

OCTOBER 2022



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

LOST AND FOUND

Childs Cross

LARGE TRASH/DUMPSTER REMINDERS:

A dumpster is located at the City Shed. 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. 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). **THIS DUMPSTER IS FOR VILLAGE OF AVISTON RESIDENTS ONLY!!!**

Please use the receptacles that you have been provided with your trash service as much as possible.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Village has passed a revised the Village Ordinance of Nuisances/Garbage & Debris and the Police Department will be enforcing residents to abide by the ordinance. The entire ordinance is available on our website at www.avistonil.org. If you don't have a computer and would like a copy of the ordinance, you may visit the Village Hall and obtain a copy.

REMINDER: There is a crosswalk at the corner of 4th St. & Clinton St. (Aviston/Albers Rd). There are signs at both sides of the street with a push button to assist pedestrians to cross which will light up the sign. Please use the push buttons to help you cross the street. These buttons should be used for ANYONE crossing the street (walkers/bicycles).

2023 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

The 2023 Consolidated Election is scheduled for April 4, 2023. Petitions for the elected office may be circulated starting September 20, 2022. The filing period for the election is December 12-19, 2022. Each candidate has a petition signature requirement of 40-90 signatures.

The Village of Aviston will have 3 Trustee positions up for election.

ZONING BOARD

We would like to welcome Rick Zobrist & Zachary Meyer to the Board.

We are also looking for another member on the Board. If you are interested in becoming a member and getting active in the community, join us at our monthly meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, or submit your name to the Village Hall.

DID YOU KNOW?

Before you put/add ANYTHING to your yard, such as a fence, shed, deck, pool, concrete, etc you will likely need a building permit. Call us to check this out first. The applications are available on our website or you can visit the Village Hall and pick one up.

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

Trick-or-Treating will be held on Friday, October 28th from 6-8 for the Village of Aviston. Please use caution while out driving and watch for the kids. BE SAFE!!!

ENERGY COSTS:

As many Ameren customers have seen on your power bills, the cost for electricity has risen significantly. The Village has been fielding many calls regarding this and what we, as the Village of Aviston, are doing to assist in mitigating these rising costs. The Village of Aviston is currently not in a municipal aggregation consortium that offers a contracted secondary power supplier (e.g., HomeField Energy); however, the Village is exploring available options to address immediate concerns as well as for the future. As more details and/or options become available, we will readily communicate that information with Village residents.

AVISTON GUN CLUB

The Aviston Gun Club would like to thank everyone who helped to make the September 18th shooting match a success.

Here are the winners and their prizes:

1st Prize – Browning silver 12 gauge shotgun – Don Hollenkamp

2nd Prize – Smith & Wesson 9MM EZ Rack Shield – Jeff Kopsic

3rd Prize – Savage 17 HMR – Trevor Albers

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Happy Halloween, Aviston Eagles!

Due to the growth of our community and student enrollment, the school is beginning a construction project to add four more classrooms and enlarge the cafeteria. Fortunately for the taxpayers in our district, these improvements will be funded at near the current tax rate, minimizing the financial impact to our residents. The construction proposal and financing options will be presented during the regular October 19th board meeting at Aviston Elementary School.

Aviston Elementary would like to thank the Aviston Fire Department, Chief Craig Lampe and Firemen Al Billhartz, John Kohnen and Adam Markus for their dedication in preparing for Fire Prevention Day which will be held October 14. Each year, an army of volunteer firemen make the event worthy and truly memorable! Please know our little Eagles are grateful!

October 7 is an 11:45 dismissal day and there is no school on October 10, Columbus Day. There will also be no school on October 28 for a Teachers' Institute.

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grades 5-8 will be held on October 26-27; teachers will be in touch with more details.

AVISTON LEGION AUXILIARY

In conjunction with the Aviston Legion Beef and Pork Sausage Dinner, the Auxiliary will have their annual Fall/Winter Rummage Sale on Sunday, October 9, from 10:00am - 5:00pm (\$3.00 brown bag 3-5pm). We will be selling Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items ONLY.

Come join us for a great meal and fall/winter holiday shopping!

If you have any questions please contact Debi Luebbers, 618-581-1950

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Church Tour: Do you know the difference between an ambo and an ambry? What are the Purkinje-Sanson images in the eyes of Our Lady of Guadalupe? Where does the word *Pieta* (as in Michelangelo's *Pieta*) come from? Why do we have fourteen Stations of the Cross? Come find these answers and more. In recognition of St. Francis Parish's 157th anniversary, St. Francis will provide a tour of the church on October 9th. Hosted by Deacon Steve, it's very informal. You do not have to be a member of the parish, or even Catholic, to participate – invite your friends and neighbors. We'll meet in the St. Francis of Assisi, Aviston, church gathering space after the 9:30 Mass (approximately 10:30).

BOY SCOUT NEWS

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 the first Saturday of the month, 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 avistonalersscouts@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY LINK

Learn alongside your child with **Early Head Start**. Early Learning and Family Support Programs, A Division of Community Link. Early Head Start is a free program where parents and their children grow together! First Step is for families: pregnant women; children birth – 3 years; living in Clinton or Washington Counties. They offer: playgroups and activities for the whole family; weekly home visits by a qualified teacher; curriculum and activities to support how children learn and develop in the first three years. They provide bilingual services;

assistance and resources for children with disabilities; help linking to community resources. To learn more, contact Amber at First Step (618) 526-3961.

AVISTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB

SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, November 27th, the ACIC will be hosting “Light Up Aviston” & Santa’s Stop at the Vintage Hall. All proceeds go back into the community. More info to follow in November’s newsletter.

NICK BLEDSOE MEMORIAL GOLF

Donnie, Vickey & Hanna Bledsoe would like to thank all of their Aviston friends who supported their son, Nick’s, Memorial Golf Tournament. Special thanks to all of the hard workers – you know who you are! We cannot thank the residents of Aviston enough for all the support. The annual tournament is scheduled for June 24, 2023 at Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course, Okawville.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 9 – St. Francis church tour
 - Legion Pork Sausage Dinner
 - Auxiliary Holiday Rummage Sale
- 24 – Park District Meeting
- 25 - Zoning Board Meeting
- 28 – Trick or Treating in Aviston

NOVEMBER

- 7 – Blood Drive at Legion – Noon – 5 pm
 - Village Board Meeting
- 11 – Veterans Day – Village Offices closed
- 24/25 – Thanksgiving – Village offices closed
- 27 – Santa at Vintage Hall
 - Light Up Aviston!
- 28 – Park District Meeting
- 29 – Zoning Board Meeting

