

City Manager's Weekly Update

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The City Manager's weekly update reflects the diligent work that our employees do each week to serve the residents in Evans and to improve the community. Evans City Council sets the agenda of our organization and their agenda is the focus and direction of our staff. Each day, we aim to carry out their vision to make Evans a destination community to live and raise a family.

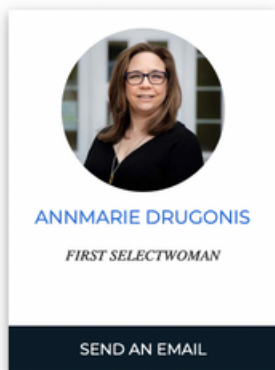
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The Communications Department continues to lay the groundwork to increase the city's transparency, improve its image, and promote an interactive relationship with the residents we serve.

To do this, we have done a myriad of things, but for the purpose of this CM Weekly, below is a small sliver that centers on the digital realm:

- We developed an HTML mock-up of contact pages that will live on each department's page. They are modern, user-friendly, and in step with current public agency website trends across the country, including our neighboring cities and our own City Council's bio page. When most people see Evans, Colorado for the first time, they see our website. The contact pages are engineered to reflect our staff's professionalism and transparency. Conveying digital professionalism is critical, as it postures our priorities to potential entrepreneurs and community stakeholders. When the public see Evans digitally, we want them to see us as a destination community.



We also created a [Media and Communications](#) webpage that is a compact connection portal for residents to sign up for alerts, report a problem, receive newsletters, [grab our brand kit](#), consume social media content, and find information.

Grab our brand kit? What is a brand kit? Brand kits are a hallmark of high-functioning, cohesive organizations. Outside entities, consultants, and partners often request logos and ask us if we have a brand kit. Consistent appearance is crucial to maintaining credibility to external stakeholders, and the best way to remain consistent is to provide parameters on how to use the city's logo, colors, and fonts. When an external organization mimics Evans, Colorado's likeness, we aim to ensure identical replication of our brand. Familiarity breeds trust, and familiarity is symptomatic of consistency.

Why do all of this? With QALERT, Voyent Alert, social media, newsletter subscriptions, brand kit requests, and press releases, it provides a clear channel to promote and sign up for the city's multitude of community engagement options. [If you want to interact with the city](#), click here.



Concrete in the queue as the roundabout takes shape

Everybody's rocking it". That was the feeling at the 37th Street Roundabout project, where an engineer summed up the progress succinctly: *"16 out of 60 days left and we're already bringing in concrete"*. There's a full slate of work to complete on this detailed infrastructure project, including utilities, RCP structures, and sub-grading, but through one month of work, the progress is palpable.

Week of April 10th - Warning: You'll learn a lot of cool engineering things below!



A portion of the intersection is scheduled to be completed by Friday, April 21st. Let's not get ahead of our skis: the public won't be driving on it anytime soon. There's a ton of work left to do, but concrete is scheduled to be laid next week, meaning the dug-up dirt will begin to take shape in the form of a new intersection.

We said you'll learn a lot of cool engineering things, so we'll start with selective non-destructive potholing, which has been ongoing throughout the project. What's non-destructive potholing? In short: Potholing confirms the location of buried utilities without the use of heavy equipment to excavate. Potholing involves the use of pressurized water jetting and vacuum hoses to locate buried utilities. [Click here to read all about potholing. It's fascinating!](#)

The learning continues: subgrade Prep Grade 6 is projected to begin on Friday and the priority is the intersection. Curious what is sub-grading is? The foundation of the pavement structure is known as a subgrade. Preparation of subgrade consists of all operations before the pavement structure is placed over it and compacted. The subgrade may be situated on an embankment, by excavation, or at the existing ground surface. Three days are scheduled to deliver and place Class 6 sub-grade materials the week of April 17th.

Other news and notes: Storm sewer work is happening on the north side of the intersection and Century Link will begin lowering fiber optic lines this Friday and completing the following Monday if needed.

Recreation

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EVANS RECREATION "Striving for excellence through innovation and positive experiences."

Summer Youth Sports

T-BALL
AGES 5-6 | \$45
8 TEAMS MAX

COACH PITCH
AGES 7-8 | \$45
8 TEAMS MAX

CO-ED SOFTBALL
AGES 9-11 | \$55
8 TEAMS MAX

AGES 12-14 | \$55
5 TEAMS MAX

Scan the QR Code to register now!



