



CITY OF EVANSDALE

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Spring 2012 News

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Mayor and Council:

- Chad Deutsch – Mayor
- Kenny Loftus – Ward 1
- Carl Wyant – Ward 2
- Rick Hibben – Ward 3
- Dick Dewater – Ward 4
- Gene Walker – At Large

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.

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Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 4:30 pm



I-380 Reconstruction

This construction season the Iowa DOT will be reconstructing a stretch of I-380 from the Cedar River Bridge to the U.S. 20/I-380 interchange.

The project will start in late April when the contractor begins patching the northbound lanes and building the median crossovers. This will take approximately four weeks and will result in periodic single lane closures.

When that work is complete, the southbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction and traffic will be moved to the northbound lanes in a two lane/two way pattern. While I-380 will remain open during the project, the Iowa DOT is encouraging drivers who use this stretch of highway to find a different route during the

construction period due to the volume of traffic this will create. The southbound ramps at River Forest Road and Raymond road will be closed during the project while the entire Evansdale Drive interchange will remain open.

If an incident would shut down traffic in the work zone, drivers would be directed to emergency detours by electronic and static message signs. Two lane/two way traffic is expected to remain in the northbound lanes into October. The entire project should wrap up in November.

For the latest on the project, log on to 511ia.org or call 511. You can also call Pete Hjelmstad with the Iowa DOT at 641-422-9459 or 1-800-477-4368. ■

New Home Construction Incentive

Thinking about building a new home in Evansdale? Now is a great time to act. The City of Evansdale announces that qualified new home constructions will be eligible for partial property tax abatement.

New constructions are eligible for an abatement of \$75,000 in assessed value for a period of three to five years depending on the home's final assessed value. Qualified home improvements are also eligible for abatement if the added assessed value is at least \$10,000 and a minimum of 15% of the home's total assessed value. Call us at 232-6683 for details. ■

This year's Good Ol' Days Celebration is June 8th, 9th, and 10th. The Mud Volleyball Tournament will be held the weekend of August 4th in hopes of warmer weather. Visit the Evansdale Chamber's website at www.evansdalechamber.org for more details or call 215-9616 or 231-8463.

City-wide Garage Sales

The 12th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale will be on **Friday, April 29th**, **Saturday, April 30th** and **Sunday, May 1st**. The City will advertise for the event in the *Courier* and *Evansdale News*.

We will provide a map again this year of all the garage sale locations. If you are interested, register your garage sale at the Evansdale City Hall Business office by April 20th to be placed on the map. There is a \$2.00 registration fee, which will cover the cost of producing the map.

Maps are free for everyone and can be picked up at City Hall, the library, and local convenience stores as early as Wednesday, April 25th. For your convenience, the maps can be printed from our website. ■

Get a **BUILDING PERMIT** before you start building. For more information, call 232-6683 AND Remember to call **IOWA ONE CALL** at 811 before you dig.



It's Spring Clean Up time!

The Spring Clean-up will be on **Friday, May 4th from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, May 5th from 7:30am to noon.** Industrial dumpsters will be available at the Street Department Garage at 130 Brown Street to receive your junk items. Examples would be a used couch or mattress.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: regular household trash, tires, concrete, rocks, batteries, hazardous waste, liquids, any type of yard waste, or large quantities of building materials. Separate any metal items from the rest, as metals are recycled rather than taken to the landfill.

This service is available only to Evansdale residents. When you arrive at the Street Department, you will be required to present your driver's

license showing your Evansdale address.

If you are elderly or have a hardship preventing you from bringing the items to the Street Department, call us at the City Hall Business Office and we will attempt to find a resource to assist you in hauling your items.

Items will **NOT** be accepted after hours under any circumstances. Any person who drops items at the gate before or after hours will be fined for illegal dumping.

Appliances

If you wish to dispose of appliances during the Spring Clean-up, purchase a sticker for each appliance at the City Hall for \$12. Only appliances with stickers will be accepted. If you would like your appliance picked up at your curb, stickers cost \$25 and will be picked up by Black Hawk Waste on

Friday, May 4th.

Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, washers, dryers, freezers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, thermostats, water heaters, capacitor-start electric motors, & electronic devices are all considered appliances.

