

EVANS EXPRESS

Official Newsletter of the City of Evans, Colorado

December 2023

Queen City of the Platte

Merry Christmas!



Happy Hanukkah!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Evans Holiday Lighting Ceremony!



Happy Holidays from the Evans family to yours!

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City Council Update

The Evans City Council held only one regular meeting and work session during the month of November on account of the Thanksgiving holiday. In the regular meeting held on Nov. 7, the Council did tackle a handful of issues on multiple fronts.

First and foremost the Council took the final steps to officially approve the 2024 City budget. The Council worked very closely with City Manager, Cody Sims, Finance Director, Jacque Troudt, and the other City Staff to craft the budget over the course of the last several months. As a result of their direct hand in the budget's development, it was unanimously approved at the meeting. Also at the Nov. 7 meeting, the Council addressed two separate but related agenda items that pertain to the construction of a Murphy USA gas station on the southwest corner of 37th Street and St. Vrain Street, just west of Highway 85. The two approved measures pave the way for the next steps in the development process to begin. The first step will be the demolition of the three structures currently on the property - an abandoned commercial building, a single-family residence and 85 Liquor Store.

YouTube

Watch Live streams of the City Council meetings on the City's YouTube Channel on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

The Council also approved a request to allow for the construction of seven additional single-family homes in the Grapevine Hollow neighborhood. The homes will be built around a cul-de-sac that has been named Sapphire Court and laid over a since-abandoned and remediated oil and gas operation; the residences will be located outside the 50-foot setback requirement from the abandoned well.



The Council also looked at some design plans for the entrances to Riverside Park. Several different concepts were presented and the Council opted for one with a modest price tag of \$70,360.



GOVERNMENT 101 - What is the City Manager's role?



In Evans' Council-Manager government, which was outlined in this space in November's issue, the City Manager serves as the CEO of the City. This position is one of only three in the entire city government that is appointed directly by the City Council, along with the City Attorney and the Municipal Court Judge.

The City Manager's responsibility is to effectively implement the City Council's goals and priorities for the community, to administer a personnel merit system with fairness to all and in a manner designed to stimulate high morale of the employees, and to recommend an annual budget to achieve City Council's vision.

In working to carry out the goals and priorities set forth by the City Council, the City Manager is ultimately responsible for assuring that every ordinance and resolution passed by the Council is implemented in the most effective and efficient manner possible. The City Manager must be up-to-date on every department's workload to assure everything is going as planned. It is important that the City Manager hire a staff of experts in their respective fields so the most qualified people are in place.

In a visual example often used by political scientists, the City Manager is at the center of an hour glass, with the voters and their

elected City Council sitting on top and the City Staff residing on the lower half. The city's residents make their priorities clear to the City Council, who then set the strategic priorities for the City Manager to enact. The City Manager feeds those guidelines down to City Staff who execute their respective tasks at the operational level. Rarely, if ever, do City Council members interact directly with City Staff and vice-a-versa; the City Manager sitting in the center of the hour glass is the point person through which all directives flow from the voters and their elected representatives to the city employees.

The City Manager works with the heads of each city department and their subordinate staff to provide professional recommendations to the City Council during policy formulation and adoption. While they fill out a staff of subject matter experts for each department, the City Manager themselves must be well-versed in all city functions - from engineering to parks and recreation to human resources and all things in between. To assure that the city is delivering the best possible level of service to its residents, the City Manager, in working with each department head and their staffs, have to set priorities to make the best use of tax dollars.

In recommending the annual city budget, the City Manager must take into account the needs of all city departments and how those needs align with the vision and goals established by the City Council.

Please refer to section 4.4 of the Evans Municipal Code for the full list of City Manager functions and duties.



Cody R. Sims
Evans City Manager

Cody R. Sims was appointed City Manager of Evans in January 2023. Prior to joining Evans, Cody served as the Assistant City Manager in Augusta, Kansas, and the Director of Economic Development and Interim Director of Engineering in Wellington, Kansas. Cody holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs at Wichita State University.

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Thank you Evans Police Department!



The LC Real Estate Group Foundation began in Loveland and has since expanded to the Greeley/Evans area and this year provided coats and boots to more than 450 kids in the region. Our City's Police Officers raised \$2,500 to purchase 100 coats and boots for students at Centennial Elementary School here in Evans.



