



EVANS EXPRESS



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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF EVANS

Evans, Colorado

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Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with local children at Evans Community Complex

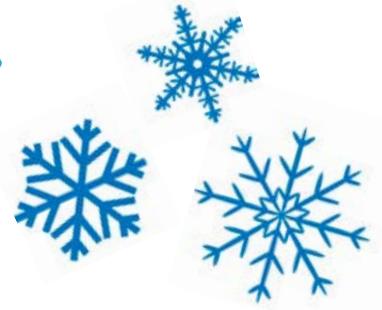
Christmas Holiday Closures at City Facilities

Evans Community Complex will be closed on Monday, December 24
and Tuesday, December 25th

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Let there be light!



It wasn't the voltage the Griswolds put into their holiday lights in the movie National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, but the excitement was just as palpable and the outcome was more delightful.

Around 200 residents gathered outside the Evans Community Complex to watch the inaugural tree lighting ceremony for the City of Evans. There were no Chevy Chase sightings, but the tree lighting ceremony felt like a scene from a movie.

"The energy of the town was amazing," Jessica Gonifas, Evans Deputy City Manger said. "There's just something special about this time of year. I love how the Christmas lights turn our city into a winter wonderland."

On the final day of November around 6:30pm, the snow began to fall, creating an idyllic setting for the holiday lighting ceremony. The tree, wrapped with hundreds of bulbs, dazzled the crowd as it glittered in the falling snow. The row of bushes that trims the Community Complex illuminated into a glowing canvas of red, green, and gold. Inside the building another type of holiday scene unfolded. Two live reindeer, along with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, stole the show in the gym, as kids lined up to pet Santa's favorite animal. Alongside the reindeer, dance performances from the Evans Recreation Youth Dance squad took center stage.

"We've set a high bar for Christmas lighting ceremonies," Mark Clark, Evans Mayor Pro-Tem said. "This is the first time we've done this and I can't imagine doing it any better. But, I know that we will make it better each year. This is a great event for our city to rally around."

Music was provided throughout the night by Frontier Academy String Ensemble. Also, the group 11th Avenue Acapella filled the night with the sweet sounds of Christmas.



Santa Cops Toy Drive

Evans police collect nearly 500 donated toys

Evans, CO – Chilly temperatures and warm hearts were on display the Saturday following Thanksgiving. On November 24th several members of the Evans Police Department stood outside of Walmart from 11am-2pm for the Santa Cops Toy Drive. Shoppers and residents donated to children who can't afford new toys during the holidays.



"This is just another example of the Evans community rallying around each other," Bobby Gallegos, Evans Police Officer said. "We're always blown away by the amount of support that children receive in Evans."

The Evans Police Department along with several Weld County Law Enforcement agencies collected approximately 450 toys that will be donated to children in need before Christmas.

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"Delivering toys on Christmas never gets old," Rick Brandt, Evans Police Chief said. "No child should have to endure the holidays without basic needs. Hopefully, this helps those parents who have to decide between paying bills or putting presents under the tree."

The toy drive will continue through Dec. 24th. Residents may drop off new, unwrapped toys at the front desk of the Evans Police Department from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday.

35th Ave Widening is Underway

City of Evans breaks ground on infrastructure upgrades

Construction is underway to widen 35th Avenue in Evans. The goal is to transform the road into a four-lane arterial standard for north and southbound traffic between 37th Street and Prairie View Drive. Currently, 35th Avenue is a two-lane road.

"This is a major win for the City of Evans," Mayor Brian Rudy said. "Widening 35th Avenue will alleviate traffic congestion and create new opportunities for businesses on the west side of Evans."

No road closures are expected, however residents should expect one-lane traffic at times during construction.

"The fact that we can accomplish vital road construction that will benefit our residents while keeping the road open is a credit to our engineering staff," said City Manager Jim Becklenberg. "They are working hard to minimize the impact on our residents."

Mountain Constructors won the bid and began construction on November 12th with an anticipated completion date of mid-June 2019. The project carries a price tag of approximately \$2 million. A federal grant will provide over \$1.1 million dollars for the construction. The rest will be paid for through the City's Capital Street fund.

