

Community and Economic Development  
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## April 21, 2010

Spring has sprung in Evans! While the trees in town and down by the South Platte River are starting to show off their new leaves, we in Evans Economic Development are showing off some new things of our own. We have many new businesses opening and there's plenty of new construction going on. We're also starting to work on some new capital projects including the West Service Road Bike Trail. The City also had a significant reduction-in-force during the first quarter of 2010 and we've refocused our efforts on our top four priorities: Economic Development, Public Safety, Infrastructure Development and Regional Leadership.

## New Businesses

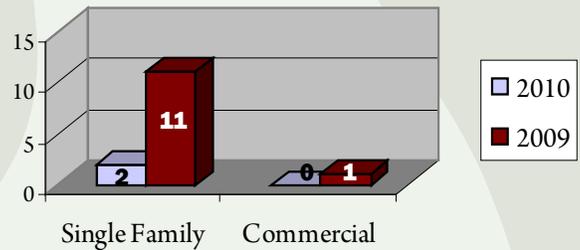
The following businesses are new to Evans or have re-opened under new management. Good luck and welcome to Evans!

- Advanced Dairy Service (Dairy Farm Service/Repair)  
1461 43rd Street
- Dependable Property Management (Property Management Services)  
114 37th Street
- Diamond Appliance, LLC (Appliance Repair)  
3201 West Service Road
- Modas Nuevo Mundo (Clothing)  
1006 36th Street
- M.Y. Garage (U-Haul Rentals)  
1006 36th Street
- Stone Sauna and Tan (Sauna and Tanning)  
3611 23rd Avenue
- The Rod Shop (Auto Detailing)  
3108 State Street

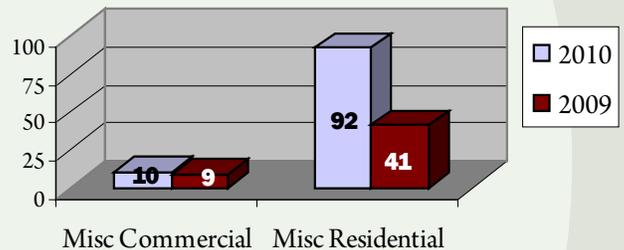
## Building Permits

To date, building activity is down somewhat in Evans when compared to the same period last year. Notably, building activity is down in the area of new single family home building permits issued. Interestingly, in 2009 all but one single family home were built during the first quarter (there were 12 total last year). On the flip side, we are encouraged with the high number of residential permits issued so far this year. To see the complete 2010 Building Permit figures and how they compare to 2009, go to the Building Inspection section of the City website ([www.cityofevans.org](http://www.cityofevans.org)).

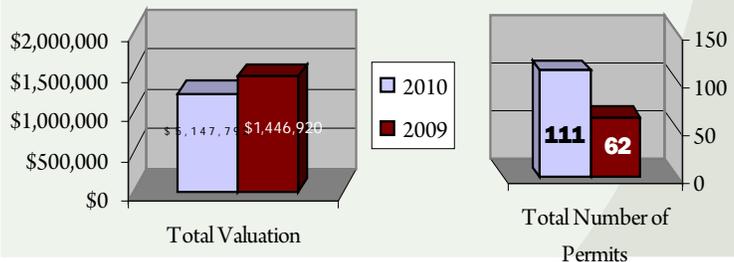
### New Building Permits (January through March)



### Other Building Permits (January through March)



### Year-To-Date Totals



## **2010 Infrastructure Projects**

Construction of the West Service Road Bike Trail, formerly slated for 2009, was held off until 2010 and construction has recently begun on the southern portion of the project. We're very excited that this project is moving forward as it will beautify and greatly improve pedestrian access to businesses lining the western edge of the US 85 corridor. Furthermore, the new trail links up with the Riverside Park trail on the southern end and the end of the Evans Ditch trail near 31st Street. This connection is a vital piece as we move forward in fulfilling the goals of our Trails Master Plan.

### **West Service Road (WSR) Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail (ARRA Funds – Stimulus)**

- New concrete trail following the west side of WSR.
- Located between the South Platte River and 31st Street
- Also includes construction of concrete curb and gutter for many sections.
- Bids received this January.
- Grant funds awarded for this project totaled \$629,000.



**West Service Road Bike Trail south of 37th Street**

### **Riverside Park Ball Park Pavilion Concrete Project**

- New concrete pavilion and tree grates between the four ball fields in Riverside Park
- Provides improved drainage and aesthetics to a heavily used recreation facility
- Project completed in April



**Riverside Ball Park Pavilion**

### **23rd Avenue Outfall Storm Sewer Project**

- Large diameter storm sewer from detention pond within the Ridge at Prairie View Subdivision to the South Platte River
- Follows future 23rd Avenue alignment
- Project advertised for construction in Fall 2010

### **Chappelow Trail**

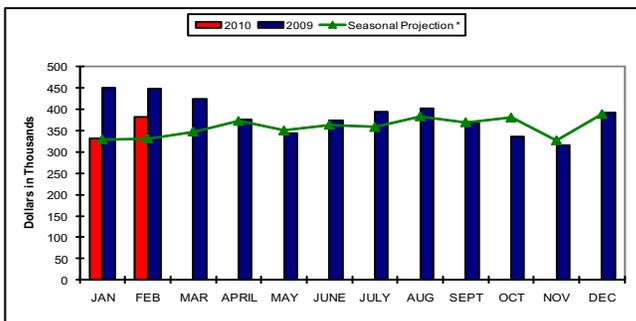
#### **(Safe Routes to School Program)**

