



LOST AND FOUND

Buick key/fob with house key and 'quarter keeper'

LARGE TRASH/DUMPSTERS REMINDERS:

If you have large trash items that need to get picked up and it is not our normal large pickup date, 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).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please obey all traffic signs. We are still getting complaints about speeding and running stop signs. We will be stepping up patrols in these areas and will be issuing citations.

Always be aware of your surroundings and report anything suspicious.

Aviston Police Department November contest winner is Robert Albers. Robert has won a \$25 Gift Card to Dollar General. Congratulations to Robert!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Santa is always watching. Drive safe and be kind to others!

ORV PERMITS

2022 PERMITS ARE IN!!!!

The current permits expire December 31, 2021. This is for renewals or 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 December 31, 2022.

PREPARE FOR SNOW

Winter is here and so the snow may be coming soon. With that in mind, when it snows, please remove vehicles from the streets so the snowplows can make it through easier.

LOOSE DOGS

Please keep control of your pets. Keep them in your yards ---- remember to keep gates closed. If you have kids and they forget to close the gate, please remind them to take care of the dogs so they're not running loose and keep them on a leash/chain so they do not interfere with someone walking by. This especially is important if you have bigger dogs and may be aggressive. Let's all be mindful of each other.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Aviston!

Aviston Elementary is excited to host the PreK Jingle and 4th-8th Grade Concert will be December 9 at 6:30 pm It is exciting to be able to showcase our musical talent this year! Everyone is welcome to attend. Face masks are required in the building.

The annual "Elf Drive" to benefit BCMW, Early Head Start and Coping4Kids continues until December 14. Canned goods, diapers, baby wipes, toys, toilet paper, hygiene products, detergent, and new hats, coats and gloves are all accepted to help our area families in need. We have a great start and need your help to continue keeping the boxes filled and our 8th grade elves busy!

Upcoming Events:

December 6, 7 and 11 - Girls Basketball Conference Tournament at Mater Dei

December 13,15 and 18 - Boys Basketball Conference Tournament at Central

December 21 - End of the 2nd Quarter (Grades 5-8), 1:45 pm Dismissal

December 22 - January 3 - Winter Break - No School

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Scouts would like to give a HUGE shoutout to everyone for their generous donations to the Scouting for Food Drive --- much appreciated!!

The Boy Scouts electronics shed is open 24/7. Please put items inside through the door on the south side. Please stack, if possible, to leave room for others. TV recycle is the first Saturday of even months from 8-10 am cost is \$25 per TV. Please do not put TVs in shed--this includes CRT monitors. **Aluminum can pick up** is normally the first Saturday of the month but due to the first Saturday falling on January 1st – **it will be moved back a week to January 8th**, please put cans out on the curb by 9 am. If they miss your cans or you would like to drop them off yourself, the Scout trailer is located behind (east) of the American Legion.

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

AVISTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus council is sponsoring a CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST for residents of the Aviston School District. The 2 best displays reflecting the “Keep Christ in Christmas” theme will be recognized with signs and monetary rewards. Judging will be done on Sunday, December 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Haselhorst (618)-971-8364.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Debi Luebbers is looking for photos of Aviston veterans to be honored on the ‘Wall of Heroes’. Email a photo to her at dk11@att.net. This is an awesome display of patriotism. If you haven’t stopped by the Legion to view it, please stop by.

The ‘Heroes Christmas’ program will be held at the Legion on Sunday, December 12th at 6 p.m. FREE!

SCHOLARSHIP

Aviston Auxiliary is proud to offer:

Scholarship program for 2022

\$1,000 – For Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL or family members of Post 1239*

\$1,000 – An individual within the 62216 zip code area*

Look for details and an application on our website: www.avistonlegion.com OR pick up an application during open hours at the Aviston Legion Heroes Pub. You may apply for both scholarships, if applicable. Deadline for the application is April 1, 2022
Let us consider helping you with your future!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Aviston Sons of American Legion 2022 BLACK TIE AND TALENT SHOW will be on Sat. Jan. 8th 2022 @ 5:00pm at Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$9000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. Tickets for the event at \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a downselect competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on Friday, Dec 17th. A 3-minute speech on a topic of contestant’s choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college/trade school in 2022 can enter contest. For tickets or info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

New Years Day – Beaucoup Bottom Band starting at 7 p.m.

