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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Masthead by Abbie Chronister

From the Desk of DeAnne Kobliska, Evansdale Mayor



Hello Evansdale – Welcome back

Evansdale News

First, I would like to extend a huge Thank You to Linda Wachal with Creative Impact and the visionary Dottie Wear, Council Ward 2, to bring our Newsletter back to life, I really appreciate you both.

Lafayette Road Reconstruction:

Thank you for your patience, ultimately it will lead to progress! We were hoping to have the reconstruction of Lafayette Road out to bid already, however, the State of Iowa required us to partake in an archaeological study of the roadway to ensure that there were no valuable artifacts that would need to be considered in the process of construction. We have turned our report in with no findings of archaeological artifacts, however, the State Archaeological Division has until the 24th of February to respond. Once we receive the DOT's approval, the first available timeline for DOT

bidding will be July of 2024. I am confident that we will be able to start a portion of the project in September of 2024 and possibly get the business district completed from First Security Bank to The Other Place. It wasn't our perfect plan, but it is progress on this project. The worst-case scenario is that we would start the project in the spring of 2025. The silver lining in the delay may lead to more grant opportunities for the project.

On a positive note:.

The City of Evansdale has closed on several lots in Eagles Landing (commercial division just east of McDonalds and Arby's) to include Lots 1, 4, 5, & 6. Construction will begin on Lot 1, a lot purchased by 1380 Corridor Properties, LLC, sometime this spring. Construction will begin on Lots 4, 5, & 6, purchased by Peterbilt, in the spring of 2025. We have also signed a purchase agreement with Kwik Trip/Kwik Star on seven (7) lots in Eagles Landing that will become a trucking center with a car wash.

We now have the opportunity to keep you updated every month, but please check out our website for more information at www.evansdale.gov/office.com.

Thank you for being a City of Good Neighbors.

**Check out the pictures
and information
inside this issue!!**

From the desk of Lisa Smock, Elk Run Heights Mayor



I am so excited to be included in the launch of the new version of the Evansdale-Elk Run Heights News! It means so much to have a local information source distributed again... Thank you to Creative Impact and Dottie Wear for making this happen, our community greatly benefits from your time and talents!

We have recently changed our regular council meeting time to 5:00 p.m. Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month and I invite you to attend. We are always interested in what is important to you as we plan for our future.

Welcome to the Boys & Girls Club! We are so happy to have them in the former Elk Run School building. The club offers so many activities and opportunities for all kids aged 6-12. They have programs during Spring Break week and all summer long, as well as after school every day. Meals, snacks, homework help, physical exercise...the list goes on and on! Hop on their website cedarvalleyclubs.org and choose the parent portal to sign up. All fees are currently covered by a grant – wow!

You will see a few final improvements at Mayors Park

over the next few months as we complete our grants. The new shelter has recently been completed, thanks to a grant from the Land & Water Conservation Fund and Blackhawk County Gaming! A new sign at the entrance will be coming soon, as well as some educational and trail signage. It has been so fun this past year to visit with our residents on the trail. If you haven't had a chance to, stop by Mayor's Park and walk the trail. Tom has done a fantastic job maintaining it all year to provide a safe place for everyone to get out for some exercise, breathe the fresh air and enjoy this beautiful space! Thanks for all your hard work Tom!

The Gilbertville and Lafayette Road project has been pushed a little. We hoped to start construction by June but will just go out for bid at that time. Hopefully we will still start in July or August but will update you as we continue to move this through the DOT funding process. We appreciate your patience and look forward to this improvement for our city!

A friendly reminder to stop by city hall to get your \$3 pet tags. When you register your pet(s) it makes it possible for us to ensure your furry friends are vaccinated; and if they ever sneak out Animal Control is able to get them back home quickly! Stop in the office soon...

Next month in this spot we will highlight our new public works employee and give updates on all projects. Thanks for making this community a friendly place to live!



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TECH-HELP TUESDAYS

Need some assistance navigating the digital world? Our resident tech whiz is ready to assist you on Tuesdays from 1-5pm. No appointment needed, just drop in!

CRIBBAGE CLUB

Come join the fun at Cribbage Club held every Saturday from 12:30-2:30pm.

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Saturday, March 16th @

11:00am → CRAFT TIME: We will be making Spring Snow Globes.