Scheels provided a considerable discount for our officers to purchase the coats and boots. We are grateful to Scheels as, without their support, this would not have been possible. Anyone wishing to donate, can reach out directly to Teresa McClatchey @ 970-590-1504.



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Santa Cops of Weld County seeking donations



Santa Cops of Weld County is dedicated to providing toys to children who would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. Referrals to the program are most often made through our schools since they know our “families in need” best. Officers fundraise, purchase, wrap, and then distribute the gifts. It’s a fantastic way to build on the relationships law enforcement has with children in our community.

Santa Cops is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We welcome support from the community for this great cause. If you would like to help, there are a variety of ways you can contribute. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts can be placed in the donation box at the front desk of the Evans Police Department through December 25th. We are also accepting monetary donations (cash, check, or Venmo). Reach out to Teresa McClatchey @ 970-590-1504 for more details. Thank you for your support!



In November, the Evans Police Department honored the military service of several officers. Thank you to Master Officer Yount, Officer Bull, Officer Fischer, and Officer Sanchez for your service!

Traffic Cabinet Upgrades



37th St & 35th Ave by Will Dillon



37th St & 29th Ave by Megan Ryan



37th St & 11th Ave by Macey Boren



374th St & 35th Ave by Macey Boren

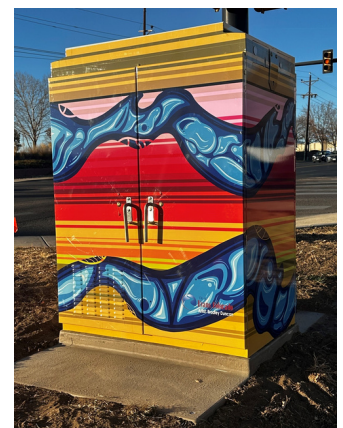
In November, the City installed new traffic control cabinets at seven major intersections across Evans. The new cabinets are not just eye-catching thanks to the wraps designed by some local artists, they have upgraded hardware and software. After installing the cabinets during the week prior to Thanksgiving, the City then began the process of programming the cabinets with the help of a traffic control engineer to optimize traffic flow. The double-impact of improved cabinets and optimal signal programming will lower wait times at intersections, reduce traffic congestion and help prepare Evans for further growth.



37th St & 17th Ave by Julie Dillon



32nd St & 11th Ave by Alonzo Harrison



32nd St & 23rd Ave by Bradley Duncan

City of Evans Water Conservation

Presents



Water Art
Contest

Looking for something to do over Winter Break? Find new ways to connect with your community? Learn about water conservation? Join our youth art contest!

- Who can participate? All Kindergarten through 12th Grade students living in Evans.
- What can I win? A winner in K-5th grade category and 6th-12th grade category will each win a prize of a \$100 gift card and other goodies.
- Theme? Submissions will be judged based on their expression of the theme “How do you think about water in the winter?”

Scan the QR Code or follow the link below to download the submission form.



<https://www.evanscolorado.gov/media/Water%20Conservation/Art%20Contest%20form-2023-2024.pdf>

Submission forms and artwork must be received by 4pm on January 8, 2024. Please bring all submissions to the Evans Community Complex

Front Desk: 1100 37th Street | Evans, CO 80620



Regalos para la conservación del agua
de la ciudad de Evans

Concurso de arte acuático de invierno

¿Busca algo que hacer durante las vacaciones de invierno?
Encuentre nuevas formas de conectarse con su
¿comunidad? ¿Aprender sobre la conservación del agua?
¡Únete a nuestro concurso de arte juvenil!

- ¿Quién puede participar? Todos los estudiantes desde jardín de infantes hasta el grado 12 que viven en Evans.
- ¿Qué puedo ganar? Un ganador en la categoría de grados K-5 y en la categoría de grados 6-12 será cada uno gane un premio de una tarjeta de regalo de \$100 y otros obsequios.
- ¿Tema? Las presentaciones serán juzgadas en función de su expresión del tema "¿Cómo?" ¿Piensas en el agua en invierno?

Escanee el código QR o siga el enlace a continuación para descargar el formulario de envío.



