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The City is serving you in the digital space

The City of Evans expanded its digital footprint on Youtube when the city launched Evans TV, a periodic magazine-style television program designed to entertain, engage, and inform. Since the launch of the show, the city's Youtube subscriptions have grown nearly 600%. Residents are encouraged to like and subscribe by searching for the **City of Evans** on Youtube.

Evans continues to grow on a variety of social media platforms, so find us, like us, or follow us to keep up-to-date on the latest news and information:

- **Twitter:** @EvansColorado
- **Twitter:** @Evans_pd
- **Instagram** @cityofevans
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/cityofevans
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/EvansPoliceDepartment
- **Nextdoor:** www.nextdoor.com/agency/the-city-of-evans
- **LinkedIn:** www.linkedin.com/company/city-of-evans

Residents can also download the Evans Express App for service requests, bill pay, to report problems, or ask questions. It's free on iTunes or Google Play. You can also email info@evanscolorado.gov or call 970-475-1170.

Greetings from Mayor Rudy

A year off from life. That's a hard reality to stomach.

It didn't hit me until almost halfway through 2021 how many ways the year 2020 divided us, but the return of festivals, gatherings, and other social events opened my eyes to an uncomfortable truth: I missed you. And by you, I mean the residents of this great City of Evans.

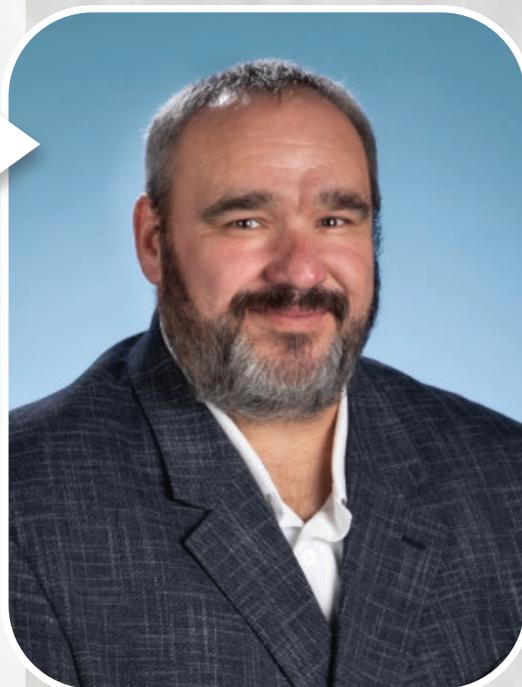
The realization set in at the grand opening of Dennis and Kristine Rubba's **Best Way 2 Store** storage complex, a locally owned business on 37th Street and 23rd Avenue. Approximately 50 people packed into the small front office of the brand-new establishment, ready to celebrate the birth of a new business in early June. Perhaps it was the beginning of summer that had everyone's spirits high, but that moment marked the momentum to normalcy, and the City of Evans never looked back.

From that moment on, we celebrated numerous events together. The Community Development Department hosted an ice cream and food truck social at City Park, where hundreds of residents packed the pavilion with the intent to Help Us Shape the Future of Evans.

Nearly 30 students from the Greeley-Evans School District attended the Teen Police Academy, hosted by Officer Teresa McClatchey. The learning session provided middle school kids with hands-on experience in law enforcement techniques and strategies. It also offered them valuable insight into the profession for the ones who choose to pursue law enforcement as a career. The police also hosted the annual National Night Out event with neighborhood parties scattered all across town.

The return of Heritage Days is symbolic for many reasons. The city's flagship event saw a robust return filled with fireworks, food, bands, and plenty of activities for the kiddos. And we finally ended the year with the Holiday Lighting ceremony, a great tradition that marks the transition from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Residents gathered in front of the Evans Community Complex to see the tree burst with Christmas color while the children played together.

When the ball dropped on 2022, we were still in the throes of a pandemic, economic uncertainty, and other challenges around the globe, but at least we were in it together in 2021. Another year off from life... that's not a concept I'd like to fathom again.



Mayor Brian Rudy



City of Evans Council

Mayor Brian Rudy and the Evans City Council



Alicia Johnson



Amanda Castle



Mark Clark



Tammy Mortenson



Laura Speer



Fred Neal



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Mission Statement

"We deliver sustainable, citizen-driven services for the health, safety, and welfare of the community."

Vision Statement

"The City of Evans is an economically diverse, self-sufficient community providing a clean, safe, family friendly environment with growth oriented infrastructure. We accomplish our vision with strategic policies and partnerships and long range plans necessary to maintain essential City infrastructure and services."

Council Priorities

Well-Maintained Infrastructure with the Capacity to Grow

Evans' thoughtfully planned and well-maintained infrastructure enables the City to serve existing and future development. The city has planned for sufficient water for future populations and industries. The road network is well-maintained and signed, and additional connectivity among neighborhoods is accomplished through a network of sidewalks and trails.

