

# JANUARY 2026

## LOST AND FOUND

Cell phone, Aviston ball cap

## VILLAGE NEWS

To feature your business in the Newsletter Business Spotlight or list commercial properties for sale, contact Matt Kohlen at [mkohlen@avistonil.org](mailto:mkohlen@avistonil.org).

The Village thanks Mark Litteken for providing his bucket truck to help install Christmas lights, making street décor setup more affordable.

## POLICE NEWS

Parents: PLEASE remind ALL children to obey traffic rules when using ebikes or scooters. There have been reports of near-misses with kids not paying attention to traffic.

## OFF ROAD VEHICLES (ORV) PERMITS

2026 PERMITS ARE IN!!!

The 2025 permits expired 12/31/25. A new sticker is required to legally drive ORVs on Village streets; otherwise, tickets will be issued. Cost is \$35 per permit and good through December 31, 2026.

**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!!

## CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

The next Citizens for Aviston Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Aviston American Legion! A \$90.00 ticket admits two and includes monthly drawings that will continue up until the event, dinner for two, free draft beer & soda, live music from The Cheers Band, along with chances to win up to \$2,000 the night of the event. Only 500 tickets are sold! Get yours before they are gone! Doors open at 5:45pm. Carry outs 4:30 – 5:30pm. Dinner 6:00-7:30pm. Cheers Band 8:30pm-12:30am. Proceeds will go to Aviston Park for improvements.

You do not need to be present to win any of the drawings & your name is thrown back in each month. The next drawing will be mid-January.

### December winners:

Pete & Joni Wilken  
Alexis Voyles  
Greg & Lauren Litteken

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239 is proud to offer:

### **Scholarship program for 2026-2027**

\$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 during open hours at the Aviston Legion
  - Apply online at Aviston American Legion Website
  - See Guidance Counselors at Central or Mater Dei
- You may apply for both scholarships if applicable.  
Deadline for the application is **April 1, 2026**  
Let us consider helping you with your future!

## AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION POST #1239

50/50 Raffle drawing on the last Friday of each month at 8:00pm at Hero's Pub. Ticket prices: \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3. Proceeds going to Lyle Rakers Charitable Foundation that benefits ALS Research at Washington University.

## 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. Scholarship amounts are variable. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. 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, 2026.**

## 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, you can 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) or contact Dan Pickett-Scoutmaster at 618-567-0123

## AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Eagles wish the entire learning community a happy and healthy year ahead!

Congratulations go out to the Eagle musicians Berkeley Jacob – Treble Choir, Elise Kohlen – Band, and Clara Netemeyer – Orchestra who, for the first time in school history, represented Aviston at the ILMEA District 6 Festival and Clara Netemeyer then advanced to the State competition in Peoria!

Dates to note:

January 16 Early Dismissal @ 11:45am  
January 19 No School Martin Luther King Jr Day  
January 25 Band & Choir Winter Concert @ 6:00pm

## Christmas Displays

Did you know that we take your old lights, displays, and extension cords to use in the Village displays? What we can't use goes to the Legion Auxiliary to sell, or if it can't be fixed it goes to the Boy Scouts. Call Diane at 228-7508 to drop off. Thanks to monetary donations from the SAL, Jim/Donna Lampe, & Glen/Elaine Robke! The Village was beautiful for Christmas! Thanks to Mike and Dennis and anyone else that helped fix the new home for the displays!

There are people coming from other towns because they like to walk through our lighted displays. If you see one of these Elves, be sure to thank them: Carol Feldmann, Ruth Markus, Theresa Schrage, Jeannine Mueller, Barb Lohman, Jane Hollenkamp, Diane Hegger, Marilyn Zobrist, Mary Jo Richter, Ruth Lager, Linda Richter, Gloria Baro, Mae Strubhart, Angie Rule, and Diane Woltering.

**2026 Meeting Schedules**

**Village Board**

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Monday January 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday February 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday April 6 <sup>th</sup>      | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday May 4 <sup>th</sup>        | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday June 1 <sup>st</sup>       | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday July 6 <sup>th</sup>       | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday August 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday September 8 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday October 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday December 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 p.m. |

**Zoning Board**

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday January 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday February 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday March 31 <sup>st</sup>     | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday April 28 <sup>th</sup>     | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday May 26 <sup>th</sup>       | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday June 30 <sup>th</sup>      | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday July 28 <sup>th</sup>      | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday August 25 <sup>th</sup>    | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday September 29 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday October 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday November 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday December 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. |

**Park District**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Monday January 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday February 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday March 30 <sup>th</sup>     | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday April 27 <sup>th</sup>     | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday May 18 <sup>th</sup>       | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday June 29 <sup>th</sup>      | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday July 27 <sup>th</sup>      | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday August 31 <sup>st</sup>    | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday September 28 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday October 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday November 30 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday December 21 <sup>st</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. |

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*Current Resident*



## 2026 Aviston Recycling Schedule

### Calendar B – North of the Railroad Tracks, including all subdivisions north of New Rt 50

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## 2026 Aviston Recycling Schedule

### Calendar A – South of Railroad Tracks to include the Park

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