"This project has been a major need for the City of Evans and to see it break ground is great news for our residents," Mayor Rudy said.

Along with the additional lanes, 35th Avenue will feature a pedestrian pathway for walkers and bikers. It will also be constructed with a new storm water system for drainage.



34th Street Park Ready for Ribbon-Cutting

Join us on Saturday, December 15th



It broke ground in September and will be ready for the holidays. The City of Evans will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the brand new 34th street park at 2pm on Saturday, December 15th. The event is free and open to the public. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided.



"The best part is that this is truly our park," Amanda Castle, Evans' resident and City Council Member said. "The city asked us what we wanted here. We told them and they made it a reality. We're so thankful."

The new park replaces the old municipal pool that was a mainstay for many years at the corner of 34th & 15th Avenue. Aside from the new park's pleasing aesthetics, the area features a walking trail and pergola. It is trimmed with a 6' concrete loop trail and has room for a potential restroom and playground.

"We're proud of the parks this city has built," Brian Stone, Evans Recreation Director said. "This one is particularly special because it's the creation of this neighborhood. We held meetings with them, asked them what they wanted, and they responded with a beautiful new space."



With the addition of 34th Street Park, the City of Evans is now home to 13 parks scattered throughout the city. Historic Riverside Park on the east side of town held its grand re-opening in October of 2018. The park had not been in use since the flood of 2013 ravaged the area adjacent to the South Platte River.

Cops Fighting Cancer

"It's an event that changed my life."

Evans Police Sergeant Rob Wardlaw can't express the impact that the Cops Fighting Cancer event has had on him.

"These are amazing kids and this is an awesome event," Wardlaw said. "I can't imagine what the children and their parents are going through, but there's nothing in the world like seeing a child's eyes light up when they see the Police Officers visiting them in the hospital over the holidays."

Wardlaw, along with other several members of the Evans Police Department will participate in the annual Cops Fighting Cancer event at Children's Hospital in Aurora, CO on Thursday, December 13th.



"These kids are the strongest people I've ever met. It's awe-inspiring to find out what some of them are dealing with on a day-to-day basis. And then, to watch them smile: it's humbling and inspiring," Wardlaw said.

Cops Fighting Cancer is made up of police and civilian volunteers providing emotional, practical financial support making a REAL difference in the fight against cancer. Cops Fighting Cancer provides individualized financial support to families with the "every day" financial obligations that we all face, rent/mortgage, car payments, insurance premiums, food, clothing, and other financial obligations. Cops Fighting Cancer focuses on the "most pressing need", and works to meet it. This allows the patient and families to focus on getting better.

Emotional Support:

