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# BACK TO SCHOOL DURING COVID

## What You Need to Know to Stay Safe this Fall



**Schools are reopening this month, but it's hardly business as usual for your kiddos. Greeley-Evans Weld County School District 6 has the following guidelines in place to keep students and faculty as safe as possible:**

### **Elementary, K-8 and Middle Schools:**

- All elementary, K-8 and middle schools will host a phased return to school by having one-third of students attend each of the first three days of school. Students who are learning in-person will have their first day of school on August 17, or August 18, or August 19. You will be notified by your school or schools as to which day your student should report. Students will only report for one of these three days. Students from the same household will return on the same day. On the other two days, students will remain home or stay with a caregiver.
- On August 20 and 21, all students will attend school. Kindergarten students will start as planned on August 19.
- Families will be asked to complete a COVID-19 symptom check at home with each child every day. Children who have even one of the symptoms **must** be kept home.
- Students and staff will wear a mask to school. Upon arrival at school, students and staff will have their temperature taken. Students will go directly to their home classroom or first block class. Students will be kept in cohorts as much as possible throughout the day. A cohort is a group that is kept together and does not interact with other groups. Cohorts are essential to help keep students and staff safe, and in the case there is a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, it will help health officials track who that individual may have come in contact with. You will receive more information and guidance from the District 6 Health Services Team before school begins.

### **COVID-19 REMINDERS FOR EVERYONE:**

 **ALL students and staff are required to wear masks to school (unless medical documentation is provided)**

 **Wash hands frequently, and for at least 20 seconds each time**

 **Limit interactions when possible and keep hands away from face and mouth**

 **Anyone showing any symptoms of COVID must stay home**

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## High Schools:

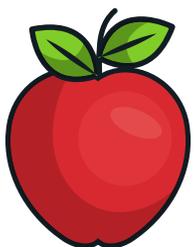
- All high schools will be on a “hybrid” schedule this semester, and potentially the entire school year. One-half of the students at a high school will attend in-person classes two days a week and the other half will attend two different days a week. When students are not on campus for in-person learning, students will be engaged in remote learning. One day a week will be full remote learning for all high school students and teachers.
- High schools will operate on a block schedule this year for in-person learning. Students will have access to electives, advanced placement and International Baccalaureate courses. Some elective classes will look different due to health restrictions. Some extracurricular activities and athletics will be available as health guidance permits.
- All students and staff will wear a mask to school. Upon arrival at school, students and staff will have their temperature taken. Students will go directly to their first block class. Students will be kept in cohorts as much as possible throughout the day. A cohort is a group that is kept together and does not interact with other groups. Cohorts are essential to help keep students and staff safe, and in the case there is a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, it will help health officials track who that individual may have come in contact with. You will receive more information and guidance from the District 6 Health Services Team before school begins.

## Full Online Learning

- Students will be assigned a computer to use for the school year and will receive additional information about when to pick up the device from their school. Online classes will begin August 20. If your plans have changed and you would like to switch your registration to attend school in-person, please email [onlinelearning@greeleyschools.org](mailto:onlinelearning@greeleyschools.org).

## Preschool

- Preschool will start as scheduled on August 25. Families will be contacted directly prior to the start. Staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask. Preschool students will not be required to wear a mask at school.



**For any additional questions or concerns, please contact your child's school directly.**



# Officer McClatchey's Corner



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RESCHEDULED FOR OCT. 6



The City of Evans' National Night Out has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 6th.

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

Details for the locations of NNO are still being worked out in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, but as of now the Evans PD will be hosting at least one site at the park at 15th Avenue and 34th Street.

Those interested in hosting an event in their neighborhood are encouraged to contact Officer Teresa McClatchey at **970-590-1504**.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Evans residents are encouraged to donate school supplies to help kids in the Greeley/Evans School District 6. The items in need are: notebooks, paper, pencils, markers, erasers, glue, Kleenex, crayons, and folders.