Saturday, March 30th @ 11:30am → EASTER EGG HUNT.

PREPARATION FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Monday, April 1st @ 3:30pm → Learn how to make a CELESTIAL SCOPE.

Thursday, April 4th @ 3:30pm → SUN & MOON AGAMOGRAPH: Stop by to make galaxy jars.

Monday, April 8th → Watch-party for the solar eclipse. More info to come. Stay up-to-date on our Facebook: www.facebook.com/evansdale.lib.ia.us.

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Evansdale Fire Association Annual Chili Supper

Saturday March 2nd, 2024 - 11:00 AM - 7:00PM

Evansdale Amvets - Post #31 706 Colleen Ave, Evansdale

Ticket Purchases: Call (319) 233-6930, Evansdale Fire Dept, City Hall, Fire Department Member, or day of event at the door (\$8 advance/\$10 door)

Proceeds go toward emergency equipment & community

education Raffles: Drawing to be held at 6:45 PM (Winners don't need to be present to win)

- Ruger Arms 5.56mm AR-15 or Springfield Garrison 1911 .45ACP (limited to 250 tickets each) - Ask about pre-sale tickets/Remaining tickets sold at event
• Traeger Pro 22 Smoker package



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For Evansdale Residents

WASTE REMOVAL AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

RECYCLING DAY
(Every Other Friday)

WASTE REMOVAL DAY
(Weekly Monday)

2024

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NEW YEARS DAY - COLLECTION MOVING TO TUESDAY 1/2

MEMORIAL DAY - COLLECTION MOVING TO TUESDAY 5/28

LABOR DAY - COLLECTION MOVING TO TUESDAY 9/3

For Evansdale Residents

RITE ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

ACCEPTED MATERIALS



METAL CANS



CARDBOARD, OFFICE PAPER, NEWSPAPER



PLASTICS #1-7

PLEASE NOTE: ANY PLASTIC ITEM **NOT** LABELED WITH A RECYCLING TRIANGLE AND A NUMBER 1-7 IS **NOT** RECYCLABLE. SOILED CARDBOARD (EXAMPLE: A GREASY PIZZA BOX) IS ALSO **NOT** ACCEPTED. LEAVE RECYCLING LOOSE IN CONTAINER, DO **NOT** BAG ITEMS

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED



- PLASTIC GROCERY/RETAIL BAGS
- STYROFOAM OF ANY KIND
- GLASS ITEMS

Did You Know?



By Sandy Clements, City Council Member

I am a firm believer in sharing information so that everyone can separate rumors, hearsay and outdated facts from today's reality. Sometimes we just don't know and aren't sure who to ask. Every month, we'll take a look at questions people have, updates to existing information, and share the facts about lots of things. Keep in mind, this is just about life in Evansdale...if you live in Elk Run or somewhere else, things may be different for you. Let's have fun learning!

1. If your garbage or recycle cart becomes cracked, or the lid or wheels are damaged, just call Rite Environmental Inc. at 319-235-7401. They

are the company that does our hauling, and they fix or replace the cart as needed at no charge to you!

2. Please think twice before putting something in your recycle cart. Many common, everyday items cannot be recycled and are actually considered to be garbage. Cans and bottles must be rinsed, and cardboard containers must be free of food residue. Kleenex, saran wrap, and greasy/food-encrusted pizza boxes are examples of garbage, not recycling!
3. It is helpful to remove labels from tin cans, but not required.
4. Garbage should be bagged before tossing it in your garbage cart, but recycling should NOT be bagged! Just place it in your recycling cart to be sorted later.

Willow Run off-leash Dog Park

by Lisa Smock, Mayor

Hello to our dog loving residents! It was an exciting last year for us and we have even more to come! I'd like to start with a giant thank-you to everyone who helped make this beautiful park possible!!! Residents, businesses, the committee, and 2 large donors made this a reality for us. Blackhawk County Gaming came through with our final dollars in through a grant of \$37,000, and the Rydell family of businesses supported the park with a donation of over \$8,500. Their generosity is greatly appreciated 🙏

The city of Evansdale offers a \$10 yearly pass to use Willow Run... funds cover expenses associated with maintaining this park. We encourage you to stop into city hall to get your pass! The park requires all dogs are vaccinated – when

you get a city license and pass you help us ensure all our fur babies are safe to play at the park.

