



City of Evansdale

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City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Council Chambers of the Evansdale City Hall. Check the City website for agendas and minutes.

Evansdale City Hall
123 N. Evans Road
Evansdale, IA 50707
Phone: 319.232.6683
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Hours:
Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Evansdale Trick or Treat
Wednesday, October 31
6 – 8 pm

Receive important alerts

The Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission has launched a new emergency alert system to inform residents of severe weather, missing persons alerts, power outages, road closures, or other important topics of your choice. In addition, the new system will allow residents to choose the method they wish to receive the alerts such as home phone, fax, pager, TDD, mobile phone, text alerts or a combination of all.



The new emergency alert system, powered by Everbridge, has replaced CodeRED. Therefore, residents signed up for alerts under CodeRED need to sign up in the new system. To sign up, visit www.bhciaema.com. Residents without computer access may call the Black Hawk County Emergency Management office at 319-291-4373 during the hours of Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.

Hydrant Flushing

The Water Works will be conducting their semi-annual hydrant flushing beginning on Monday, October 29 and ending on Friday, November 2, 2012.

We try to do it as late in the year as possible, before freezing weather begins. Most hydrants are near the edge of a street, water can mist or actually run into the street, causing slippery road conditions. Therefore, if freezing weather limits our ability to safely flush hydrants on any of the scheduled days, flushing may be extended into the next week.

Water will be brownish in color during and immediately after the flushing. The discoloration is caused by accumulation of minerals on the inside of the main. Periodic flushings help to cleanse the mains and help to avoid discolored water during normal operations. If discolored water appears, residents should run the cold water faucet after 4:00 p.m., until it disappears. It is advised to wait until evening before doing laundry.

Work is nearing completion on the Well #3 Project. We are at the test well stage and project results will be released in the next newsletter.

Looking for a fast and easy way to pay your water bill?

Sign up for auto pay, where your balance due would be deducted from your bank account each billing cycle. Getting started is easy, just fill out an authorization form and provide a voided check. Get the form from the website or from the Water Works office.

Visit our City website at evansdale.govoffice.com for announcements and updates!

UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT

The Black Hawk MPO Board, made up of local civic and county leaders, gathers input from Black Hawk County citizens and member cities. Using the information collected, the Federal Transportation allocates funding to cities in County. River Forest Road in Evansdale is in need of a complete reconstruction and has been approved by the MPO Board for funding allocation in FY2015. The reconstruction would span from Central Avenue to Lafayette Road.

In addition to the road reconstruction, the River Forest Road levy is also slated to be paved with a bike trail which would remove the current trail from Lafayette and extend the bike trail to Deerwood Park connecting it to the Waterloo bike trail system. Not only does the bike trail connection provide safer recreational opportunities, it helps strengthen and preserve our levy.

Restoring Evansdale's downtown on Lafayette Road is another project that is in the works. By "streetscaping" our downtown district, it would revitalize business and commerce. The Mayor would like to hear from you. Please contact him at the office at 232-6683 or email your thoughts and ideas on restoring our downtown to evansdalemayor@mchsi.com.

Fall Yard Waste Disposal

The Yard Waste Center is available for Evansdale, Elk Run, and Raymond residents for disposal of yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, Christmas trees, garden waste, branches and tree trimmings.



The Yard Waste Center is located on the river side of the levy in Deerwood Park next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Please do not throw plastic bags in the compost pile. The center does not accept stumps or branches larger than 6" in diameter.

Yard Waste Center Hours:

April 1st – October 31st

Monday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Tues. – Fri. 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

November 1st – March 31st

Mon. – Fri. 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

When you mow your lawn or do other yard work, be sure to sweep or blow grass clipping and leaves out of the street and back into your yard to keep our streets clean. This will prevent debris from entering the storm drains and eventually the River system. Violators may receive a warning or citation and the clean up charges may be assessed against the property.



PET LICENSING

City Code requires all cats and dogs six months or older to be licensed each year. **2013 tags are now available and are due January 1, 2013.** Licenses for neutered and spayed pets are \$3.00 and \$10.00 for an unaltered pet. After April 15th, a \$1.00 penalty will accrue each month that licensing is not obtained. If you would like your license mailed, or if you have questions, please call us at 232-6683.

Winter Weather Reminders

- Check your mailbox height to ensure that it's in compliance with the USPS guidelines. If your mailbox is placed at the proper height, it is more likely to be protected from snowplows during snow removal. Visit our website or call us at 232-6683 for guidance on heights and setbacks.
- Ensure that your mailbox has a secure base and that the box is securely attached to the pole.
- Please move your vehicle from the street during a snow event until snow has been removed and the snow has ceased to fall.
- If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, 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 save lives.





