



# City of Evansdale

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**Hours:**  
Monday – Friday  
7:30 am – 4:30 pm

### Pet licensing

Dog and Cat licenses are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. A \$1.00 penalty will accrue each month. Just bring your rabies certification to City Hall to get your pet licensed today.

### Thinking of building a new home or starting a home improvement project?

Now is a great time to consider! The City is offering property tax abatement for qualified projects. Call us at 232-6683 to learn more!



### City-wide Garage Sales

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual City-Wide Garage Sale will be on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

We will provide a map again this year of all the garage sale locations and advertise the event in the Courier and Evansdale News. If you are interested, register your garage sale at the Evansdale City Hall business office by April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience, the maps can be printed from our website.

### Spring Clean-up

The Spring Clean-up will be on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to noon. A dumpster will be available at the Street Department Garage at 130 Brown Street for residents to bring items for disposal. Just separate any metal items from the rest because metals are recycled rather than taken to the landfill.

The following will NOT be accepted: regular household trash, tires, concrete, rocks, batteries, hazardous waste, yard waste, and large quantities of building materials.

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. 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 clean-up, purchase a sticker for each appliance at City Hall for \$12 by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. You do not need a sticker for the disposal of a television. We're sorry, water softeners are not accepted.

### Party in the Park to replace Good Ol' Days

This year, the Evansdale Chamber of Commerce introduces the "Party in the Park" celebration at Deerwood Park, which will be on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be live music and a beer tent, as well as games and activities such as the pedal tractor pull, horse shoe tournament, and possibly a disc golf tournament. The parade will be held at 6:00pm on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> with the same route as in past years. This year, all activities, except the parade, will be held at Deerwood Park. The Mud Volleyball Tournament will be held the weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup> at its usual location.

## Evansdale Water Works Well Project

Final steps were recently taken to finish the rehabilitation project that was started last year on Well #3. Instead of drilling a new well, the Board decided to drill Well #3 deeper to hit a different layer of the aquifer. If successful, this would provide better water at a greatly reduced cost. Well...it was a success! The well is back on-line and we look forward to a drought-free summer this year!

## Hydrant Flushing

The Water Works will be flushing all segments of the water main system during the last full weeks of April, May, June and, if necessary, July. Announcements will go out to local

radio stations, the Courier, the Evansdale News and also put on the back side of your utility bill. Periodic flushing helps to clean the mains and also helps to avoid discolored water during normal operations. You will want to avoid doing laundry during the daytime of those particular weeks.

## Automatic Bill Pay

Have you joined the growing number of customers who pay their water bill online through their bank's online bill-pay service or by having it automatically deducted from their checking or savings account? Please call us at 232-5524 for details.

As always, we strive to make your water utility one of the best!

## I-380 Reconstruction

This spring, the Iowa Department of Transportation will reconstruct the northbound lanes of I-380 starting at the east I-380/US 20 interchange and ending just west of River Forest Road. The project will be very similar to last year's reconstruction of the southbound lanes and will start as soon as the weather allows. The project is expected to last into the fall.

The contractor for the project, Peterson Contractors, Inc., will first install cross-overs in the median. This will result in closing the inside lanes for both north and southbound I-380. That work should take 4-6 weeks, weather permitting.

When the cross-overs are completed, the northbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction and all traffic will be moved into the southbound lanes in a two-lane/two way pattern. The northbound exits at Raymond Rd and River Forest Rd will be closed, however the southbound exit ramps will be open for both exits. In addition, the Evansdale Drive exits will remain open in both directions for the duration of the project.

The Iowa DOT is again encouraging commuters who use I-380 to find a different route during construction. The interstate will remain open during the project but drivers will encounter congestion and delays, especially during peak hours.

You can follow the progress of this project in several ways. At [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org) you can monitor traffic conditions through traffic cameras and speed sensors. You can find the latest information on the project at <http://www.iowadot.gov/i380/>.

## Sign up for important Community Alerts

Would you like to receive an automated phone call or text for say, water main breaks, boil water notices, missing persons, weather related changes in garbage pick-up, snow emergencies, and/or any other type of community update? Sign up through the Black Hawk County Emergency Alert System to receive phone alerts that send you the latest weather, emergency, and/or community announcements. You can choose what type of alerts you receive and how you receive them, i.e. text, email, voice, fax, pager, etc. Signing up is simple, visit [www.bhciaema.com](http://www.bhciaema.com) and Click "register for BHC alert".

