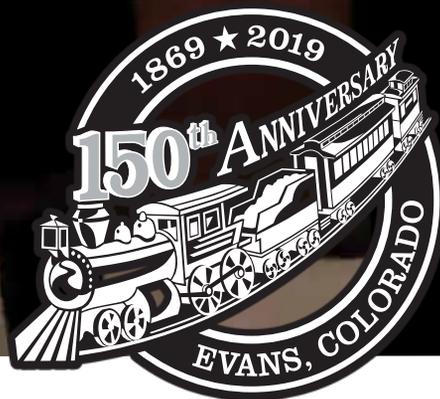




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Evans Celebrates **150 Years**

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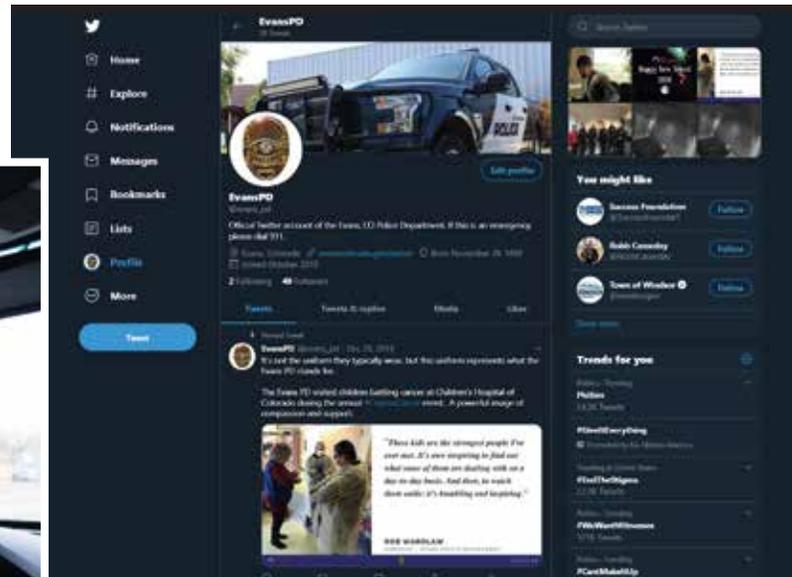
EVANS PD LAUNCHES TWITTER ACCOUNT



The Evans PD added another method of resident connection to its ever-expanding arsenal. The Police Department joined the Twittersphere in late 2019. Residents can follow them: @evans_pd.



“Real-time communication with our residents is vital. With Facebook’s ever-changing platform and delayed postings, our residents may not see a crucial alert on Facebook until two or three days after the fact. That’s critical time they may need to find safety,” Evans Police Officer Troy McDaniel said. “With Twitter, the notification is immediately visible on our follower’s timelines. So it’s important that our residents follow us on Twitter because seconds and minutes can be critical in an emergency.”



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LETTER FROM MAYOR RUDY

150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FILLED WITH FIRSTS

The juxtaposition between the ‘firsts’ that happened in 2019 and the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the City of Evans is striking. Throughout 2019, we honored our City’s 150th birthday as an Incorporated Colorado establishment, and we did it by celebrating a handful of firsts for our great city.

I fondly recall the city’s Inaugural State of the City Address. It struck me as I sat in the Golden Room of the Riverside Library in September that this is a pivotal moment for the City of Evans. The room was packed with community leaders, teachers, business owners, and engaged residents. They were all a part of the momentum Evans has built in recent years and they are all contributing to the bright future this city has to offer.

Another first happened when Esch’s Market was demolished at the corner lot that sits along the northwest side of Highway 85. For the first time in nearly 30 years, the building that housed that establishment no longer exists. It was a bittersweet moment for the city, as many longtime residents hold fond memories of the corner market, but its demolition signified a new era for Evans. There are plans to rebuild that lot as we hope to bring in more business to the city and create more fond memories for future Evans residents.

For the first time since 2009, Heritage Day expanded into a two-day festival and a fireworks show highlighted the event for the

first time in the festival’s history. More first-time fireworks flew at the city’s Tree Lighting Ceremony, which was held on the exact date of the city’s 150-year anniversary in late November.

The newly renovated Riverside Park held its first, full season of the softball tournament. Next door to the softball fields, Evans Recreation launched its first, full-season of youth flag football and soccer on the brand new soccer fields at the entrance of Riverside Park.

Hopefully, when historians revisit the 150th Anniversary of Evans, they’ll see the launch of a movement within Northern Colorado that began in the City of Evans.



PLANNING

A healthy and resilient community allows for existing businesses to expand, an environment where new businesses can establish efficiently, and where residents can continue to grow their families and then become empty-nesters here at home. Evans is poised to grow in the residential, commercial, retail, and industrial markets. With an efficient and transparent land use process, the City welcomes developers. The City's future population growth through planned residential developments encourages even more opportunities for retail services and restaurants in Evans. As Northern Colorado grows, Evans is ideally placed to become one of many commercial and industrial hubs along US Hwy 85 and 34. With room to grow, Evans offers developers the first choice to many central locations along transportation arteries. The easy development process in Evans works to ensure the long-term success of these investments while ensuring the needs of its residents.

Communication is the key component of a project's success. To improve communication with developers, the City updated all development application packets and eliminated unnecessary requirements. More than 600 calls from, and meetings with citizens, realtors, and developers were held in 2019 to discuss the land development process in Evans.

