

November 2023

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Thank You,
Veterans!
Veterans Day,
Nov. 11



Happy
Thanksgiving!
Thanksgiving
Day, Nov. 23

Cast your ballot!

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7

Weld County Voter Service and Polling Centers - early voting, Election Day voting, 24-hour ballot drop-off locations are listed below.

Ballot drop-off AND In-person voting:

- Aims College Cornerstone Building
5401 W 20th St, Greeley
- UNC Campus Commons
1051 22nd St, Greeley
- Trinity Lutheran Church
3000 35th Ave, Greeley



Ballot drop-off ONLY

- Evans Community Complex
1100 37th Street, Evans
- Weld County Election Office
1250 H St, Greeley



A filter station and Driftwood Park was defaced with graffiti but, thanks to local artist Bradley Duncan and the fine folks at Raven Sign Studio, an eyesore was transformed into a head turner with this beautiful wrap. Thank you to Bradley and Raven Sign Studio!

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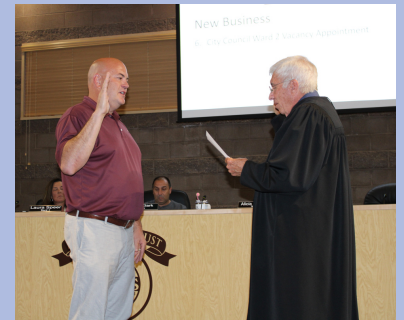
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City Council Update

The Evans City Council has prioritized economic development and community beautification and, in their two regular meetings in October, made considerable progress with initiatives in support of those goals.

One action approved by the Council is a major change to the City's Land Development Code. The code will provide more user-friendly land development processes with goals of improved timelines, expectations, and accountability. The updated code provides a more market-oriented development process that will stimulate new development within the city. This brings Evans more in-line with neighboring communities and protects the charm and character that makes Evans unique.



Evans City Councilman Jeff Crabtree is officially sworn in by Evans Court Municipal Judge, Michael Stewart.



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



Evans Mayor Mark Clark and Councilwoman Alicia Johnson were joined by Dani (center) from A Woman's Place of Weld County as the City Proclaimed October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Council reviewed the proposed 2024 City budget in both meetings. The budget was formulated with heavy input from the Council working alongside City Staff to identify needs and determine priorities to achieve the goals of community beautification and economic development. The budget calls for targeted investments in new equipment for the city, including brand new dump trucks with snowplows and spreader attachments, a new street sweeper and a pair of Ventrac tractors for parks and open space maintenance. The City will also invest heavily in road maintenance and expansion projects and will make upgrades to public parks all over the City.

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City Council Vacancy

VACANT

Following the regular City Council meeting on Oct. 3, Evans City Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Castle informed Mayor Mark Clark that she was resigning from her position. The resignation of Councilwoman Castle created a vacancy in Ward 3 (on the western side of the city) that must be filled. The vacancy announcement was made public on the City of Evans website following the Oct. 17 meeting and postcards informing residents in Ward 3 of the open seat were mailed on Oct. 18.

The City of Evans Home Rule Charter and Municipal Code calls for the City Council to appoint an eligible person to fill the vacancy within 90 days. The City Council has decided, just as they did in the previous vacancy in Ward 2 that was filled by Councilman Crabtree, to make the appointment based on a process whereby eligible residents can submit applications to fill the seat and the Council will conduct interviews with the applicants before selecting a resident to fill the vacancy. Applications for individuals interested in the City Council vacancy - which can be downloaded from the City website or picked up from the Evans Community Complex at 1100 37th Street - are due by Nov. 29 at 1:00 p.m. On Dec. 6 or 7, the Council will conduct interviews with each eligible applicant and the individual the Council selects to fill the vacancy will be announced at the regular meeting on Dec. 19, during which the new Council member will be sworn in.

Evans City Council appoints Ward 1 Councilwoman Laura Speer as Mayor Pro Tem

The resignation of Councilwoman Castle also created a vacancy at the Mayor Pro Tem position. The role of Mayor Pro Tem is to serve in the same capacity as the Mayor when the official Mayor is absent from meetings. At the meeting on Oct. 17, the Council unanimously approved Ward 1 Councilwoman Laura Speer as Mayor Pro Tem.