Safe And Desirable Neighborhoods with Engaged Residents

Evans has attractive and well-maintained housing stock – ensured through proactive code enforcement which protects the livability of our neighborhoods. Our parks and recreation amenities are clean and well-maintained, and residents actively use our bike and pedestrian trails. Our community's sense of safety is enhanced by police presence and lighting in public spaces. Residents engage with their neighbors and the City as a natural extension of community life.

Family-Friendly, Attractive Amenities

Families are attracted to Evans because of the outstanding recreation amenities and signature events that promote community pride and a sense of place. Commercial development includes restaurants and entertainment venues that ensure residents can live and play in their community. The City actively promotes and communicates about recreation and leisure opportunities.

Fiscally Responsible

Evans' City Government is a trusted steward of taxpayer resources. The City lives within its means and carefully examines debt financing before obligating the community. The City seeks grant funds and quality contractors for city projects and ensures resources exist to appropriately fund service levels.

Resilient Local Economy

The Evans local economy includes a variety of businesses that provide quality employment and a diverse revenue stream for city services. The City has a business-friendly reputation and follows a thoughtful system of planning.

Responsive City Services

Evans City employees provide quality services and are accountable to the City Council and community for being responsive as they execute their duties. The City is appropriately staffed to meet the service level expectations of the community. Evans is outcome-oriented, and City government is engaged with the community and communicates using a variety of contemporary methods.

Well-Maintained Infrastructure with Capacity to Grow

47th Avenue Widening

The Facts

- Groundbreaking: Fall of 2020
- Cost: \$3,854,300
- Length: ½ mile of arterial road
- Contractor: DeFalco Construction
- Landscaping and irrigation to be completed in spring 2022
- Included the construction of a storm sewer, gas line relocation, water services, undergrounding, and pole relocation in conjunction with Xcel Energy and CenturyLink..

The Story

Erik Disparti, the owner of County RV Storage has had a front row seat to the 47th Avenue Widening Project since the infrastructure improvement broke ground in 2020. His business has been located on the east side of the avenue, just north of Tuscany Street, for nearly a decade. For Disparti, the project has not only relieved traffic congestion in the area, it has also quelled the noise pollution that rush hour can bring.

"The new road is a lot better. It doesn't have the potholes and everything like that and it's super quiet," Disparti said.

A quiet road is a pleasant side benefit, but the 47th Avenue Widening Project was designed to improve traffic flow in Evans' rapidly growing west side, an area that has emerged as a hot spot for residential and commercial development. The increased growth has produced more commuter traffic that shuffles between the cities of Greeley and Evans every day of the week. For Disparti, the widened road and newly formed median have been good for drivers and good for business.

"The median has been a huge help with our customers because it doesn't slow traffic down. People can just get in the median and turn easily into our property, so that has been a huge benefit for us."

The City of Evans engineering team is led by civil engineer Mark Oberschmidt. He and his team were diligent in their communication efforts with residents and businesses that would be impacted by the construction, and that effort did not go unnoticed.

"Yeah, he communicated with us real well. If ever I had any questions, I would just shoot him a text. If he couldn't talk to me, he would just text me back and say, 'I'll call you back,' and he always did."

The Big Picture

Consistent with the goal of improving traffic flow, the 47th Avenue Widening Project will also pave the way for the city's first roundabout at the intersection of 47th Avenue and 37th Street. The entire project was 90% complete by the end of 2021 and fully open to traffic. Only aesthetic enhancements such as landscaping and irrigation remain to be completed in the spring of 2022.

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23rd Avenue

The Facts

- Groundbreaking: September 21st, 2020
- Completion: December 10th, 2020
- Cost: \$900,000
- Length: 0.44 miles long
- $\frac{2}{3}$ (0.30 mi) built by the City
- $\frac{1}{3}$ (0.14 mi) built by the developer of the Mission Springs housing complex, working in tandem with Weld County to build the other half of the road in the next few years. Weld County contributing \$2m toward build-out.
- Installed 1200 feet of 12" waterline to improve water system distribution
- Contractors: Milestone Construction, Asphalt Specialities, Thoutt Brothers



The Story

To say the completion of 23rd Avenue was a long time coming may be the understatement of the last two centuries:

"This road ROW was defined on the map in 1879, so it took us a while to get around to finally getting this done," Evans Mayor Brian Rudy said at the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the new road.

Nearly 150 years later, the completion was worth the wait as the community rallied around this vital avenue that knifes through the midsection of Evans. The project was necessitated by the development of the Mission Springs Affordable Housing Complex that was erected on the corner of Prairie View Drive by Habitat for Humanity. In order to provide proper access in and out of the complex, 23rd Avenue's completion was required to connect 37th Street to Prairie View Drive.

"This road and the housing that we see is the result of a visionary and very powerful public-private-non-profit partnership. As soon as planning for the housing project started being discussed, it became clear that both Quay Street and 23rd Avenue all the way from Prairie View Drive to 37th Street would be necessary to complete as a new north-south arterial in Evans. Kudos to the Evans City Council for having the vision to set that direction and for making the resources available to get this project done."

