

JANUARY 2024

LOST AND FOUND

Girls gray pullover, toy giraffe, red 'RUN' kids hoodie, Pink kids scooter, Black ladies jacket, brown-frame eyeglasses found at park

WATER BILLS

The Village is aware of the ongoing issues with residents receiving their utility bills via USPS. In order to help the Village ensure that you receive your bill, we are offering a one-time \$10 incentive for residents who sign up for ACH (direct debit) and email billing through April 1, 2024.

All utility bills are mailed/emailed on the 1st of the month and are due on the 25th of the month. It is the intent of the Village to phase out paper invoices by 2025.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE (Effective January 1, 2024 (February 1 invoice))

With the rising costs of chemicals, materials, supplies, and wages, the Village of Aviston will be increasing the fees for the use of the water and sewer systems, as well as the hook-up fees to both systems effective January 1, 2024.

The Village has not increased the minimum water usage fee for over 12 years, and it has been over 5 years since the last sewer rate increase. In the recent history, the Village has built a new water tower, replaced all the water meters, re-lined the sewer system, made significant upgrades to the water plant, completed looping of the water lines, and installed water well #4. While we feel we have been efficient in using the water and sewer fees collected, the rising costs to maintain and operate the systems, as well as the need to plan on future improvements to the systems, make an increase in fees necessary at this time.

The following is the updated fee schedules. A minimum water and sewer usage customer can expect an increase of \$7.00 per month based on these schedules. The garbage rates are adjusted annually based on the Village's contract with the garbage service provider.

WATER RATES:

0 – 1,999 Gallons	\$28.00 (\$39.00 out-of-town)
2,000 – 5,999 Gallons	\$9.00/1,000 Gallons (\$9.25/1,000 Gallons out-of-town)
6,000 - 9,999 Gallons	\$10.25/1,000 Gallons (\$10.50/1,000 Gallons out-of-town)
10,000 and above Gallons	\$11.50/1,000 Gallons (11.75/1,000 Gallons out-of-town)

SEWER RATES:

0 – 1,999 Gallons	\$20.70
2,000 and above gallons	\$5.50/1,000 Gallons

Water Hook-Up Fee: \$3,500 for all water hook-ups.

Sewer Hook-Up Fee:

\$1,000 for all sewer hook-ups except for the TIF #2 Business Park, which will remain at \$1,800.

ORV PERMITS

2024 PERMITS ARE IN!!!

The current permits expired December 31, 2023. 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, 2024.

SNOW PLOWING

REMINDER: Winter is here and so is the snow. With that in mind, when it snows, please remove vehicles from the streets so the snowplows can make it through easier. If you get plowed in, we will not be back to dig you out.

VINTAGE HALL

Rental rates for 2024 will increase by \$50. The deposit remains unchanged at \$100, rental rate will be \$150 for a total of \$250 needed when the contract is signed and returned. The Vintage Hall can only be rented to residents of the Aviston school district. You will be held responsible for any damages if you rent it for someone else.

Violation of the rules will result in a loss of your deposit and/or future rentals.

The rules are given to you when the contract is signed. Another copy is available when you pick-up the key and they are also posted in the Hall.

Firepits **ARE NOT** permitted at the Vintage Hall.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

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 could drop them off yourself, the Scout trailer is located on the east side of the American Legion by the shed. If you have any questions, please email avistonlbersscouts@yahoo.com.

The shed on Brefeld Lane (east of the park) is for electronics only --- no TV's! TV recycle is the first Saturday of even months from 8-10 am. Cost is \$25 per TV.

AVISTON LEGION AUXILIARY

Let us consider helping you with your future!

Aviston American Legion Auxiliary is proud to offer:

Scholarship program for 2024-2025

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

\$1,000 – An individual living within the Aviston CUSD 21*

Look for details and an application on our website:

www.avistonlegion.com

OR

[Pick up an application at the Aviston American Legion during open hours](#)

You may apply for both scholarships if applicable

Deadline: April 1, 2024

The purpose of the Aviston American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship's is to honor individuals who have made a significant impact in the community. The Aviston American Legion Post Auxiliary (the "AALA") may provide a \$1,000 Scholarship if funds permit, and the AALA intends to offer our Scholarship with the 2024-2025 School Year. The Scholarship is to be used for post-secondary education, including but not limited to universities, colleges, vocational and technical schooling (the "academic institution").