Evans is looking forward to watching this new development come to fruition. A few highlights from 2019 are found below:

- Roasty's Coffee Shop: A drive-through coffee shop is now under construction on the north side of 32nd Street between 11th Avenue and High Drive.
- Solstice/Peakview: The property between 77th and 65th Avenues just south of 37th Street is the home to the Solstice Development. This section of Evans is approved for up to 1,097 homes, duplexes, condos, and apartments. There is a 19+ acre commercial corner planned for the southeast corner of 77th Avenue and 37th Street. Solstice will have on-site amenities such as a pool, trails, and several parks.
- Extraction Oil and Gas: A 24-well pad site has been approved north of 37th Street and west of 47th Avenue. Natural gas and crude oil extraction will take place at this location.
- BestWay2Store: A new self-storage facility is coming to Evans on the south side of 37th Street just east of Harbor Lane. This facility will have both climate-controlled and standard storage units. BestWay2Store is also coordinating with Amazon to host a drop site at this new facility.
- Wildhorse at Tuscany: The property just south of Tuscany Street on the east side of 47th Avenue will be home to the Wildhorse Development. This location is approved for 171 apartment units ranging in size from 1 to 3 bedrooms. There will also be a clubhouse, pool, and a dog run area.
- Dr. Patsy Lowe: Dr. Lowe is offering CDL Driver's Physicals at her office at 3524 Central Street. This development is approved in a historic home renovated into a physician's office for CDL Driver's Physicals.
- Mission Springs and Mission Village: A partnership between Commonwealth Development and Habitat for Humanity is under construction on the west side of 23rd Avenue and north of 42nd Street. There will be 27 Habitat for Humanity homes built in Mission Village and 68 apartment units to be constructed in Mission Springs.

The City of Evans continues to grow. In 2019, building permits for 186 new residential units in Evans were issued. These residential units included 91 single-family homes, 20 duplexes and 75 multi-family units. Evans residents were busy with One-Stop-Shop permits. In all, 965 One-Stop-Shop permits were issued. These are permits for re-roofs, furnace replacements, and gas pipe tests that do not require a plan and review, just a final inspection.

One commercial permit and four sign permits were also issued in Evans in 2019.

There are several developments in review to start 2020 on a good note. The developments under construction or in review could enable the City to welcome approximately 2,000 new households in the next few years. A summary of developments currently under review is listed below:

- Crescent Cove apartments are expanding by adding 188 new apartment units at their location at Harbor Lane and 32nd Street. A variety of apartment units, along with a pool and clubhouse, are planned.
- Zigg's Coffee Shop is under review just east of Walgreens on the south side of 37th Street just east of 35th Avenue.
- Quality Lube is expanding to the lot just west of their existing location on 23rd Avenue.
- Peerless Tires is looking to set up shop north of 37th Street and just east of 11th Avenue.
- The Evans Industrial Park is bustling with activity. New developments under review include a location for both ACME Oil Field Services and H & H Excavation.

The City of Evans collaborates on development review with our neighbors too. The communities of Milliken, Greeley, and Kersey, as well as Weld County, allow Evans to review development proposals to ensure proposed development near Evans are compatible with our long-range plans. The City of Evans believes in regional collaboration and has entered into agreements with Kersey and Greeley as well as Weld County to collaborate on future development. In 2019, the City of Evans reviewed more than 30 development plans in the surrounding area.

As the City launches forward into the second quarter of 2020, there are many exciting plans and activities to anticipate. The City now accepts building permits and land development permits online, saving developers and builders time and reducing paper consumption. The Comprehensive Plan will be undergoing an update as will the Transportation/Trails Master Plan. Both will have opportunities for community engagement, and the City is looking forward to hearing your voice in 2020. Daniel Burnham is often called the father of the Land Use Planning profession and stated, "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work...." Citizens of Evans, make big plans for your community's future, get involved, and let your voice be heard.

YEAR IN REVIEW (2019)

- » Updated all Development application packets (18) and these will be uploaded to the City website in February 2020
- » Planning Commission Work Sessions (4)
- » Land Use Code Amendments (3)
- » Referral review from Weld County, Milliken, Greeley or Kersey (24+)
- » Land Use Applications processed
- Administrative Land Use applications (12)
- Total number of Land Use hearings to either Planning Commission and City Council (20)
- » Responded to more than 600 requests from citizens, developers or realtors via phone, email or walk-in.
- » Provided more than 85 pre-application meetings for citizens, developers or realtors looking to conduct development in the City of Evans.

STATE OF THE CITY



EVANS HIGHLIGHTS “THE ROAD AHEAD” DURING INAUGURAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

THE CITY OF EVANS HELD THE TOWN’S INAUGURAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AT THE RIVERSIDE LIBRARY IN EVANS

EVANS, CO - Evans Mayor Brian Rudy stood at the podium, facing a packed house at the Riverside Library in Evans on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 26th and delivered a message that had one goal: “We wanted to share the momentum and success that our residents have created,” Mayor Rudy said.