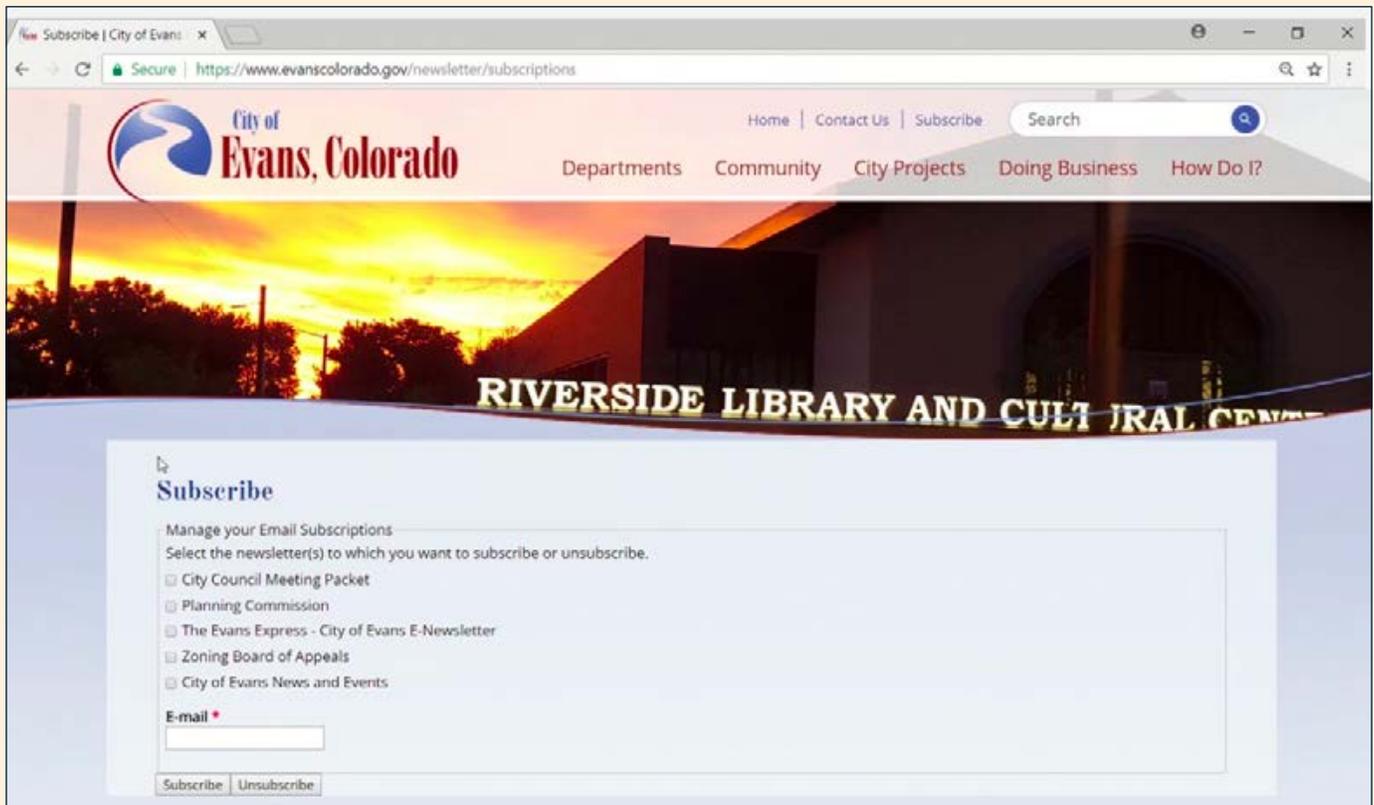
A cancer diagnosis can be devastating and it is even more devastating when the diagnosis is that of a child. The entire world changes and now all the focus is on the person with the diagnosis or the child with the diagnosis. This is where Cops Fighting Cancer can help. Our volunteers understand the world continues to move forward while the world of the families battling cancer seem to stop. Cops Fighting Cancer lends a shoulder to lean on and asks what can we do? In many cases, its just being there to listen or it is providing a hug or giving a toy to bring a smile to a child's face.

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City of Evans Facility Rentals

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- CONFERENCES • SPECIAL EVENTS • FUNDRAISERS • REHEARSAL DINNERS •
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Evans Community Complex

1100 37th Street Evans, CO 80620

Evans Community Complex combines a small-town atmosphere with the rich history of Evans to provide the perfect venue for any event at an affordable cost. From a baby shower for 30 people to a wedding reception for 400 people, this venue can provide you with accommodations to fit your needs.

Rooms are available: Sunday - Thursday from 6am to 11pm Friday - Saturday from 6am to 1am

RENTAL SPACE	CAPACITY			SECURITY FEE*	HOURLY RATES
	Theater	Banquet	Classroom		
Full Banquet Hall	220	205	128	\$500	Full Banquet Hall Class II: \$65 / hour Class III: \$90 / hour
1/2 Banquet Hall	110	85	64	\$400	1/2 Banquet Hall Class II: \$40 / hour Class III: \$55 / hour

The Banquet Hall can be rented as one large room or half a room. Each area has its own sink and counter-top area handy for serving. An outside patio is also available. Space can accommodate a buffet line, dance floor, & gift tables. The full Banquet Hall must be rented for all Saturday rentals May to September.