PROGRAMMING AND YOU

The Evansdale Public Library always wants to be YOUR library. But without your help, we don't know how to do that. We are interested in starting up some programming but would like to know what and when would best accommodate you. Are you interested in a story hour for young children? Computer classes? Genealogy instruction? Book discussion groups? Crafting? Monday night, Saturday morning, Thursday afternoon? Please stop

into the library to discuss your wants and needs or send an email to epplib@mchsi.com and let us know how we can serve you. All ideas will be taken into consideration for future programming. Stay tuned for changes...

Library Hours Sunday Closed

Mon. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tues. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wed. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thurs. 11 a.m. – 7 a.m.
Fri. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sat. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

What Should I Do about My Overdue Book?

The Evansdale Public Library has hundreds of overdue materials. When materials are checked out and never returned it creates a hardship on the staff, collection and the budget. We realize that some people just don't know what to do when they have an item that has been overdue for months or even years.

- Return it. Don't worry about the fine or the librarian being mad at you. Just return it. If you're embarrassed, drive up late at night and slip it into the book return on the front side of the building or ask a friend to take it into the library if you just can't face the library staff. The fines stop accumulating at the time you return the book, so the sooner, the better.
 - Pay up. You will owe money for the overdue fine in most libraries; however, we aren't going to charge you for every day of the 4 years you had the book out overdue. Let's see, at 10 cents a day X 365 days a year X 4 years, your fine would be \$146.00. Nope. The library realizes that it is unlikely to collect that much from you and so we won't try. The Evansdale Public Library has a maximum fine of \$5 per item, so the only way your fine will be high is if you had the maximum number of items checked out. However, you cannot check items out again until your account is clear.
 - Negotiate. If the fine is a large one or you had many books overdue, see if you can negotiate with the library staff. Set up a payment plan. Talk to me and see what can be arranged to help with the hardship.
- Shannon Jensen; Director



Upcoming Book

Discussions:

☑ November 15, 2012 -
Horse Heaven by Jane Smiley

☑ December 20, 2012 -
Eden Close by Anita Shreve

Limited copies are available in the library. Stop in for yours!

I don't know what to read next!

Sometimes we get in a reading rut. We read the same authors over and over. We need a change. Recommendations are just a stop away. You can ask any of the library staff for recommendations based on things you've enjoyed in the past. Here are just a few examples:

Did you devour the 50 Shades books? Have you tried the new trilogy by Sylvia Day starting with Bared to you? In my opinion, it's just as racy but better written. Do you like reading about the Amish but the romances are just too light for you? Try Linda Castillo's SILENCE series about Police Chief Kate Burkholder. Have you read everything by Danielle Steel and Sandra Brown? Maybe you should look at Linda Howard or Karen White. Recommending books is one of our favorite parts of the job. If you don't know what to read next, just ask. We've probably got an opinion...

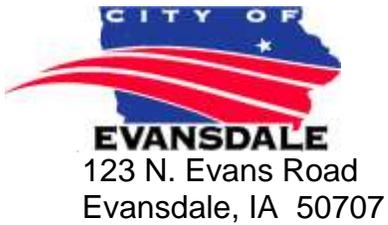
Evansdale Park Board News

Location: Poyner Elementary School
Dates: Friday Nights (Nov. 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, & Mar 1)
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Fee: 50 cents/night
Age: 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders



Join us for Friday Night Rec

The Evansdale Park Board is kicking off its 17th Annual Friday Night Rec season on November 9, 2012. Drop your child off for an evening of activities including basketball, dodgeball, food, friends, and other games. Sign up at Poyner Elementary School.



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Check your smoke alarms

As we set our clocks back on November 4th,



remember that it's good practice to replace your smoke alarm batteries at least once per year, or as soon as the alarm chirps. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month by using the alarm's "test button". Feel free to call the Fire Department at 233-6930 for assistance with your smoke alarm as they would be glad to send someone to your house.

Winter Fire Safety

Prevent house fires before they start.

- Chimneys, chimney connectors, fireplaces, wood or coal stoves, and furnaces should be inspected by a professional every year and cleaned as often as necessary.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Space heaters need space; allow three feet of free clearance from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.
- Do not put your live Christmas tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Never thaw frozen pipes with a blow torch or other open flame. Use hot water.

We would like to hear your comments on our Evansdale Newsletter. Email Becky Walters at evansdaleclerk@mchsi.com or DeAnne Hunter evansdaledeputy@mchsi.com with comments or suggestions.