Veteran's:

Applicants for this award shall be Veterans, Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion members or their spouses, children/step-children, grandchildren/stepchildren or great-grandchildren/step-great-grandchildren of an Aviston American Legion member. Any applicant, who is a Veteran, Auxiliary member or Sons of the American Legion member, must also be in good

standing with the Aviston Illinois American Legion Family.

Individual living within the Aviston CUSD 21:

An individual living within the Aviston CUSD 21. It is the auxiliary's wish to support the community which has supported the legion through, helping various projects and supporting us through attendance.

AVISTON SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

AVISTON SAL 2024 BLACK TIE AND TALENT SHOW will be on Sat. Jan. 13th 2024, 5:00pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent & glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. Tickets are at \$50.00 each & includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. For tickets or entry info text: Jim Kues 618- 973-5688 or Craig Timmermann 618-830-7737.

COLLECT YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS!!!

Aviston Elementary students are collecting aluminum can tabs for Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis. Please keep your tabs and give them to an Aviston student or a teacher so someone can collect them for the Shriners. This is a service project for Aviston Elementary --- doing good for other children and families at Shriners Hospital

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

****SAVE THE DATE**** The next Citizens for Aviston Dinner and Dance will be held on **February 3, 2024** at Aviston American Legion! An \$80.00 ticket includes monthly drawings that will continue through February 3rd, dinner for two, free draft beer and soda all evening, live music from Shut Up Mark, along with chances to win up to \$2,000 the night of the event. Only 500 tickets are sold, so 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! The next drawing is on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

December Drawing Winners (\$80 each): Dora & Ron Beer, Elaine Behrmann, and Donna & Jim Hegger

Contact Lindsay (Brad) Fischer (520-8717), Jill (Ryan) Voss (920-5915), Laura (Chris) Ades (567-6678), Jenna (Ryan) Poettker (604-3258), Ann (Chad) Venhaus (409-6546), Ashley (Dustin) Timmermann (401-3099), Sadie (Adam) Buehne (203-9925), Jenny (Aaron) Eversgerd (314-409-6366) or Alicia Uhring (698-4820) if you would like to purchase a ticket.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NATIVITY DISPLAYS**

WINNERS of this year’s Nativity Displays are: Steve & Lisa Goesten Kors (13616 Jackson Lane), and Mark & Jan Dall (5582 Highline Rd). We counted 58 nativity displays in the area and thank all who displayed the true meaning of Christmas. From the Michael J. Haukap Knights of Columbus, Council #11110.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Aviston K of C Free Throw Championship will be January 7th at the Aviston School Gym. Doors open at 12:30, shooting from 1-4 pm. Ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2024. More information to follow. If you have any questions, contact Dustin Timmermann or Matt Netemeyer.

**COMING EVENTS
JANUARY 2024**

- 7 – K of C Free Throw Championships @ school
- 13 – SAL Black-Tie Event @ Hidden Lake Winery
- 29 – Park District Meeting
- 30 – Zoning Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 2024

- 3 – Citizens for Aviston Dinner/Dance @ Legion
- 5 – Village Board Meeting
- 26 – Park District Meeting
- 27 – Zoning Board Meeting

**Aviston Zoning Board
2024 Meeting Schedule**

Tuesday January 30 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday February 27 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 26 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 30 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday May 28 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday June 25 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday July 30 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday August 27 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday September 24 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday October 29 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday November 26 th	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday December 17 th	7:00 p.m.

All regular and special meetings of the Aviston Zoning Board are to be held at the Village Hall, located at 149 South Page Street, Aviston, Illinois, unless otherwise specified. Inquiries regarding such meetings shall be directed to the Zoning Secretary Clerk.

**Aviston Park District
2024 Meeting Schedule**

Monday January 29 th	7:00 p.m.
Monday February 26 th	7:00 p.m.
Monday March 25 th	7:00 p.m.
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All regular meetings of the Aviston Park District are to be held at the Village Hall, located at 149 South Page Street, Aviston, Illinois, except the ones on Tuesdays. Inquiries regarding such meetings shall be directed to the Park District President.

Happy
New Year