[https://www.evanscolorado.gov/media/Water%20Conservation/
Art%20Contest%20form-2023-2024.pdf](https://www.evanscolorado.gov/media/Water%20Conservation/Art%20Contest%20form-2023-2024.pdf)

Los formularios de envío y las obras de arte deben recibirse por 4pm del 8 de enero de 2024 . Traiga todas las presentaciones a la recepción del Evans Community Complex: 1100 37th Street | Evans, CO 80620



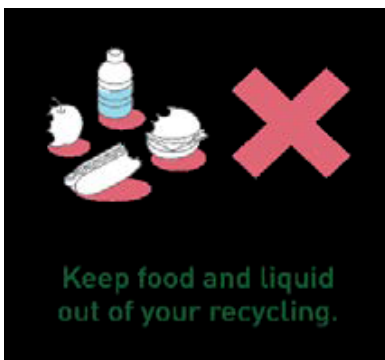
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From our friends at Waste Management



Some helpful recycling tips!



RECYCLING TIP

Break Boxes Down to Fit Inside Carts

Dismantling cardboard boxes is an efficient use of cart space and often the only way to ensure the lid can be fully closed.

Source: WM



SAFETY TIP

Allow Time and Space to Brake

Never cut in front or stop suddenly in front of a trash or recycling truck.

Source

December Word Search from our friends at Waste Management



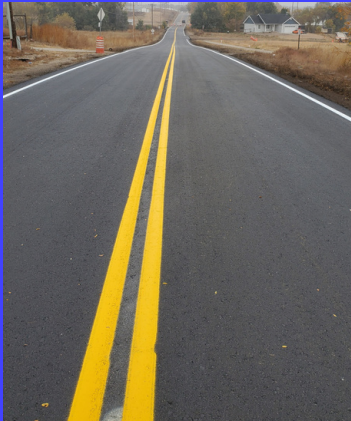
All the items listed below should all be put in recycle bins. Can you find these items in the word puzzle?

- CARDBOARD BOX
- NEWSPAPER
- CEREAL BOX
- OFFICE PAPER
- SODA CAN
- DETERGENT JUG
- MAGAZINE
- PLASTIC MILK JUG
- FOOD CAN
- PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE
- JUNK MAIL
- SOUP CAN

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C	B	U	U	T	L	S	U	C	H	M	M	A	Z	D	D	E	L	V	A
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E	Z	X	J	R	K	S	Z	B	O	F	F	I	C	E	P	A	P	E	R
R	L	W	Z	S	D	C	F	W	N	Z	P	L	K	U	O	E	S	H	F
I	N	C	Y	P	L	A	S	T	I	C	M	I	L	K	J	U	G	U	O

The rules are simple: Always recycle clean cardboard, paper, metal food and drink cans, and plastics shaped like bottles, jugs, jars and tubs.





Road and Street Improvements

In 2023, Evans is investing \$1.6 million for road maintenance and expansion projects all across the city. This figure is four-times greater than what was spent in 2020.

We know that road construction projects can be a hassle for everyone, believe us, we feel it too, but the projects are necessary to assure we have the physical infrastructure in place to support our growing City. Thanks to the 1% road tax that was approved by Evans voters in 2020, our roads and streets have undergone tremendous improvements and the City engineering team has plans to do much more. This year alone the City has completed asphalt and concrete replacement projects on 42nd Street, 49th Street, Empire Street, in the Grapevine Hollow, Ashcroft Heights, Hunter's Reserve, and North Point Neighborhoods, and along 23rd Avenue from 32nd Street to 37th Street.