Indeed. Evans residents have generated a wave of momentum heading into 2020 and that was evident at the city’s inaugural State of the City address. “When you see all the people here, you see a community that is engaged and excited for the future.” Rudy hit the high notes during his 20-minute speech. A message that touted the ever-expanding calendar of community events, a rundown of recent infrastructure accomplishments, and a nod to the Evans Police Force for the palpable, positive relationships they’ve built with the community. “The professionalism our officers’ display is uncanny,” Mayor Rudy said. “At a time when Police Officers across the nation are facing unprecedented challenges, our Police live their values of establishing relationships with the community they’re sworn to serve and protect.”

Many of the recent achievements in Evans centered around infrastructure projects that have enhanced the aesthetics of the city and quality of life of its residents. **Among those achievements:**

- ✓ The completion of the 35th Avenue Widening Project
- ✓ Completion of the brand new, state-of-the-art Wastewater Treatment Plant

- ✓ Grand re-opening of Riverside Park
- ✓ Brand new park at 34th Street and 15th Avenue
- ✓ The 65th Avenue Widening Project
- ✓ 2019 Pavement Management Program
- ✓ 31st and Highway 85 Access Improvement

“We are seeing a lot of progress,” Evans City Manager Jim Becklenberg said. “We owe it to our residents’ commitment and trust in us. And we know we have a lot of work to do.”

On the list of projects that are in progress:

- ▶ Resurfacing 37th Street from the Railroad Tracks to 23rd Avenue
- ▶ 47th Ave Utilities Relocation and Widening
- ▶ 37th Street Widening Design
- ▶ Tuscany non-potable irrigation system
- ▶ Ashcroft Channel storm drainage Improvement
- ▶ CR 396 Bridge – Design

“It’s an exciting time to be a part of this community,” Rudy said. “Our 150th Anniversary has been a success, but it’s only a launchpad to bigger and better things. Our residents deserve a great city and we’re working every day to make that a reality.”

CITY OF EVANS

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MISSION STATEMENT |

“To deliver sustainable, citizen-driven services for the health, safety, and welfare of the community.”

VISION STATEMENT |

Evans — a growing city with small town roots providing a safe, family-friendly community.

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 wellmaintained 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 in the community.

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.

EVANS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

FIREWORKS, PARADES, AND PARTIES THROUGHOUT 2019

A PARTY 150 YEARS IN THE MAKING

HERITAGE DAY EXPANDED INTO A TWO-DAY CELEBRATION IN 2019

Fireworks, 5K, parade, hot air balloon rides, music, food, and a petting zoo: for the first time since 2009, Heritage Day expanded into a two-day festival as the City celebrated Evans' Sesquicentennial Anniversary in 2019.

"It was unforgettable," Evans Mayor Brian Rudy said. *"It was already one of the best festivals in Weld County, but in 2019, we added fireworks and a 5k and we blew the lid off the event."*

Heritage Day is the signature celebration for the City of Evans. 2019's festival included a series of firsts, including hot air balloons that covered the outfield grass of the ballfields on the east side of Riverside Park.

"There was truly something for everyone," Evans City Councilmember Laura Speer, said. *"We were so happy with the event. It made for a truly special weekend."*

Bands played until the sunset, while the scent of buffalo wings and burgers weaved its way through the thousands of people in attendance.

"The food is always impressive at Heritage Day," Evans Communications Manager Lance Snow, said. *"It's one of the things I look forward to the most and it did not disappoint in 2019. Let's just say it was food fit for a 150th Anniversary."*

There was a palpable anticipation for the culmination of the first night. Unlike most festivals that slowly lose

steam as the sun goes down, Heritage Day's grew. The crowd size gradually swelled until 9pm. That's when the fireworks began. A striking silence loomed over the darkness of Riverside Park. Just minutes earlier, the sound of live music and playing children set the soundtrack for the night. But suddenly, a large boom and a burst into the sky mesmerized the crowd that had gathered to watch the 150th Anniversary fireworks.

"It was amazing," Evans Police Officer Bobby Gallegos said. *"My kids and I couldn't keep our eyes off of the sky. It's one of the best fireworks shows I've ever seen."*

That was just the first day of Heritage Day. When the sun rose over Evans the next day, the smell of free pancakes drew thousands to City Park where they would gather for the annual Heritage Day Parade. The parade, more than any other event in Evans, is symbolic of the diversity and cultural influence within the City of Evans. Nationalities from across the globe participate in the marching bands or carry the flag of a foreign country.

"We think this year's Heritage Day set the bar even higher and made our community even stronger," Evans Recreation Director Brian Stone said. *"With the addition of fireworks, the community interest and involvement increased tremendously and we couldn't be prouder of our city."*





LIGHTING CEREMONY

When the clock struck midnight on November 29th, the City of Evans was officially 150 years old. 2019 was a special year for the City of Evans, and the second annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony was a fitting way to celebrate the city's Sesquicentennial Anniversary. The event was held on Friday, November 29th from 6-8pm at the Evans Community Complex.

"150 years to the date," Evans Mayor Brian Rudy said. "We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Evans 150th Anniversary. It was also a great opportunity for the community to rally together and celebrate the holidays with each other."



