

# FEBRUARY 2024

## LOST AND FOUND

Black ladies jacket, brown-frame and also black-frame eyeglasses found at park

## SUMMER HELP

The Village of Aviston is accepting applications for summer help. All applicants must be 16 years of age by May 1, 2024 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 Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and are **due on the 25<sup>th</sup>** of the month. It is the intent of the Village to phase out paper invoices by 2025.

## **Ordinance regarding payment of water bills:**

### **13-3-1 PAYMENT OF BILLS**

*(A) Date Due – The meters will be read by the Village on or about the third week of each month for prior month's usage. If weather conditions or other circumstances prevent the reading of meters then each water bill will be estimated by the Village. The Village also reserves the option to read only one-third (1/3) of the meters each month on a rotating basis. Bills will be mailed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month; if the 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a weekend, then the following Monday. Payments are due the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

*(B) Penalties for Late Payment – The Village Board reserves the option to pass a resolution by simple majority at a meeting to charge interest on delinquent utility bills. If this resolution is passed, there will be a ten percent (10%) penalty added to each bill that is unpaid for forty-five (45) days after mailing. If the resolution on charging interest is not*

*passed by the Village Board, all parts of Section 13-3-7(B) shall remain, except for the interest charges.*

**NOTE:** If there is a holiday or the 25<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend, the receipts are gathered the next working day and applied to your accounts. If you have not submitted your payment by that time, a late charge will be assessed and enforced.

## LARGE TRASH PICK-UP

The next large trash pick-up is scheduled for Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## AMEREN ILLINOIS CUSTOMERS

Ameren Illinois offers enhanced, energy-saving opportunities for qualified households through a FREE Home Energy Assessment. For more information, visit

[www.AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/WaysToSave](http://www.AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/WaysToSave)

Contact: Monica Smith @ BCMW, 618-533-6630

## ORV PERMITS

2024 PERMITS ARE IN!!!

The 2023 permits expired 12/31/23. You need a sticker to legally drive ORVs on village streets. If you are purchasing a renewal sticker, please provide your 2023 sticker number. Cost is \$35 per permit and good through December 31, 2024.

## VILLAGE DRAINAGE

Through the years, the Village Board has been presented with numerous drainage issues in town. In response to this, we have worked with our attorneys and engineers to create a Stormwater Management doctrine, as well as an engineered easement plat for the town. For a copy of our stormwater management document, you can go to the Village Hall or access this on the Village website ([www.avistonil.org](http://www.avistonil.org)) under "Resident Info." In the coming weeks/months, you may see the Village employees out and about working on ditches or waterways. Please do not interrupt our employees, and if you have an issue that you would like addressed, please contact the Village Hall or email Matt Netemeyer ([mnetemeyer@avistonil.org](mailto:mnetemeyer@avistonil.org)), head of the Street Committee, and your issue can be addressed by the Committee/Board.

Additionally, know that yard waste clean-up is your responsibility. Please be sure to clean up leaves, twigs, and other debris from your yard which could end up in the storm sewer and also cause issues and even flooding streets. The town yard waste location

is located east of Schumacher Road on Brefeld Lane and is open during daylight hours, 365 days of the year, weather permitting. Please do your part to keep our Village beautiful and our roads clear.

### **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

[avistonallbersscouts@yahoo.com](mailto:avistonallbersscouts@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.

### **GIRL SCOUT NEWS**

The Aviston Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm (weather permitting) at the parking lot of the old Aviston Family Restaurant. Come on out and support them as they try to reach their troop goal of selling 3,000 boxes!

### **ST. FRANCIS CHURCH**

#### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS**

St. Francis Parish is happy to announce that scholarships are available for high school seniors enrolling as full-time students in an accredited institution of higher education (College, Vocational or Technical). The funds have been made available via the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Trusts for higher education scholarships and are awarded in their memory. Scholarships are intended to benefit students in "financial limbo". By this we mean students whose families have mid-level incomes and thus earn too little to pay for college outright, but earn too much to qualify for need-based grants or scholarships. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Are you up for the challenge? Find more information and application forms on the parish website at [www.stfrancisav.org](http://www.stfrancisav.org) Click on "PARISH LIFE" then "YOUTH". Deadline is March 1, 2024.