The City of Evans would like to thank surrounding property owners, including the Nealy family, Linda Vaughan, Dale Bohner and Steven Tebo. Thanks to Scot Nealy for allowing us to disturb his property during construction. Thanks to the Tebo Company for agreeing to allow us to demo the old buildings on the property getting the west side of the ROW ready for construction. Special thanks to the residents in the Willowbrook neighborhood for their patience throughout the construction period.



The Big Picture

23rd Avenue joins US Highway 85, 35th Avenue, and 65th Avenue as important north-south transportation connections through Evans. The new arterial has the potential to facilitate new development along the corridor.

Alleyway Grading Program enhances property in Evans

East Evans resident Mary Printz has dwelled on Burlington Avenue for decades in a house that's been kin to her family since 1958. For nearly 60 years, the path to her home was filled with unaesthetic obstacles.

"Bumpy dirt road, lots of dust, maybe 15 elm trees that over the years deteriorated," Printz said.

That changed in 2021 when the path home became cleared for Printz thanks to the city's Alleyway Grading Program. East side residents have the highest

concentration of alleys that connect their driveways and garages to the roads. However, the project extends beyond the east side. The program grades all 47 of the alleys in Evans, 15 each year on two or three year annual rotations. The project smooths out the alleys, levels the surface, and fills street cavities where water has induced mudholes.

"It will help the alleys drain a little bit and give a smoother, more attractive look to these alleys for residents in the future," said Evans Parks and Operations Manager Scott Sandridge.

According to Printz, she and her husband had performed all of the maintenance on the road themselves prior to 2019, but after the 1% sales tax measure for street maintenance and repair was passed, she said Evans has been an entirely different city.

"The roads are so much better. It's not pothole city anymore," Printz said. *"Especially 37th Street, humongous difference. It's the difference between day and night on that street. It's really nice. We've noticed 47th Avenue. That was good, too."*

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The Alley Grading program is a testament to the city's dedication to serving its residents.

"I'm very pleased with the treatment we're getting. I feel like we're a citizen of Evans now. Before, it was do it yourself and take what you can get and that was about it. Now, it's totally changed. It's like the city cares about its citizens."



Stagecoach Mill & Overlay

- Completion: June 2021
- Cost: \$209,861
- Length: 0.3 miles of local street milled and overlaid
- Contractors: Kehn Construction



Asphalt Patch Program

- Completion: June 2021
- Cost: \$409,076
- Length: 6,500 Square Yards
- Contractors: Colorado Paving



Community Complex Parking Lot

- Completion: October 2021
- Cost: \$592,375
- Length: 1000 yards of new pavement
- Contractors: Kehn Construction



Safe and Desirable Neighborhoods with Engaged Residents

National Night Out promotes safety and unites Evans neighbors

Evans resident Bob Richau has been the organizer for his neighborhood's **National Night Out** party for more than a decade. He's the president of the Vintage Willow HOA—a neighborhood within the Grapevine Hollow subdivision on the west side of Evans—and for him, National Night Out represents the celebration of a neighborhood that's become like family.

"Initially, it was trying to get our neighbors together. At that time, our neighborhood wasn't that well developed.

"I wanted to have that community cohesiveness"

We only had about 11 homes," Richau said. *"I wanted to have that community cohesiveness and I wanted the neighbors to know each other a little better, so if something did happen we'd watch out for each other."*



National Night Out isn't just a night to party, it's a night that represents the strength of a cohesive community.

"I kinda feel like it's sort of an extension of our neighborhood watch program, because it brings us all together as neighbors. It's just hard to get 47 homeowners with their families together at the same time anywhere."

In 2021, Richau wrangled nearly 75 of his neighbors for the National Night Out festivities and organized a first responders' parade that rolled through the Grapevine Hollow neighborhood.

"We had probably close to half of our homeowners out there waving flags as the cop cars with their lights flashing and sirens going came through our neighborhood, and that was our way of recognition."

The Grapevine Hollow subdivision welcomes police involvement.

"Some neighborhoods are like, 'Oh my gosh, we've got a policeman coming, we better behave.' We don't do that here, we kinda look forward to them and kinda welcome them into our neighborhood because their visibility also helps the security of our neighborhood as well."

Richau is one of many residents that host annual National Night Out parties in Evans. The gatherings span from the far west side to the east end of the city. Each celebration takes a different form, with cookouts, music, and many other activities, but the connection to the cops is the common thread between them all.

"We're all in this together as the community. And we're not looking at the policeman as them and the residents as us. We're looking from the viewpoint as 'We.' It's a we attitude."

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.





The event to Help Us Shape the Future of Evans

Pat Walker has been a resident of Evans for 20 years. He attended a community event held at City Park in May of 2021 called "Help Us Shape the Future of Evans," where he walked away with an impression that many residents don't get from their city leadership.

"I was impressed. That was my overall feeling. Not every city does this with everybody and ask them what's your opinion and what do you think. I like that."