EVANS RECREATION

2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

MARCH

MOVIE NIGHT

DAD & ME

BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT

APRIL

EASTER EGG HUNTS

MAY

PITCH, HIT & RUN

JUNE

DAY OF PLAY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

PHR AT COORS FIELD

JULY

SPLASH DAY

AUGUST

MOVIE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER

HERITAGE DAY

OCTOBER

TRICK OR TREAT

DOWN THE TRAIL

NOVEMBER

MOVIE NIGHT

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

CEREMONY AND

150TH CELEBRATION

9 Monday Funday events throughout the summer.

Programs offered throughout the year: volleyball, basketball, soccer, t-ball, coach pitch, co-ed softball, adult softball, adult fitness classes and dance classes.



2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Activity Totals

2,925 enrollments

849 residents

1,382 non-residents

21,088 visits to Recreation Center weight room and gym

Rentals

161 Park Rentals (20% increase)

11 internal customers

810 at Evans Community Complex and Riverside Library and Cultural Center

63 days booked at Riverside Ballfields

Seniors

5,626 meals served through the Weld County Senior Nutrition Program

5,764 SilverSneakers visits (30% increase)

Over 400 volunteer hours

2019 EVENTS

Heritage Day now a 2-day event!

2 new programs: Preschool Playtime and Zumba

First international trip for senior center - Ireland in October.

Day Camp is a state-licensed program

offered for 10 weeks during the summer. At capacity for 8 weeks and had a cost recovery of 131%.

Sponsorships totaled \$53,200. Heritage Day brought in \$15,500, Ballfields had \$5,500, \$1,000 for Recreation Programs and the

Golf Tournament held strong at \$31,200!

Dinger from the Colorado Rockies joined teams for the opening baseball season at Riverside Ballfields.

Ballfields were used for youth and adult ball, tournaments and flag football.



STREETS & PARKS

- Approximately 80 tons of asphalt was used to repair 350 potholes.
- Approximately 101 miles of dirt roads were graded and maintained.
- Approximately 96 signs were replaced or added to our streets.
- 5,805 linear feet of stormwater sewer Pipe was jetted and inspected.

➤ FACILITIES

- 4 restroom facilities
- 13 playground sets
- 1 off-leash dog park
- 1 frisbee golf course
- 1 pickleball court
- 1 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 total 5 of those are rentable
- 1 cemetery
- 4 filter only sheds

- 5 booster pumps
- 5 non-potable pumps
- 3 non-potable pumps with filters
- 14.32 miles of trail
- 2038 city owned trees because we removed some this year.
- 40 contractor pruned larger trees
- 525 seedlings given in 2019 Arbor Day
- 161 porter services for pavilion rentals
- 2340 Acres mowed, bluegrass
- 21 interments at the Cemetery
- 360 trees trimmed in-house
- Removed 9 trees

➤ PROJECTS

- Prairie View Park Basketball Sport Court installed 2019
- Christmas tree recycling program approximately 70 Christmas trees chipped
- Awarded grant for highway 34 & 11th avenue entrance landscape enhancements in 2020.
- Irrigation Controller replacement 1st phase 2019, 2nd phase 2020, with these controllers we expect a minimum 15% water savings.
- Driftwood Park playground replacement is scheduled for 2020.



STORM WATER SYSTEM, STREET SWEEPING GETS A TUNE-UP

In 2019, storm water utility rates were increased, in part upon recommendations from a 2018 citizen task force that studied the City's budget and Evans storm water problems and recommended solution. The result is a more structured and better staffed maintenance team focused on storm water system maintenance and an ambitious slate of capital projects that will help mitigate flooding problems on the east side of town.

One of the key activities of the maintenance program is street sweeping, which helps keep debris and silt from clogging the storm drain system or affecting downstream water quality. The increased revenue funded staff dedicated to street sweeping, which means that street sweeping at least doubled in 2019 from 2018 levels. "Our efforts are going much further," Operations Manager Sandridge said. "Our street sweeping is done more often and more thoroughly than it's ever been in my two decades here."

Prior to 2019, street sweeping was done on an as-needed basis or when the street crews were able, but that schedule was more frequent and structured in 2019. The schedule and frequency increased across the board. Neighborhood streets are done on a semi-annual basis, versus once in prior years. Arterial streets are done quarterly, and the streets that get the most use are done on a monthly basis. And even more street sweeping is on the way as the new maintenance unit takes shape and gains experience.

Another key component of the enhanced storm water program is regular storm water line (pipe) and trench cleaning. Previously, line jetting occurred when there was a particularly acute problem to solve. This resulted in a system with many lines that have only rarely, if ever, been cleaned. Now, all lines in the City will be placed on a schedule on which all lines will receive attention at least every few years. "In 2019 alone, we jetted and camera-inspected more than a mile of storm sewer pipe," said Sandridge.

Finally, storm water fees are funding important capital improvements to the storm water system. Approximately \$8 million-worth of projects are in design that will help mitigate the flooding that occurs regularly with heavy rains on the east side of Evans. Most of the storm drainage systems in this part of town were designed decades ago, before westward development in the region overwhelmed the capacity of the older systems. Projects are planned generally along the Highway 85 corridor from 31st Street to 39th Street. The effect of the projects will be to safely and efficiently convey storm water from the west side of the highway to the South Platte River and improve some of the associated neighborhood flooding problems. Project design is expected to be completed in 2020, with construction getting underway in 2021 and concluding in 2023.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

EVANS RECEIVES GRANT TO RESTORE RIVERSIDE PARK TRAILS



Riverside Park will receive another round of improvements after the City of Evans received a Grant from Colorado Youth Corps Association and Great Outdoors Colorado for \$47,400. The funds will be used to clean areas of residual brush and debris from the 2013 & 2015 floods that ravaged the historic area of Evans. The work will take place along the banks of the South Platte River, in the Southwest corner of Riverside Park.