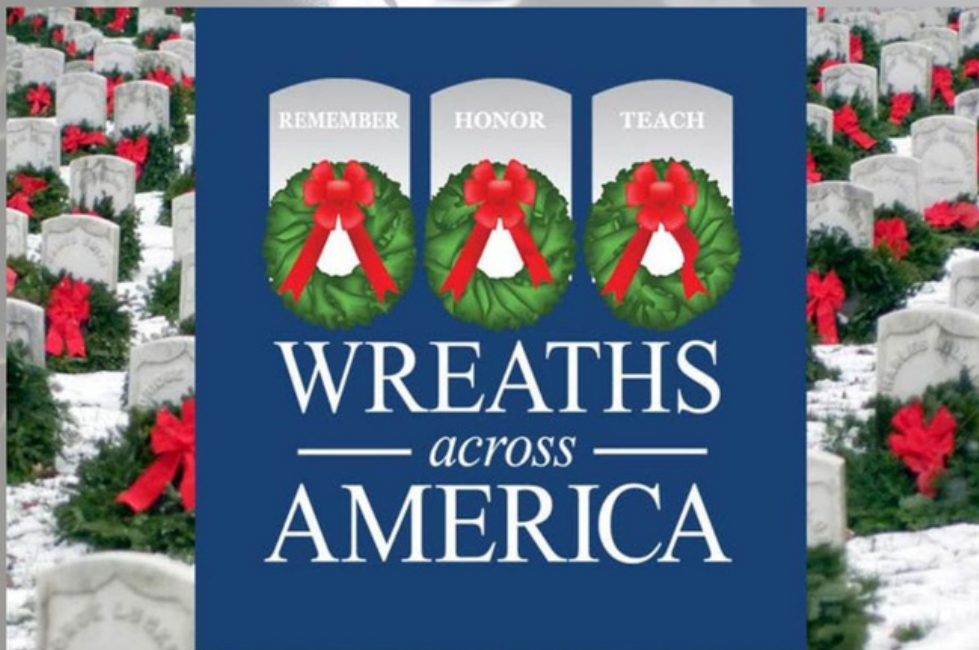


42nd Street asphalt improvements



Sidewalk repairs on 23rd Avenue

SAVE the DATE!



December 16, 2023 10:00am Evans Cemetery

Please help us remember our fallen heroes, honor those at serve and teach the value of freedom to the next generation. Each tax-deductible wreath sponsorship is \$17.00. After a short program, you can place the wreath on a veteran's grave.

Make checks payable to: Wreaths Across America - COECNE-C00170, P.O. BOX 336816 Greeley, CO 80633

Question or a specific grave request? Contact Nancy Critchfield at (970) 217-4173 (call or text) or nanncfield@aol.com



Our Mission: Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.



EXTREME BASKETBALL

Scan the QR Code to register now!



REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 30 – DECEMBER 10 | \$55

\$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO REGISTRATIONS AFTER DECEMBER 10, BASED ON AVAILABILITY.

TEAMS ARE FILLED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

EVANS RECREATION JERSEYS ARE \$20 AND AVAILABLE AT THE RECREATION FRONT DESK.

3rd Grade Boys

3rd Grade Girls

4th Grade Boys

4th Grade Girls

5th Grade Boys

5th Grade Girls

6th Grade Boys

6th Grade Girls

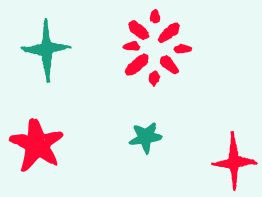
PRACTICES WILL BE TWICE A WEEK AND WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8. PRACTICES WILL BE AT THE EVANS RECREATION CENTER OR A LOCAL SCHOOL.

FIRST GAME WILL BE JANUARY 20. GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS AT ANY OF THE NVAA LOCATIONS.

Extreme Basketball is played through the Northern Valley Athletic Association (NVAA), which includes the towns of Berthoud, Eaton, Evans, Fort Lupton, Keenesburg, Kersey, Lasalle, Platteville, and Wiggins.

Games can be played at any of these sites during the season.

What's new at Riverside in December 2023



ADULTS AND TEENS

POLAR EXPRESS

Join us for crafts, games, hot chocolate, & more!



Sunday, Dec. 10 1:30-4:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE READERS

An in-person and virtual book club that discusses general interest books.



Monday, Dec. 18 6:30-7:30 pm

Library Closed

The library will be closed on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.



HISTORIC HOLIDAY CRAFT

Presented by Greeley History Museum: History of photography & accompanying cyanotype craft.



Monday, Dec. 11, 5:30-7:30 pm

RELAX AND CRAFT

Crafts for adults! In December, this program will focus on painting ornaments. Register online or at the front desk!



Thursday, Dec. 14th at 4 pm

Library Closed

We will be closed on Monday, January



on New Year's Day

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Storytime

Our last storytime of the session is on December 14th. We will resume in January.