The goal of the gathering was to provide residents with an interactive environment to share feedback and ideas to city leaders about the future direction of their community. The event featured information stations ranging from water conservation to transportation, economic development to conceptual ideas such as a new high school and community center in Evans.

Walker's interest is one that's shared by many in the State of Colorado.

"Everybody's got their agenda. Mine is hiking and biking trails. I would like to see more of them and interconnecting with each other. I used to bike to work and 37th Street at times was hazardous to my health trying to get around. I hope it gets incorporated in the future with anything Evans does."



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Evans has incorporated a system of trails in recent years at Riverside Park and throughout town, but Walker has visions of a Platte River Trail, like the Poudre River Trail that cuts through Greeley, Windsor, and Fort Collins.

"If I could find that closer to my home; I've got to load up my bikes in my truck and get them up to the Poudre Trail. I'm just a little bit north of Walgreens in Evans, but boy if I could cut straight south and hook onto a trail down there, that would be outstanding."

Identifying passions and opening dialogue with residents is one of the primary objectives of the city's Planning Department. The "Help Us Shape the Future of Evans" event was one of many gatherings in 2021 that drew approximately 2,000 residents to a city function. The session also incorporated food trucks, art displays, and the city's Party Trailer that was debuted in 2021.



Community-wide effort raises nearly \$7,000 for Special Olympics

2021's Polar Plunge morphed into a polar soak, but the effort raised thousands for Special Olympics athletes



The Evans City Council and the Evans Police Department teamed up with organizations throughout the city to raise money for Special Olympics by participating in the Polar Plunge, including the Evans Fire Department, Heiman and Centennial Elementary Schools, and Envision. The event is typically held at a central location in Northern Colorado, where hundreds of local organizations simultaneously take the plunge into a lake or pool. But with the pandemic still in progress, the City of Evans broke from tradition and instead of jumping into a pool of water, the Evans Fire Department poured the water on them.

Heiman and Centennial Elementary Schools turned their fundraisers into a friendly competition. The two schools have the largest number of Special Olympics athletes in the city and they showed their school pride while supporting Special Olympics.

"One of my main goals is to beat Ann K. Heiman and to beat Mayor Brian Rudy," Centennial Principal Angie McDowell said. "We are building momentum with our donations, and we are going to continue to work to beat them because we're better than them."

Heiman is the largest elementary school in Evans and sheer numbers pushed them ahead of Centennial with nearly \$3,000 raised. However, Centennial did have the most donors and raised almost \$1,500.

"Just watch out Centennial. We got this," Ann K. Heiman Principal Anne Ramirez said with a grin. "It's a friendly rivalry but winning is pretty important."

Evans City Council had raised \$721 and the Evans Police Department brought in approximately \$800.



Students learn the gravity of 9/11 on the 20th anniversary of the tragic event

20 years to the date: the Evans Police Department joined first responders at Dos Rios Elementary to educate students about the impact that 9/11 has on the world today. Teachers and kids observed a moment of silence, said the Pledge of Allegiance, and saw a bomb-sniffing dog demonstration from the ATF's K-9 unit.





Heritage Day returns after 2020 hiatus

Evans' signature celebration resumed for two days in September 2021.

The sound of music, the smell of food, and the falling leaves in east Evans as the dawn of fall looms over the foothills of Colorado. Those are the sensory triggers that remind us of Evans' annual celebration known as Heritage Days, and those familiar sights, scents, and sounds were back after a yearlong hiatus due to the pandemic in 2020.

Anytime we can celebrate together, we're a stronger community

"It's a symbol of being together," Evans Mayor Brian Rudy said. "Anytime we can celebrate together, we're a stronger community, and Heritage Days is a perfect way to do that."

The two-day festival kicked off with live music, food trucks, games for kids, and a variety of family-friendly activities. The event continued on Saturday morning with the Heritage Day pancake breakfast, parade, live music, and games.



Evans Heritage Days

Family-Friendly, Attractive Amenities



DaVinci Park

New park design a direct result of residents' vision

The public spoke and City Council listened.

DaVinci Park—in the Tuscany subdivision—moved forward into the design phase in August of 2021. The company Confluence was contracted to create the design that will be modeled after the "Knoll Concept."

Nearly 200 people responded to an online survey about the future design. Another set of neighbors showed up to an outdoor meeting to share their

vision of the neighborhood park. The public had two options for the park layout: the Knoll or the DaVinci design. In the online survey, the Knoll was a heavy favorite with more than 60% of the vote.

"This was a direct result of residents' participation," said Parks and Operations Director Scott Sandridge. *"We were impressed with the amount of valuable input we received from residents both online and in-person."*

Construction is expected to begin in 2022.

