

Evans 2022 Annual Report





Queen City of the Platte



Hello City of Evans, my name is Mark Clark and I'm the new Mayor for the City of Evans. Many of you know me already. I've been a councilmember since 2014 and served as Mayor Pro-Tem. In April of 2022, I became your Mayor and I'm thrilled to serve this community.

If you don't know me, this is a great time for us to get acquainted. My wife and I reside in Evans City Council Ward II. We have lived in Evans nearly 20 years and have and raised both of our children here. I'm a Master Sergeant and active Reservist in the Wyoming Air National Guard, where I work in C-130 operations.

New was the word to describe 2022 in the City of Evans. In addition to my appointment, we appointed a new Mayor Pro-Tem, Amanda Castle. We also hired a new City Manager, Cody Sims, who was hired in December of 2022 and took over shortly after.

I take a pro-business, pro-family approach to growth and I want to see continued, positive expansion of the city. One of the things that we need to do in order to survive as a city is to be ready for growth and to be equipped for development. Embracing development means embracing business, and that's something I have at the top of my priority list.

A large part of the Evans City Council's strategic vision is to attract businesses to Evans. We are looking to bring people to this city, both residents and businesses alike. However, we don't want to lose the small-town charm that makes Evans a great place to raise a family. One of my favorite things about living in Evans is that small town feel. We're close enough to larger communities like Greeley and Windsor, but we maintain an intimate, neighborly culture along the South Platte River.

If you have ideas, questions, or concerns, feel free to email me at mclark@evanscolorado. gov or call me at 970-475-1170. Serving the residents of this wonderful community has-and continues to be--a great honor and I hope to serve you well into the future.

City Council MARK CLARK Mayor













spent significant time and effort in 2015 developing a vision for Evans. They asked themselves, "What would a future Evans look and feel like that would make it a great place to be?"

Here is their answer, which provides a direction for the future and helps staff work on the right things throughout the year to support councils' vision.

Mission Statement for the City of Evans

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

Vision Statement for the City of Evans

"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 Values for the City of Evans

- Innovation
- Reward Performance
- Value Relationships
- Internal & External Service Excellence
- Integrity
- Honesty
- Caring

- Respect
- Fairness
- Citizenship
- Courage
- Responsibility
- Trustworthiness

Council Priorities for the City of Evans

Council has identified six priority areas within their vision statement for the City of Evans. The icons shown below are a graphic representation of those priorities:

- · Evans is visually attractive, with clean neighborhoods, well maintained streets, parks, landscaping and public facilities. There are well written policies and attention to detail that encourages pride in neighborhoods.
- Evans is safe because we have well maintained streets, parks, public facilities and programs that address resident's concerns including CPAC, community policing, NHW, NNO, emergency preparedness.
- Evans is self-sufficient. We actively promote regional retail shopping opportunities located in Evans and we provide essential public services to our residents. We do this by ensuring our staff have capacity and resources and by promoting and leveraging beneficial and strategic partnerships.
- Evans is family friendly with a small town atmosphere where you feel at home. We provide a wide range of activities for all ages through our recreational amenities, and our residents take pride in our welcoming community.
- Evans has a diverse economy that has a mix of businesses (retail, industrial, office, and residential) to strengthen us during economic cycles. We have opportunities for shopping with retail locations throughout the City. We support the development of regional employment opportunities.
- Evans has a proactive and diverse capital infrastructure program supported by policies that promote long term planning for funding, growth, expansion, and maintenance.

new leaders in 2022

Leadership changes take root in Evans New Mayor Sworn in, new City Manager hired



Evans swears in new Mayor Mark Clark

For the first time since 2018, Evans has a new Mayor. On April 19th, 2022, Mark Clark was sworn into the position after spending several years as Mayor Pro-Tem. He replaces Brian Rudy, who served as Mayor from 2018-2022.

"One of the things we want to see, you know, throughout the city is, you know, the growth and continue expansion of the city," Clark said. "And one of the things that we need to do in order to survive as a city is to be ready for that growth, and be able to embrace that development."