Mondays 9:30 a.m.	Tales for Tots	Ages 2-4
Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.	Twinkle Babies	Ages 0-2
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.	Music & Movement	Ages 3+
Thursdays 9:30 a.m.	Family Storytime	All ages



Pokémon Club

Join a Pokémon Professor & play the Pokémon Trading Card Game. Recommended for kids 10 and up.



MONDAY, DEC. 18TH 4-5 P.M.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS

Available all school year long. Monday-Friday 3:30-5:00 pm. Ages 0-18



Wildly Fun Wednesdays

Join us each Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 pm for fun rotating activities!

Snack Club
December 6

Lego Club
December 13

Board Game Club
December 20

STEM Club

cancelled for holiday



Que hay de nuevo en Riverside en diciembre de 2023?

ADULTOS Y ADOLESCENTES

POLAR EXPRESS



¡Unase a nosotros para manualidades, juegos, chocolate caliente y más!

Domingo 10 de dic. 1:30-4:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE READERS

Un club de lectura en persona y virtual que discute libros de interés general realizados en inglés.



lunes, 18 de dic. 6:30-7:30

Biblioteca cerrada

La biblioteca estará cerrada en Nochebuena y el día de Navidad.



HISTORIC HOLIDAY CRAFT

Presentado por el Greeley History Museum: Historia de la fotografía y manualidad de Cianotipia.



Monday, Dec. 11, 5:30-7:30 pm

RELAX AND CRAFT

¡Manualidades para adultos! Este mes estaremos haciendo adornos navidenos. Regístrese en línea o en el mostrador de enfrente.



jueves, 14 de diciembre 16:00

Biblioteca cerrada

Estaremos cerrados el lunes 1 de enero.



el día de Año Nuevo

NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS

Cuenta Cuentos

Nuestra ultima sesion de Cuentos termina el 14 de Diciembre. Resumimos de nuevo en Enero.

los lunes	Tales for Tots	Edades 1.5-3
martes	Twinkle Babies	Edades 0-1.5
miércoles	Música y movimiento	Edades 2-5
jueves	Familia Storytime	todas las edades



Pokémon Club

Unete a un profesor de Pokemon y juega con las cartas de pokemon. Recomendado para los niños de 10 años en adelante.



LUNES, 18 DE DIC. 16:00-17:00

BOTANAS GRATIS AL SALIR DE CLASES

Disponible todo el año.

Lunes a Viernes 3:30-5:00 pm. edades 0-18



Wildly Fun Wednesdays

Ven todos los miércoles en la tarde a las 4 para una rotación de actividades

Club de botanas diciembre 6

Club de Legos diciembre 13

Club de juegos de mesa diciembre 20

Club de ciencias

cancelado por vacaciones



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City of Evans Contact Info

Emergency Services 911	City Council (970) 475-1104
After Hours Non-Emergency (970) 356-1212	City Managers Office (970) 475-1108
General Information (970) 475-1170	City Clerk (970) 475-1104
Police Department (970) 339-2441	Code Enforcement (970) 475-1115
Building Permits (970) 475-1120	Municipal Court (970) 475-1123
Building Inspections (970) 674-1036	Evans Cemetery (970) 475-1104
Community Development (970) 475-2228	Business Licenses (970) 475-1109
Engineering/Mapping (970) 475-1169	Employment (970) 475-1161
Utility Billing (970) 475-1170	Economic Development (970) 475-1112
Planning and Zoning (970) 475-1167	Senior Programs (970) 475-1129
Neighborhood Services (970) 475-1115	Pothole Hotline (970) 475-1188
Recreation Programs (970) 475-1125	Fire (970) 339-3920

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- City Council Work Sessions
First and Third Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
- City Council Meetings
First and Third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission
Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 pm
- Water and Sewer Board
Third Thursday at 3:30 pm
- SBDC Small Business Counseling
Every Wednesday beginning at 9:00 am
Riverside Library and Cultural Center
- Evans Fire District Board of Directors
Fourth Monday of each month

Local Agencies

- Evans Area Chamber of Commerce
(970) 330-4204
- Small Business Development Center
(970) 351-4274
- Uptate Colorado
(970) 356-4565
- Greeley/Evans School District
(970) 348-6000
- Weld County
(970) 356-4000
- Water and Sewer Emergencies
(970) 475-1170
- Water Conservation
(970) 475-1186



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