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Mayor and City 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-wide Garage Sales

The city of Evansdale will sponsor its Annual City-Wide Garage Sale to be held on **Friday, April 29th, Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st.**

We will advertise for the event in the *Courier* and *Evansdale News*.

We will do a map again this year that notes all of the garage sale locations that are registered. If you are interested, register your garage sale at the Evansdale City Hall Business office by April 18th to be placed on the map. There is a \$2.00 registration fee, which will cover the cost of producing, advertising, and distributing the map. Maps are free for everyone and can be picked up at City Hall, the library, and local convenience stores. The maps can also be printed from our Website.



Spring Clean-up

The Spring Clean-up is scheduled for **Friday, May 6th from 8:00am to 4:00pm** and **Saturday, May 7th from 7:30am to noon.** Residents are requested to bring items to the Street Department Garage at 130 Brown Street, one block north of Lafayette Road, next to the recycling bins.

We will **NOT** accept regular household trash, tires, concrete, rocks, batteries, hazardous wastes, 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.

Appliances

If you wish to dispose of appliances during Spring Clean-up on May 6th & 7th, we require residents to purchase a sticker for each appliance at the City Hall Business Office during business hours (7:30AM to 4:30PM Mon-Fri). The deadline to purchase stickers is 4:30PM on Friday May 6th.

The sticker cost is \$12 for each appliance to be dropped off at the Street Department Garage. Only appliances with stickers will be accepted. The sticker charge is \$25 to have the appliance picked up curbside on May 6th.

The following items are considered appliances and will be accepted:
Air Conditioners Dehumidifiers Dishwashers Dryers Freezers Microwaves
Refrigerators Stoves Thermostats Washers Water Heaters
Capacitor-start electric motors Electrical & Electronic Devices

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.

Not accepted: Water softeners



Automated Garbage Pick-up

Black Hawk Waste, the City's trash collector, has purchased an Automated Garbage Collection Truck. The Truck is equipped with an automated arm that will empty your green garbage cart into the truck, without the operator leaving the cab. This collection method is safer and more efficient than manual collection. In January, the City provided each residence with a 64-gallon green cart with wheels. Black Hawk Waste will only pick up garbage that is placed in the City provided cart. The automated pick-up will tentatively start the week of April 4th.

Garbage Cart Placement

On garbage day, place your cart at the end of your driveway or curb so that the front of the cart is facing the street. This placement will ensure that your garbage is picked up.



Excess Trash

If you have extra garbage, you can purchase a yellow garbage sticker at the City Hall Business Office for \$1.00. Starting April 4, 2011, place the 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

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.

It is located on the river side of the dike in Deerwood Park inside the Waste Water Treatment Plant fence.

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 7AM-7PM

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-4PM

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, HOLIDAYS 10AM-7PM

NOVEMBER 1st - MARCH 31st

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-4PM

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, HOLIDAYS 10AM-4PM

Recycling



Recycling keeps materials out of the landfill, conserves valuable resources, and saves energy it would take to excavate and process new resources. 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 pick-ups are on the weeks of March 21st, April 4th, April 18th, May 2nd, May 16th, and so on...You can also check our Website for the recycle schedule. If you do not use the automated blue recycle cart, please label your container "Recycle." Place it at least 5 foot away from your garbage cart. And remember, you do not need to separate plastic, cardboard, newspaper, etc...just throw it all in together!

Due to popular demand, the City will be ordering more blue 64-gallon recycle carts. They are not required to recycle curbside; however, they hold a generous capacity and are convenient to use. If you are interested in purchasing a recycle cart the current cost is \$39.95 plus shipping (we are uncertain of the shipping fee at this point, but will post the total cost of the cart on our Website when it is available). Please call DeAnne or Becky in the Business Office at 232-6683 to reserve a cart.

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.

Items accepted for recycle:

Tin & Aluminum Containers

#1 through #7 plastics  (Look for it on the bottom of the container!)

Newspaper, magazines, junk mail

Office and shredded paper (Contain in a paper bag!)

Corrugated cardboard and chipboard

Clear Glass Only

Items NOT accepted:

Styrofoam

Aerosol cans

Batteries

Colored or window glass

Paint, oil or other household hazardous waste

Household garbage

Liquids of any kind



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.

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



Department News

Dog and Cat Licenses Due

2011 DOG & CAT TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Licensing was 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.



Library

Once upon a time, libraries were just about books and librarians were little old ladies with buns who went around shushing people. Not anymore!

