

City of Evansdale Newsletter

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SNOW REMOVAL

The winter season has arrived! Conditions are sometimes inconvenient and frustrating. This year the Public Works' Department would like to emphasize the following:

CLEAR THE STREETS OF OBSTACLES:

Our ordinance requires that cars parked on the streets be moved during a snow storm to allow free access to all parts of the street for our snow plows. It is difficult and time consuming to navigate around parked cars. The Evansdale Police Department will give warning notices and then parking tickets to offenders. Repeat offenders may be towed.

SNOWPLOWING:

The first priority for snow removal crews is emergency snow routes. Crews do not start on **residential streets** until all emergency routes are completely clear. You may consider delaying snow clearance at the end of your driveway, if possible, until crews have come back down your street with a second pass to avoid having to do it again. Please be patient as we will plow all City streets.

USE CAUTION, PLEASE

Please use caution when following behind our Snow Removal vehicles. Frequently, the vehicles make sudden stops and back up at intersections. Due to the load size of the vehicles, they need extra time to stop. Please be patient during these conditions to ensure your safety and the safety of the drivers.

MAILBOXES:

Inspect your mailbox to make sure wooden posts are not rotted underground. Also, ensure that your mailbox is securely attached to its pole to withstand the impact of snow from the plows. The trucks must plow at certain speeds in order to keep moving. Though snow removal crews take great care, occasionally mailboxes are damaged in snow

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MAIL BOXES (CONTINUED)

removal operations. Usually, if mailboxes are damaged, it is a result of a rotting base or unsecured pole. The City Code of Ordinances states that the City of Evansdale shall not replace or repair mailboxes destroyed or damaged during snow removal operations. ■

A NOTE FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE:

“Make sure to keep pathways and stairs clear, as well as all walkways and the approach to your mailbox free from snow and ice. This will prevent injuries and allow postal employees to provide the best possible service, even in the worst weather.” ■

ANIMAL CONTROL

2011 DOG & CAT TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Licensing is due January 1, 2011. The City Code requires residents to license all dogs and cats six months or older each year. You will need to provide proof of current rabies vaccination and proof of altering.

ALTERED DOG & CATS \$3.00*
UNALTERED DOG & CATS \$10.00*



*After April 15, 2011 a \$1.00 penalty will accrue each month that a tag is not obtained.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

If you are you looking for a way to become more involved in city government, consider serving on a City board or commission. A bill passed by State government in 2009 requires cities of more than 1,000 to have an equal number of men and women on boards and commissions by the year 2012. As terms expire or board members resign, the City will actively seek members to achieve gender balance. Check our website under the boards and commissions section for information about the committees or visit our Business Office at the City Hall for more information. ■



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas Trees may be taken to the Yard Waste Center in Deerwood Park next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The center is open to Evansdale, Elk Run Heights and Raymond residents only. The center does not accept stumps or branches larger than 6" in diameter. Remove all decorations, tinsel, etc. before you drop it off.

YARD WASTE CENTER HOURS:
NOVEMBER 1ST - MARCH 31ST, MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00AM-4:00PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00AM-4:00PM



GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CARTS

The City of Evansdale has purchased garbage carts for each residence to use for garbage; there is no need to order one. We will begin delivery shortly and expect to have them distributed by the end of January to each Evansdale residence. The garbage carts are green in color and resemble the garbage carts used by Waterloo and Cedar Falls. The garbage carts have wheels, a lid, and have a capacity of 64 gallons. Please start using your new garbage carts as soon as it is delivered to your home.

The garbage carts are property of the City of Evansdale. If you move to a new residence, the cart needs to remain with the property where it was initially delivered. There is a serial number on the cart that identifies the cart to the property address, which will be kept on file at the Water Works Department.

If you ordered an additional cart for recycling, it will also be delivered by the end of January; however, the garbage cart and recycling cart may be delivered separately. Your new recycle cart will be the same size and shape as the garbage cart but it will be blue in color. You can start using your new recycle cart as soon as you receive it. ■



GO GREEN

The recycling includes streamline recycling with no separation of plastic, cardboard, newspaper, etc...just throw it all in! If you didn't order a blue recycle cart, please mark your existing container clearly or label it with a recycling sticker and place it at least 5 feet away from your garbage container so garbage pick-up crews can distinguish between the garbage and the recycling. Recycling stickers are available at City Hall if you didn't receive one in the mail.

ITEMS THAT ARE ACCEPTED:

- Tin & Aluminum Containers
- #1 thru #7 plastics (soda bottles, milk & detergent jugs, butter containers)
- Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office and shredded paper
- Corrugated cardboard & chipboard
- Clear glass only!
- Holiday Wrapping Paper

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTED:

- No Batteries
- No foam containers eg. coffee cups
- No Plastic bags
- No Styrofoam
- No Antifreeze or motor oil jugs



Note: Please rinse out all containers.

Recycling pick up will be every other week on your **regular garbage** pick-up day. Recycle pick-up are on the weeks of December 13th, December 27th, January 10th, and so on...

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GO GREEN (CONTINUED)

If you are interested in purchasing a recycling cart, there are some still available. Supplies are limited, so stop in soon if you would like to purchase a separate recycling cart for \$39.95. You may also continue to recycle at the Recycling Center located at 130 Brown Street.

If you have any questions, you can find more information on the City's website at <http://evansdale.govoffice.com> under the Garbage & Recycling section. ■



HUNTING

Evansdale Code of Ordinance Chapter 54 states that hunting on private property is permitted in Evansdale, however there are stipulations. First, you must obtain written permission from the property owner. The Land Owner Permission Form must be completed and signed by the property owner and turned in to Police Chief Randy Weber. You can find the form on our website at <http://evansdale.govoffice.com>. At this time hunting on City Property is not allowed.