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EVANS RECREATION

ACTIVE ADULT REC CENTER VISITS
4371

ADULT FITNESS ENROLLMENT
51



DAY CAMP WEEKS
9

YOUTH TEAM SPORTS ENROLLMENT
948

ADULT FITNESS

YOUTH ACTIVITY

BUSY DAY CONCESSION SALES
947

PERSONAL BASKETBALL CLINIC KIDS
15

FACILITIES

DAY-CAMP COST RECOVERY
130%



FACILITY RENTALS
972

RECREATION CENTER

NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT
4

PARK PAVILION RENTALS
133



NEW FITNESS PROGRAMS
3



DROP-IN VISITS
1455

PUNCH CARD PASS VISITS
6762

VENDORS
27

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM
FRIENDLY FORK



PARADE ENTRIES
33

MEALS SERVED IN 2021
3600

GOLF TOURNEY

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS
36

HERITAGE DAY

TOTAL DONATIONS
\$6,800

REGISTERED GOLFERS
72

TOURNAMENT PROFIT
\$7,500

EVENT SPONSORSHIPS
\$13,000

FIREWORK SHELLS
1392



TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS
\$12,000

Rave reviews in Party Trailer's debut

The **Evans Party Trailer** burst onto the scene in the spring of 2021. The trailer is a free entertainment vehicle that residents can take advantage of. It contains all of the essentials to host a block party, neighborhood watch meeting, or similar community event.

The Facts:

- ▶ The trailer was first used for an event on May 27th
- ▶ First block party was June 26th
- ▶ 17 reservations total in first year of service
- ▶ Largest event: The non-profit Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado reserved the trailer for a food truck rally fundraiser on August 26th with more than 300 attendees..

What people are saying:

Carolyn Renaud: *"I tell people if you're going to have any kind of community event where you're going to invite your neighbors and you want people to be able to sit comfortably and have tables for people to eat at and stuff like that—the party trailer's the way to go cause it has everything. And if you're going to have games and stuff for kids, that was included, and so it's been a really pleasurable experience renting the party trailer."*

Sisters Linda Peeper and Karen McLarty | Live in Hunter's Reserve:

"It was awesome. Yeah, we loved it. It had the tables, the chairs, the cones to block off the area. I mean it was fantastic. We loved it. It was just great. The whole experience was wonderful."

Lisa Taylor | Immigrant and Refugee Center | Hosted 300 person event

"It was really a life saver for us to have the party trailer, yeah. Just resoundingly great feedback. I can't recommend it enough. It was just such a help to us."

How does it work?

Organizers looking to host an event need only check the dates that the trailer is available for reservation and apply to reserve the trailer. Staff will review the application as quickly as possible and contact the applicant to confirm the reservation or to gather additional information and work out the details. On the day of the reservation, City staff will deliver and secure the trailer and contact the organizer with a code to unlock the trailer. The organizer may then unlock and use the contents of the trailer, and, when finished, replace clean items to their designated locations and lock the doors. Staff will return during working hours to retrieve the trailer.

Who can reserve it?

Any resident of Evans, 18 or older, is eligible to reserve the trailer. The applicant must demonstrate in the application that the event is a community event such as a block party or neighborhood watch meeting, and not a private event such as a birthday or graduation party.



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The Party Trailer Includes:

- 10 tables
- 48 chairs
- 4 trash cans
- 2 coolers with ice
- 2 water coolers
- 12 traffic cones
- corn hole boards
- giant Jenga
- 6 Hula hoops
- 8 jump ropes
- sidewalk chalk
- 1 dog



Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

The Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado program provides valuable city cleanup opportunities. Each month, the city collaborates with United Way to collect trash in the area surrounding the cold weather shelter and the Housing Navigation Center. Riverside Park also received two rounds of weed removal and mulch spreading in the spring and summer of 2021. Approximately 10 volunteers contributed to the Riverside Park cleanup effort.



Pride in our parks

Park Maintenance

- ▶ 223 trees pruned/trimmed
- ▶ 19 trees removed
- ▶ 31 cemetery interments
- ▶ 1600+ acres of bluegrass turf mowed
- ▶ 550 seedlings given out to celebrate Arbor Day

Parks Projects

- ▶ Demonstration garden showcasing low water use plant materials at the Evans Community Complex. This project was partially grant funded through Northern Water and their water-wise grant program.
- ▶ Landscaping of Vineyard Park neighborhood entrances
- ▶ Design of 37th Street right-of-way. Construction begins spring of 2022



Park Amenities

- ▶ 4 restroom facilities
- ▶ 13 playground sets
- ▶ 1 off-leash dog park
- ▶ 1 frisbee golf course
- ▶ 1 pickleball court
- ▶ 1 outdoor sports complex with 4 ball fields and 1 soccer field
- ▶ 4 basketball courts
- ▶ 1 basketball half court
- ▶ 2 sand volleyball courts
- ▶ City Park has 1 T-ball field
- ▶ 15 pavilions available
- ▶ 1 cemetery

Responsive City Services



New police station passes with overwhelming support

On election night in November 2021, Evans Police Chief Rick Brandt was monitoring the Weld County election results to see if a measure to fund a new police station in Evans was going to pass. When the results showed Ballot Measure 2B cruised to passage with 62% of the vote, he was not surprised at the community's support.