Evans City Councilwoman and
Mayor Pro Tem, Laura Speer

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On October 20, Evans Mayor Mark Clark delivered the 2023 State of the City Address at the Riverside Library. Mayor Clark outlined the extraordinary progress the city has made over the last year and provided a preview of the big things to come in 2024. In October, both QuikTrip and the Rush Event Center opened their doors in Evans. These two new businesses not only provide convenience retail and a family fun events center to local residents, they help bring in more sales tax revenue that the City will use to make further upgrades to our road networks and parks and open space areas. The Mayor also announced that, in the coming months, the City will be welcoming more new businesses, furthering the Council's goals of economic development and diversification. It was announced that the city has design plans for additional trails along Ashcroft draw and Evans Ditch open spaces and will be reviewing new designs for Davinci Park.



Evans Mayor Mark Clark speaks to the assembled crowd at the 2023 State of the City Address at Riverside Library



The City was honored to have the Northridge High School Color Guard present the American flag.

Mayor Clark explained a tenet of community planning is that “retail follows rooftops” and in order for Evans to continue to expand its commercial base, it must also work to create an influx of new residents. Therefore, it was great news for the City that construction work began recently in the Liberty Draw development. Baessler Homes, the developer at Liberty Draw, will build out the neighborhood to 700 single and multi-family homes. The City has seen a sharp uptick in building permits for the site. Additionally, the second phase of Crescent Cove, named The Reserve, will bring over 250 new apartment homes to the north side of the City.

GOVERNMENT 101 - WHAT IS THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT?

Our City operates under what political scientists call the “Council-Manager” form of government. This structure is very popular across the United States for medium sized cities and is used by many of our neighboring communities including Greeley, Loveland, Fort Collins, Johnstown, and Berthoud. So, what is the Council-Manager form of government and how does it work?

The Council-Manager form of government closely resembles a large publicly traded corporation, like Wal-Mart or Bank of America, where the shareholders elect a board of directors, that board of directors appoints a CEO and the CEO then hires department heads and supporting staff. In government, the voters elect a Mayor and City Council who in turn appoint a City Manager who serves as the CEO of the City. Evans’ current City Manager, Cody Sims, was given a glowing performance review from the City Council in October and received a two-year contract extension. Cody brings a great deal of education and experience to his role as City Manager, and it is his No. 1 job to carry out the vision of the City Council. Cody works long hours and has final say over everything we do here in the Evans City government. He works closely will all City department heads - Finance, Community Development, Economic Development, Public Works, Human Resources, Parks & Recreation, Information Technology, and the Police Department - so he must be aware of all the different projects our staff is working on as we strive to provide the best possible service to residents. He reports directly to his boss, the City Council - when they want something done, it’s Cody’s job to do it, so he must be on top of everything that everyone is doing at any given time. Experts say the Council-Manager form of government is preferable to other forms as it permits City Administration positions to be filled on the basis of merit rather than as political appointments, which typically results in subject matter experts filling important roles on the City staff.



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

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Thank you Evans Police Department!

On October 28, the Evans PD hosted the annual prescription drug take-back and free shredding events at the Sam's Club parking lot to runaway success!



Nine boxes of Narcan - an approved substance to treat an opioid overdose - were distributed.

Over 487 pounds of prescription drugs, enough to fill 15 large garbage bags, were collected.

Angel, from the Young Marines, joined Evans Police Officers and staff volunteers to host the events. Thank you, Angel!



Residents helped prevent fraud and forgery in our City by shredding more than 3,400 pounds of documents!





Cold Weather Tips



Yes, your dog has a fur coat, but you get cold when you are outside for a long time in cold temperatures in a coat, right? If you are going to be gone for more than an hour and leaving your dog outside, make sure he or she has a shelter, a blanket and a bowl of water. Our four-legged family members feel the elements just the same as we do. NoCo Humane gets lots and lots of calls this time of year for animals left out in the elements. If you do see an animal left outside in cold weather, you are encouraged to call NoCo Humane at (970) 226-3647.

