

# MAY 2024



## LOST AND FOUND

Black-frame eyeglasses found at park, pearl earring

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Village of Aviston is bringing back the Business Spotlight and will feature an Aviston business each month with a flyer in addition to the newsletter. This allows our businesses to showcase their offerings to Aviston residents and for residents to be informed that these companies are available within our Village. Business owners may email [mkohnen@avistonil.org](mailto:mkohnen@avistonil.org) to get added to the newsletter in future months.

## CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY

You should have received the Cross-connection survey in the mail a few weeks ago. This is a mandatory survey that all homeowners and businesses need to fill out and return to the Village Hall. The survey may be completed on our website at [www.avistonil.org](http://www.avistonil.org) and clicking the appropriate link at the bottom of the page. This survey is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and must be completed by all water customers. **All Landlords** --- please make sure to fill out this paperwork for all of your rental units. This needs to be completed and returned to the Village Hall by **July 31, 2024**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

## OFF ROAD VEHICLES (ORV) PERMITS

**REMINDER: You must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license to operate an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV)/ Side-by-side/golf cart on village streets.** Please obey all driving laws and be aware of your surroundings. **BE CAUTIOUS!!**

**Parents:** please make sure to tell your kids that are of age and use your vehicles --- **BE SAFE OUT THERE!!** Please make sure you have a current

2024 sticker on the vehicle! **TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED!!**

**STOP SIGNS:** There are stop signs for a reason – please stop where the signs are posted! **IT'S THE LAW!!**

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.

## STREET PARKING REMINDER

We know that parking on the street can be crowded at times but please be courteous to your fellow neighbors and rural mail carriers ---- do not park really close to their driveways so that they have difficulties backing their cars out nor that mail cannot be delivered to any mailboxes.

## GRASS CUTTING/YARD WASTE/DUMP

It's grass cutting time! Please do not blow your clippings into the street, in the curbing or on the sidewalks as it clogs up the sewer systems and if it rains, it gets very slick on the roads for cycles. Please cut the grass and blow it back into your own yards.

Please do not leave trash, limbs, and other debris piling up on your property.

You can bring yard waste (leaves, grass, bushes, plants) out to the dump east of the park. **DO NOT** put leaves and grass on the burn pile! They go east of the burn pile. There are signs posted where everything is to be put.

## 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 first if you have any questions. The applications are available on our website or you can visit the Village Hall and pick one up.

## 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

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

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

### **AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 1239**

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Car show to benefit ALS. Flyers and tickets are available at the Legion. Drawing consists of 10 draws for \$550 each. Tickets are \$25 ea. or 5/\$100. You do not need to be present to win. All food and raffle proceeds will go to ALS Research. There will be a yard golf “Yolf” course set up along with music and great food.

### **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary annual poppy drive is coming up May 17-May 19, 2024. Each year the Auxiliary raises funds through the poppy drive to give back to different organizations that support veterans. This Poppy drive was established to help veterans with whatever they need to get back into civilian life. It started after World War II and continues today. This drive is strictly supported by donations. As we know, the price of goods, as well as other necessities, has increased enormously.

Every year the Aviston American Legion Auxiliary selects one to two organizations to donate to through the poppy drive, which embodies supporting veterans and our current military personnel. This year the Aviston Auxiliary has selected: Got Your Six Support Dogs as this year's organization.

Got your Six Support Dogs, a 501© (3) charitable organization, is located in Maryville, Illinois. Got Your Six provides service dogs to Veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder and other traumas. They also train therapy dogs that serve local area residents in nursing homes, hospitals, schools, etc.

We are reaching out to the citizens of Aviston for support. If you would like to make a monetary donation the auxiliary has set up a Venmo account @Avistonlegionaux1239 or Auxiliary members will be at various locations. Thank you for your support!

### **AVISTON GUN CLUB**

The Aviston Gun Club will host a hunter safety course on August 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Aviston American Legion. Class times are 6:30-9:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00-4:00 on Saturday. Lunch and beverages will be provided on Saturday.

35 students will be accepted on a first-come basis. The class usually fills in a hurry.

To reserve a spot, call Bob at 228-7405 or 618-363-4163 to reserve a spot.

### **ACIC Upcoming Events:**

#### **May 17 & 18 - City Wide Garage Sale**

A website with house locations will be posted to our Facebook page.

#### **June 9 - Party at the Park**

Save the date for the festivities! Come on out to enjoy food, T-ball, bounce houses, Fantastick Pops, and music from Cheers. The day will kick off with Pedaling 4 Parkinson's.

### **CITIZENS FOR AVISTON**

Mark your calendars for next year's event that will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2025 that will include the Cheers Band for the entertainment.

