



Looking back on 2024, excited for 2025!

As the calendar turns from 2024 to 2025, we are excited for what the new year holds for our community. In 2025, big things are planned including the installation of a traffic signal at the busy 34th St./23rd Ave. intersection, road repaving and rebuilding on 42nd St., 23rd Ave. and 17th Ave., phase 2B of the 37th St. widening project that will expand the road to four lanes all the way to 35th Ave. We will ramp up the installation of new street signs across the City, finish the new Hunter's Reserve Park and begin building the new, state-of-the-art Evans Police Station. Stay tuned for more excited news!

Santa Cops event brings community together!

Santa Cops of Weld County held their annual holiday party at the Evans Community Complex. The result was a runaway success with 172 families enjoying the festivities. Thank you all who donated to this cause and we hope everyone in our community enjoyed the holiday season!

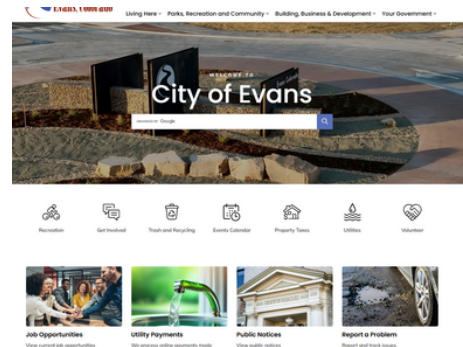


Evans PD Celebrates Five Graduates from Police Academy

On Dec. 14, five of Evans Police Department's newest officers graduated from the Aims Police Academy. They began their field training on Dec. 16 and we look forward to them hitting the streets later this Spring. As expected, the five recruits represented EPD with great distinction. They also brought home a Top Shot and a Director's Award. As a testament to their character and already strong bonds with existing staff close to a dozen of their fellow officers attended the graduation to show their support.

New City of Evans Website to go live in mid-January.

We are proud to announce that we will be going live with the new City of Evans website next week! Over the last several months, City Staff worked with our new host vendor, GovStack by GHD Digital, to design, build and implement a website that will be fully compliant with the new ADA/WCAG standards and much easier to use for our residents, businesses and visitors. Do not worry, all of your bookmarks for the City, Recreation and Police Department websites will not be effected by the changeover. We look forward to delivering this new and improved website!





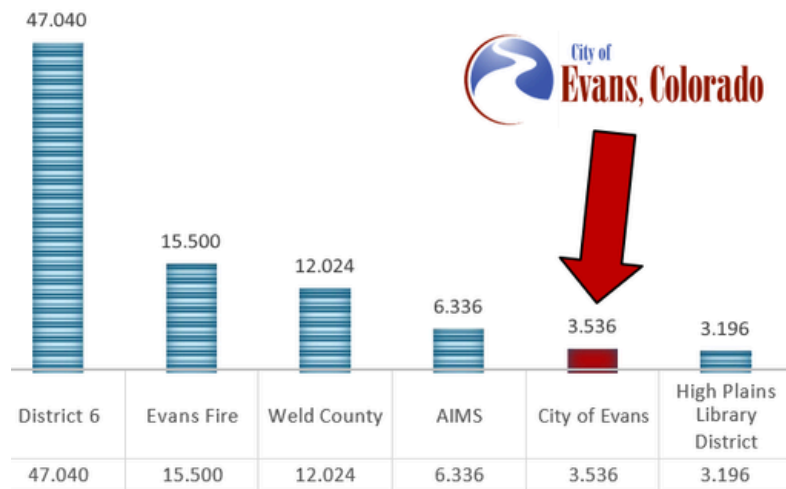
City Council Update – December 2024

As 2024 came to a close, the Evans City Council used their regularly scheduled meetings, held on Dec. 3 and Dec. 17, to handle some routine housekeeping measures such as setting the schedule for 2025 meetings, approving the final budget adjustments for the year, authorizing temporary right of way access for several fiberoptic installations that will cross the Evans Ditch, and gave the green light for the Municipal Court to purchase upgraded computer software that will replace the outdated applications the court has been using for quite some time.

Evans takes in lower than expected property tax revenue.

The Evans City Council approved a routine measure on Dec. 3 to certify the City's property tax levy for 2024 to the Weld County Assessor and the State of Colorado. The City's Finance Director reported to the Council that the City received only \$883,654 in property tax revenue for the year, below the projected \$938,762. As outlined in detail in the September issue of this newsletter, the City of Evans receives less than 4% of residents' annual property tax payments, far less than District 6, the Evans Fire District, Weld County and others. The City also has a much lower mill rate than many neighboring communities at just 3.536.

MILL LEVY COMPARISON



Evans Junction Work Begins

The major priority for the Council is economic growth and development. Earlier in the year, the Council approved the sale of one lot of land at the four-lot Evans Junction property (southwest corner of U.S. 85 and 31st St.) for the construction of a McDonald's restaurant. Installing the needed infrastructure at the site is required before work on any of the lots can begin and the Council approved a contract for NPL Construction to install Atmos Energy natural gas lines, allowing progress to move full steam ahead.

Council approves design work for new Police Station

Another milestone was reached last month in the plans to bring a state-of-the-art police station to the City as the Council enthusiastically approved a contract with D2C Architects for design and engineering services for the new police station.



The Evans City Council renewed the intergovernmental agreement with Greeley to continue the Greeley Evans Transportation (GET) program. To learn more about GET, scan the QR Code above.



Business Spotlight - Roma Restaurant

You walk through these doors, you're family." That's how Josh Ball, co-owner of Roma Restaurant, describes the environment of this local establishment. Since it opened in 2013, Roma has been a staple in the Evans community. Ball co-owns and runs Roma's three locations (Evans, West Greeley and Windsor) with his business partner, Christopher Allison. Allison's parents, Chris and Toni, founded Roma in 1988. It's been a family establishment from the beginning, and Ball believes in carrying on that dining experience today.

Fresh food, made in-house

Roma makes fresh pizza, pasta, carolis, salads and more. On any given day, because of the open-concept kitchen/dining area, you can watch Roma employees toss pizza crust, build carolis, assemble lasagna or roll balls of dough. Ball estimates that in the 21 years he's worked for Roma, he has rolled over one million dough balls.



A family business that is family friendly

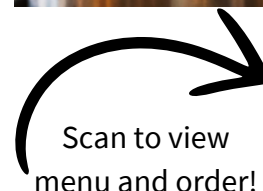
In fact, Ball met his wife, Becky, at Roma back in 2004. The couple now have two sons: Jacob (15) and Matthew (10). One day, Jacob was working at Roma when he was on a break from school. After watching his dad laugh and interact jovially with customers and employees, Jacob said "Geez dad - I wish you were this nice at home!" Younger son Matthew also chips in by helping mix dough and roll it into balls.

Ball believes that it's the people - both employees and customers - who make Roma a special place. He talks fondly about the friends he's made with customers and employees, and how every day at work is a different experience: "It's family-owned, and it's a family within the staff. If you're around family and they've got your back, it's not work - it's fun."

When asked what people can expect to experience at Roma, Ball answered: "A family environment with great food at great prices." Roma currently has sixty employees across its three locations.

You can visit Roma at 3625 23rd Avenue, where they are open 11:00 am - 8:00 p.m. every day. You can also order online at romarestaurantco.com.

Please support Evans businesses like Roma and pay them a visit!



Scan to view
menu and order!





Neighborhood Watch



Neighborhood Watch is a program where community members, in cooperation with the Evans Police Department, participate in the detection and deterrence of crime in their neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Watch Program facilitates communication between you and your neighbors. Additionally, it develops a partnership between our City police force and citizens to help enhance the safety and security of our neighborhoods.



As citizens of the Evans community, we share the common goal of enhancing the quality of life within all of our neighborhoods



Keeping you and your family as safe as possible is a continued goal of the Evans Police Department.

Our success in reaching this goal depends greatly on your efforts as well.

If you would like to organize a Neighborhood Watch Program, please reach out to Teresa McClatchey at 970-590-1504 or tmclatchey@evanscolorado.gov



Evans Police Department

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PORCH PIRATES

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF THEFT, PLEASE CALL THE EVANS POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (970) 339-2441.

Here are some tips for staying safe this holiday season



Last year, more than 120 million packages were stolen across the U.S., according to data from SafeWise, a safety and security research firm. The most common time of year for package theft is during the holidays. With more and more of us shopping online these days, thieves have almost countless options for the chance to swipe a package right off of your front porch. These porch pirates are crafty - they will often scope out neighborhoods in advance, wait and watch for the delivery trucks to arrive, drop off the packages and depart, and then, BOOM!, they pounce, stealing everything from your prescription medication to your children's or grandchildren's Christmas presents. We know that delivery drivers do their best, trying to put packages out of view and taking photos to email you once your package has arrived, but you can take additional steps to help prevent being a target.

INSTALL A VIDEO CAMERA

INSTALL A DOORBELL VIDEO CAMERA. THIS WILL DETER THIEVES AND ALSO GIVE YOU VIDEO EVIDENCE TO SHOW POLICE SHOULD A THEFT OCCUR.

HAVE USPS HOLD PACKAGES

IF YOU ARE EXPECTING SOMETHING ESPECIALLY VALUABLE OR EXPENSIVE DELIVERED, REQUEST THE PACKAGE BE HELD AT THE POST OFFICE.

REQUIRE A SIGNATURE

THIS IS NOT IDEAL FOR EVERYONE BUT IF YOU ARE HOME DURING SPECIFIC TIMES, REQUEST YOUR ONLINE PACKAGE ONLY BE DELIVERED IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO SIGN FOR IT.

CHOOSE ALTERNATE DELIVERY

IF POSSIBLE, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PACKAGES DELIVERED TO A TRUSTED FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER WHO YOU KNOW WILL BE HOME TO ACCEPT YOUR PACKAGE AND HOLD IT FOR SAFE KEEPING UNTIL YOU CAN PICK IT UP. ALSO, MANY DELIVERY COMPANIES AND ONLINE RETAILERS ALLOW YOU HAVE YOUR PACKAGE DELIVERED TO A SECURE LOCKBOX WHERE YOU CAN COLLECT IT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

GET A PORCH PIRATE BAG

YES, SUCH A THING EXISTS. THESE BAGS/BOXES ARE LARGE, MADE OF DURABLE MATERIAL AND CAN BE SECURED TO YOUR PORCH FOR SAFE KEEPING OF YOUR PACKAGES UNTIL YOU GET HOME.



Cold Weather Tips

“Puffing” is illegal in Colorado Take care of your 4-legged friends



With cold temperatures here, the Evans Police Department is reminding residents to make their vehicles a hard target for theft.

During winter months, car thieves often target “puffers,” or vehicles left running and unattended as they warm up. This nickname stems from the puff of the exhaust visible during cold weather. Thieves often search for puffers because they are easy targets and then use these stolen cars to commit other crimes.

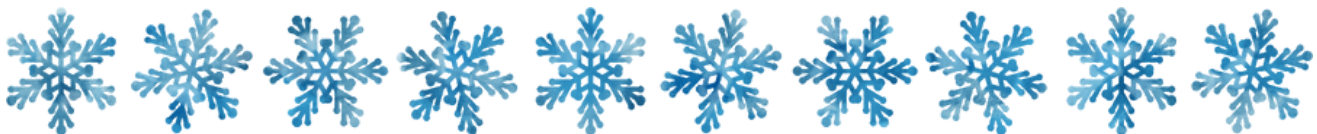
In Colorado, puffing is Class B traffic infraction. This means that in addition to being the victim of a theft, a vehicle owner can be fined for leaving their car running while unattended. The only exception to this law relates to vehicles with a remote ignition system.

The Evans Police Department is asking residents to either (1) stay with their vehicle when it's warming up or (2) use a remote start, lock the doors, and take the key with them.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), temperatures below just 45 degrees can cause health problems for some pets.

The AVMA states, “It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and generally should be kept inside. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods in below-freezing weather.”

Other cold weather pet protection tips from the AVMA include wiping off your dogs paws, as well as their chest and belly for short-legged dogs, after walks as they could pick up dangerous de-icing chemicals from the ground. Make sure your dog has a collar and is micro-chipped as if they wander away, cold and snow can limit their sense of smell and thus their ability to potentially find their way back home if lost.





Scan the QR Code to register online!



Adult Ballet

WEDNESDAYS

5:30-6:30 PM

\$48

8 week
Session



Registration: Now – December 29

Session: January 8 – February 26

Discover the elegance and artistry of ballet in our Adult Ballet class, designed for everyone from complete beginners to those with previous dance experience. This class focuses on building a solid foundation in classical ballet technique while fostering a supportive and encouraging environment.

What to Expect:

- **Warm-Up:** Begin with a gentle warm-up to increase flexibility and strengthen core muscles, preparing your body for movement.
- **Technique:** Learn fundamental ballet positions, barre exercises, and center work that emphasize proper alignment, posture, and coordination.
- **Choreography:** Explore expressive movement through simple combinations and choreography, allowing you to experience the joy of dance in a creative way.
- **Cool Down:** Conclude with stretching and relaxation techniques to enhance flexibility and promote mindfulness.





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Beginning Jazz

9-12 year olds

MONDAYS 6:30-7:30PM
\$48 | 8 week session

REGISTRATION: NOW - DECEMBER 29

SESSION: JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 24

Get ready to groove in our Beginning Jazz class designed for kids aged 9 to 12! This energetic and fun-filled class introduces students to the fundamentals of jazz dance, emphasizing rhythm, style, and self-expression.

What to Expect:

- Warm-Up: Start with dynamic exercises to build strength, flexibility, and coordination.
- Technique: Learn basic jazz steps, isolations, and foundational movements that set the stage for creative expression.
- Choreography: Explore exciting combinations and routines, allowing students to express their individuality through dance.
- Cool Down: Finish with stretches and relaxation to enhance flexibility and body awareness.



BEGINNING LYRICAL DANCE

9-12 YEAR OLDS

MONDAYS 5:30-6:30PM

\$48 | 8 WEEK SESSION

REGISTRATION: NOW - DECEMBER 29

SESSION: JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 24

Unlock your creativity in our Beginning Lyrical Dance class for ages 9 to 12! This class blends ballet and jazz techniques, focusing on fluid movement and emotional expression. Students will learn how to tell a story through dance while developing their technique and artistry.

What to Expect:

- Warm-Up: Start with gentle stretches and strengthening exercises to prepare the body.
- Technique: Explore fundamental lyrical movements, including flexibility, body control, and emotional expression.
- Choreography: Work on expressive combinations and routines set to inspiring music, encouraging personal interpretation.
- Cool Down: Conclude with relaxation and stretching to enhance flexibility and mindfulness.

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FIT FUNDAMENTALS

\$48

8 WEEK SESSION

**WEDNESDAYS
12-12:45PM**

A follow the leader style whole body movement class that emphasizes improving range of motion, balance and strength. Functional movement for a functional life. This class will utilize calisthenics and body weight for resistance.

**REGISTRATION: NOW - DECEMBER 29
SESSION: JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 26**

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K-8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

REGISTRATION: JANUARY 2- FEBRUARY 9

\$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO REGISTRATIONS
AFTER FEBRUARY 9, BASED ON AVAILABILITY.

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



K-2ND GRADE | \$55

3RD-4TH GRADE | \$65

5TH-6TH GRADE | \$65

7TH-8TH GRADE | \$65

Practices start the week of March 10th.

K-2nd Grade teams practice once per week.

3rd-8th Grade teams practice twice per week.

First game is March 22nd. Games can be played in
Ault, Eaton, Evans, Fort Lupton, Keenesburg, Kersey,
LaSalle, Platteville or Wiggins during the season.

RECREATION@EVANSCOLORADO.GOV | 970-475-1125
1100 37TH ST, EVANS, CO 80620 | REC.EVANSCOLORADO.GOV



TOTAL BODY BLAST

**FRIDAYS
11-11:45AM**

A circuit style weight lifting class that utilizes free weights to improve whole body mobility, stability, strength and endurance. Each week will highlight a different category to break down these functional concepts.

\$48 | 8 WEEK SESSION

Registration: Now - December 29

Session: January 10 - February 28

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER ONLINE!



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EVANS RECREATION

Weight Room Information

Monday-Thursday

5:30am-9pm

Friday

5:30am-7pm

Saturday

8am-12pm

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

Drop-In Rates

5 and Under: \$1.00
Youth (6-15): \$4.00
Adult (16-49): \$5.00
Senior (50+): \$4.00

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 \$45
30 visits for \$60
Adult
15 visits for \$60
30 visits for \$85

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ZUMBA

**Thursdays
6-7 pm**

Session 1:

January 9 – February 27

Registration:

\$48 per session

Now-December 29

**Minimum 4 registered participants
per class**

Drop-in:

\$7 per class

**Drop-in admissions are only
available for classes that meet the
minimum number of registered
participants.**

Call the Recreation Front Desk at 970-475-1125 for more information.

Que hay de nuevo en biblioteca de Riverside en enero de 2025?

ADULTOS Y ADOLESCENTES

Greeley Museum: Town Planning



Descubre como las leyes de las Colonia Españolas le dieron forma a nuevos poblados y reglas de ayuntamiento

Lunes, Enero 13th; 6pm

ROAMING READERS WALKING CLUB

Mantente activa e entretenida! Como participante, le damos un mapa de caminata de la biblioteca, un par de audifonos y una lista mensual de audio-libros para disfrutar durante su caminata. Traiga su telefono habilitado o tendremos una seleccion de Playaways disponibles para prestar.

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1-2 pm

Relax & Craft

Manualidades para adultos! En Noviembre, vamos a hacer coronas navideñas Registracion en linea o en persona



Lunes, enero 21, 5:30

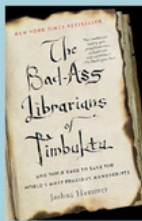
Senior Social Circle



El lugar perfecto de conocer nuevos amigos y participar en actividades variadas diseñadas solo para usted

Lunes, enero 6, 11:30 am

Riverside Readers



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

Lunes, enero 27th 6:30

Pen Club en Ingles

De sugerencias de inspiracion a seminarios de escritura especializados, evaluacion por pares, y reuniones creativas.

El Pen Club es tu lugar para explorar, aprender, y crecer como escritor!



jueves, enero 2 5:30-6:30

NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS

Miercoles de Diversion

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

-Club de Botanas-

Cancelado, plantel cerrado

Club de Legos
enero 8



Crafternoon
enero 15



Club de juegos de mesa
enero 22

BOTANAS GRATIS AL SALIR DE CLASES

Disponible todo el año escolar.

Lunes a Viernes
3:30-4:30 pm.

Edades 0-18



Library Closed

La biblioteca estara cerrada el 20 de enero por el dia de Martin Luther King Jr.



Cuenta Cuentos

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. Playdate Cafe bebes/Preescolar


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



What's new at Riverside Library in January 2025?

ADULTS & TEENS

Greeley Museum: Town Planning



Discover how Spanish Colonial settlement laws shaped new towns and laid the groundwork for community building and resource management.

Monday, January 13th at 6pm

ROAMING READERS WALKING CLUB

Stay active & entertained! You'll receive a map of the library's walking path, a pair of earbuds, & a monthly list of recommended e-audiobooks to enjoy during your walks.

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1-2 pm

Relax & Craft

Crafts for adults! In December we are making mini fabric wreaths. Register online or at the front desk!



Monday, Jan. 27 at 5:30 pm

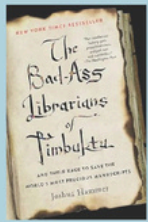
Senior Social Circle



The perfect place to meet new friends & participate in a variety of rotating activities designed just for you!

Monday, Jan 6 at 11:30 am


Riverside Readers



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

Monday, Jan. 27th 6:30 pm

Pen Club



From creative prompts to tailored writing workshops, peer feedback, & brainstorming sessions, The Pen Club is your place to explore, learn, & grow as a writer!

Thursday, Jan. 2th at 5:30

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Wildly Fun Wednesdays

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

Snack Club cancelled, Library closed

Lego Club January 8 

Crafternoon January 15 


Board Game Club January 22

FREE AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS



Available all school year long. Monday-Friday 3:30-4:30 pm. Ages 0-18

Library Closed

The library will be closed on January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day 

Storytime

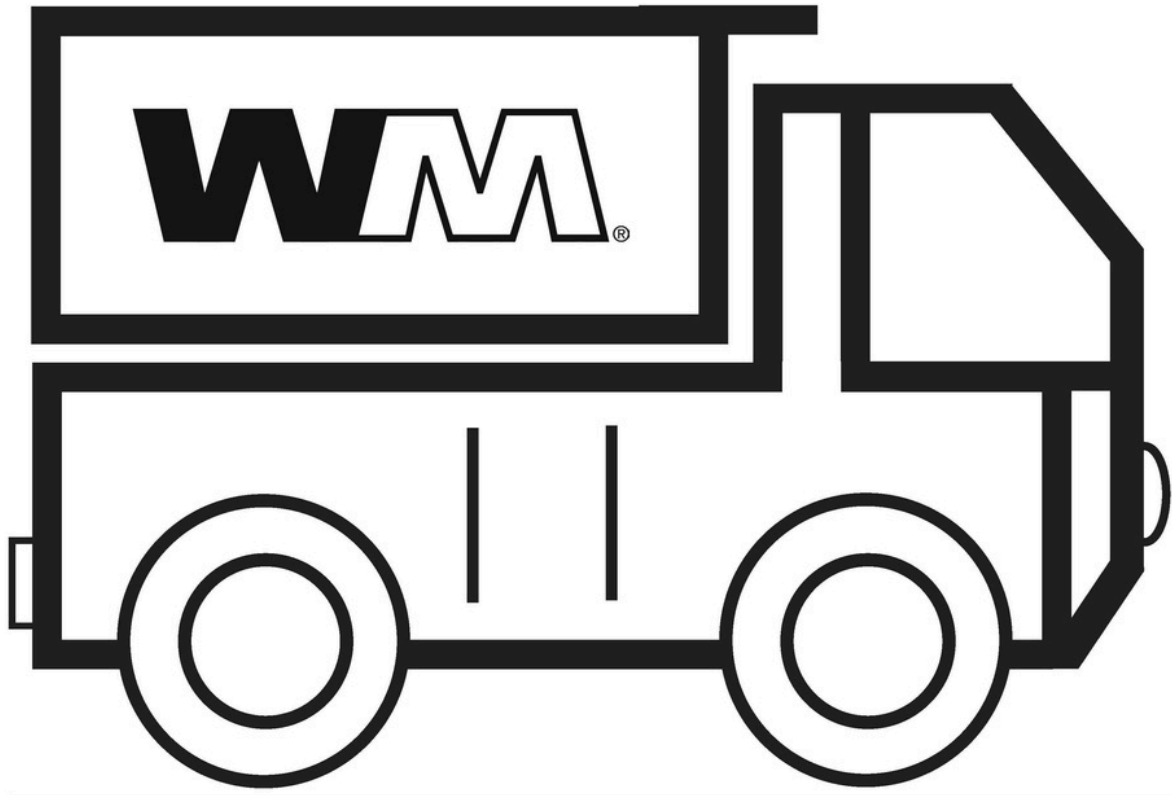
Mondays 9:30 a.m.	Tales for Tots	Ages 2-4
Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.	Twinkle Babies	Ages 0-2
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.	Playdate Cafe	Baby/Toddler
Thursdays 9:30 a.m.	Family Storytime	All ages





From our friends at Waste Management

TRUCK SAFETY: Wave to your WM truck driver from the safety of your front yard or driveway.



Color the WM collection truck and your favorite WM driver.



RECYCLING TIP

HOLIDAY LIGHTS?
Not Recyclable

Unwanted holiday lights, ornaments, wreaths, garland, trees and yard decor are NOT accepted in curbside recycling.

SOURCE: WM



SAFETY TIP

What Goes In Your Bin Matters

Keep lithium-ion batteries, household hazardous waste, hot coals and combustible items out of WM carts.

SOURCE: WM



December 2024 Recycling Benefits

City of Evans

In December 2024, we recycled 22 tons of bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.

This Month's recycling efforts saved the following resources:



265 Mature Trees

Enough avoided timber resource use to produce 4,504,600 sheets of printing and copy paper!



49 Cubic Yards of Landfill Airspace

Enough avoided airspace to fulfill the annual municipal waste disposal needs for 62 people!



42,152 Kwh of Electricity

Enough avoided power use to fulfill the annual electricity needs of 3 homes!



Avoided 47 Metric Tons (MTCO2E) of GHG Emissions

This GHG reduction is equivalent to removing annual emissions from 10 passenger vehicles!



90,470 Gallons of Water

Enough avoided water use to meet the daily fresh water needs of 1,206 people!

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Environmental Paper Network-Paper Calculator V4.0, Domtar Paper, Gaylord Corporation, U.S. Forest Products Laboratory, and Waste Management. © Waste Management 2023

Notes: GHG = Greenhouse Gas; MTCO2E = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent

Outdoor Street Lighting

How to report a Street Light Outage



What you will need to report a street light outage

The Pole number where the light is located—the pole number will be on the street side of the pole and will either have two numbers over two, or three over three.

For Example



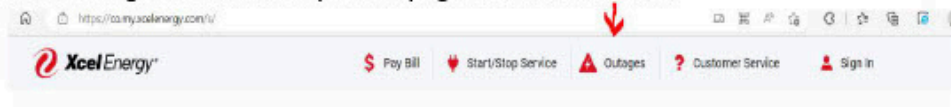
Xcel Energy relies on the information you provide so please be as specific as possible. If the pole does not have a number, then please provide the address behind the pole, or a description of where the pole is located.

For example: The light is located on the Southwest corner of E. 16th Ave and Pennsylvania.

Where to report a Street light Outage?

Go to <https://co.my.xcelenergy.com/s/>

FIRST: Select the Outages icon at the top of the page as indicated below



NEXT: Scroll to the bottom of the page and look for **Outdoor lighting Outages** and click on **REPORT AN OUTDOOR OUTAGE** as seen below



Next: Click on **Report it now** →

Finally: Enter your information.

1. Your name
2. Your email address: This is used to inform you when the light is repaired.
3. Contact phone number: This will be used to contact you should we have any questions regarding your repair request.

Pole information: ****If an outdoor lighting pole is broken, please call Xcel Energy Customer Care at 1-800-895-4999.

1. Select the problem with the light
2. Pole number: This is where you would enter the two over two or three over three numbers on the pole.
3. Light location: This is the Address where the light is located. Please provide as much specific information as you can.
4. Comments: Provide any additional information that you believe would be helpful

Lastly: You may Add more outages if there are more than one or hit the submit button.

Once you submit the request you will be provided a confirmation number. Keep this number to refer back to if needed.

***Please note: Repairs are made in 5 business days unless there is more than routine maintenance is required.



Need assistance?

Call 1-800-895-4999

For 24-hour Customer Service