REGISTRATION: APRIL 3RD-MAY 7TH

\$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO REGISTRATIONS AFTER MAY 7TH, 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.

Practices begin the week of May 22nd
All age groups practice once per week
Games begin the week of June 5th (no games the week of July 4th)
Games will be held on weeknights at Riverside Park

1100 37th Street | 970-475-1125 | www.rec.evanscolorado.gov | recreation@evanscolorado.gov

Spring brings a trifecta of youth sports.

Currently, the Rec department is handling flag football, soccer, and volleyball and there are 53 teams that practice weekly across the three separate sports!

While it's easy to be focused on the season at hand, the next season is always on the horizon. Summer sports center on the diamond and registration is underway for t-ball, coach pitch, and co-ed softball. [The public is invited to sign up here.](#)

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The ballfields at Riverside Park became a giant egg basket over Easter Weekend. We spread 8,000 eggs across the four fields in the annual Easter Egg hunt and all 8k of them were found! Kuddos to Evans Police and Evans Fire Protection District for keeping the Easter Bunny company while the kids were on the prowl for eggs.



PARKS

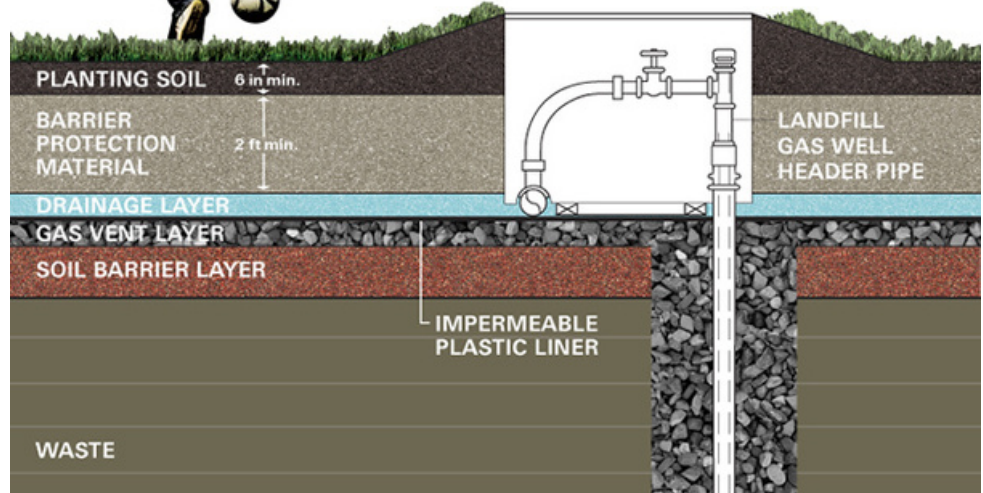
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The Park Dept is blocking unauthorized vehicle entry to trails and foot trails at Riverside Park. This was done to prevent the killing of vegetation. Areas without vegetation are prone to erosion which could cause the landfill cap to be thinned out. At this time, the landfill cap is intact and not eroded, and with these measures, we hope to keep it intact and without surface scaring. We have also seeded the trafficked areas and hope to revegetate those areas to further reduce the potential of damage to the cap.



What is a landfill cap?



We are also removing the ornamental grasses that go dormant and die off in the winter by cleaning and removing debris and preparing the areas for new spring growth.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE



SPRING CLEANUP

April 29th-30th and May 6th-7th

The Spring Cleanup is coming. Our staff has mailed vouchers to residents and we have worked with Communications on publishing newsletter and social media content to inform residents that the event is coming and who is eligible.

Warmer weather means higher water usage. We are seeing a stark increase in calls regarding non-potable water and the water system. We worked with Communications to educate the public on who's eligible for non-water.

Due date and water shut-offs Monday, April 17th.

I HATE GOODBYES



After 6 years, Customer Service Representative Dylan McConnell's last day with the city is Friday, April 21st. The City of Evans is searching for his replacement. [If you're interested, please apply here.](#)



HR AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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Staff attended a CISA (The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

Safety is paramount inside the workplace and the HR & Risk Management Department is continually searching for ways to increase the safety of our workforce.

With spring, comes warm weather and a variety of seasonal employment opportunities.