### **ST. FRANCIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH PRESENTS: “SCUBA VBS”.

DATES: July 8-12th

TIME: 9:00am-12Noon

GRADES: Kids going into K-5th Grade as of Aug 2024.

LOCATION: St. Francis Parish Center

Donation of \$15 per child to help cover expenses would be appreciated. Included are Bible Stories, Imagination station, games, snacks, songs, and skits.

Your child will receive a FREE Scuba T-Shirt (Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus). Sign up now at: <https://www.stfrancisav.org/vacation-bible-school> For additional info call Janice Lampe (228-7709) or Sue Szoke (228-7811). FIRM DEADLINE TO REGISTER: **JULY 1, 2024**

## AVISTON ELEMENTARY

The Aviston Eagle family would like to sincerely thank the community for their support of the education referendum. To prioritize and value the kids is what makes Aviston special and makes it a place many want and choose to live. #avistonstrong

The Eagles launched a new mobile app as a means of communication. It's everything Aviston Eagles, in your pocket. On the app, the community can read the latest announcements and review upcoming events. Simply search Aviston Elementary School, IL in your app store or

Download for Android <https://aptg.co/rTCV10>

Download for iPhone <https://aptg.co/lXxy8P>

May 1 - 2024/2025 K-8 School Registration Opens

May 14 - Spring Concert @ 1:30 & 6:30

May 16 - 8th Grade Graduation @ 7:00

May 17 - PreK Graduation @ 9:30

May 21 - Last Day of School - 1:45 Dismissal

## ANNUAL NICK BLEDSOE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF SCRAMBLE

DATE: June 29, 2024

LOCATION: Roland Barkau Golf Course,  
Okawville

COST: \$90/golfer (includes 18 holes of golf w/cart, lunch and evening meal) Cash prizes, 1 free mulligan/golfer, longest drive & closest-to-hole prizes, skin pot

Hole sponsorships are accepted: \$100-Gold, \$75-Silver, \$50-Bronze (sign provided)

Silent Auction, 50/50, Gun raffle - \$10/ea. or 3/\$25.

If you would like to donate for the hole sponsors or silent auction, or have any questions, please contact Vickey Bledsoe (618)304-6268, Kay Gaebe (618)410-8861, or Trina Fuhrhop (618)713-2067.

Nick was a Okawville High School Senior who tragically lost his life on March 3, 2011 while working on a farm. His parents and sister have established an educational fund in his memory which grants an annual scholarship to an OHS Senior, in addition to other contributions to school organizations (including our community).

Flyers are available at the Village Hall to sign up to golf or for hole sponsorship.

## PEDALING FOR PARKINSON'S

Pedaling 4 Parkinson's bike ride/walk will be held on June 8 at the Aviston City Park. Ride begins at 9:30 and packets can be picked up at 9:00. All proceeds will benefit APDA Greater St Louis Chapter. Fee: \$30. Deadline to register and receive a t-shirt is May 15, 2024. QR Code for registration form. (Forms are also available at the Village Hall)



## COMING EVENTS

### MAY

12 – Mother's Day

15 – Deadline to register for Pedaling for Parkinson's (receive t-shirt)

16 – Grade School Graduation

17-19 – Poppy sales weekend for Memorial Day

17-18 – City-wide garage sales

19 – Car Show @ Legion

20 – Park District Meeting

27 – Memorial Day (Village Offices closed)

28 – Zoning Board Meeting

### JUNE

3 – Village Board Meeting

9 – Pedaling 4 Parkinsons

- Party at the Park

16 – Father's Day

21 – Last day of school

24 – Park District Meeting

25 – Zoning Board Meeting

29 – Nick Bledsoe Golf Scramble – Okawville

### JULY

1 – Deadline to register for Vacation Bible School

Although the following criteria are the requirements of this position, candidates with a different level of education, experience, or military service, who can demonstrate a high level of competency and have experience with police department management as well as State and Federal reporting requirements, officer training and testing and department policy are encouraged to apply.

- Be an Illinois Certified Police Officer.
- Be able to satisfactorily pass a background check and drug test prior to hiring.
- Note: Candidate will also have other requirements for career certifications and formal trainings.

Salary for this position is dependent upon the qualifications of the candidate.

The Village of Aviston is now accepting applications for the position of Part Time Officer through June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Village Hall, located at 149 S Page Street, Aviston IL 62216.

Additional documents such as a resume, transcripts and/or certifications are encouraged, but only accepted if accompanied by a completed employment application.  
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The Village of Aviston is seeking applicants for Part Time Police Officers. Candidates will be expected to provide professional, hands-on leadership while building strong communications/relationships with the Aviston Village Board, current police officers, and most importantly the community.

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For more information contact Matthew at 618-228-5115 or [malbers@financialguide.com](mailto:malbers@financialguide.com).

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