Donations will be received at the Evans Police Department at 1100 37th Street in Evans between 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Residents should look for the box placed directly outside the customer service window of the Police Department. Additional inquiries should be directed to Officer Teresa McClatchey: [tmclatchey@evanscolorado.gov](mailto:tmclatchey@evanscolorado.gov) or **970-590-1504**

Donations can be dropped off through August 14th.



# EVANS MASTER PLAN MONTHLY SURVEYS RUN ON YOUR FEEDBACK

The City of Evans seeks your input to help us shape our future!

Each month the City has created a Master Plan Survey in order to gather resident feedback. Evans City Planner, Lauren Richardson, explains what the focuses of the surveys have been thus far:

“Our June survey focused on Water Conservation, and the results helped us better understand what areas of water conservation policy that residents were supportive of. For instance, we found out that the majority of respondents would like to see new water conservation incentives for new development and more native, drought-tolerant landscaping. These items will be included in the Master Plan Update and are potential tools we can use in the future.

Our July survey is focused on Natural Resources. This is intended to help us better understand the areas of importance regarding Evans’ natural resources, specifically the river corridors.”

Getting a variety of feedback from a large cross-section of our population is crucial.

“Resident feedback is incredibly important,” Richardson says. “It will help inform us as to what needs to be included in the Master Plan, also known as the Comprehensive Plan. The Master Plan is a strategic guide book to provide the City of Evans with a vision for future growth. It will capture a snapshot of what Evans is today as a community and will be used as a vision for our community’s future.”

To access these surveys and submit your answers, go to:

**[www.evanscolorado.gov/masterplan/monthly-surveys](http://www.evanscolorado.gov/masterplan/monthly-surveys)**



# INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES



The City of Evans, working with Global Underground, wrapped up the new waterline installation project on 17th Avenue in July. **It was ahead of schedule by nearly a month and under budget.** As a result of this project, the residents have a new water line under the street, new remote-read water meters, and a newly paved intersection at 34th Street that will make that intersection safer. The City of Evans wants to thank all residents, especially those along the 3400-3500 blocks of 17th Avenue for their patience during the construction. The City of Evans also wants to thank Global Underground for their excellent work completing the project so smoothly and keeping the disruptions to a minimum. 17th Avenue is open to 4-lane traffic effective 07/21/2020.



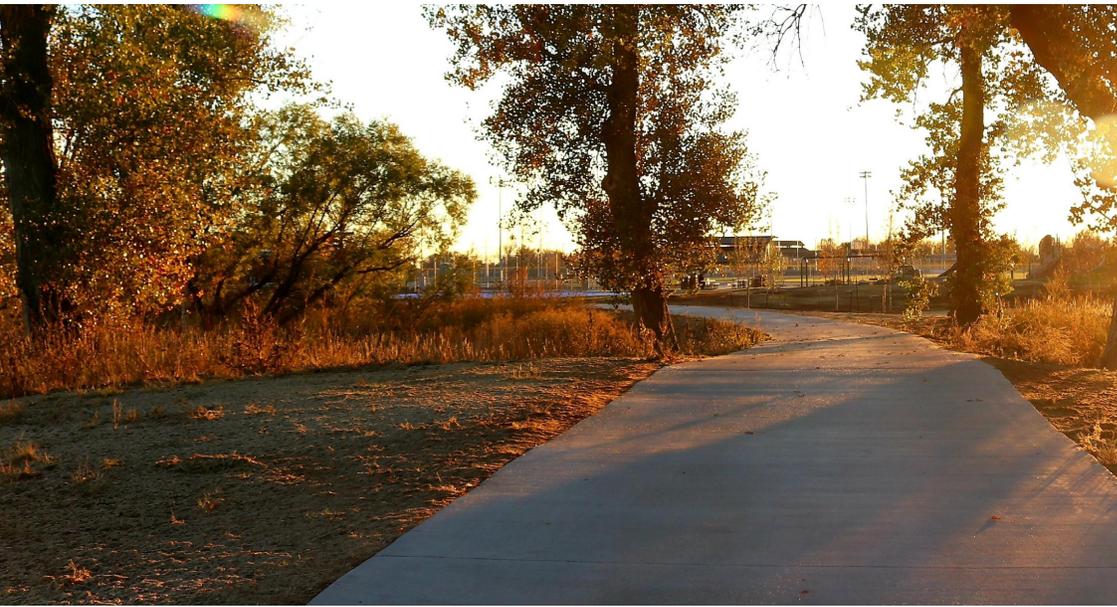
**Contact Mark Oberschmidt at (970) 475-1110, or [moberschmidt@evanscolorado.gov](mailto:moberschmidt@evanscolorado.gov), if you have any questions.**