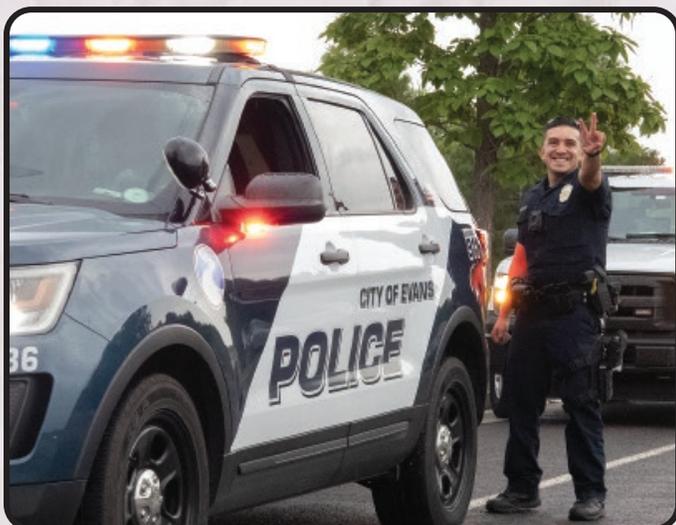
"Honestly, we've had such an outpouring of support," Brandt said. "Emails, people just stopping by to say hi, sending in gift cards, and thanking officers. Officers would be eating at a restaurant having lunch and citizens would pay for their lunch just to say thank you."

The newly constructed police station will require no new taxes or fees to Evans' residents because the financing to build the new police facility already exists in the form of an existing sales tax that was passed in 2002. Early architectural models estimate that the facility will cost approximately \$25 million to construct. The preliminary blueprints show a modern law enforcement center designed to accommodate approximately 60 sworn officers, detectives, investigative units, community rooms, and a host of other police services.

Chief Brandt believes the construction of the complex should serve current and future trends in law enforcement and sees the co-responder program only growing. In a co-responder program, behavioral health specialists work in partnership with law enforcement to respond to mental health needs that would otherwise have to be handled in the hospital emergency room or the criminal justice system.

"They provide an extraordinary service to our citizens and our residents in Evans. They don't even have a workspace. We have these full-time people who are embedded with the agency, but they don't even have a workspace. So there's going to be that enhanced capability to provide that high level of service to the community."

"As we grow we're going to need higher levels of service in just a broad array of service areas for policing."



The overwhelming community support comes on the heels of a tumultuous 2020 for law enforcement. Nationwide, a disturbing trend emerged in city councils to defund the police, but Chief Brandt said the relationship between the Evans PD and the City of Evans only grew stronger during the chaos.

"Our community is pretty amazing. They're looking past what's happening in these bigger cities and looking at our police department and saying, 'Yeah, we've got a much better relationship than a lot of these bigger cities.'"

The location and date of construction has not been determined at the time of this publication.



