rueter
Dawn Heimann Neumann
Ken & Mary Kapp
Rick & Marilyn Zobrist
Dottie & Kevin Burton
John & Gloria Baro
Ben & Joan Toeben
Matt Kohnen
Craig Strubhart

The current committee has been in place since 2015 and ready to turn the reigns over to a new committee. This is a great opportunity to grab some friends and have fun creating some amazing memories while giving back to your community. If you are interested, please contact any of the current committee members: Kim (Kurt) Rakers (604-6100), Anna (Chad) Kuhn (304-7725), Karrie (Mark) Rakers (420-0330), Stephanie (Troy)

Pingsterhaus (210-5558), Tracy (Deej) Session (972-0854) or Julie (Brandon) Wade (616-4633).
We truly have a great town who always comes together to support the cause!

****MARK YOUR CALENDAR**** The 51st Annual Citizens for Aviston Dance will be held on February 12, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2021

- 8 – Safe Food Course at Legion
- 14 – Cub Scout Breakfast at Legion 8-noon
- 21 – Legion Pork Sausage dinner (carryouts only)
- 29 – Park District Meeting
- 30 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 31 – Water Meter Installer applications due
 - Grass cutting applications due

APRIL 2021

- 1 – Trash rate increase takes effect
- 5 – Village Board Meeting
- 6 – TV Recycling at Electronic Shed
- 8-9 – Pre-K Screenings at Aviston Elem.
- 12 - Safe Food Course at Legion
- 26 – Park District Meeting
- 27 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 30 – Summer Help applications due