The City of Evans is in the design stage for a 1.25 mile road project that will greatly improve drive along 37th Street from 23rd Avenue east to the UPRR crossing. Using City, Weld County, and CDOT funds, Evans will be replacing damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalks along the route. In addition, handicapped ramps will be replaced to bring them up to the current requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which will improve pedestrian access. The final part of the project will include pavement repair and a complete overlay of the entire road surface.

"The City's projected construction schedule includes start of construction on August 24th with substantial completion of the project no later than December 4th, and final completion no later than December 31st, 2020," said Rick Pickard, Senior Civil Engineer for the City of Evans.

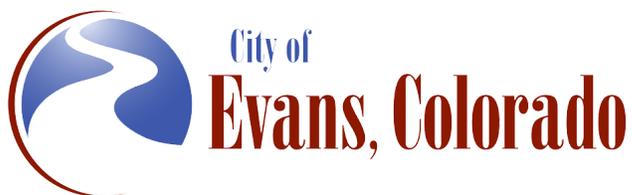




# RIVERSIDE PARK OPEN SPACE RESTORATION PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION COURTESY OF KYLE FEHR,  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF  
EVANS:

"The Riverside Park Open Space Restoration project is an eight week project to cut and chip woody vegetation, remove trash and remaining flood debris, and open up the forested west end of Riverside Park to recreation. The \$47,400 project was funded by Great Outdoors Colorado through a grant administered by the Colorado Youth Corps Association. The Weld County Youth Conservation Corps has been working in the project area for nearly two months and has nearly completed the project. After the completion of the project, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is scheduling three volunteer project dates in September and October to spread remaining wood mulch and will even be seeding for native grasses in December."



# JULY'S YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Luis Adame of 2622 Park View Drive for winning the Evans Yard of the Month award for July 2020!

The Evans Yard of the Month program seeks to positively recognize residents who take pride in their homes and their communities. One winner is selected by Neighborhood Services staff each month during the growing season for displaying exemplary property maintenance and receives a yard sign and a \$50 gift Card to Happy Life Gardens.

If you would like to nominate a neighbor for Yard of the Month you can do so in the Neighborhood Services section of the City's website at: [www.evanscolorado.gov](http://www.evanscolorado.gov).



## DID YOU KNOW...

...that you can report code violations through the City of Evans website? Simply go to the Code Enforcement section of the Neighborhood Services page to fill out a quick form that is submitted directly to our Neighborhood Services staff. There is also an FAQ section, lists of common violations, and a variety of other resources available:

[www.evanscolorado.gov/codeenforcement](http://www.evanscolorado.gov/codeenforcement)