### **AVISTON LEGION AUXILIARY**

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary Rummage and Bake Sale will be Thursday & Friday, February

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am – 7:00pm and Brown Bag Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am until noon. Dates to bring donations to the Legion are:

- Friday, February 16, 4pm – 7 pm
- Saturday, February 17, 9am – noon
- Sunday, February 18, noon - 4pm
- Monday, February 19, noon – 6pm

We cannot accept any televisions or bed mattresses.

We need **LOTS** of help! Even if it's only for a couple of hours, we encourage everyone to lend a hand. You do not need to be an Auxiliary, SAL or Legion member to help. Volunteers are needed Sunday, February 18, noon-4pm; Monday, February 19, noon-6pm; Tuesday, February 20, noon-6pm; Tuesday February 21, noon-6pm to sort and price donated items, and February 24<sup>th</sup> at noon to help clean up. ALL volunteers who lend a hand and/or bring baked goods will be **GREATLY** appreciated! If you have any questions, please call or text Debi Luebbers, 618-581-1950.

Thank you in advance!

Aviston American Legion Auxiliary

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### **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](http://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 AMERICAN LEGION POST 1239

There will be an additional fish fry on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00.

The Aviston American Legion invites you to their Spring Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, serving from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition to the meats, it includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce and dessert. The traditional pork and quilt raffles will also be conducted. It will be carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining space available.

### 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

### AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Happy February, Aviston! Our LOVE for learning continues this month!

Congratulations to the Aviston Girls Basketball Team on a 2nd place finish in the SIJHSAA Class M State Tournament! Thank you for a great season!

The Aviston Boys Basketball Team are the SIJHSAA Class M, Region 6 champs! Good luck at the state tournament!

We want to wish our volleyball, bowling and scholar bowl teams the best as all three kick off their seasons.

Aviston discount cards to benefit the Sports Boosters are available in the main office for \$15 each.

**PreK Screenings** - Wednesday, March 6 from 9 am-3 pm and Thursday, March 7 from 9 am – noon. Registration for screenings will begin February 12th. To make an appointment, call the office at 618-228-7245.

**Kindergarten Screenings** - February 26 from 8:30 am until 3 pm. Children who did not attend Aviston Pre-K will need to be screened. Appointments can be made by calling the school office at 618-228-7245.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Feb. 9 – Aviston KC Spelling Bee @ 1:45 p.m.  
Feb 12 – PreK Screening appts. can be made  
Feb. 16 – NO SCHOOL-Teachers Institute  
Feb. 19 – NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day  
Feb. 19 – PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
Feb. 21 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
Feb. 26 – Kindergarten Screenings 8:30-3:00  
Feb. 27 – ROE 13 County Spelling Bee @ Breese Library at 6:00 p.m.

### **AVISTON SUMMER BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

Please scan the following QR Code to register your child(ren) for the 2024 Summer's Baseball/Softball League. The deadline is February 23rd. Any questions please contact Larry Hilmes at (618) 972-6115 or

[avistonyouthleague@yahoo.com](mailto:avistonyouthleague@yahoo.com)



## **CITIZENS FOR AVISTON**

January Drawing Winners (\$80 each): Carol Hustedde, Maura Timmermann, and Robby and Jessica Robertson

The lucky winners from the night of the event (February 3, 2024) include:

\$2,000 – Matt and Mary Rakers  
\$1,000 – Nick and Beth Hollenkamp  
\$500 – Cathie and David Schroeder  
\$300 – Pete and Joni Wilken  
\$200 – Cody and Kylie Imming  
\$200 – Lenny Kalmer  
\$100 – Dawn and Aaron Rakers  
\$100 – Ruth Lager  
\$100 – Jerry Middeke  
\$100 – Jason VonHatten

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY 2024**

14 – LENT starts - Fish Fry at Legion – 4:30-7:00  
16-19 – Bring donations for rummage sale  
23 – Deadline for baseball/softball registration  
22-24 – Legion Auxiliary rummage sale  
26– Aviston Elem. Kindergarten Screenings  
- Park District Meeting  
27 – Zoning Board Meeting  
29 – Application deadline for summer help

### **MARCH 2024**

1 – St. Francis Ratermann Scholarship Deadline  
4 – Village Board Meeting  
6-7 – Pre-K Screenings at elementary school  
17 – Pork Sausage & Beef Dinner at Legion  
25 – Park Board Meeting  
26 – Zoning Board Meeting

### **APRIL**

1 – Deadline for American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship to Legion  
- Deadline for \$10 ACH/email water bill incentive