In 2022, Colorado led the nation in auto theft. A large percentage of the cars, trucks, vans and SUVs that were boosted were taken right from their driveway. Sure, no one wants to get into a cold car first thing in the morning but, remember while you are letting your vehicle heat up on those cold winter mornings, lock your doors! Locking your vehicle not only will prevent it from being an easy target for a thief it will help keep your valuables inside safe and secure.





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.



EVANS RECREATION

Weight Room Information

Monday-Thursday

6am-9pm

Friday

6am-7pm

Basketball court hours differ from facility hours. Please see the front desk for an up-to-date schedule.

Drop-In Rates

5 and Under: \$0.50

Youth (6-15): \$3.00

Adult (16-49): \$4.00

Senior (50+): \$3.00

Notes

Youth must be at least 14 years old to use the weight room.

For your child's safety, children under the age of 9 must be directly supervised by a guest 16 years or older to use the basketball courts.

All punch passes expire one year from the date of purchase.

Punch Passes

Youth/Senior

15 visits for \$35

30 visits for \$50

Adult

15 visits for \$45

30 visits for \$75



Active Adult

FITNESS CLASSES

MONDAY

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Enerchi	8:15 - 9:00 am
CardioFit	9:15 - 10:00 am
Yoga	10:15 - 11:00 am

TUESDAY

Classic	8:30 - 9:15 am
Circuit	9:30 - 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Classic	8:15 - 9:00 am
CardioFit	9:15 - 10:00 am
Yoga	10:15 - 11:00 am

THURSDAY

Classic	8:30 - 9:15 am
Circuit	9:30 - 10:30 am

FRIDAY

CardioFit	9:15 - 10:00 am
Yoga	10:15 - 11:00 am
Stability	10:15 - 11:00 am <i>in the Dance Studio</i>

All classes are FREE for SilverSneakers and Renew Active members.

For all others, we have Senior Fitness Punch Passes available:
15 classes for \$35 OR 30 classes for \$68.

Session dates are ongoing.



CardioFit



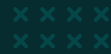
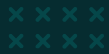
Stability



Classic



Circuit



EVANS SENIORS



Friendly Fork Senior Nutrition Program

Tuesdays and Fridays

- Lunch is served at 11 am for dine-in service and 11:15 am for to-go meals
- Reservations must be made by 9 am the day before lunch by calling 970-475-1132.

Senior lunches are provided by the Weld County Senior Nutrition Program and are offered to those who are aged 60 or older OR who has a spouse 60 or older. There is a \$5 suggested donation for meals for those who meet the age requirements. Guests who do not meet the requirements, must pay \$14 guest fee.

Bingo

Bingo is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month immediately following senior lunch. Free to participate but donations are gladly accepted.



1100 37th St. Evans, 80620
970-475-1125



SAVE THE DATE!

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST | 6-8PM
EVANS COMMUNITY COMPLEX





What's new at Riverside in November 2023?



ADULTS AND TEENS

HISTORIC CYANOTYPE ART

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



Wednesday, Nov. 29, 12:30-2:30

How to start a small business

Join us as we dive into what it takes to start a business in Colorado. We will discuss: market research, federal, State and Local Business Licensing, & more!



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8TH 4-5 PM

Library Closed

The Library will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 22 & will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23



for Thanksgiving

RIVERSIDE READERS



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

Monday, Nov. 27th 6:30-7:30 pm

RELAX AND CRAFT

Crafts for adults! In November, this program will focus on holiday card crafts. Register online or at the front desk!



Thursday, Nov. 30th at 4 pm

Library closed

The library will be closed on Saturday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.



for Veteran's Day

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Wildly Fun Wednesdays

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

Snack Club
November 1



Lego Club
November 8

Board Game Club
November 15



STEM Club
cancelled for holiday

CRAFTERNOON

Join us as we make seasonal themed crafts! Families & all ages welcome!