- New sidewalk along the north side of the Chappelow Detention Pond next to Chappelow Magnet School and near the intersection of 34th Street and 17th Avenue.
- Grant funds awarded for this project totaled \$100,000 which includes additional funding for an 11th Avenue school crossing near John Evans Middle School
- Project advertised for construction in June 2010

## Evans-Greeley Metro Area Receives Forbes Ranking

Forbes Magazine's rankings for the "Best Places for Business and Careers" were released earlier this month. The Evans-Greeley Metro area ranked #29 overall within the top 200 metros in the country—a very good ranking, and an improvement from last year's #37 ranking. To see the complete list check out [tinyurl.com/y27rmu6](http://tinyurl.com/y27rmu6) on the web.

## Evans Sales Tax Collection by Month



To see the full Evans Sales Tax report, go to [weareevans.com/news](http://weareevans.com/news)

## Evans Chamber of Commerce Progress Report

The Evans Chamber of Commerce released their first quarter progress report. Highlights for January through March included three seminars, one symposium and three Business After Hours social events held for Chamber members. The Chamber added 18 new members during the first quarter. The goal for Chamber's membership committee is to add 160 additional members throughout the year. The Chamber remains a partner with the City of Evans in the planning and running of EvansFest, Evans' foremost City celebration. For more information about the Evans Chamber of Commerce, visit their website at [www.evanschamber.org](http://www.evanschamber.org).

## Evans Week is May 1-8, 2010

### May 4 ~ 4-6 pm ~ Open House

*Touch a Truck, ResQ the Fire Clown, Meet your Council, City Info. Location: Evans Community Complex, 1100 37th Street*

### May 4 ~ 6 pm ~ City Council Worksession

*Immediately after the Open House*

### May 6 ~ 2-4 pm ~ Tour of Evans

*Meet at the Evans Community Complex*

### May 8 ~ 6-10 am ~ Fire Pancake Breakfast

*At Fire Station #1, 3918 Denver Street. Proceeds benefit the Evans Fire Safety and Assistance Fund.*

## City of Evans Economic Development Incentives

The City of Evans has several incentives available:

- Personal Property Tax Depending on the square footage of your development, the City of Evans would be willing to discuss a waiver of this tax, up to 50%, for up to 10 years.

- Real Property Tax While this incentive probably wouldn't apply in all cases, the City may be willing to discuss a rebate of this tax limited to a maximum dollar amount.

- Use Tax The use tax for new construction could qualify for a rebate.

- Development Costs We would be willing to waive these costs, as outlined in our incentives handout (check it out online at [weareevans.com](http://weareevans.com)), up to 50%.

- Development Process A definite benefit to developing in Evans is our quick turn around time. We would be willing to guarantee a quick process for City Council review. As a guideline, Sam's Club was issued a building permit within 6 weeks.

- Development Ready Sites Another considerable cost and time benefit is that the City has several shovel ready sites, zoned appropriately, that meet your needs.

- Land The City does own some land that we may be willing to partner on for this type of development. In particular, the City owns a 9 acre parcel near the intersection on US85 and US34.

- Infrastructure Costs Should you pick a site that is not shovel ready but within the Urban Growth Boundary of the City, we are willing to discuss both reimbursement agreements and infrastructure development standards.

- Job Creation Incentive If your new employees live within the City of Evans, we have the ability to apply job creation incentive monies on a per position basis. The incentive would be based on salary and benefits.

- Sales Tax Incentive If you have 5 or more employees and will be generating retail sales tax, ask us about our incentive rebates for sales tax.

Please contact us so we can design an incentive package that will work for your business.

## Notable and Quotable

It's always a good thing when other people say nice things about you. Here are a couple quotes from Evans business leaders that we'd like to share with you.

*"Looking at it from an overview of the whole project, I thought that the City of Evans was a great partner on the project. This was a big project for us and when issues came up, I can remember us sitting down together to work jointly on how we could solve them. And this made the two parties work as a team! This was a successful project and we were pleased when we were done on our experience of working with the City of Evans."*

- Roger Knopf, Envirotech Services

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*"Our relationship with The City of Evans can best be summed up in three easy words: **Professional, Supportive** and **Teamwork**.*

**Professional:** *The Evans Sam's Club opened October 23, 2008. Months of hard work lead to a successful grand opening. The support we received from the Mayor, City officials and City Council members was invaluable. The Fire Chief went above-and-beyond as he made frequent visits to ensure we had on-time fire suppression. All permits were obtained without delay. We also had the City Finance Department onsite on opening day to ensure the registers rang up sales correctly, and they helped us correct tax errors immediately. The City Police Department assisted with crowd control. Everyone involved was focused on our success, and they have helped us as we have become part of this community.*

**Supportive:** *Sam's Club and the City of Evans work hand-in-hand to benefit our neighbors throughout the community. Sam's Club has worked to help the City raise funds for the Police Department, the Fire Department as well as many others. The City of Evans has connected Sam's Club with local business organizations. As well, the City Council and the mayor have become an important part of the Sam's Club team.*

**Teamwork:** *The City of Evans continues to be an active part of the Sam's Club team-constantly finding solutions to all challenges. We consider them a partner and a friend at Sam's Club."*

- Brad Arndt, Sam's Club #4770



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