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City Hall Business Office: 232-6683
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EMERGENCY: 911
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Library: 232-5367
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Street Department: 232-5253
Waste Water Dept.: 233-4062
Water Works: 233-5524

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Recycle Carts Now Available For Purchase

We received a shipment of 64-gallon blue recycle carts! The blue recycle carts have wheels (just like the green garbage carts) that allow for ease and convenience of maneuvering recycling to the curb. If you are interested, you may purchase a cart for $42.50 at the Evansdale City Hall located at 123 N Evans Rd. from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will be able to take your cart home with you the same day! Quantities are limited. For more details on curbside recycling, see the next page. Call City Hall Business Office at 319-232-6683 if you have questions.

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 for the Library Board. Check our website under the boards and commissions section for information about the committees or visit our Business Office at City Hall for more information. **Current vacancies: Storm Water Commission and Board of Adjustment Committee.**

Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Evansdale Trick-or-treat hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31st.

City Hall

The interior of the City Hall remodel was completed this spring. City Hall houses the Business Office (Mayor, City Clerk and Building Inspector), the Water Works Office, and the Evansdale Public Library. If you visit the Business Office or Waterworks, please park in the side parking lot that is located on Industrial Drive (south side of the building) and enter through the front doors of the City Hall. The Library entrance is in the back of the building. Library patrons may park in the back lot and enter the Library through the back entrance (west side of the building).

Thank you to all of the individuals who volunteered their time to help make the remodel a success. Also, special thanks to the Evansdale Economic Development Committee for the donation of the new City Hall doors.

Evansdale Post Office

On September 2, 2011, the Evansdale Post Office posted notice that it's office will close on October 21, 2011. Mayor Deutsch contacted U.S. Representative Bruce Braley's office to put pressure on the Postal Service to reconsider the closing. According to USPS, the final determination to close a Post Office may be appealed by any person that is served by that Post Office within 30 days of the date the final determination is posted. The City of Evansdale will send a letter appealing the closure of the Evansdale office. Any resident may also file an appeal to: Postal Regulatory Committee at 901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001 by October 2, 2011. Copies of appeal documents prepared by the appealing party and the Postal Regulatory Commission will be made available for public inspection at the said Post Office during normal office hours. ▪

Recycling

The City of Evansdale offers a convenient way to recycle, without any hassle! You can set your recyclables on your curb **every other week** on your regular garbage pick-up day. Recycle and Garbage are picked up at separate times of the day. Recycle pick-ups are on the weeks of September 19th, October 3rd, October 17th, October 31st and so on… You can also check our website for the recycle schedule.

For your convenience, the City is offering a 64-gallon blue recycle cart for $42.50. See page 1 for details on purchasing a recycle cart. If you do not purchase a blue recycle cart from the City, you can use your own recycle container. If you use your own recycle container, please it "Recycle" with a marker or you can pick up a recycle sticker at City Hall. Place all recycle carts at least 3 feet away from your garbage cart.

If you use curbside recycling, you do not need to separate plastic, cardboard, newspaper, etc…just throw it all in together! For a detailed list on what can be recycled, please visit our website at www.evansdale.govoffice.com click the City Departments tab for the Garbage and Recycling page.

The Evansdale Recycling Center, located at the Evansdale Street Garage Facility at 130 Brown Street, north of Lafayette Road in downtown Evansdale, is also available for your convenience.

Garbage Cart Placement

Black Hawk Waste will only pick up garbage that is placed in the City provided cart. On garbage day, place your green cart at the end of your driveway or curb so that the front of the cart is facing the street. Please place the garbage cart at least 3 feet from your mailbox and at least 3 feet from your recycle cart. **Garbage carts that are not placed properly on the curb will not be picked up. Ensure that your garbage cart set out before 7:00 a.m. on your garbage day.**

Excess Trash

If you have extra garbage, you can purchase a yellow garbage sticker at the City Hall Business Office for $1.00. You may place your garbage bag on top of your green garbage cart so that the automated truck can pick up the cart and extra garbage bag. Be sure to attach the sticker on the garbage bag so that it is visible to the driver. Only one extra bag will be allowed per week. Bags without the yellow garbage sticker will **not** be picked up. To save a trip, you can purchase multiple stickers for future use. ▪

Yard Waste Disposal

Christmas trees, grass clippings, garden waste, flowers, leaves, branches and cut-up wood from downed trees all may be disposed of at the Evansdale Yard Waste Center. The center is open to Evansdale, Elk Run Heights and Raymond residents only.