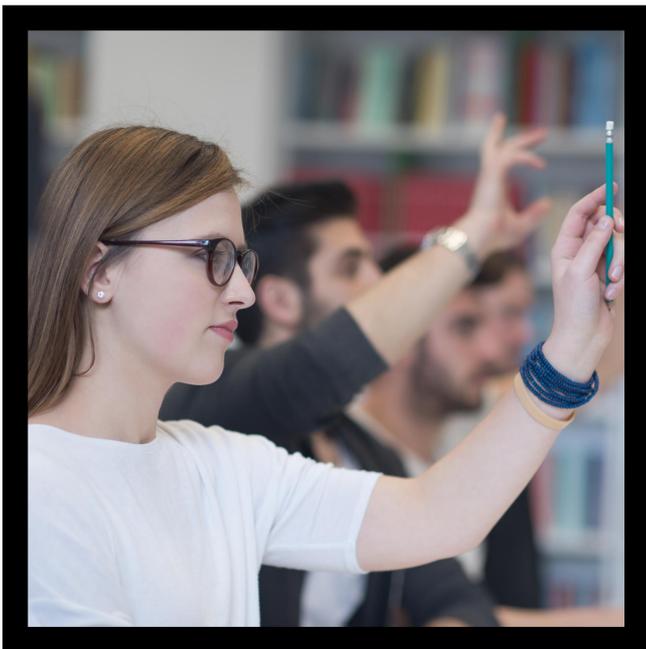




# CITIZENS POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On the second Friday of each month Evans residents are encouraged to attend meetings of the Citizens Police Advisory Committee. CPAC is comprised of members who discuss concerns in the Evans community and bring law enforcement related issues to the police department's attention.

The meetings are always open to the public and anyone can attend. Currently the meetings are available to be attended in person (with social distancing protocols and masks required), or they can be attended via Zoom meetings as well. To attend a CPAC meeting you can message the Evans PD on Facebook to request a spot and to receive further details.



**CPAC looks to develop a strong, positive relationship with the Police Department and better the community.**

City of Evans Police Chief Rick Brandt talks about how CPAC has already made a difference in the Evans community and how maintaining open communication with residents will continue to strengthen our City.

"[The Citizens Police Advisory Committee is] an opportunity to empower our residents," Chief Brandt said.

He also talks about the importance of listening to one another in order to achieve common ground. When issues are brought forth from residents and are given a chance to be discussed with law enforcement, Chief Brandt says oftentimes folks will see that everyone is on the same team.

"We need to break down the barriers, [have] honest communication, be transparent, and build a relationship [with residents]," Chief Brandt said.

# EVANS HERITAGE DAYS CANCELLED FOR 2020

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, and in the interest of the health and safety of Evans residents, Evans Heritage Days has been cancelled for 2020.

"After multiple Heritage Days Committee meetings, Recreation staff presented a few options for the 2020 Heritage Days to City Council on July 7," said Jen Baiamonte, Events and Rentals Manager for the City of Evans. "Each option took into account the current guidelines set forward from the State of Colorado for outdoor events. Following discussions of the strict guidelines for public safety and taking into account staffing issues, City Council unanimously made the difficult decision to cancel the event for this year."

In 2019, Evans expanded Heritage Days to a two-day festival and added a fireworks presentation and hot-air balloon rides among a variety of other attractions. The 2019 festival also marked a Sesquicentennial celebration for the City of Evans. The City looked to ride the momentum of the successful event into 2020, but hopes are high that next year's iteration will be even more spectacular.

"The Heritage Days Committee hopes to be able to bring a bigger and better event in 2021," said Baiamonte.



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# Come Workout Ready.

## Effective Immediately

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Workout times **MUST** be reserved in advance

Masks required while inside the Recreation Center but may be removed while on a piece of exercise equipment

Pre-entry screening including body temperature required at main entrance of Community Complex

Restrooms available but **NO** locker room access

Cubbys will be available  
Contactless payment preferred-  
i.e. credit/debit cards  
Gymnasium closed for use

Monday & Wednesday | 9 am- 7 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 7 am-5 pm

Saturday & Sunday | **CLOSED**

*\*please note that these hours may change\**

1100 37th St., Evans, CO | 970-475-1125 | [recreation@evanscolorado.gov](mailto:recreation@evanscolorado.gov)