Libraries have become social hubs in communities, a gathering place for people to express themselves through shared interests. They've also become the place where people can rely on finding an answer or sometimes getting things done all in one spot!

The Evansdale Public Library provides all of this and more. Whether you're in need of sending a fax to Texas, copying your family history, acquiring tax forms, or practicing your cribbage skills we can help! And if you have a question about something, with a small staff that is versed in everything from computers including E-books and E-readers, gardening, sign language, politics, and fiction to current events, an answer is usually never very far away!

FAQ Answers:

Library cards are free and the procedure to get one is simple. We have a short form that needs to be filled out by you and we will need photo ID and proof of current address if not the same as that on your ID. There are some age restrictions for minors applying for their own card and those can be addressed by speaking to a staff member.

You can renew all materials by calling us at 232-5367, emailing us at epplib@mchsi.com or by visiting the library's website at www.evansdale.lib.ia.us and clicking on the link for renewals. Renewals can only be made if the item is not on reserve for somebody else.

Reserving materials is easy. Let a staff person know that you would like to put a specific book on hold and you will be contacted as soon as that item becomes available for you. We reserve items on a first-ask, first-hold basis. Please keep in mind that if it is a very new and popular book, the reserve list may be long. We will get it to you as soon as possible.

Library hours of operation are Monday and Thursday 11 AM - 7 PM and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11 AM - 5 PM. We are closed on Sundays.

Come on in! We look forward to serving you!



WATER WORKS



We survived the move! When you walk through the front door of City Hall, turn to the right and you will be in the newly created Business Office/Water Works Office area. As you enter this newly expanded area, you will find two desk areas. The Business desk is straight ahead, where you can get help with pet licenses, recycle carts, building permits, etc. Turn to the left and you will find the Water Works desk. We can help you with all your utility needs. If we are away from our desk, payments may be left with personnel at the Business desk. You may purchase garbage tags at either desk. New work stations with built-in file drawers are coming for both areas which will be the last big step in the remodeling process. This will allow us to get rid of our hodge-podge of files and cabinets and make the whole office area efficient for the staff as well as open and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

The Water Works will be flushing hydrants Monday thru Friday, March 28 thru April 1, 2011, weather permitting. Water will be brownish in color during and immediately after the flushing. The discoloration is caused by the accumulation of minerals on the inside of the main. Periodic flushing's help to cleanse the mains and helps 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.

The Board of Trustees is hoping to move on the test well this spring. If you experience problems with water quality, such as rusty water or low water pressure, please call us at 233-5524 to report the day, time and duration of the problem. Sometimes those irritations can be a sign of a water main break. The sooner we have the information, the sooner we can determine the problem and repair the break!

You have several options when it's time to pay your bill. We accept cash, checks, money orders or certified bank checks. You may pay your bill online using your bank or credit union's bill pay service, deposit your payment in the drop box on the front side of City Hall (the same one as the library book return), mail it in, or, as always, bring it into the office and say "Hi." Your smiles and questions are always welcome! Please note that drop box payments must be deposited before 5:00 p.m. on the 15th to avoid a late charge and payments that are mailed must be postmarked by the 15th to avoid being late.

City Code Enforcement

The City-Wide Cleanup is a great opportunity for residents to clean up debris or unwanted items from their yards to ensure compliance to City Code. Please remember vehicles that are not intact or inoperable must be stored inside and out of view. If you have any questions about City Code compliance, please call Rick at 232-6683.



Evansdale Parks

With the arrival of spring we start thinking about outdoor activities and making plans for summer. The City of Evansdale offers several park shelters for your outdoor family events. The shelter rental fee is \$20 for a half day and \$30 for more than four hours. Stop by the City Hall Business Office if you would like to reserve a shelter or call us for more information on the shelters. Deerwood Park offers camping, a boat ramp into the Cedar River, fishing, shelters and newly renovated playgrounds. Deerwood Park will open on April 15th (weather permitting)!

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. Current vacancies include Hardship & Grievance and Storm Water Commissions.



New Changes at City Hall

You will notice some changes when you visit the City Hall! For added convenience, the Water Works Office is now located in the City Hall Business Office. We also expanded the library. When you come through the front door to the City Hall you can enter the Business Office to your right and the library straight ahead. There is also a Library Only entrance in the back of the building. Please use the front entrance if you are visiting the Business Office or Water Works. Business Office and Water Works patrons may park on the south side of the building in the Industrial Drive parking lot. Once the renovations are finished at City Hall, we will have an open house. We will post the date and time on our Website. Please feel free to stop in at anytime to see our progress.

Fire Department

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.

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