“This is a tremendous boost for us as a community,” Evans Code Enforcement Manager Kyle Fehr, said. *“The work we will be able to do will help the environment and enhance the aesthetics of a popular walking trail in Evans.”*

Funds for the project were awarded to CYCA by GOCO, which receives a portion of Colorado Lottery revenues to invest in parks, playgrounds, trails, rivers, wildlife, youth corps and open space. The goal of the program is to employ youth and young adults (ages 14-25) throughout the state on critical outdoor recreation and land conservation projects.

The City of Evans will receive six weeks of work from the Weld County Youth Conservation Corps and a saw crew. The Riverside Park project must be completed by December 31, 2020.

“We are honored to have the support of great organizations like CYCA and GOCO and we’re going to take advantage of their generosity,” Fehr said.

YARD OF THE MONTH

2019 MAY — 2615 Coronado Bay — Cathy and Perry Koehn

2019 JUNE — 3302 Belmont Ave — Pete and Donna Archuleta

2019 JULY — 3401 17th Ave — Daniela and Cesar Torres

2019 AUGUST — 2040 McNitt St — Pedro Perez

2019 SEPTEMBER — 1614 40th St Ct — Dianne Grosskreutz

2019 OCTOBER — 2614 Montego Bay — Gary Crawford, Tina Maxwell, and Lindsey Maxwell-Label.



ESCH'S MARKET

DEMOLITION MAKES ROOM FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

What was left of Esch's Market and Randy's Diner in Evans is no more. In October of 2019, the shopping center that housed the longtime retail establishment was torn down due to deteriorating building conditions and the established goal of preparing the area for new growth.

Asbestos abatement and demolition of the eight buildings at the southeast corner of Highway 85 and 31st Street in Evans officially started the week of Monday, October 21st. Between October and December of 2019, the City of Evans explored options for future development of this area.

"Our goal with our development partners is identifying the best use for all of our parcels. It could be retail, housing, office, [or] lodging," said Economic Development Manager for the City of Evans, Allison Moeding.

"Whatever it ends up being, we want it to encourage more development and private investment."

In addition to the development planning and demolition of this section of town, City staff also began planning infrastructure improvements to the Highway 85 corridor. Among these improvements are upgrades to the stormwater drainage between 31st Street and 37th Street, and realignment of existing frontage roads (specifically West Service Road on the west side, and State Street on the east side). Similar work has already been in progress on the northeast corner of the intersection (near Kum and Go) and has nearly been completed. For more information on these projects please contact Allison Moeding: call (970) 475-1112, or email amoeding@evanscolorado.gov.



HIGHWAY 85 VISIONING

2019 kicked off with a January open house event regarding the future of the US Highway 85 Corridor at Riverside Library and Cultural Arts Center. Community stakeholders were invited to watch as City staff unveiled images of its future landscaping vision and talked with residents and property owners about the types of development that might be appropriate for the space along the highway.

In September, the Evans Redevelopment Agency approved an agreement with Flexible Real Estate Company to explore specific retail-oriented uses for the ERA properties on the southeast corner of 31st Street and Highway 85. After presenting the site to various possible users over several months, the developers are expected to deliver their recommendations for the former “Randy’s Diner” site in 2020.

In October 2019, area contractor Earth Services and Abatement was selected to perform asbestos remediation and initiate demolition of the existing buildings. The decision to proceed with the removal of the buildings was made in order to create two development-ready sites not encumbered with unknown conditions, seen as a significant advantage as the ERA moves closer to negotiating development agreements for the future use of the properties. Then following final testing and site preparation, eight buildings were demolished to make way for the future development on these prominent corners.

As the City moves into 2020, developers will present a site plan proposal for the Randy’s Diner site and the ERA will begin a similar process for the 11.5-acre site that was previously the home of Esh’s Family Market along with a number of other businesses. The City will also be making major improvements to the stormwater system on the corridor with new stormwater infrastructure that will be better able to handle the runoff that flows in the area during heavy rainfall. Overall, the Highway 85 corridor is primed for development and improvements that will offer new opportunities to businesses and residents.



WORD ON THE STREETS

2019 was a productive year for infrastructure projects in the City of Evans. Despite the need for more funding for street maintenance and repair, the city managed to complete over 40 infrastructure projects. They range in type of infrastructure and project scope from park playground improvements to the widening of 35th Avenue, with many projects addressing water and sewer systems, pavement management, irrigation of parks and others in-between.