We're sorry, water softeners are not accepted. ■

Hazardous Materials Drop-off

Household hazardous materials may be dropped off at the Waterloo Waste Water Treatment Plant located at 3050 Easton Ave in Waterloo on April 14th from 9:00am – 2:00pm. For more information call 319-266-8722 or visit wastetrac.org. The drop-off is sponsored by the City of Waterloo and the Black Hawk County Solid Waste Commission. ■

RECYCLING

We still have blue 64-gallon recycle carts available for sale. You can purchase one at City Hall for \$42.50. For the 2012 recycle pick-up schedule or for more information on our curbside recycling program, check our website at evansdale.govoffice.com under City Departments > Garbage and Recycling. ■



Larger Garbage Capacity

The new garbage and curbside recycle program has been a huge success and we have received complements from many residents. We have also heard from a few residents with larger families that they could use a larger cart or an additional cart for an additional charge. If this could benefit you, visit our website at evansdale.govoffice.com under "Online Poll" to answer two questions and leave your contact information. If you don't have computer access, you may call the Business Office at 232-6683. If there is enough interest, we will provide information in the next Summer/Fall newsletter.

OPEN BURNING IN EVANSDALE

Open burning of lawn and garden waste is allowed in Evansdale under certain conditions. All fires must be attended and extinguished at the end of the day. Only yard waste may be burned, which doesn't include tree stumps. Burning on any street, alley, or curb is prohibited. Avoid burning when weather conditions are dry and/or windy. Be considerate of others. For your convenience, you may drop off your yard waste at the Yard Waste Center at no charge. See the box to the side for Yard Waste Center hours. ■

Yard Waste Center Hours

From APRIL 1st – OCT 31st
MONDAY 7am-7pm
TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7am-4pm
SATURDAY, SUNDAY,
HOLIDAYS 10am-4pm

Hydrant Flushing The Water Works is set to begin a new procedure this spring for flushing fire hydrants. Instead of typically flushing just the dead end points in the distribution system, we will be expanding our process to include all segments of the system. Periodic flushings help to cleanse the mains and help to avoid discolored water during normal operations. In order to accomplish this, we will be flushing hydrants the last full weeks of March, April, May and June instead of just March. Announcements will go out to local radio stations, the Courier, Evansdale News and also put on the back side of your utility bill. You will want to avoid doing laundry during the daytime of those particular weeks. We continue to strive to make your water utility one of the best! ■

Deerwood Park Playground

Schedule a play date or birthday party for your kids this summer at the new and improved Deerwood Park Playground across from the ball diamonds! The new playground equipment was brought to you by grants received from Black Hawk Gaming Commission, Land and Water Conservation fund through the DNR, and the Guernsey Foundation, as well as the Evansdale Park and Recreation Board's hard work and dedication.

Deerwood Park and Campground will be open for business on April 15th (weather providing). A camping rate schedule is available on our website under City Departments > Parks and Rec.

Evansdale park shelters

Plan a picnic or special event at one of Evansdale's beautiful park shelters. The City of Evansdale has five shelters to choose from: Amvet's and Fireman's shelters at Deerwood Park, Myers Lake shelter, Bunger Park shelter, and Gardner Park shelter. The shelters rent for only \$40 for the entire day. Please call us at 232-6683 or stop down to City Hall to reserve your shelter today! ■



Dog and Cat Licenses Due

April 15th is the last day to license your pet before fees increase. Altered pet licenses cost \$3.00 and unaltered pet licenses cost \$10.00. After April 15th, a \$1.00 penalty will accrue each month that a tag is not obtained.

To register your pet in person, stop at City Hall at 123 N. Evans Road, Monday through Friday from 7:30am – 4:30pm. If you would like to receive your pet license by mail, contact us at 232-6683. You will need a copy of your rabies vaccination certificate. You can have your vet fax it to us at 319-232-1586. ■

2012 Street Construction

This summer, the Street Department will be making concrete repairs throughout the City. In addition, Earl Street will be getting a new asphalt overlay. The following streets will be seal coated:

- Belle Fontaine Avenue
- Morris Avenue
- Boelling Avenue
- Home Acres Avenue (from East End to Doyle)
- Rae Street
- Toriver Drive

We will post more details on our City website under City Departments > Street Department when a contractor is chosen later this spring/summer. The projects are subject to change.

What is Seal Coating?