Embracing development means embracing business.

"We really want to attract businesses here in Evans, and that's one of the things that we are going to be looking forward to. And that's one of the things Mayor Rudy and I had in common is we are both looking to bring people to Evans, both residents and businesses alike."

Despite Clark's vision to facilitate growth in Evans, he still wants to retain the neighborly culture that's embedded in the city.

Cody Sims hired as new City Manager

In December of 2022, Cody Sims was hired as the new City Manager of Evans. With experience in the public and private sector, Sims' keen eye for economic growth made him the man for the job.

"Certainly, economic development was a priority. When I was applying for the job, I took advantage of a long weekend back in early September for Labor Day, and we drove out there 1200 miles round trip to drive through Evans and to see Evans personally, in the event that if I made it through the selection process, I would know what we would have to work on."

Evans Mayor Clark agreed. Sims economic acumen is overt.

"One of the things that made him stand out was the fact that he has a very diverse knowledge of economic development, something that's been one of council's priorities for several years now. And we feel that with his

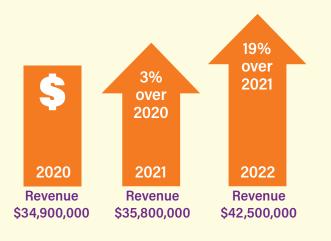


background and his track record for growth in other communities that he's worked in, he will put Evans on the trajectory for the next ten years to hopefully prosper and achieve the economic growth that we as a council desire."

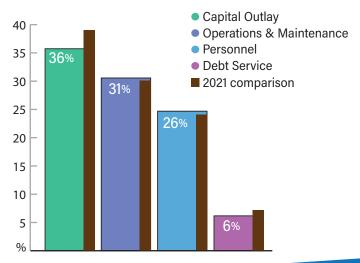
Sims's preparation for the position was sculpted over two decades in various public service capacities. Most recently, Sims served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Augusta, Kansas. Prior to that, he was the Economic Development Director and Interim Director of Engineering for the City of Wellington, Kansas.

"Infrastructure contributes to the functionality of the community and that is something that is very near and dear to my heart," Sims said. "If you don't have good streets, people aren't going to be interested in the community. They don't want to navigate towns that have potholes everywhere."

Evans Budgeted Revenue



2022 Budgeted Expenditures



fiscal summary

Residential sales and valuation

2022

Single family = 14 units, valuation = \$3,586,467

2021

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







New businesses in Evans

New business licenses in 2022: 351 Active business licenses: 2347

road tax report card



You Deserve Safe Streets

That's why the condition of our roads is a top priority for the Evans City Council. Since the residents overwhelmingly passed a 1% Sales Tax for Street Maintenance and repair in 2019, the city has completed, broken ground on, or designed more than 40 infrastructure projects. Council recognizes that there is much more work to do. In this brochure, residents can learn about the major street projects that were initiated or completed in 2022 that have made Evans a safer, more attractive community to live in and drive through.

35th Avenue MILL AND OVERLAY

Part of the completed 2022 pavement management project, the City of Evans finished a 3" mill and overlay from the 35th Avenue intersection with 37th Street all the way north to the city limit. The project also included a restripe of the entire road.



23rd Avenue

The City of Evans constructed a brand-new road that connects 37th Street to 42nd Street and called it 23rd Avenue. This widened access improves the overall flow north and south in Evans from the city limits to 42nd Street. Traffic signal improvements are planned for the 37th Street intersection and additional streetlights will be installed along the corridor. The design will allow for a future extension of Quay Street to the east. With an assist from Weld County, the City of Evans completed the design and construction of the eastern half of the roadway to create a 4-lane arterial road with 10-ft



sidewalks on each side. The new roadway provides one more access into and out of the Willowbrook Subdivision. This helps reduce some delays onto the east-west arterials at 29th Street. Landscaping and many other improvements are on the way in 2023.