The following are highlights of the most visible 2019 infrastructure accomplishments completed in 2019:



37TH STREET UTILITIES PROJECT

Broke ground: May 2019 | Completed: November 2019

The much-anticipated project took place on 37th Street, between 23rd Avenue and the railroad tracks east of Highway 85. The project replaced undersized and aging utility infrastructure prior to the restoration (overlay) of specific portions of 37th Street planned for 2020. As part of the overlay project, curb and gutter will be replaced where necessary, handicap ramps will be installed or upgraded, and portions of the sidewalk will be replaced. The utility project budget was \$2.3 million, with approximately \$1.3 million coming from the City's utility funds and the balance funded by an Energy Impact grant through the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

"We are all looking forward to the resurfacing phase of this project in 2020, but it was critical that we got the utility work done first, so that we don't have to cut a brand new street as often as we would with the old water and sewer lines



31ST STREET & HIGHWAY 85 ACCESS CONTROL PROJECT

Broke Ground: August 2019 | Completed: November 2019

The 31st Street & Highway 85 Access Control project broke ground in August of 2019 with the goal of enhancing safety and signal timing at the intersection of 31st Street and US Highway 85. At the intersection of the two roads, there are three streets that feed into the intersection, including West Service Road, 8th Ave, and State Street. All entry points were previously controlled by their own, separate traffic signals. These conditions made for potentially dangerous traffic movements through the intersection.

The first phase of the project included relocating traffic on 8th Avenue to the west along Southgate Drive. Then south, back to 31st Street on the west side of the Dollar Store. The southern section of 8th Avenue in front of the Kum and Go has been replaced with landscaping and a 10-foot wide sidewalk. The cost of the project is just under one million dollars, with approximately three-fourths being paid for by Federal Funds through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) administered by the State of Colorado.

"The project went smoothly," Evans Public Works Director Randy Ready, said. "This project was necessary for the safety of our residents and commuters. It's a highly-trafficked and important intersection and we want to make sure it's as safe as possible to travel through."

35TH AVENUE

Broke Ground: November 2018 | Completed: August 2019

On November 13, 2018, the City of Evans broke ground on the 35th Avenue widening project, with the goal of improving the road into a four-lane arterial standard for north and southbound traffic between 37th Street and Prairie View Drive. Along with the additional lanes, 35th Avenue now features a pedestrian pathway for walkers and bikers. It also features a new stormwater drainage system.



Evans' population has grown substantially in this area in recent years. Widening 35th Avenue will alleviate congestion and enhance safety for residents and commuters. The project cost approximately \$2.0 million, of which \$1.1 million came from a federal grant in partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

2019 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Each year, the City of Evans performs maintenance on the City's streets in the form of crack sealing, patching faulty sections of asphalt, and resurfacing streets with treatments based on pavement condition. The 2019 budget for pavement management was \$850,000. Of this amount, approximately \$175,000.00 was used for crack sealing, which was performed in many areas of town and is fundamental for preventing further water damage and limiting existing cracking and deterioration. \$174,996.00 was spent on asphalt patches, which repair focused sections of pavement that have deteriorated severely and must be repaired to avoid severe cracking in adjacent sections. \$205,586.15 was spent on Asphalt Reconstruction of two roadways that were beyond repair and had to be fully reconstructed from the sub-grade up. The city used fly-ash to treat the sub-grade and added a layer of Class 6 road base and then new asphalt layers. Finally, the City spent \$220,000.00 on resurfacing on several segments of street, in the form of chip seal. This treatment protects the entire segment of street and extends the life of the street for 5-7 years, or until it can be treated with a more substantial asphalt overlay. The remaining budget was used by having our streets scanned by IMS to establish a current citywide PCI index, and restriping streets that were chip sealed. These treatments, taken together, constitute the annual pavement management program that, when funded appropriately, can dramatically improve the quality of the City's street network and preserve them for years to come

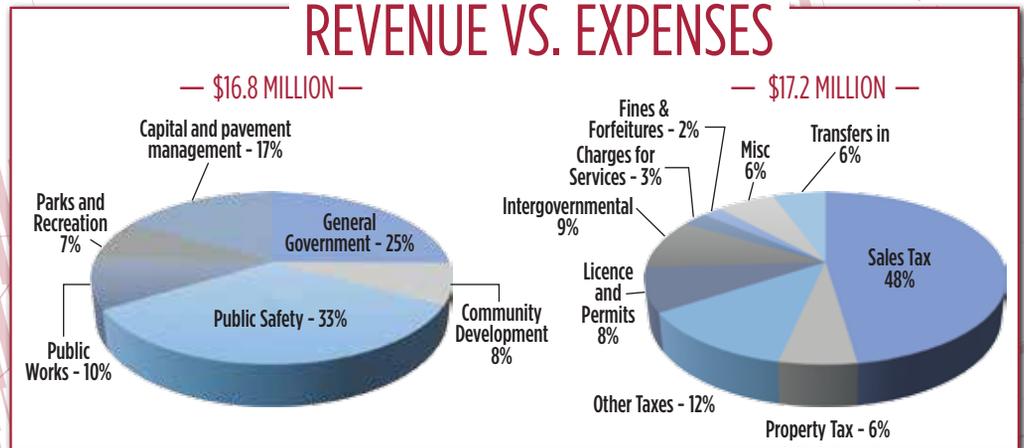


FINANCE NUMBERS

2019 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES



2019 ORIGINAL BUDGET REVENUE VS. EXPENSES



BUSINESS LICENSES

ACTIVE BUSINESS LICENSES **1,876**
NEW BUSINESS LICENSES IN 2019 **389**

SACK LUNCH AND BACKPACK DELIVERY

EVANS P.D. DELIVERS OVER 300 BACKPACKS TO CHILDREN IN NEED.

▶ WATCH the Evans PD deliver Backpacks before School starts.