A seal coat or chip seal is a single

application of asphalt sprayed on a road surface followed immediately by an even, single layer of uniform sized aggregate rock. The seal coat cures very rapidly and is totally cured in 12 to 24 hours. Then vehicles can begin driving on these roads almost immediately. The weight of the traffic compacts the rock into the asphalt. Any excess gravel is swept up by the street sweeper.

This is a very common and cost-effective preventative maintenance for existing asphalt pavements. It seals and renews a roadway surface that is still in good condition, which should provide up to ten years of additional life of the pavement.

When asphalt is exposed to sun, wind, and water, it hardens or oxidizes. As a result, the pavement becomes brittle

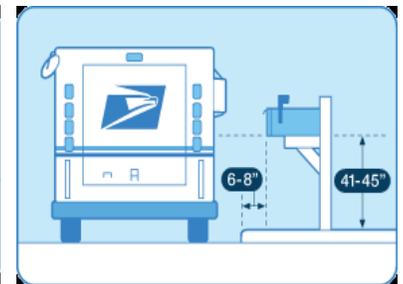
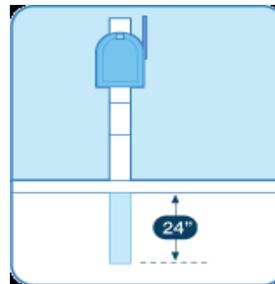
and is unable to bend and flex when exposed to temperature changes and traffic. A seal coat provides a waterproof membrane, which slows down the oxidation process by preventing the elements from entering the base materials.

Grand Boulevard Sidewalk Project

The City received a grant from the Iowa DOT for a new sidewalk along the west side of Grand Blvd. from Central Ave. to W. Gilbert Dr. through the Safe Routes to Schools Grant program. Though subject to City Council approval, the project is tentatively planned to be executed in July or early August. Residents living on Grand Blvd. will be notified of the project details by mail before the sidewalk construction starts.

MAILBOXES

This spring is a good time to check your mailbox height and depth to make sure it's in compliance with USPS guidelines. If your mailbox is placed at the proper height, it is more likely to be protected from snowplows during snow removal. The snowplows need to get as close to the curb as possible. More importantly, your carrier won't have to stretch or bend to reach the mailbox. •



Please send us your comments...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.

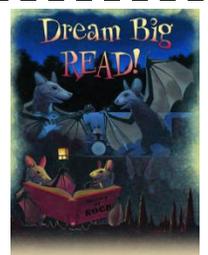
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EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Summer is almost here and that means the Evansdale Public Library is gearing up for the 2012 Summer Reading Program. This year, the children's theme is DREAM BIG! READ! For teens, the theme is OWN THE NIGHT and for adults it is BETWEEN THE COVERS. We will have activities, crafts and programs that center around these themes. Registration will be held the week of May 29th thru June 2nd and the program will last for the four weeks following. The program is open to the public and to people of all ages. Look for more information in the upcoming months in the Evansdale News and on our website: <http://www.evansdale.lib.ia.us>.

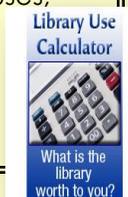


Library Loan Calculator

Using the library use value calculator located at <http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm> we calculated the library's usage for 2011 and put it in to a usage that you can understand: \$\$\$\$\$! If the library patrons had paid out-of-pocket for the library services they received last year, the dollar amount paid would have been roughly 240,000!

This includes the 10,215 books, 779 magazines, 1182 movies in DVD/VHS format, 28 audio and 64 kits borrowed from the library, 261 Interlibrary loan requests received, 183 audiobooks/ebooks downloaded, meeting room uses, adult and children programs attended, reference questions asked and the almost 4000 computer hours used by the public!

So let me ask, what is your library worth to you?



Cribbage Anyone?

Do you play cribbage or have a desire to learn? The Evansdale Cribbage Club meets at the library on Mondays at 3:30 PM and would love to have more players of any age and skill level. Stop in to learn more.

Tax Forms

The library currently has Federal tax forms for the public and will until after tax filing day (April 17, 2012). State tax forms are no longer distributed to libraries, however we do have a handout with contact numbers and website addresses to obtain other forms for your tax needs.

Library Hours:

Monday 11AM – 7PM
Tuesday 11AM – 5PM
Wednesday 11AM – 5PM
Thursday 11AM – 7PM
Friday 11AM – 5PM
Saturday 11AM – 5PM
Sunday Closed

For questions about these or any of the services the library provides call us at 232-5367 or email at eplib@mchsi.com.