BROKE GROUND: July 2022 COMPLETED: May 2023 APPROXIMATE COST: \$2.4M BUDGET: \$2.7M



Idaho Street



BROKE GROUND: March 2022 COMPLETED: September 2022 APPROXIMATE COST: \$1.5M BUDGET: \$1.8M

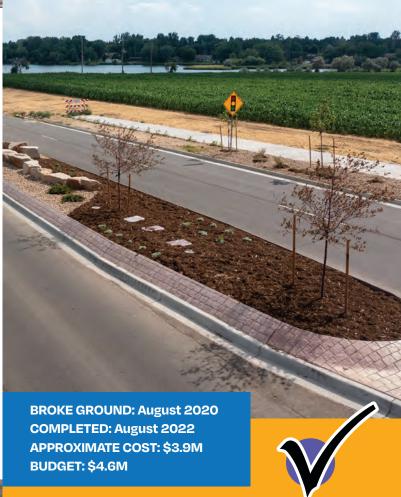
When vision meets strategy, a project is built with impeccable, sustainable standards. Idaho Street, from 42nd to 40th Street, was a street where Evans solved multiple infrastructure problems with one project. Prior to 2022, the existing waterlines under Idaho Street were old and undersized. There was no storm sewer infrastructure at Idaho Street, causing the dirt road to be nearly impassable at times. To remedy those issues, Evans partnered with CivilWorx to design the following:

- Install storm sewer infrastructure
- Replace old 6-inch waterline with 8-inch PVC waterline in Idaho, 40th and 41st Streets
- Pave Idaho Street for safer driving
- Expansion of the railroad detention pond on the north side of 40th Street and west of Denver to store and release stormwater slowly into the existing downstream storm sewer infrastructure



47th Avenue WIDENING

47th Avenue serves as a key north/south corridor between Evans and Greeley. In 2022, the arterial roadway doubled in size from a 2-lane to a 4-lane arterial, providing a crucial pressure release valve to heavy traffic in the rapidly expanding residential neighborhoods in west Evans. Beautiful landscaping adorns the center of the street and provides the developing residential area enhanced aesthetics and improved driveability



The Road Ahead in 2023!

- Roundabout at 47th Ave and 37th St
- Chip Sealing
- Empire Street asphalt reconstruction
- 35th Street asphalt mill & overlay
- Two Rivers Parkway asphalt skin patch

Neighborhood Services

aims to beautify your city



In 2022, the city saw significant gains in cleanliness and code compliance. Our Neighborhood Services department is dedicated to enhancing the aesthetic beauty of your city. Below, you can find key statistics that show our commitment to community engagement and beautification.





- 46 Neighborhood Party Trailer Reservations
- 6 properties awarded the Yard of the Month award
- Two cleanup events collecting 3220 loads of trash and debris and 893 tires.
- Bike to Work Day was June 22
- 8 volunteer events with United Way and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

Code Enforcement:

- 2,268 Inspections conducted
- 580 Penalty Citations Issued
- 898 Violations Addressed

Spring and Fall Clean Up Events





Cops in the Community







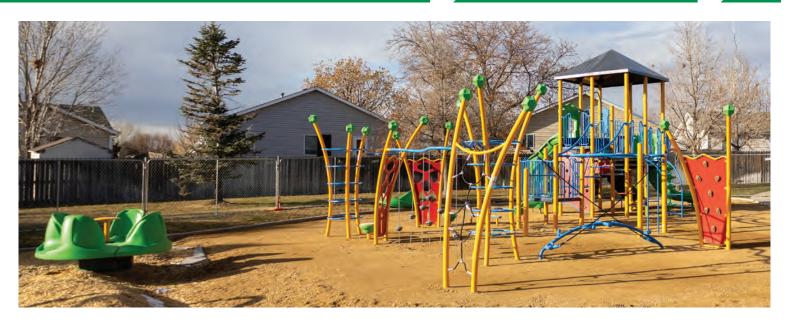








family friendly



Public participation renders new playground equipment in Evans

You voted, and we acted.