Evans, Colo — On the eve of the 2019-2020 school year, Centennial Elementary School received a knock on the door from the Evans Police Department. The visit wasn't a result of suspicious activity or wrongdoing. The visit was a result of a community-wide effort to provide backpacks to children in need of the 2019-2020 school year.

"It's one of the best calls we can go out on." Evans Police Chief Rick Brandt, said. "To be able

to provide children with basic needs for the first day of school is a major boost to their education and experience."

The Evans Police Department delivered over 300 backpacks to Centennial, Dos Rios, and Union Colony Elementary School in Evans. The backpacks were filled with basics school supplies like glue, pencils, rulers, erasers, and several other types of learning necessities.

"It's really remarkable to see how our community came together to help our kiddos. It never ceases to amaze me how giving our residents are," Brandt said.

At beginning of August, the Evans PD encouraged residents to donate school supplies to children, and the Evans community did not disappoint, donating enough supplies to fill each one of the 300-plus backpacks. The Evans Fraternal Order of Police donated 38 backpacks and one local business came through with a major donation. Screen-printing company Hustin Graphics and Printing purchased approximately 30 backpacks that were delivered to the Elementary Schools.

"We know that there's a lot of kids in need -

especially this time of year," Luke Burton, Owner of Huston Graphics and Printing, said. "With everything you see on the news now and social media, I imagine it's pretty tough being a kid, and especially a kid that might be in need or maybe doesn't have a backpack or maybe has a backpack that's falling apart. I remember starting school and I had my new supplies and maybe a couple of new shirts and stuff - we just want every kid to be able to experience that."

The backpacks were distributed to kids in need on the first day of school. Evans is home to six Elementary Schools, and this was one of many charitable initiatives the Evans Police Department has led for children in the Greeley-Evans School District 6. In 2018, the Police Department organized National Night Out, Pops N' Cops, Trunk or Treat, Santa Cops, and a coat drive to collect winter coats for children. Community members who wish to be involved in charitable initiatives through the Evans Police Department should contact Officer Teresa McClatchey at 970-590-1504 or through email at tmcclatchey@evanscolorado.gov

POLICE COMMANDER DAN RANOUS



RANOUS GRADUATES FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS FBI ACADEMY

There were multiple rounds of applause during the City of Evans inaugural State of the City Address, but only one standing ovation, and that honor went to Evans Police Commander Dan Ranous for his recent graduation from the FBI Police Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

"He deserves all the accolades he gets," Evans Police Chief Rick Brandt, said. *"He worked hard and now he's in elite company. His skills and training will only make our department stronger."*

Elite company is correct. Only 1% of Law Enforcement Agents worldwide graduate from the FBI Academy. Add the name Dan Ranous to that list.

"The credit goes to this Police Department's trust in me," Commander Ranous said. *"I couldn't have done it without their support and commitment and it's a testament to the strength of this department."*

The 10-week course gathers roughly 250 command level officers worldwide to train in police sciences, behavioral sciences, organizational behavior, and a variety of Law Enforcement studies.

"I can't put a value on the course. The people I learned from were the best-of-the-best and I can't wait to put my new skills to work, so that we can further protect the people in this community."

Ranous becomes the third Evans Police Officer to graduate from the Law Enforcement Academy since 2005. Chief Brandt is also a graduate of the academy, along with former Evans Police Officer Jason Phipps.

"We're a proud department and we take our profession seriously," Ranous said.



TORCH RUN & SPECIAL OLYMPICS INVOLVMENT

EVANS POLICE CARRY THE TORCH FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

WELD COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES JOIN FORCES TO RAISE MONEY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Evans, CO -The weather in Colorado was violent, volatile, and unpredictable in Weld County during the month of May, but mother nature shined on Law Enforcement communities throughout the Centennial State on May 29th and allowed the Special Olympics to take center stage in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run.

"For me it's huge," Evans Detective Brett Stone said. "It's not only law enforcement getting involved in this, but what a show for the Special Olympics Athletes. It's something that I hold true to myself every year, and I'm honored to run with these Special Olympic Athletes every year."

The Evans Police Department joined forces with 10 other Law Enforcement units throughout Weld County. The annual fundraiser paired agencies with Special Olympics athletes in a county-wide marathon throughout northern Colorado.

"You have the state law enforcement as a whole that comes together to participate in this, all for the benefit of the Special Olympic Athletes and the organization and everything that they do. It's an unbelievable sight to behold, especially being a part of it, being amongst it and running with the Special Olympic Athletes," Stone said.

The event was centered around a torch was passed from agency-to-agency. Evans Police received the torch from the Greeley Police Department at 34th Street and 17th Avenue in Greeley and jogged with it to 37th Street in Evans, then east to 11th Street by the Evans Community Complex. The final leg of the Evans' route took them north past 34th Street North, where they handed the torch to the Garden City Police Department.

TOTAL DONATIONS FROM THE 13 WELD COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TOTALED MORE THAN \$2,300 DOLLARS.