If you were originally signed up in the CodeRED system, you will need to sign up under the new system, which is now powered by EverBridge. Residents without computer access may call the Black Hawk County Emergency Management office at 319-291-4373 to register.

## Open Burning

Though open burning of lawn and garden waste is allowed in Evansdale under certain conditions, residents are urged to use the Yard Waste Center for yard waste disposal needs

(see inset). Only yard waste may be burned, which doesn't include tree stumps. All fires must be attended and extinguished at the end of the day. In addition, you must have a garden hose or some other means to extinguish the fire in close proximity. Avoid burning when weather conditions are dry and/or windy and keep a safe distance from dwellings.

### Yard Waste Center Hours

*(April 1 – October 31)*

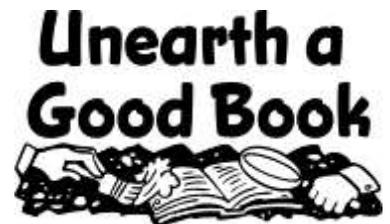
**Monday: 7am – 7pm**

**Tues. thru Fri.: 7am – 4pm**

**Weekends: 10am – 7pm**

# EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring is in the air and the Evansdale Public Library is looking forward to the 2013 Summer Reading Program. This year's themes are DIG INTO READING for youth, BENEATH THE SURFACE for teens and GROUNDBREAKING READS for adults. The program is open to the public and to people of all ages. Registration will be held May 27, 2013 thru June 1, 2013 and the program will run for the month of June. Look for additional information about the summer reading program in the Evansdale News.



## New test prep database

With the aid of the State Library of Iowa and Iowa Workforce Development, library users now have access to a test preparation website that is phenomenal! Whatever your goal, Learning Express Library's resources will help you succeed. Each of our Learning Centers offers the practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information you need to achieve the results you want—at school, at work, or in life. Looking to land a job? You'll find an entire Learning Center dedicated to helping



you get the one that's right for you. You can find a link to it on our homepage, <http://www.evansdale.lib.ia.us> Look for the light bulb logo and check it out!

## Donate to remove library fines

During the entire month of April, the library will be hosting a FOOD FOR FINES month in honor of National Library Week.



During the month of April, for every can or package of unexpired, non-perishable food that you bring to the library, \$1 will be waived from your fines or you can contribute it to

somebody else's fines. The food will be collected and donated to the North East Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo.

## Read Across America

During the month of March, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, we had a Read Across America contest. Our goal was to have library patrons read at least one book set in or about every state in the Union. Each person who completed the task was entered for a prize and a big congratulations goes out to Makenzie Degenhardt, this month's contest winner! More contests



will be held in upcoming months and during the summer reading program, which runs the month of June.

**Library hours of operation are Monday and Thursday 11:00am – 7:00pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11:00am – 5:00pm. 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](mailto:eplib@mchsi.com).**

## OTHER DATES AND INFORMATION

### La Porte City McFarlane Park Bike Trail Bridge complete

The McFarlane Park Bike Trail Bridge in La Porte City is now open. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, a bridge dedication ceremony will be held at 1:00pm at McFarlane Park along with a band and lunch starting at 11:00am for the newly constructed bridge. In addition, a bridge to bridge ride starting at the Evansdale Bike Bridge has been organized by the Cedar Valley

Cyclists. For more information on the ride, visit their website at [cedarvalleycyclists.org](http://cedarvalleycyclists.org). The 2008 flooding of the Cedar River destroyed the converted railroad bridge. The bridge reconstruction completes the 65-mile Cedar Valley Nature Trail from Evansdale to Hiawatha.

### Deerwood Park opens

Deerwood Park and Campground will open for the season on April 15, 2013, weather permitting. A camping

rate schedule is available on our City website under City Departments > Parks and Rec.

### Reserve a Park Shelter

Plan a picnic or special event at one of Evansdale's beautiful park shelters at Deerwood Park, Meyer's Lake Angels Park, Bunger Park, and Gardner Park. The shelters rent for only \$40 for the entire day. Reserve a shelter at City Hall. Check out our website for more information on each shelter.



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### **Keeping you updated...**

**Mayor  
Chad Deutsch**

**Council  
Kenny Loftus – Ward 1  
Jessica Miller – 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.**