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

Residents are asked to remove the clippings and leaves from bags and take the bags with you as this material is composted.

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.
TUESDAY - FRIDAY 7 A.M. - 4 P.M.
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

NOVEMBER 1st - MARCH 31st
MONDAY - FRIDAY 7 A.M. - 4 P.M.
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

City Council Meetings are held on the first & third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

Managing your grass clippings and leaves

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. When grass clippings and leaves are left in the street, they enter the City's storm water system and ultimately, the Cedar River. When nitrogen and phosphorus from these materials enter the aquatic ecosystem oxygen levels can drop, harming fish and other wildlife. Water and materials entering the storm water drains are not treated before being deposited into the Cedar River.

What you can do: Aim your mower discharge away from the street. Sweep, rake, blow any remaining clippings or leaves that get in the street. You can also collect your grass clippings and drop them off at the Yard Waste Center. Yard waste (excluding tree stumps) may also be burned in accordance with City Code. Please make sure that the climate is safe to do so (low wind, not too dry, etc.) and all fires MUST always be attended while it's burning.

City Ordinance prohibits the practice of depositing leaves or grass clippings into the street. Violators may receive a warning or citation and the clean up charges may be assessed against your property. ▪

Waste Water

Thank you to all of the Evansdale residents that have come into compliance by not illegally discharging floor drain, sump pump, roof drains and exterior yard water into the sanitary sewer system. The sanitary sewer system has experienced an inflow decrease over 100,000 gallons per day as residents have become aware of overloading the system. By keeping the water flow in compliance with the City of Evansdale as well as the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, it helps to prevent the sewer system from backing up into your home or your neighbors homes. ▪

Department News

Evansdale Public Library

Summer is coming to a close, the kids are going back to school, and you have free time on your hands. What to do?

If you haven't been to the library lately, there have been a lot of changes. Aside from the expansion that happened in December 2010 and the remodel that is still ongoing, the library also received two grants. One grant, in the amount of $15,000 came from the Black Hawk Gaming Association and the other from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa in the amount of $5,000. Matching funds were given from the City of Evansdale. The library is in the process of receiving a long overdue facelift with new shelving already being made, a new circulation counter to come and other new furniture and items planned for your use. We invite you to stop in and see the changes that are going on!

Another fabulous opportunity available to library users is the Universal Class database, which was provided to us free of charge from the Northeast Iowa Library Service Area. This database provides users with over 500 online continuing education courses. If you are a person who loves to learn or maybe you're looking to learn something new, check this database out. It has everything from classes in algebra to photography, event planning to coaching youth basketball and everything in between. Look for the link to register on the library's homepage at http://www.evansdale.lib.ia.us

Do you play cribbage? Have you always wanted to learn? The cribbage crew meets on Mondays from around 3:30 or 4:00 until about 6:00 p.m., depending on how many people show up to play. They are always looking for more players to make things more social and exciting. If this interests you, feel free to come on in, open to all ages.

The book discussion group selected books for the next six months. October's choice is THE WHITE by Deborah Larsen. November's discussion book is AMERICAN WIFE by Curtis Sittenfeld and December's is THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD by David Laskin. The Thursday Page-turners meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Finally, with school being back in session, don't forget the AR program that will cause the kids to search high and low for the books in their reading levels. The library has many of these AR books here for your student(s) if the school library doesn't have what they are looking for, designated with an AR sticker with the reading and point level written on the inside for easy reference.