If you were strolling through an Evans neighborhood near Prairie View, Pioneer, Vineyard, or Ridge Park in the summer of 2022, you may have noticed a sign that read: "New playgrounds coming this fall." The signs also adorned a QR code that directed residents to a survey seeking public opinion on new playground designs at those parks. After nearly 200 responses to the survey, the parks received brand-new playground equipment.

The equipment prioritizes safety by utilizing modern fall protection materials. A Poured in Place system (PIP) was installed around the equipment and Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) is also placed outside of the fall zones to create materials cost savings.

"Just a thumbs up. The new playground at Pioneer Park is amazing/colorful/challenging and fun. Great job City of Evans" – Evans resident Deborah Hawkins said on Facebook.

Timing is everything. Old age and the availability of replacement parts were motivating factors to replacing the equipment. The project was put up for bid and six different companies submitted proposals. Altitude Recreation's proposal scored the highest

because they provided 3 different play options for

each site. According to the City Council's staff report, "they took a thoughtful approach to how they incorporated the use of poured in place rubber and engineered wood fiber to reduce surfacing costs and provide more play

amenities."



community

Four new playground parks were completed by the end of the year.

Prairie View Park

The new playground features a 2-5 play structure and a 5-12 play structure with the 5-12 structure reaching heights of 20 feet and a geodesic rope climber over 8 feet tall.



This new playground features a 2-5 play structure **Pioneer Park** and a 5-12 play structure with several climbing pods, a merry go all, and an arched climbing structure.







Ridge Park

received a refresh consisting of 4 new standalone play amenities combined with the existing 5-12 play structure and swings. The new play amenities feature a sensory dome climber, a traverse climbing wall, merry go all and a sensory wave seat. The decision to not completely replace the play structure and swings at Ridge Park was done to allow for a more complex and impressive structure at Prairie View Park which is one of our larger regional parks and draws many visitors from outside the neighborhood and daycares since it also has restroom facilities.

responsive city



Major Evans PD Cases:

2020 Rodeway Inn Homicide Trial:

The homicide trial for the 2020 Rodeway Inn homicide was completed in late 2022. The trial lasted two weeks and had multiple officers to include Investigations testify in the proceedings. Detective Kauffman was the advisory witness as he had been the lead Detective for the case. At the conclusion of the trial the suspect was sentenced to life in prison with out the chance of parole.

Attempted Homicide Myrtle Street:

Two inebriated roommates got into an argument which led to a physical altercation where one of the males stabbed the second male several times. The victim is recovering, and the suspect is in custody awaiting trial.

Sex Assault:

Victim disclosed that she was sexually assaulted by a male. After an exhaustive investigation that spanned different jurisdictions, it was discovered that there were an additional five victims that the male had been grooming and assaulting. The male was arrested out of state and extradited back to Weld County where he is in custody awaiting trial.

Shooting Rachel Ct:

Juvenile victim was asleep in their room when they were struck by a bullet in the leg. It was determined that the shot had come from outside of the residence from a vehicle. The case was under investigation at the time this publication was printed.

Assist US Marshals Rodeway Inn:

Investigations assisted US Marshals in apprehending a homicide suspect from Tennessee. The suspect was arrested out of the hotel room and the firearm used in the homicide was recovered. Detective Rodriguez went to Tennessee to testify during the homicide trial.

services



Crime Statistics

Persons Crimes4
(assaults, child abuse, etc.)
Death Investigations7
Robbery0
Homicides0
Sex Offenses56
General Investigations5
Arson1
Failure to Register8
Total Cases81
Sex Offender Management:
Total Registered SXO's 68
New Registrations31
Deregistration's16

Total SVP's.....1

New mural brings new life to Police Station



MURAL AT EVANS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
BY ARMANDO SILVA







Walking into the Evans Police Station has never looked so good thanks to a new mural that's been installed on the south side of the facility.

