

# MARCH 2024

## LOST AND FOUND

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

## VOTING POLLING LOCATION CHANGE

The Clinton County Clerk's Office recently made a change to the polling location for the Sugar Creek 1 and Sugar Creek 5 voting precincts. You will no longer be voting at the Aviston Fire Protection District. Your polling location for all future elections has been changed to the **Aviston American Legion at 601 S. Clinton Street, Aviston**. This move will be effective starting with the General Primary Election on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. If any questions, call the Clinton County Clerk's Office at 618-594-6620.

## 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.

There are two (2) drop boxes at the Village Hall for your convenience to drop off payments. One is attached to the building by the front door and the other one is in the alley on the south side of the building. If you pay by cash, please make sure to include your remittance slip or else put in an envelope with your name and/or address on it.

## DUMPSTERS

The dumpsters by the maintenance shed are not to be used for any construction materials from new or remodeling. No drywall! You must get your own roll-off for these types of uses. Also, if you overfill a dumpster, and the lid does not close, you will be asked to remove the excess. Remember --- there are cameras --- you are being watched!

## LARGE TRASH PICK-UP

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

## 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 PARK CLEAN-UP DAY

Spring is around the corner and it's time to clean up our park. Clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 8-12:00 (noon). Bring your trucks, ATV's, rakes, gloves ..... whatever else you can think of that may help. All help is appreciated!!



## 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.

## AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 1239

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.

## 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](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.

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**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** to everyone who helped with the Aviston Auxiliary Rummage Sale, whether it was working, setting up, tearing down, buying, bringing baked goods or donating items, we couldn't have made it without your help. A BIG thank you to the Legion, SAL, Boy Scouts, CYM and the ladies and gentlemen (you know who you are) who are not members of our Legion organization but chose to lend a hand.

Not only is the Rummage Sale a major source of income for the Auxiliary, but it also helps support our military, local schools, community organizations and outside charities. Not items went to waste. Anything remaining was donated to over 10 different charities.

We are extremely fortunate to be part of not only a great organization but also this amazing community and left in awe of what we can accomplish when we pull together as one group.

**WE DID IT! IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY! THANK YOU AVISTON!!!**

## AVISTON ELEMENTARY

We are growing and preparing!

With **211** students enrolled, Aviston Elementary School was built 25 years ago. Enrollment has been on the rise since, requiring an addition in 2007. Today with **453** students, the building is again



under construction with funding through the extension of construction bonds that were already in place on the property tax rolls.

In the past four years alone, enrollment has increased 20% - with only 32 students graduating and at least 50 kindergarten students set to register next year.

As new classrooms are being prepared and are already funded, there remains a need for teachers and much needed learning resources. Aviston Elementary will be making an appeal to voters on March 19, asking whether the district should increase its maximum educational fund tax rate from 0.92% to 1.12% per \$100 of assessed valuation. These funds will go directly to help students by increasing the number of teachers/staff, lowering class sizes and buying new books and learning materials.

Implications:

Fair Market Value of Home Daily Tax Increase

\$150,000 \$0.24

\$250,000 \$0.42

\$350,000 \$0.61

March 8 - 11:45 Dismissal - School Improvement Day

March 11 - No School - Spring Break

March 27 - 1:45 Dismissal

March 28 - April 1 - No School - Easter Break

### **ACIC Upcoming Events:**

3/19 - ACIC meeting at Citadel Saloon, 7pm

5/17 & 18 - City Wide Garage Sale

To be listed on the map, email ACIC

at [avistongaragesale@gmail.com](mailto:avistongaragesale@gmail.com) by April 15.

Please include your address and a description of what you will be selling.

6/9 - Party at the Park

Save the date for the festivities!

The Aviston Community Improvement Club (ACIC) organizes events, fundraisers, and projects for the improvement of the Aviston Community. All meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. To stay up to date on all things ACIC, scan the QR below (left side) to join the ACIC GroupMe. ACIC is also looking for new community service projects

to take on this year and need your help. If you have any suggestions for ways we can improve our community, please scan the QR code below (right side) and fill out the Google Form.



GroupMe Link



ACIC Service Project Suggestion Box

### **GIRL SCOUT COOKIES**

Rain or shine (as long as it's not monsoon) we would like to have our rescheduled booth this Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm-2 pm or when we sell out. We are 250 boxes from our troop goal of 3,000 boxes. This will be a drive thru booth at the restaurant's empty lot. Cookie season ends March 10th!! If you want to order cookies to be picked up, text 314-585-8674.



**COMING EVENTS**

**MARCH 2024**

- 8 – Girl Scout cookies at restaurant parking lot
- 10 – Cub Scout Breakfast at Legion
- 17 – Pork Sausage & Beef Dinner at Legion
- 19 – Voting Primary @ Legion
- 25 – Park Board Meeting
- 26 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 30 – Park Clean-up Day (8-noon)

**APRIL**

- 1 – Deadline for American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship to Legion
- Deadline for \$10 ACH/email water bill incentive
- Village Board Meeting
- 15 – Deadline to get name on list for garage sales
- 29 – Park Board Meeting
- 30 – Zoning Board Meeting

**MAY**

- 6 – Large Trash Pick-up

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**AVISTON & ALBERS  
CUB SCOUT  
BREAKFAST**

**Come support PACK 255  
and have a great breakfast!**

**Sunday, March 10, 2024  
Aviston American Legion  
8am-12pm**

- Biscuits and Gravy
- Pork Sausage
- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Hash Browns

**Carry outs available**



**PRICES: \$12.00 PER BREAKFAST  
CHILDREN UNDER 5 EAT FREE - DINE IN ONLY**



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