Library hours of operation are Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. We are closed on Sundays. For questions about these or any of the services the library provides call us at 232-5367 or email at eplib@mchsi.com. ▪

Water Works

The Water Works will be conducting their semi-annual hydrant flushing in late October or the first half of November. We try to do it as late in the year as possible, before freezing weather begins. Since most hydrants are near the edge of a street, water can mist or actually run into the street, causing slippery road conditions. Therefore, weather projections will be studied in early October, and dates will be determined. We will contact local radio stations, the Courier, and the Evansdale News with information to help you plan ahead, as well as post a notice on the City's website.

In response to customer requests, a new payment is now available – automatic deduction from your checking or savings account! You will need to complete an authorization form and include a voided check or deposit ticket. Once we receive the necessary documentation, your account will be set up to have the payment for your utility bill deducted on the seventh (7th) of the months that your bills are due. You will still receive a postcard bill by the first (1st) of the month, letting you know how much the bill is and telling you it will be paid by draft. Funds will need to be available in your bank or credit union account on the seventh (7th) in order to avoid an overdraft situation. Forms are available in the office or on the City's website. We are excited to be able to offer this option, and hope that a significant portion of our customer base will find this to be extremely convenient!

Online bill paying (which is different than automatic deduction) continues to gain popularity. Use your bank or credit union's bill pay service, and your Water Work's account number, to authorize a payment any time, any place, day or night. Check with your bank to determine how to post your request in time for the payment to be sent by the fifteenth (15th) to avoid late charges. This works well for customers who leave for the winter, work odd shifts or work the same hours that we are open, pay all their bills online, or just got done feeding the baby at 2 o'clock in the morning!

As always, we are happy to accept traditional payments in person, by mail, or in the drop box. We encourage you to include the Water Works, City Hall, and the Library in the stops you make throughout town! ▪

Public Works-Street Department

You may have noticed the new road surface on Sippel, Morrell, Wema, East End and Ayres Avenues. These streets have recently been chip sealed by applying a layer of rock chip seal. The process extends the life of asphalt roads by up to ten years. It provides a good driving surface and seals cracks to promote a waterproof surface.

Following the application of the rock chip seal, the loose rocks are then swept by the City street sweepers. ▪

Please send us your comments…

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

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Evansdale Parks

Deerwood Park

Deerwood Park will remain open until mid to late October (weather permitting)! You may have noticed the new playground equipment at Deerwood Park across near the Amvets Shelter. The project is expected to be finished this fall. The Evansdale Parks Department extends a special thank you to the Black Hawk Gaming Association for a $50,000 contribution to the project.

Friday night Rec

Friday Night Rec is open to all 4th and 5th graders at Poyner Elementary School. The program starts mid-October. Activities include dodge ball, volleyball, science related activities partnered with the Grout Museum, etc. Details will be scheduled in early October-you can check our website or call the City Hall Business Office at that time for further details. ▪

Animal Control

If you haven't yet licensed your dog or cat this year, please do so. All dogs and cats older than 4 months old shall be licensed at the beginning of every year. Be sure to bring in your proof of rabies vaccination to the City Hall Business Office. ▪

We are on the Web!

evansdale.govoffice.com

Fire Department

Smoke Alarms

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month to make sure they operate properly. If a smoke alarm is battery operated, replace the batteries at least once a year to make sure the alarm will work when it is needed. It's a good practice to make replacement of batteries a seasonal routine, such as when resetting clocks in the fall or spring. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing smoke alarms and replacing the batteries.

Fire Prevention Week

Help us celebrate Fire Prevention week October 9-15, 2011 by stopping by the Fire Station during our Open House from 6-8 PM Wednesday, October 12th. There will be refreshments and giveaways for the kids along with a display of posters created by students at Poyner Elementary School. Be sure to bring your camera to take pictures of your children with the firefighters as they explore the fire trucks and ambulances!

Volunteers Wanted

The fire department is continuously accepting applications for membership and encourages any resident over 18 years old with an interest in learning, training, excitement, and a desire to give back to your 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. ▪