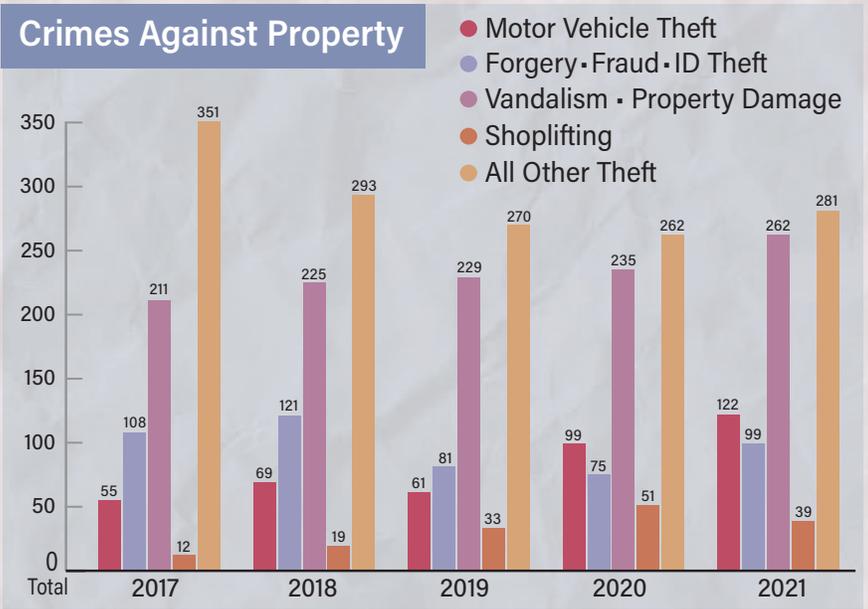
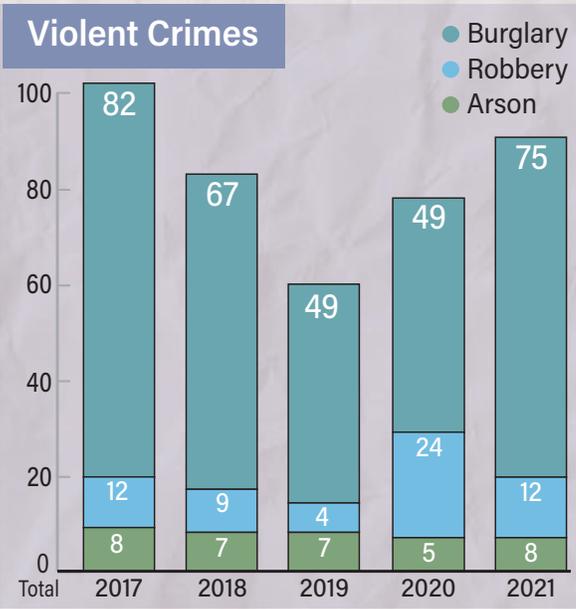
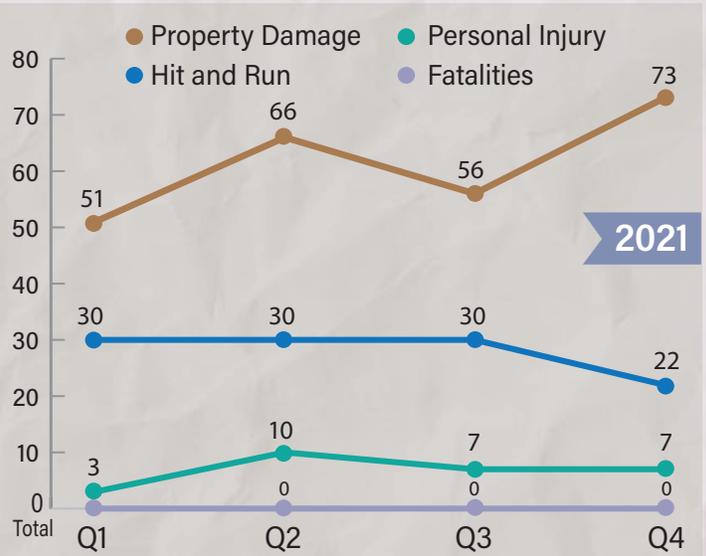
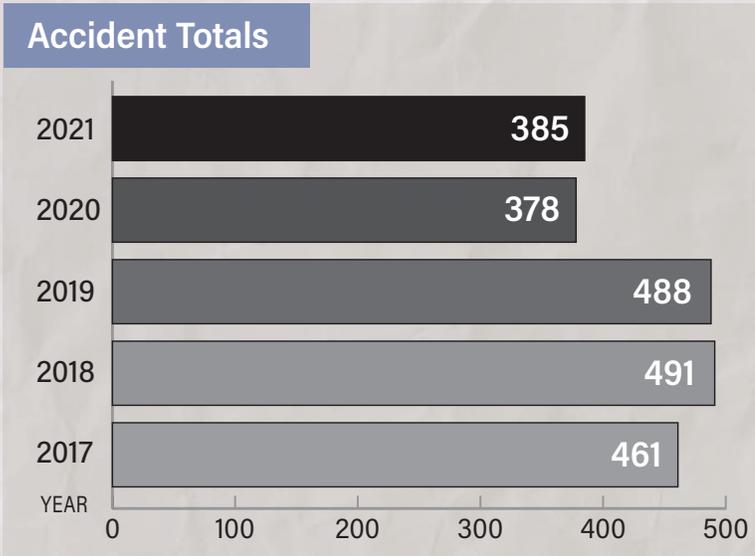
Rookie officer takes top honors

In his first year on the job, Codie Thomasson earned the 2021 Officer of the Year Award. Thomasson launched his career with Evans PD as a community service technician, but his heart to serve and drive to succeed propelled him into the police academy and up to the rank of police officer. Although he has not been in his current position long, he leads the department in productivity and is a mentor to the team.



"At first I was kind of embarrassed because I don't like the spotlight on myself. Then, it was exciting to be acknowledged by your peers and command staff."

2021 Evans Police Statistics



Resilient Local Economy

New commercial projects:



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Now Open

- BestWay2Store
- Klutzy's Plaque
- Peerless Tires 4 Less
- Brix Brewery Production Facility
- Roasty's Coffee
- Ziggi's Coffee

Coming Soon

- Innovative Foods
- Hojio Construction
- JR's Trucking
- Dan's Garagee
- QuikTrip

