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We are on the web at
Evansdale.govoffice.com

Check our website for important updates, calendar of events, information on city services & departments, agendas, minutes, and much more!

Yard Waste Center hours extended

The Yard Waste Center closing time on Mondays, Weekends, and Holidays will be extended until dark through the end of November.

From December 1st through March 31st, hours are as follows:

Monday – Friday
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas trees (remove all decorations), leaves, grass clippings, branches (must be less than 6 inches in diameter), and garden waste may be taken to the Yard Waste Center in Deerwood Park next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Cat and Dog Licenses

City Code requires citizens to license their dogs and cats aged four months or older every year by January 1st at City Hall. **2012 TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.** Please bring a proof of current rabies vaccination and proof of altering. The Licensing fees are \$3.00 for altered pets and \$10.00 for unaltered pets. After April 15, 2012 a \$1.00 penalty will accrue each month that a tag is not obtained.

The benefit of licensing your pet is two-fold. First, licensing helps prevent against rabies outbreaks by requiring a certificate of vaccination. In addition, licensing your pet increases the chance that you will be reunited with your pet in the unfortunate event it would slip out the door or get lost. When you license your pet, your contact information is on file in the City Clerk’s Office. This allows City staff to contact you if your pet is found.

In the event that Animal Control finds a lost pet and cannot contact the owner, a picture of the lost pet will be temporarily posted on the City website under Departments—Animal Control. Owners of animals that are at large will be fined if not licensed.

New Utility Bill Payment Option

In response to customer requests, a new payment option 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 and on the City’s website under Departments—Water Works. 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!

Recycle Carts

The City still has 64-gallon recycle carts available! The blue recycle carts have an attached lid and 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, check our website at evansdale.govoffice.com under City Departments. Call City Hall Business Office at 319-232-6683 if you have questions.



STREET DEPARTMENT

The winter season has arrived! Conditions are sometimes inconvenient and frustrating. During snow events, the first priority for snow removal crews is emergency snow routes. Crews do not start on residential streets until all emergency routes are completely clear. You may consider delaying snow clearance at the end of your driveway, if possible, until crews have come back down your street with a second pass to avoid having to do it again. Please be patient as crews will plow all City streets.

Clear the streets

City Ordinance requires that all parked vehicles be removed from

the street during a snow storm to allow free access to all parts of the street for our snow plows. It is difficult and time consuming to navigate around parked cars. The Evansdale Police Department will give warning notices and then parking tickets to offenders. Repeat offender's vehicles may be towed.

Use Caution, Please

Please use caution when following behind our Snow Removal vehicles. Frequently, the vehicles make sudden stops and back up at intersections. Due to the load size of the vehicles, they need extra time to stop. Please be patient during these conditions to ensure your safety and the safety of the drivers.

Mailboxes

Inspect your mailbox to make sure wooden posts are not rotted underground. Also, ensure that your mailbox is securely attached to its pole to withstand the impact of snow from the plows. The trucks must plow at certain speeds in order to keep moving. Though snow removal crews take great care, occasionally mailboxes are damaged in snow removal operations. Usually, if mailboxes are damaged, it is a result of a rotting base or unsecured pole. The City Code of Ordinances states that the City of Evansdale shall not replace or repair mailboxes destroyed or damaged during snow removal operations.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please be aware of winter weather driving conditions. Leave earlier to allow for extra traveling time as it is necessary to decrease your speed in winter weather conditions. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants during Major Storms

The Evansdale volunteer fire department is asking residents for help clearing snow around fire hydrants. The large amount of snow accumulation in the area has left many hydrants partially or completely buried in snow, creating a potentially dangerous situation in the event of a fire.

The fire department asks of those residents who have a fire hydrant on or near their property to 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 life and property.

Snow covered hydrants are hard to spot and could add 3-5 minutes before the fire department can get water on a fire, especially if they have to dig it out at the time of an emergency. Keeping fire hydrants visible and easily accessible can save precious time and lives. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Prevent Carbon Monoxide poisoning

Carbon Monoxide is known as the "silent killer." It's a colorless, odorless gas that kills many people, but is preventable, thanks to an affordable Carbon Monoxide detector that is commonly sold in hardware stores. If you need assistance installing the device or have questions on this matter, please contact the fire department as there is staff available to help.



EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Gobble up some good books in November! Make sure you've got some to hibernate with during December!

Free E-Books for Kindle are now available!

For more than two years, the library has provided free digital audiobooks to our patrons through the NEIBORS consortium online.

This past year, NEIBORS responded to patron requests and started offering E-Books and this past month, E-Books for Kindle hit the virtual shelves.

As of this printing, NEIBORS has 1,681 Epub E-books, 1,640 Kindle E-books, 780 Adobe PDF E-books, 447 Mp3 Audiobooks, and 2,221 WMA Audiobooks in its current collection. All you need to access this wonderful, and FREE, collection is a library card!

Stop in to the library to get yours and ask Shannon if you have any problems or questions assessing the database.

<http://www.evansdale.lib.ia.us>

Look for this logo on the library's homepage:



Thursday Page-Turners

Book discussion group that meets at the library every THIRD Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

- November 17, 2011 - American Wife by Curtis Sittenfeld
- December 15, 2011 - The Children's Blizzard by David Laskin

In November, we will pick new books for Jan-May.

Discussion group is open to the public. All are welcome!

Library Hours:

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



The Library will be closed Thurs., November 24th, Sat., December 24th, Mon., December 26th, and Mon., January 2nd for the upcoming holiday season. We wish you happy holidays!

Universal Class is a great new way to learn!

Universal Class is the newest database to the library and FREE for your use with a library card. With more than 500 online non-college credit continuing education courses, there is something for everyone! You can enroll in up to 5 classes at one time, you have six months to complete them and you have access to the classes via the Internet 24/7! Classes are available in accounting and bookkeeping, alternative medicine, arts and photography, business, career training, computers and technology, cooking, crafts & hobbies, entrepreneurship, GED training, health & medicine, history, home & garden, language arts, new age & alternative beliefs, office skills, parenting & family, performing arts, personal care, psychology, real estate, reference, religion, test preparation, web development and more! Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Be a lifelong learner! Learn something new today!

Public Meetings

All meetings are conducted in the City Hall Council Chambers. Check the City Website for agendas and minutes. Agendas are also posted on the City Bulletin Board in the City Hall entrance.

City Council 6:00 p.m.

December 6 & 20; January 3 & 17; February 7 & 21; March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17

Park & Recreation 6:00 p.m.

December 5; January 2; February 6; March 5; April 2

Water Works 9:00 a.m.

December 14; January 11; February 8; March 14; April 11

Library Board 6:00 p.m.

December 19; January 16; February 20; March 19; April 16

Planning & Zoning 7:00 p.m.

December 27; January 24; February 28; March 27; April 25

Hardship & Grievance

January (time and date to be determined)

Thank you

The City of Evansdale would like to thank the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Cedar Falls for donating four diaphragm 3-inch pumps to the City. The pumps may be available on a first come, first serve basis for homeowner use for emergency basement water removal. Call the Public Works Director at 232-5253 for more information.

Sump Pumps

Discharging sump pump water into the sanitary sewer system is illegal. Violators will be fined. Sump pump inspections will be completed with all other building permit type inspections your house may require.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE EVANSDALE URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA AND THE ADOPTION OF A PLAN FOR SUCH REVITALIZATION AREA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That there is now on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk of Evansdale, Iowa, a Proposed Revitalization Plan for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of a proposed revitalization area (designated the “Evansdale Urban Revitalization Area”) within the City described as follows:

All real property within the incorporated municipal limits of the City of Evansdale, Iowa, as of December 1, 2011.

The City Council will meet at six o’clock p.m., on the 20th day of December, 2011, at the City Hall Council Chambers, Evansdale, Iowa, at which time a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 404, Code of Iowa (the “Act”) on the proposal to adopt the Proposed Revitalization Plan and the proposal to establish the above described area as a revitalization area. At such public hearing all owners of record of real property, tenants, and all “occupants” of city addresses within the described area, and any other person having an interest in the matter may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the Proposed Revitalization Plan or the establishment of the Evansdale Urban Revitalization Area.

Once an area has been designated as a revitalization area pursuant to the Act, property on which certain improvements have been made will become eligible for certain property tax exemptions under the Act.

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City Clerk