The park will see a few more improvements over the coming weeks including a fountain with a dog bowl and some sort of agility/play equipment. We will submit an order for bricks at the end of April. If you would like to purchase one in honor of any pet or pet-loving humans, please hop on our Facebook page or email us to get an order form. All proceeds will go toward improvements in the park.

Cost will be: 4"x8" brick \$40; 8"x8" brick \$60; 12"x12" brick \$100

Hope to see you and your pup(s) at the park soon!

Willowrundogpark@gmail.com

Facebook: Evansdale/Elk Run-Willowrundogpark

Thank you

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Dog Park Rules

- Dog Park hours - 7 AM - 8 PM
- Use the park at your own risk.
- Owners are always legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s).
- Aggressive dogs must be removed IMMEDIATELY.
- Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park.
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY.
- No spike or prong collars allowed.
- Owners must be within the dog park and supervising their dog with a leash readily available.
- Dogs must be healthy, licensed and have current Rabies vaccinations.
- It is recommended that dogs be spayed or neutered.
- Dogs in season are not allowed.
- No puppies under 4 months old.
- Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age.
- No more than two dogs per person allowed.
- Children under 13 years must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
- Absolutely no human or dog food or treats allowed.
- No glass containers.
- All dogs must be visibly display their annual permit (tag) or the owner must be able to show proof of daily pass.

Violation of the rules is grounds for eviction from the park!





by Dottie Wear
The Evansdale Public Works Department provides for

the design, construction, management and maintenance of the City's infrastructure.

Chris Schares is the Director and oversees a crew of 4 : Shi-
anne Rasmussen, Barry Bodecker, Jason Neith, and Brandon Secor.

In this city of 4,600 people and 4 square miles, they are responsible for 40 1-way miles of streets, 4.3 miles of bike trails, and 6 parks. They are also tasked with keeping 131,153 ft of sewer line flowing to the sewer plant. The DNR recommends that 20% of the lines be televised & inspected every year for breaks & tree roots. With drought conditions present for the last few years, trees are searching for

Public Works Department

water anywhere they can find it.

Parks make up a big part of their job description, of which there are 6: Angels Park, Gardner, Triangle, Casebeer, Deerwood, and the new Dog Park. They also oversee the Skate Park & Disc Golf Course which underwent an extensive redesign last year. The Dog Park was a huge undertaking, resulting in 2 fenced run areas as well as shelters & parking.

Public Works also is responsible for Animal Control. Along with part time employee, Wanda Adams, they cover the city of Evansdale 24-7 and contract with Elk Run Heights as well.

In addition to their regular work, last year saw the relocation of the City Brush Dump, not a small project by any means. This was deemed necessary because of the extensive

work being done to the Sewer Plant facility. Another project was removing an entire tree line at the Eagles Landing location. 2023 also saw the replacement of 19 electrical poles along Lafayette Road. And to round out the year, the workers decorated & lit the Christmas tree downtown for the first time in several years. Along with Spring comes the job of keeping approximately 200 acres mowed on a regular

basis, usually with the addition of 2 to 3 seasonal workers. Last year these were high school students.

2024 looks to be a busy year with the long awaited Lafayette Road project. Several streets are scheduled for resurfacing in addition. Lighting and security will be installed at both the Dog Park & Brush Dump.

You can contact Director Chris Schares at 319-232-5253 with questions, concerns, or compliments.



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Above: The Evansdale workers decorated & lit the Christmas tree downtown for the first time in several years.

Right: People at the Dog Park

CVYSA Sign-Ups

by Wanda Adams

Cedar Valley Youth Sports Association welcomes you to participate in our recreational slow-pitch softball program. Registration is open to youth ages 4 and up. Practice and games are May-July

In person sign ups.

St Mark's United Methodist Church, Evansdale, IA.

3/8 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: 3/9 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.: 3/10 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.:
 3/11 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: 3/15 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.: 3/16 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.:
 3/17 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.: 3/18 - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Online sign ups 2/15-3/22

Cost is \$35 through March 22nd, then \$40 until May 10th.

For more information or to sign up online go to: www.cvyssports.org

Daylight Savings time

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Sunday, March 10th - Spring Forward until Sunday November 3rd.





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