US POSTAL SERVICE

2021 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines for *expected* delivery by December 25th.

- USPS Retail Ground – December 15th
- First-Class Mail (including greeting cards) – December 17th
- First-Class Packages (up to 15.99 ounces) – December 17th
- Priority Mail – December 18th
- Priority Mail Express – December 23rd

To help with mail delivery, please add your P.O. Box numbers to your bills, packages, etc. Example: 149 S. Page St. 139 (this is the Village Hall’s address with the P.O. Box also listed). This works great for packages!

Regarding PO Box Delivery (from Aviston Village Board)

Many Aviston residents have been having tremendous difficulty with mail being returned due to lack of Post Office (PO) Box information on addresses. After many, many years of service, our local post office has been instructed to stop delivering mail that does not include a PO Box number in the address.

If you wish to express your concern/make your voice heard regarding this matter, please consider contacting Ms. Natalie Woods, supervisor in the Consumer Affairs Department of the Central IL 2 District. Her office phone is (708)563-7743. Feel free to relay specifics on how you and/or your business has been negatively impacted by this change of approach, and insist the Post Office continue delivering mail even though it does not include the PO Box # (as it has for many years previously). A second recommendation is to request for mailbox delivery for the entire town. Our next step will include contacting our Congresswoman at <https://marymiller.house.gov> to request delivery across the entire town.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND DISPLAYS

The Village is bright with lights for Christmas! Please stay out of the displays as there are many clear wires running to metal stakes in the ground as well as many extension cords, that you or your kids could trip on.

We hope you are all taking time to enjoy the lights. If you would like to help with new displays, there are 2 donation mailboxes, one at the park (circle drive exit), and one at Kopff Field.

A big thanks for the monetary contributions from the SAL, Legion Auxiliary, Dale/Kim Haukap, Steve/Cheryl Haar, Jim/Ruth Markus, Dave/Jeannine Mueller, and Moe Goestenkors! We also want to thank the extra help from our husbands, and Stan/Diane Rakers for setting up the 25 ft. trees.

The Aviston Elves this year included: Diane Woltering, Carol Feldmann, Theresa Schrage, Jeannine Mueller, Ruth Markus, Diane Hegger, Marilyn Zobrist, Jane Hollenkamp, Mary Ann Kujawa, Mary Jo Richter, Kim Haukap, Barb Lohman, and Sue Szoke.

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

****SAVE THE DATE**** The 51st Annual Citizens for Aviston Dance will be held on **February 12th, 2022!** A \$70 ticket includes monthly drawings from October 20th through February 12th, dinner for two, free beer and soda all evening, music from Hair Syndicate, 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!

November Drawing Winners (\$70/each):

- Jim & Ruthie Markus
- Jenny & Aaron Eversgerd
- Nathan & Julie Deien
- Clete & Ann Schroeder

Call 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) if you would like to purchase a ticket.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2021

- 12 – Heroes Christmas Program at Legion – 6:00
- 17 – SAL Down-select at Legion – 6:00
- 19 – K of C Light Judging
- 21 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 23 – ½ Day Christmas Holiday (Offices closed early)
- 24 – Christmas Holiday (Village Offices closed)
- 27 – Park District Meeting
- 31 – New Year's Eve (Holiday – Offices closed)
- 2021 ORV Permits expire

JANUARY 2022

- 1 – Beaucoup Bottom Band at Legion
- 3 – Village Board Meeting
- 8 – SAL Black Tie Event at Winery
- 25 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 31 – Park District Meeting

Happy
Holidays!