TUESDAY, NOV. 14TH 4-5 P.M.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS

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



Storytime

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



Qué hay de nuevo en Riverside en noviembre de 2023?

ADULTOS Y ADOLESCENTES

ARTE CIANOTIPIA HISTORICA

Presentada por Greeley History Museum:
Historia de fotografía acompañado con manualidad cianotipo.



miércoles, Nov. 29, 12:30-2:30

como empezar un pequeño negocio

Únete a nosotros para un clase completamente GRATIS en el que hablaremos sobre pasos que debes seguir para iniciar un negocio



MIÉRCOLES, NOV. 15TH 4-5 PM

Biblioteca cerrada día de acción de gracias

La biblioteca estará cerrando a las 5 de la tarde el miércoles, 22 de noviembre, y permanecerá cerrada jueves 23 de noviembre.



RIVERSIDE READERS



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

lunes, 27 de nov. 18:30-19:30

RELAX AND CRAFT

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



jueves, 30 de noviembre 4:00

Biblioteca cerrada

Estaremos cerrados el sábado 11 de noviembre en honor al Veteran's Day.



for Veteran's Day

NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS

Wildly Fun Wednesdays

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

Club de botanas
Noviembre 1

Club de Legos
Noviembre 8

Club de juegos de mesa
Noviembre 15

Club de ciencias
cancelado por vacaciones



CRAFTERNOON

¡Acompáñanos a crear manualidades con tema de la temporada!

¡Toda la familia y todas las edades son bienvenidos!



MARTES 14 DE NOV. 4-5 PM

BOTANAS GRATIS AL SALIR DE CLASES

Disponible todo el año.

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



Cuenta Cuentos

los lunes 9:30 a.m. Tales for Tots Edades 1.5-3

martes 9:30 a.m. Twinkle Babies Edades 0-1.5

miércoles 9:30 a.m. Música y movimiento Edades 2-5

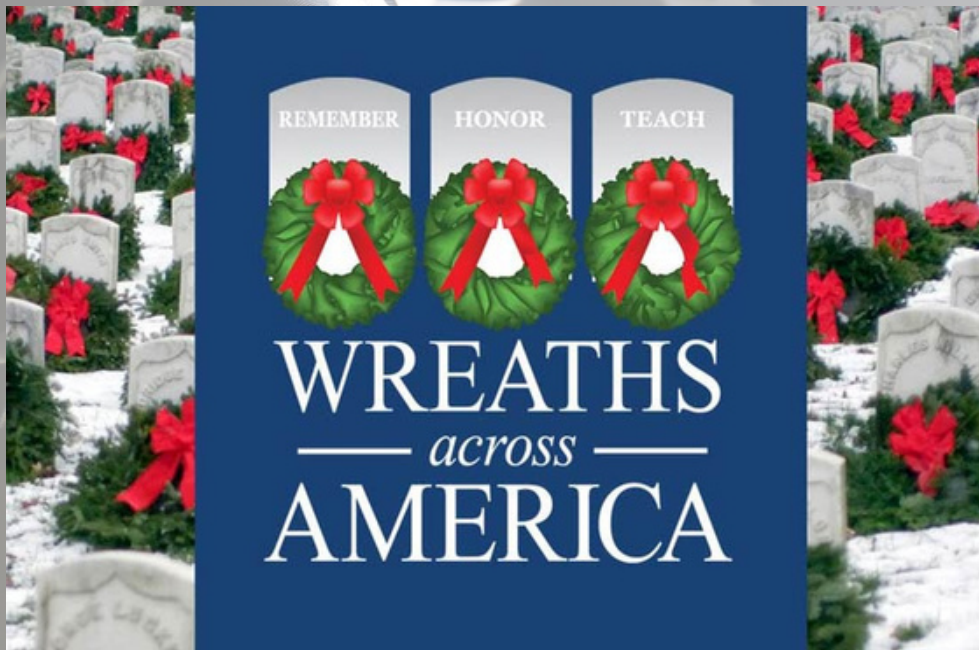
jueves 9:30 a.m. Familia Storytime todas las edades



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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 - COECNC-CO0170, 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.



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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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