RENTAL SPACE	CAPACITY			SECURITY FEE*	HOURLY RATES
	Theater	Banquet	Classroom		
Gymnasium	575	375	152	\$650	Class II: \$140 / hour Class III: \$190 / hour

The Gymnasium can be turned into the Complex's largest room for receptions. For receptions, a vinyl floor is placed on top of the hardwood to create a more formal atmosphere. The Gym is available to rent during the summer with limited availability the rest of the year.

RENTAL SPACE	CAPACITY			SECURITY FEE*	HOURLY RATES
	Theater	Banquet	Classroom		
Activity Room & Dance Studio	55	45	32	\$250	Class II: \$25 / hour Class III: \$40 / hour

These rooms are perfect for a small meeting or reception. The Activity Room is carpeted and the Dance Studio has hard wood. Each room has an adult & youth sink, counter space & a sound system. There is also access to a fenced-in grass play area next to the Activity Room.

Kitchen

There is a convenient full service kitchen with curbside loading area available for Banquet and Gymnasium Rentals. You can choose any caterer for your event or keep it simple and serve your own refreshment.

Class II & III Descriptions

Class II: Non-Profit, Civic, and Service Organizations
Class III: Private Groups

City of Evans Facility Rentals



Riverside Library & Cultural Center

3700 Golden Street Evans, CO 80620

Riverside Library & Cultural Center combines style and sophistication with the rich history of Evans to provide the perfect venue for any event at an affordable cost. Whether you are holding a small board meeting or hosting a 275 person wedding reception, this venue has space for you.

Rooms are available: Sunday - Thursday from 6am to 10pm Friday - Saturday from 6am to 12am

RENTAL SPACE	CAPACITY			SECURITY FEE*	HOURLY RATES
	Theater	Banquet	Classroom		
Full Banquet Hall	300	275	205	\$500	\$130
2/3 Banquet Hall	200	175	130	\$450	\$100
1/2 Banquet Hall	100	75	60	\$400	\$65

Featuring state-of-the art projection and audio systems, the Riverside Library & Cultural Center Banquet Hall can be utilized as three separate rooms accommodating up to 300 attendees. The flexibility of the Banquet Hall spaces supports the perfect wedding reception, quinceañera, employee recognition event, or family reunion. Full Banquet Hall rental is required for events held on Saturdays May - September.

RENTAL SPACE	CAPACITY	HOURLY RATE
Board Room	25	\$50

This comfortable meeting room with advanced technology can accommodate up to 20 at a single boardroom table. Featuring a 72" Modopad, audio enhancing capability for conference calls and Wi-Fi, this room is ideal for board retreats and other meetings of importance.

Weekend rentals at Riverside Library and Cultural Center will be provided the opportunity to decorate rooms for no more than four hours on the day of the rental at a discounted price of \$30/hr.

GENERAL FACILITY RENTAL INFORMATION

If you would like a rental quote, tour of the facility or to make further inquiries on availability for your event, please email Jen Baiamonte at jbaiamonte@evanscolorado.gov or call 970-475-1125. All reservations must be made in person, by appointment only, at Evans Community Complex 1100 37th Street, Evans CO, 80620

Alcohol is allowed and must be arranged prior to final payment date with ABC Mixology 970-576-2044. Additional bartending fees will apply.

*SECURITY FEE is applied when alcohol is served at an event. Fee includes the presence of one security guard per 100 people. Rentals exceeding 8 hours will incur an additional \$100/hr fee.

A non-refundable reservation fee of \$250 is required upon signing contract to secure the reservation. This fee will be applied to the total cost of the rental. Setup of tables and chairs is included with every rental. There is a 4-hour minimum for all weekend rentals. Equipment rental available.

Damage Deposit
 Rental without Alcohol - \$200
 Rental with Alcohol - \$400
 Damage deposits are refundable pending no damages to the room or facility and all guests leave the facility on time.