The artful display was created by locally renowned artist Armando Silva, who adds this painting to a portfolio that can be seen across the walls of downtown Greeley and many areas of Northern Colorado. Mr. Silva is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado and has a keen interest in giving back to his community through his art. (artmandosilva.com)

It consists of a trio of 4×8 -foot aluminum panels that affixed together and fastened to the wall. The timing coincides with the completion

of the ECC parking lot and sidewalk replacement project and the next phase of ECC landscaping that will be completed during the summer of 2022. The theme of the mural is the theme of the city's Master Plan: "Evans: Where Rivers and Opportunities Meet." The intent is to share key concepts from that plan, celebrate the City's history and – quite literally – paint a picture of what the new comprehensive plan can mean for our community's future. Residents can read about the new Community Master Plan here:

https://bit.ly/3pzHGQD.

Mr. Silva is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado and has a keen interest in giving back to his community through his art. You have likely seen his work contribute to the revitalization of downtown Greeley and now you can view his latest piece right here at the Evans Community Complex. ART MAN DO. (artmandosilva.com)

The mural is an illustrated take on "the place where rivers and opportunities meet." It features two prominent figures against a backdrop that turns from night today, dotted with butterflies which are traditionally a symbol of transformation. Much of the symbolism speaks to the city's deep agricultural roots, but several noteworthy elements express our vision for the future. A pair of hands shaking emerges from mountainous shapes and bolsters two children with their hearts on fire who are coming together in the center to sprout something new. The river flows from the mountains, with a pair of hands holding the future. These central components touch on the idea of collaboration in building a bright future and are supported by symbols of education and a key unlocking our potential toward the bottom of the piece. A multitude of colors in each of the larger figures' skin tones, as well as the kaleidoscopic quality of the piece as a whole, express our community's rich diversity. There are some raindrops on the female figure, and the night sky as well as a lightning bolt of creativity and energy on the male figure. The moon and sun are in opposite corners. The two larger figures hold seeds that can be viewed as seeds of hope, change, and growth, while the halos suggest a celestial or universal quality, uniting each of these elements.

"We are thrilled to present this work to the community this summer as we begin the next chapter in Evans, Where Rivers and Opportunities Meet," Evans Public Works Director Randy Ready," said.

resiliant economy



Tight Knit Brewing

Evans welcomed a staple in the Weld County brewing community in 2022. Tight Knit Brewing opened a brewing operations center at 3940 Carson Ave., Unit 4, near the Evans Community Complex on 37th Street. The new facility is nearly 3,000 square feet and will allow the brewery to more than triple its volume with a 10-barrel system.

"We are very excited and pleased to have joined the Evans community! We are working diligently to provide the best



quality beers in Weld County and NoCO. When someone reads our labels "manufactured in Evans, Colorado" we want to make the constituents of Evans proud! We hold ourselves to the highest standards so rest assured we will represent you well. Please look for us on the shelves of your neighborhood liquor store or restaurant. If you don't see us somewhere, please ask the proprietor to support us and partner with us supporting local employment and family-owned businesses in Evans!"



Innovative Foods rebuilds

Following a devastating fire in 2020, Innovative Foods rebuilt bigger and better than ever. The Evans-based meat processing plant constructed a new facility that's nearly 13,000 square feet, triple the size of their original plant.



Dollar General

Evans residents received a new grocery store option when Dollar General opened its doors to the community in 2022. The new store is located near the intersection of 11th Avenue and 32nd Street.



QuikTrip breaks ground

A high-profile development broke ground in late 2022, when convenience store giant QuikTrip began constructing its newest facility at Highway 85 and 31st

Street in Evans. The new convenience store brings brand name recognition to the area and provides travelers with another option for food and gas. The convenience store's arrival will also restore the property's appearance after the former tenant, the Stampede Truck Plaza and Double-Clutch Café were torn down to make room for QuikTrip.

Evans is the latest in a flurry of new QuikTrip's to be built in Colorado. According to the company's website, QT is planning 70 locations in Colorado; about half are already underway.















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https://linktr.ee/cityofevans



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