All hunters must receive permission from Police Chief Randy Weber. Deer hunters must get a Deer Management Zone Tag from the Black Hawk County Deer Management Task Force. Contact Lori Eberhard at the BHC Deer Management Zone (DMZ) Task Force at 232-5505 with questions on obtaining a tag. Note: The option to take the required hunting education coursework has passed for the 2010-2011 hunting season, however if you are interested for the 2011-2012 hunting season, contact Lori to be added to her contact list.

The purpose of the urban deer hunt is to control the animal populations within the city limits. Only bow hunting is permitted. Hunting in Evansdale must be done in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Black Hawk County Deer Management Task Force and/or the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. ■



FIRE DEPARTMENT

SNOW REMOVAL FROM FIRE HYDRANTS DURING MAJOR STORMS

The Evansdale volunteer fire department is asking residents for help clearing snow from fire hydrants. The large amount of snow accumulation in the area has left many hydrants partially or completely buried in snow, creating a potentially dangerous situation in the event of a fire.

The fire department asks of those residents who have a fire hydrant on or near their property to please take the time to clear snow from the hydrant. This will allow rapid access to water, helping firefighters do their jobs quickly and potentially saving life and property.

Snow covered hydrants are hard to spot and could add 3-5

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FIRE DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

minutes before the fire department can get water on a fire, especially if they have to dig it out at the time of an emergency. Keeping fire hydrants visible and easily accessible can save precious time and lives. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

SOME OTHER WINTER SAFETY TIPS:

Be careful overloading extension cords. This is a common cause of fires and one that is so easy to avoid.

Take care that your fireplace chimney is properly cleaned and inspected. Disastrous fires can be avoided by doing some preventative maintenance.

And finally, a reminder that the fire department is continuously accepting applications for membership and encourages any resident over 18 years old to consider this a way to give back to their community. If you live in Evansdale, Elk Run Heights, or the Maywood addition of Waterloo and are interested in joining the department, you may pick up an application at the Community Response Center at 911 Evans Road or visit our website at www.evansdalefire.com.



WATER WORKS NEWS

Our office is moving! Remodeling is underway at City Hall which will combine the Water Works office space with the City's newly expanded business office area. This will allow one-stop convenience for all your needs. Pardon our dust for the next few weeks, and look for signs directing you to the new office areas!

The Board of Trustees is still working on possible sites for a new well. Once an area is chosen, a test well could be done before spring arrives. As always, please let us know anytime you have problems with water quality!

If you haven't updated your telephone number with us yet, please do so as soon as possible. It's important to have a valid phone number on file in case we need to contact you for emergency bulletins such as water main breaks in your area, boil water notices, etc. Please call the office (319-233-5524) after normal hours and leave a message with your name, address, and all current numbers, including cell phones. If you no longer have a land line, let us know which number to drop.



Online bill paying is becoming more popular, as well as being more convenient. Use your bank or credit union's bill pay service, and your Water Works' account number to authorize a payment. If you have questions, contact your institution to find out how to get started. Otherwise, we are happy to accept cash, personal checks, money orders, or certified bank checks.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Randy Weber would like to remind motorists to be aware of winter weather driving conditions. Leave earlier to allow for extra traveling time as it is necessary to decrease your speed in winter weather conditions. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges. ■

BUILDING INSPECTION

Rick Reuter, City Building Inspector

Office Hours are from 5:00AM to 10:00AM

Permit information, pricing and applications are also available on our website at evansdale.gov/office.com

Notice: All permit fees associated with sump pump installation and correction will be waived through June 30, 2011. Please contact Rick if you have any questions at 232-6683. ■

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City has codes in place to promote safety and sightlines. The City will continue to enforce and cite instances that violate code such as junk and junk vehicles as outlined in Chapter 50 of the Evansdale Code of Ordinances. You can reference City Code on our website or contact Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Reuter at City Hall for more information. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. ■



LIBRARY

The Evansdale Public Library has recently begun a book discussion group called the Thursday Page-turners and will meet the third Thursday of each month in the library at 6:00PM. In May we will select the books for July thru November. No meetings will be held in June or December. This is open to the public. If you are interested in joining, please give us a call at 232-5367 so that we can make sure we have enough books each month for everyone.

The upcoming schedule is:

December 16, 2010 - "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci

January 20, 2011 - "The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan

February 17, 2011 - "Me & Emma" by Elizabeth Flock

March 17, 2011 - "On Maggie's Watch" by Ann Garvin

April 21, 2011 - "Sing them home" by Stephanie Kallos

May 19, 2011 - "Playing for the ashes" by Elizabeth George

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If you have been in recently you may have noticed some changes to the interior of the building. Walls are coming down and it may just take us a moment or two until the dust has settled!

We want to be the library YOU want to use, so let us know what you want or need and we will do our best to provide it to you. You can contact us by phone (232-5367), email (eplib@mchsi.com), on Facebook (eplib) or in person. Shannon Jensen; Library Director ■

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY 11:00AM - 7:00PM

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 11:00AM - 5:00PM

THURSDAY 11:00AM - 7:00PM

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11:00AM - 5:00PM

WATER WORKS HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00AM-5:00PM

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CITY HALL**

**123 N. EVANS ROAD
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FAX: 319-232-1586**

**OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:30AM-4:30PM**

**WE ARE ON THE WEB!
EVANSDALE.GOVOFFICE.COM**

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

**CHAD DEUTSCH
KENNY LOFTUS
CARL WYANT
RICK HIBBEN
DICK DEWATER
GENE WALKER**

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE ON THE FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL