

February 2024

Queen City of the Platte

## Thank you Public Works!



Huge shout out to the Evans Public Works Operations team for their hard work in the recent winter blast. Crews worked around the clock in sub-zero temps to clear snow and ice all across Evans!

## Congratulations Madelyne and Kamyla!



Last week, the City of Evans Water Conservation Coordinator, Justine Schoenbacher, was joined by Jahnte Sowell and David Walkup from Waste Management to present awards to Madelyne and Kamyla, the winners of the City of Evans Water Art Contest. Both were awarded gift bags from the City and WM for their submissions celebrating water.

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## City Council Update

As part of their goal to help expand the economic base of Evans, the City Council has placed an emphasis on city beautification. To help achieve this goal, the City Council voted last year to make a one-time, 10% reduction in the General Fund Reserve, freeing up just south of \$1.7 million. The City also received just over \$1 million more than what was expected from oil and gas tax revenue. With these additional funds, the Council elected to make several large, one-time equipment purchases for the City's Public Works Department.

In September, the Council approved the purchases of a new front-end loader and two dump trucks but had \$1.76 million remaining for additional equipment purchases. The Council decided to use the funds for five new vehicles – a single-axel dump truck and tandem axel dump truck, both with snowplow and drop spreader attachments, a skid steer and two tractors – as well as new traffic signal RADAR sensors to reduce traffic congestion in the City and a little north of \$400,000 for maintenance and upgrades to City-owned buildings. After these expenses, the City does have around \$300,000 remaining and will decide in the near future how the funds should best be spent.

With the growth Evans has been experiencing lately, the City Council approved a design contract with Benesch to build and install a four-way traffic signal setup at the busy 23rd Ave. / 34th St. (Anchor Dr.) intersection at the Jan. 16 meeting. Public safety is of critical importance to the City Council and with two elementary schools immediately east of the intersection and commercial and residential growth expanding in the area, installing this signal will go a long way in assuring the public is well-protected. The Council had budgeted \$125,00 for the design contract and Benesch's bid, which received the emphatic endorsement of the City Engineering and Public Works staffs, came in at \$119,000, representing another public project that came in under-budget.

The Council also tackled another large public infrastructure item in their January meetings - the expansion of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new plant, which came online in 2018, was almost immediately recognized as being near full capacity. As a result, an expansion is required to meet the City's expected growth needs looking as far forward as 2042. The City Engineering and Public Works staff did a great deal of due diligence

in the bid selection process. At the Jan. 16 meeting, a proposal was made by Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services (AE2S) to the City Council, for the design contract. A large contingent from AE2S was present to outline their experience and vision for the project and received the endorsement of the Council, which voted unanimously to approve the design contract for the beginning portion of the project, for which they will make regular, detailed reports to keep the Council abreast of progress.



Caterpillar 255 skid steer



Caterpillar 938 Front-End Loader

## **GOVERNMENT 101 - Economic Development**

The top priority for the Evans City Council is growing and diversifying our local economy. While that is most certainly a desirable – expanding the City’s commercial base means more jobs for residents, additional shopping opportunities and increased sales tax revenue that City can use to provide better services and more amenities for our citizens to enjoy – an attainable goal, it cannot happen overnight. As a famous saying goes, “if you want shade today, the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.”

A great deal of what we do here at City Hall every day is focused on planting the seeds for future economic growth.

When businesses look to expand by opening new locations, one of the primary factors they consider is the population density within a specific radius of their desired location. Therefore, in order to expand Evans’ economic base, we need an influx of new residents; a popular phrase in economic development is ‘retail follows rooftops.’ This is why the Liberty Draw development (and others that could be sprouting up in the near future) is such a critical piece in growing the Evans economy.

To attract new residential development, the Council has stressed community beautification. By working to upgrade the overall look of the City, developers will be more interested in erecting new neighborhoods and expanding current ones. By enforcing the city codes, eliminating blight, sprucing up our City parks and evaluating landscaping along our major thoroughfares, the City instantly becomes more appealing for developers.

Another key piece that City Staff has worked long and hard on over the past year, and that was recently approved by the City Council, revolves around updating the City’s development and zoning codes and other such regulations that make the City more friendly for both businesses and developers. By streamlining the process, making permitting more straightforward, adjusting zoning requirements to attract businesses, the City can grow the local economy organically by both bringing in new businesses and fostering an environment where current businesses will have opportunities to expand.

A critical component in this whole process is updating our infrastructure, particularly in areas that are ripe for commercial development. The City has invested a lot of time and resources and will continue to do so in the years to come along the Highway 85 corridor. This area sees a lot of daily vehicle traffic and is thus ripe for a broad array of commercial development. The City is therefore planning in advance, making sure that prospective commercial pads have the necessary vehicle access, have an adequate water supply and drainage for stormwater. These improvements make potential development sites more attractive and create nearly “turn-key” opportunities for expansion.

Last, but certainly not least, comes making sure our current businesses have all the tools we can provide to assure they are successful. The City in the beginning stages of developing a roster of local businesses, reaching out to them to see what we can do to help bring about their continued success and help lay the foundation for further success.

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## Important Information on RV, Boat, and Trailer Storage



### Save the dates!

- [February 6](#) - City Council to consider moratorium on RV storage.
- [March 5](#) - Council to discuss possible changes to storage ordinance.

In January, some Evans residents began receiving notices regarding outdoor storage of recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers on their property. After multiple work sessions by the Evans City Council, an ordinance - No. 804-23 - was developed and passed by the Council at the regular meeting on October 17, 2023. The Ordinance states that only one (1) RV, boat or trailer shall be located on a residential lot and that it must be stored in the rear yard, screened by a privacy fence that is at least five (5) feet from the property line.

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



This ordinance went into effect on January 1, 2024 and residents in violation of the ordinance were served with notices. Multiple residents contacted the City of Evans expressing concern over the ordinance and several followed up by addressing the City Council at the regular meeting on January 16, 2024 to express their displeasure.

In responding to citizen concerns, the Council directed City Staff to temporarily delay further enforcement of the ordinance. At the next regular meeting of the City Council, which will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at the Evans Community Complex, the Council will be considering a temporary moratorium to the enforcement of this code (Section 18.02.040.N). Additionally, any resident who received a notice in relation to this ordinance should be aware that citation related will not be acted upon until the Council provides additional direction to City Staff.

At the work session on March 5, 2024, at 5p.m., at the Evans Community Complex, the City Council will hold a work session where Section 18.02.040.N will be discussed in detail, including options for changes, and the members of the public are encouraged to attend.

# City of Evans Police Department



## NOW HIRING OFFICERS \$10,000 Hiring Bonus!



Also hiring non-POST certified - Earn while you learn; Evans will pay for your Police Academy tuition AND pay a wage of **\$29.28/hour + benefits** while you complete your training. A pay increase to **\$36.47/hour** available upon Academy graduation.

Scan to apply NOW!



- Competitive pay range: \$75,866 to \$96,820/year; Master Officer \$99,724/year.
- Health plan, vision and dental insurance at NO cost to the officer with HDHP Plan employee only tier.
- FPPA retirement
- 8.25% City contribution to pension; up to 7% 401(k) City contribution.
- 40 hours of new-hire leave time immediately.



Multiple specialty assignments available including:

- Drug Task Force
- Critical Incident Response Team
- K-9 Unit
- Community/School Resource Officer
- Bike Patrol
- Field Evidence Technician
- Regional SWAT Team
- Traffic Unit
- Drone Pilot
- Firearms Instructor and more!

### A Message from the Chief



Evans Police Chief, Rick Brandt

The Evans Police Department welcomes you to **#StandWithUs** in serving our community with professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication, and excellence. Few careers offer a sense of accomplishment, pride, and esprit de corps that being a police officer does. Through our mission of protecting the innocent coupled with our tireless pursuit of justice, our officers serve and protect with courage and conviction that exemplify the traditions of honor and selflessness that being a peace officer demands. Do you want to make a real difference? Come and **#StandWithUs!**

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## 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.



# Lawn Replacement

Up to \$500  
in discounts

Resource Central offers an easy switch from thirsty grass to low-water garden! Participate in our Lawn Replacement Program to receive Lawn Removal Service and Garden In A Box kits. Receive up to **\$500** toward your project from the City of Evans.



Remove 200+ sq. ft. of lawn, or hire us to do it for you!

Replace it with Low-water Garden In A Box kits.



ResourceCentral.org/Lawn  
Spots are limited, apply online!



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turfremoval@resourcecentral.org  
303-999-3820 x 221

# 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.



**Need assistance?**

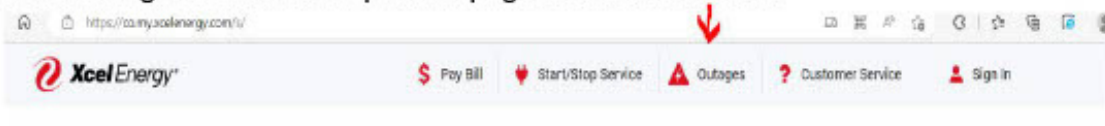
**Call 1-800-895-4999**

**For 24-hour Customer Service**

### 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.



# WHAT'S NEW AT RIVERSIDE IN FEBRUARY 2024

## ADULTS AND TEENS

### RIVERSIDE READERS



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

Monday, Feb 26 6:30-7:30 pm

### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Learn about the basic operations of a computer, including booting up & shutting down, navigating windows & opening and closing programs. We will explore the desktop, files, folders, menus, & how to save & store your work.



Monday, February 12th 6:30 pm

### SUPER SMASH BROS AFTERNOON



ALL AGES:  
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF PLAYING SUPER SMASH BROS ON OUR NINTENDO SWITCHES.

Thurs. February 8th at 4pm

### RELAX AND CRAFT

Crafts for adults! In February, we will be making bath bombs. Register online or at the front desk!



Monday, February 19th at 5:30 pm

### Pokémon Club

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



MONDAY, FEB. 19TH 4-5 PM

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Storytime

This session runs from January 8th to March 8th

**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



### CRAFTERNOON

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



TUESDAY, FEB. 13TH 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 February 7

Lego Club February 14

Board Game Club February 21

STEM Club February 28



# QUE HAY DE NUEVO EN RIVERSIDE EN FEBRERO DE 2024?

## ADULTOS Y ADOLESCENTES

### RIVERSIDE READERS



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

Monday, Feb 26 6:30-7:30 pm

### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Aprende las funciones basicas de computacion, incluyendo iniciar y apagar la computadora, navegar windows y abrir y cerrar programas. Explorar el escritorio, archivos, carpetas, menus, y como guardar y archivar tus proyectos.



Lunes, Febrero 12th 6:30 pm

### SUPER SMASH BROS AFTERNOON



ÚNETE A NOSOTROS PARA UNA TARDE DE SUPER SMASH BROS DE NINTENDO SWITCH.

jueves. febrero 8th 4pm

### RELAX AND CRAFT

Manualidades para adultos! En febrero, haremos bombas de baño.

Regístrate en línea, o con el personal.



Lunes, Febrero 19th at 5:30 pm

### 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, FEB. 19TH 4-5 PM

## NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS

### Cuenta Cuentos

la session corre de enero 8 hasta el 8 de marzo

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

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

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

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



### CRAFTERNOON

¡Acompáñanos a crear manualidades con tema de la temporada!  
¡todas las edades son bienvenidas!



MARTES, FEB. 13TH 4-5 P.M.

### 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 febrero 7

Club de Legos febrero 14

Club de juegos de mesa Febrero 21

Club de ciencias Febrero 28



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Chip seal work completed in the Grapevine Hollow neighborhood in 2023



## Evans The Road Ahead

### Road and Street Improvements

In 2023, Evans invested \$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. This year, the City completed eight new construction and four major maintenance projects, all under budget.

In the past year alone, the City completed 489 individual concrete repairs including ADA ramps, pans, inlet decks, sidewalks and curb & gutter. 216 asphalt patches of various sizes were identified and repaired in advance of overlays and chip seal treatments. 22 local roadways and 34 roadway segments were chip sealed across three subdivisions. Since the City began pavement preservation work, 439 separate road segments have now been completed since 2018.



47th Avenue asphalt reconstruction



The 37th Street Round-A-Bout

# Share Your Voice

Spanish  
&  
English



**PARTICIPATE!**

**COMMUNITY VISIONING  
QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Park, Open Spaces, and  
Trail Master Plan**



# Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA



**FREE**

**EGG DASH - ACTIVITIES**  
**BUNNY PHOTOS - SCAVENGER HUNT**

**MARCH 23RD | 10AM-12PM**

**RIVERSIDE PARK**

**4000 RIVERSIDE PARKWAY**

Egg Dash for ages 2-12 begins at 10am  
Bring your own basket

Food will be available for purchase



# EVANS RECREATION

## Weight Room Information

**Monday-Thursday**

**5:30am-9pm**

**Friday**

**5:30am-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: \$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



"Striving for excellence through innovation and positive experiences."

# 2024 YOUTH SPORTS INFORMATION

**Hot Shot Programs- \$50**  
**Extreme Programs- \$60**



\*Prices and dates subject to change\*

Scan the QR Code for more information.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

Kindergarten-1st Grade Hot Shot  
2nd-3rd Grade Hot Shot  
4th-5th Grade Extreme  
6th-8th Grade Extreme

### Spring Season - 4th-8th grade ONLY

Registration Dates: January 15-February 25  
First Practice: Week of March 18  
First Game: Week of April 1

### Fall Season

Registration Dates: June 10-July 21  
First Practice: Week of August 12  
First Game: August 24

## VOLLEYBALL

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Hot Shot  
3rd-6th Grade Extreme  
7th-8th Grade Extreme (Spring only)

### Spring Season

Registration Dates: January 1-February 11  
First Practice: Week of March 4  
First Game: March 23

### Fall Season

Registration Dates: June 10-July 21  
First Practice: Week of August 12  
First Game: August 24

## BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

5-6 year old Hot Shot T-ball  
7-8 year old Hot Shot Coach Pitch  
9-11 year old Extreme Co-Ed Softball  
12-14 year old Extreme Co-Ed Softball

Registration Dates: March 25-May 5  
First Practice: Week of May 27  
First Game: Week of June 10

## SOCCER

Hot Shot	Extreme
6U (4-6 year olds)	10U (9-10 year olds)
8U (7-8 year olds)	12U (11-12 year olds)

### Spring Season

Registration Dates: January 15-February 25  
First Practice: Week of March 18  
First Game: March 30

### Fall Season

Registration Dates: June 10-July 21  
First Practice: Week of August 12  
First Game: August 24

## BASKETBALL

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Hot Shot

Registration Dates: August 26-October 6  
First Practice: Week of October 21  
First Game: November 2

3rd-6th Grade Extreme

Registration Dates: October 28-December 8  
First Practice: Week of January 13, 2025  
First Game: January 25, 2025

# SPRING VOLLEYBALL

**REGISTRATION: JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 11**

\$10 late fee will be added to registrations after  
February 11, 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.

## HOT SHOT K-2ND GRADE | \$50

Practices will be once per week in Evans and begin  
the week of March 4.

Games will be on Saturdays in Evans and begin March 23.

## EXTREME 3RD-8TH GRADE | \$60

Practices will be twice per week in Evans and begin  
the week of March 4.

Games will be on Saturdays and begin March 23.

Extreme Volleyball 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.



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER!





Scan the  
QR Code to  
register online!



# FITNESS CLASSES

## POUND FITNESS

**Mondays**  
**5:30–6:15pm**

**Session 1: Jan 8–Feb 26**  
**Session 2: March 4–April 22**  
**Session 3: April 29–June 17**

**Registration:**  
**\$40 per session**

**Session 1: Now – December 31**  
**Session 2: January 29 – February 25**  
**Session 3: March 25 – April 21**

**Minimum 4 registered participants per class**

## ZUMBA

**Thursdays**  
**6–7pm**

**Session 1: Jan 11–Feb 29**  
**Session 2: March 7–April 25**  
**Session 3: May 2–June 20**

**Drop-in:**  
**\$6 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.

# SPRING SOCCER

REGISTRATION: JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 25

\$10 late fee will be added to registrations after February 25th, based on availability.

Teams are filled on a filled first come, first served basis.

Evans Recreation jerseys are \$20 and available at the Recreation Center.

## HOT SHOT 6U & 8U | \$50

Practices will be once per week in Evans and begin the week of March 18th.

Games will be on Saturdays in Evans and begin March 30th.

## EXTREME 10U BOYS, 10U GIRLS & 12U CO-ED | \$60

Practices will be twice per week in Evans and begin the week of March 18th.

Games can be played in any of the following locations:

Johnstown/Milliken, Berthoud, Eaton, Briggsdale or Windsor and begin March 30th.



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER!



# SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION: JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 25

\$10 late fee will be added to registrations after  
February 25th, 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.

EXTREME 4TH-8TH GRADE | \$60

Practices will be on Monday and Friday nights in  
Evans and begin the week of March 18th.

Games will be on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday  
nights in Windsor or Severance and begin the week  
of April 1st.



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TO REGISTER!





# Upcoming Events

FEB - MARCH

## **CRAFTY CRITTERS**

TUESDAY, 2/20 - \$10 - 12pm

Join Kountry Kolours for an outdoor themed canvas art project!

Snacks & Refreshments provided



## **LUNCH & MUSEUM**

THURSDAY, 3/1 - \$12 - 12:30pm - 3pm

Lunch at Roma's Italian Restaurant (lunch not included), followed by a trip to the Colorado Model Railroad Museum






## **BUTTERFLY**

## **PAVILION & LUNCH**

WEDNESDAY 3/27 - \$20 - 11am - 4pm

Lunch at Gunther Toody's Diner (lunch not included), followed by a trip to the Butterfly Pavilion (Denver)



# EVANS SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS

## New Orleans



### INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

- ◆ Motorcoach transportation
- ◆ 8 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the New Orleans area
- ◆ 14 meals: 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners
- ◆ GUIDED TOUR OF NEW ORLEANS
- ◆ Admission to the NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM
- ◆ GUIDED TOUR OF A LOUISIANA PLANTATION
- ◆ Admission to MARDI GRAS WORLD
- ◆ Relaxing RIVERBOAT CRUISE on the Mississippi River
- ◆ Enjoy Historic New Orleans French Quarter

For more pictures, video, and information visit:  
[www.GroupTrips.com/EvansSeniorCenter](http://www.GroupTrips.com/EvansSeniorCenter)

# \$1331\*

## 9 Days 8 Nights

\*PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Sat - Sun)

May 18 - 26  
2024



View the French Quarter



Jackson Square



New Orleans - "Birthplace of Jazz"



Enjoy a Riverboat Cruise

Departure: Evans Community Center, 1100 37th St, Evans, CO @ 8 am

**Day 1:** Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach as you head for your destination: Historic New Orleans! This evening, you will settle into a comfortable en route hotel for a good night's rest.

**Day 2:** After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for the Oklahoma City National Memorial. At this stirring memorial, you'll have the opportunity to pay respects to those who were lost in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombings. Later in the day, enjoy Dinner and check into your en route hotel.

**Day 3:** Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will continue towards your destination. Tonight, you'll enjoy Dinner before checking into your New Orleans area hotel for a four night stay.

**Day 4:** After a Continental Breakfast, enjoy a GUIDED TOUR OF NEW ORLEANS and learn about the past and present of what makes this unique city a treasure. Then depart for the French Market District. Since 1791, the French Market has served and entertained millions of visitors in the French Quarter. Next, you will visit the NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM. You will take in a cinematic experience on their 120 feet wide screen. It is a jaw-dropping experience in 4-D, a technique that engages all the audience's senses with digital effects, life sized animation, as well as film and sound. This evening, you will Dine at a local New Orleans restaurant.

**Day 5:** After a Continental Breakfast, you'll journey beyond the city limits of New Orleans and discover the Destrehan Plantation, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Discover what it is like to live in another time as you are guided through the lovingly restored main house and its exhibits by a friendly and entertaining costumed guide. Wander among the other authentic buildings on the plantation grounds, see the plantations daily demonstration, or browse through authentic gifts in the Destrehan Plantation's Gift Shop. Then, depart for New Orleans. Enjoy free time in the French Quarter. Do some shopping, stop to hear great music in the French Quarter – or just see the sights. This evening, you will enjoy Dinner with entertainment.

**Day 6:** Enjoy a Continental Breakfast, then depart for MARDI GRAS WORLD. Learn about the history of Mardi Gras, watch artists at work and enjoy a slice of the famous King Cake! Next, you will head to Riverwalk, which features over 75 retailers and restaurants on the majestic Mississippi River. Later, you will go on a relaxing RIVERBOAT CRUISE on the Mississippi River. Wind down as you

set sail and explore the Mississippi River. This evening, you will Dine at a local restaurant.

**Day 7:** Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for the Vermilionville in Lafayette, LA. Later that day, after a relaxing Dinner, you'll check into your en route hotel.

**Day 8:** Today you will have Continental Breakfast and then go to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, OK. Tonight, relax in your en route hotel.

**Day 9:** Today after enjoying Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you have seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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