In the recreation department, soccer and volleyball seasons are underway and the city is seeking officials to manage the games. This is a great opportunity for a high school student who is interested in sports and seeking a part-time job or someone who loves the game and wants to make a positive impact on our younger generations. The position has a salary range of \$13.65-\$20.00 per hour. The Recreation Department is also looking for concessionaires and a concession sale supervisor, along with a Day Camp counselor and Director.



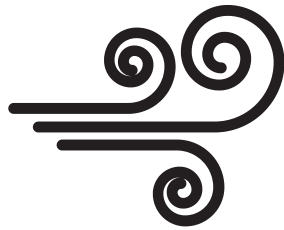
Below is a list of other recruitment activities:

- Interviews for the Planner I/II are being held next week.
- Police Officer recruitment is open and accepting applications. Two candidates are currently in various background screening stages.
- The Public Works Technician – Water recruitment is open and accepting applications.
- Interviews were conducted this week for the Stormwater Supervisor and a top candidate has been selected.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR ANY OF OUR OPEN POSITIONS](#)

Neighborhood Services

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THE SPRING CLEANUP IS COMING

Hats off to the 2022 Spring Cleanup participants. No really, your hats may have come off during the Spring Cleanup. The first day of the event was on Saturday, April 23rd and featured 40 mph wind gusts throughout the duration of the session. Despite the elements, residents rolled into the now decommissioned wastewater treatment plant in east Evans with trailer loads of large-scale items ready to purge from their property. Upon arrival, residents were funneled into a highly organized system of waste stations. Large flags indicated the type of debris that could be disposed of in that location. Stations were divided by brush, electronics, metal, batteries, tires, and other types of debris.

The city cleanup takes place on two consecutive weekends during the Spring and fall each year. The events are bi-annual opportunities for residents to dispose of tree limbs, yard debris, unwanted furniture, and large household waste. All residents of Evans are welcome to participate in the City Cleanup Event with proof of residency such as a driver's license or water bill to verify their home address.

Spring Clean-Up will be held April 29th-30th and May 6th-7th. Be on the lookout for Spring Clean-Up vouchers coming with the utility bill. If you are a renter and do not receive a utility bill, contact your landlord for the voucher or call Neighborhood Services to request a renter voucher. Only one voucher will be issued per property.



Planning

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Bike to work day is coming Wednesday, June 21st.

New this year, the city is partnering with the Greeley Bicycle. The city will have breakfast stations on by the corner of 31st Street and 11th Avenue in the Roasty's parking lot.

Grab a helmet and stop by a breakfast station to celebrate healthy alternative modes of transportation and receive a free T-shirt, water bottle and breakfast.

The first bike lane in Evans was striped in 2016, and Evans is becoming an increasingly bicycle friendly city. Get exercise, reduce pollution, and show your support for bicycle-friendly infrastructure by joining us for this event!



The Planning Department is holding a work session on April 18th to discuss improvements to the land use application procedure. The meeting is a 6pm and the public is welcome to attend at 1100 37th Street in Evans. If you want to participate, but cannot attend in-person, you can watch online on [Youtube by clicking here](#). The agenda and zoom information [will be uploaded here](#).



Police

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Teen Police Academy returns this summer

Learn the ropes of law enforcement from the Evans Police Department in the Teen Police Academy. Middle schoolers are invited to attend the four-day course that will be held June 12th-15th from 1pm-4pm at the Evans Community Complex. Participants will receive hands-on experience with police work. They'll have the opportunity to use a radar gun, document a crime scene, perform traffic stops, take part in a distracted driver course, and many more activities.

The course is free and geared towards students in grades 6-9. [Click here to download the application and a signed waiver](#) that is required to participate in this unforgettable summer experience. Further questions: contact Officer Teresa McClatchey by email at tmclatchey@evanscolorado.gov.



Drug Take Back Day | April 22nd

Spend a few minutes of your Saturday saving lives. The Evans Police Department, along with the Evans Fire Protection District, will host Drug Take Back Day (DTBD) on Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am-2 pm. Look for the Police cars and fire trucks in the parking lot of Sam's Club located at 3247 23rd Ave, Evans, CO 80620. DTBD is a bi-annual event held in the spring and fall that provides community members with a safe place to dispose of their unused or expired prescription drugs. The event is free and open to the public. Shredding will be available if you wish to discard of sensitive information that could lead to identity theft.

If you plan to attend, place your disposable prescription drugs in a clear plastic bag, drive to Sam's Club, and hand your items to the First Responders working the event. You don't need to leave your car unless you just want to hang out!