New Evans' businesses by category



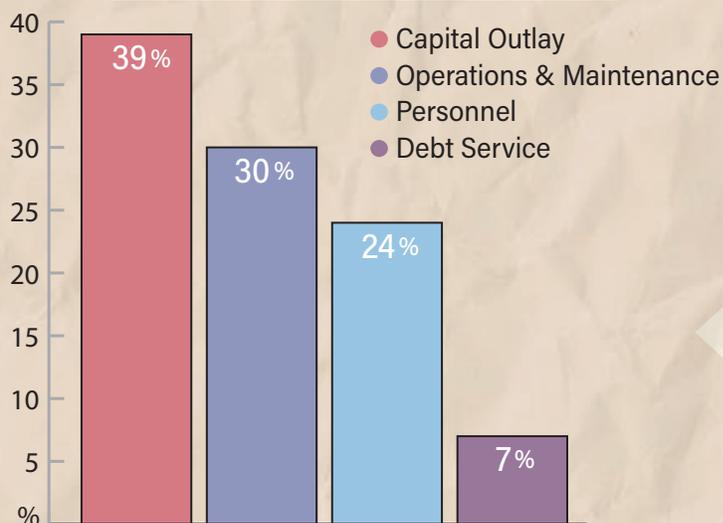
2	Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting
56	Mining, Utilities, Construction
19	Manufacturing
62	Retail Trade, Wholesale, Transportation, Warehousing
83	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Professional Services & Management
19	Education, Health Care, Social Assistance
38	Accommodations, Food Service, Arts & Recreation
51	Other Services
27	Not Classified

2021 Evans Budget



The appearance of expenses exceeding revenue in 2021 is a conscious choice to utilize reserves that were saved over several years to fund the early repayment of debt and capital projects in the utility funds.

2021 Budgeted Expenditures



Residency sales and valuation

2021

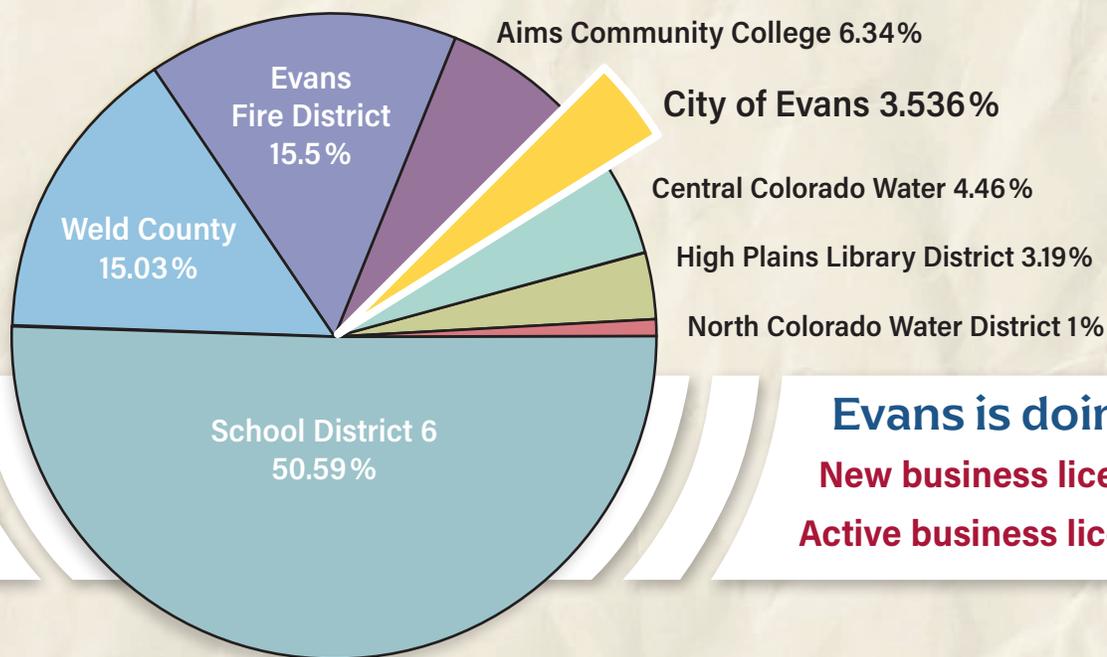
- ▶ Single family = 41 units, valuation = \$9,044,649
- ▶ Multi family (including duplexes) = 4 units
valuation = \$831,263

2020

- ▶ Single family = 67 units, valuation = \$13,299,766
- ▶ Multi family (including duplexes) = 173 units
valuation = \$19,374,093



Where does your property tax go?



Evans is doing business

New business licenses in 2021: 327

Active business licenses: 2,136

Boards and Commissions

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission provides public review for many development proposals. Projects presented to the Planning Commission include all types of development including residential, commercial, retail, agricultural, and industrial. Working with various City staff, the Planning Commission also makes recommendations on potential changes to zoning and land development standards to keep pace with the changing needs, vision, and values of the city and its residents. The Planning Commission also participates in the development of the City's Master Plan, which is a document that reflects the City's vision and values and provides direction for future growth.



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

This advisory board is the same group of individuals who compose the Planning Commission, and both are appointed by the City Council. The powers and duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals include hearing variances to specific development standards as outlined in the Municipal Code. The board also serves as the Fire Board of Appeals and may exercise other powers and duties as may be required by state law.



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS WATER AND SEWER BOARD

This five-member advisory board is appointed by the City Council. The board provides great value to the city, as it annually recommends minimum water rates to the City Council.

POPULATION

22,204



29.1

MEDIAN AGE

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

2.85



\$59,527

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

INCORPORATED SQUARE MILES

10.53



MEDIAN HOUSE
\$372,000
Sale Price



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