EVANS RECREATION

Striving for excellence through innovation and positive experiences



Evans Recreation
1100 37th Street
Evans, CO 80620

970-475-1125

www.evanscolorado.gov/recreation
recreation@evanscolorado.gov

Christmas The Recreation Center is CLOSED December 24th & 25th.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Evans Community Complex

Friday, December 7th | 5pm - 8pm

Ages: 5 - 13

Cost: \$10 for first child, \$5 each additional child

REGISTER NOVEMBER 1ST - 28TH

The holidays will be here before you know it, so leave the kids with us while you finish shopping, wrap some gifts, or need a couple hours to yourself.



The Evans Recreation Department will keep them entertained with holiday crafts, snacks, games, and carols!

FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS



This program is designed to build a solid foundation of knowledge and skills needed to be a successful basketball player. The skills that will be covered in the program include dribbling, passing, shooting, pivoting, rebounding, defensive fouls and violations. A combination of these skills will be covered through a variety of drills and games.

Registration: November 19th, 2018 – January 6th, 2019

Program Date: Saturday, January 12th, 2019

Times:

Kindergarten: 9-10:30am

1st Grade: 10:30am-12pm

2nd Grade: 12-1:30pm

Cost: \$10

HOT SHOT BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION:

OCTOBER 15TH - DECEMBER 9TH
\$10 LATE FEE AFTER DECEMBER 9TH
BASED ON AVAILABILITY
TEAMS FILLED ON FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS



AGES:

KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE
2ND GRADE

COST:

\$38 FOR PROGRAM
\$15 JERSEY IF CHILD DOESN'T ALREADY
HAVE EVANS REVERSIBLE BLUE & WHITE

PRACTICES START THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2019

GAMES BEGIN JANUARY 19, 2019

TEAMS PRACTICE ONCE A WEEK AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

GAMES ARE HELD ON SATURDAYS AT THE EVANS COMMUNITY COMPLEX



Exclusive Charter



Trip Preview!
Please join us for an informational
meeting on
Tuesday - June 19, 2018
at 10:30 am

City of Evans presents

Holland Windmills, Waterways & Tulips River Cruise

featuring Amsterdam, 2 Nights in a Dutch Village & 7 Nights aboard the Amadeus Star

11 Days **April 2, 2019**



Booking Discount - Save \$200 per couple!

Contact Information

Emergency Services	911	
After Hours Non-Emergency	(970) 356-1212	
Building Inspections	(970) 475-2211	
Building Permits	(970) 475-1120	
Business Licenses	(970) 475-1109	
City Clerk	(970) 475-1104	
City Council	(970) 475-1104	
City Managers Office	(970) 475-1108	
Code Enforcement	(970) 475-1115	
Community Development	(970) 475-1120	
Court	(970) 475-1123	
Employment	(970) 475-1161	
Engineering/Mapping	(970) 475-1160	
Evans Cemetery	(970) 475-1104	
Fire Prevention/Reports	(970) 339-3920	
General Information	(970) 475-1170	
Police Department	(970) 339-2441	
Pothole Hotline	(970) 475-1183	
Recreation Programs	(970) 475-1125	
Senior Programs	(970) 475-1129	
Stormwater Hotline	(970) 475-1183	
Water and Sewer Billing	(970) 475-1170	

Local Agencies

Evans Area Chamber of Commerce	(970) 330-4204	
Small Business Development Center	(970) 351-4274	
Upstate Colorado	(970) 356-4565	
Greeley/Evans School District	(970) 348-6000	
Weld County	(970) 356-4000	

Labor Day City Offices and Rec Center CLOSED

City Schedule

All meetings held at
The City of Evans Community Complex
1100 37th Street, Evans, Colorado,
unless otherwise noted.
Call (970) 475-1170 for more information.

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Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- **City Council Work Sessions**
First and Third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
- **City Council Meetings**
First and Third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- **Planning Commission**
Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 pm
- **Economic Development Advisory Council**
Second Tuesday at 5:30 pm
- **Water and Sewer Board**
Third Thursday at 3:30 pm
- **SBDC Small Business Counseling**
Every Wednesday beginning at 9:00 am
Riverside Library and Cultural Center
- **Evans Fire District Board of Directors**
Fourth Monday of each month