AGENCY	START LOCATION	DISTANCE	EXPECTED RUN TIME	START/END TIME	05/29/2019	TIMES
Fredrick PD	Fredrick PD	16.4 miles	3 hours 45 minutes	0400-0745	0400-0710	-35 minutes
Johnstown PD	WCR 13/HWY 60	2.9 miles	45 minutes	0745-0830	0710-0740	-15 minutes
Milliken PD	HWY 60/WCR 19	3.5 miles	35 minutes	0830-0905	0740-0808	-7 minutes
Weld County SO	WCR 52/ HWY 257	3 miles	45 minutes	905-0950	0808-0843	-10 minutes
Windsor PD	HWY 34 BY/ HWY 257	3.1miles	35 minutes	0950-1025	0843-0918	-0 minutes
Greeley PD	HWY 34/ 83rd Ave	5.9 miles	1 hour 30 minutes	1025-1155	0918-1018	-30 minutes
Evans PD	HWY 34/ 17th Ave	2.5 miles	30 minutes	1155-1235	1018-1045	-3 minutes
GCPD/UNCPD	HWY 34/ 11th Ave	1.8 miles	25 minutes	1235-1300	1045-1106	-4 minutes
Weld Co. Probation	8th Ave/ 16th St	1.1 miles	15 minutes	1300-1315	1106-1116	-5 minutes
DA Office	8th Ave/ 5th St	1 mile	15 minutes	1315-1330	1116-1123	-5 minutes
Special Olympians &	14th Ave/ 3rd St	1 mile	20 minutes	1330-1350	1111-1123	-5 minutes

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT



Heather Utrata is the Community Development Technician for the City of Evans, and someone who jumped at the opportunity to join the Evans Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy. Over the span of 8 weeks, she and the rest of the program's attendees received first-hand experience in some of the training scenarios that officers are subjected to. Courses ranged from dealing with traffic accidents, to firearms training, to driving courses and crime scene investigations just to name a few.

"It was interesting to see specifically how officers handle certain situations, and how they handle the ins and outs of their daily lives," Utrata said. "After each course I was impressed by how confident and knowledgeable the officers have to be even when just pulling someone over for a traffic stop."

Not only did participants get to hear accounts of actual police scenarios from the officers themselves, but they also got to roll up their sleeves and take part in these trainings.

"Everything was super hands-on," Utrata said. "You really get to do something at all times. During one course we got to go to a dispatch center and hear calls coming through in real time. There was another where you had to pretend to enter a house after a disturbance call and go through the script of what you would say to a citizen in that situation."

She also mentioned how stressful and eye-opening these scenarios could be.

"When we were asked to do some of the scenarios ourselves, I actually felt fear about whether or not I was using the right terminology and wondering if I was portraying myself correctly," Utrata said.

Safety and Risk Manager Kurt Boudette was another City of Evans employee who attended the CPA this year. In one scenario Evans PD officers demonstrated the nonlethal stopping power of their tasers, and Kurt was actually one of the brave participants who volunteered to feel its effects.

The Citizen's Police Academy is an experience that provides valuable insight into the operations of the Evans Police Department," Boudette said. "It is clear that the Evans Police Department maintains the highest level of professionalism and integrity, and deeply cares for the wellbeing of the community."



The Evans Citizen's Police Academy is not just a program for City employees, but for any local resident who is interested in finding out more about the practices of the police department. The program is held regularly, and more information on future classes can be gathered from Officer Teresa McClatchey at (970) 475-2266



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

In commemoration of its 150th Anniversary, the City of Evans and the Evans Police Department hosted an annual, city-wide celebration called National Night Out. The Evans Police Department organized 12 events that were scheduled throughout the night. Each event is held in a different neighborhood in Evans, with two of those events open to anyone in the community. Free cold treats and outdoor games were provided at those locations.

"2019 marked the city's sesquicentennial anniversary and National Night Out was a great way to celebrate Evans 150th birthday," Evans Police Chief Rick Brandt said. "It's an amazing event and every year it gets better."

"When the public interacts with the police in a positive environment, it only strengthens our bond with the community," Evans Community Resource Officer Teresa McClatchey said. "That's why National Night Out is such a special occasion for us. It gives the officers a chance to connect with the community and it offers a comfortable environment for the residents to interact with us."

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Evans Police Department. 2019 marked the 36th anniversary of the event. More than 38 million people across the country were expected to participate.

National Night Out is designed to:

- ▶ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- ▶ Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts.
- ▶ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.
- ▶ Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and increasingly aware of their surroundings.

Neighborhoods in Evans hosted a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and barbecues to large block parties. Some additional event ideas included ice cream socials, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues, setting neighborhood goals, beautifying a common area, discussing or planning a Neighborhood Watch Program. It's up to the residents of Evans to be creative, have fun and celebrate with your neighbors! Contact Officer Teresa McClatchey at the Evans Police Department (970) 590-1504 or by email at tmclatchey@evanscolorado.gov if you're interested in participating or hosting an event in 2020.



POLICE STATS



	2018	2019
Accidents	360	488
Total Calls	21519	21135

SUMMONS		
Moving	2323	1808
Parking	223	231
Code	0	0
Total Summons	2546	2036
Warning	2082	1407

ACCIDENTS		
Fatal	0	1
Personal Injury	35	21
Property Damage	285	315
Private Property	42	4
Total	362	341
Hit & Run	103	120
Alc/Drug Related	26	27

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORTS		
Animal Inpound	0	91
Animal Bites	32	0
Criminal	0	0
Aban Vehicles	27	0
Miscellaneous	143	32
Total Report	202	123
Animal Inpounds	167	216
Summons	106	113

2018 POPULATION ESTIMATE	20,744
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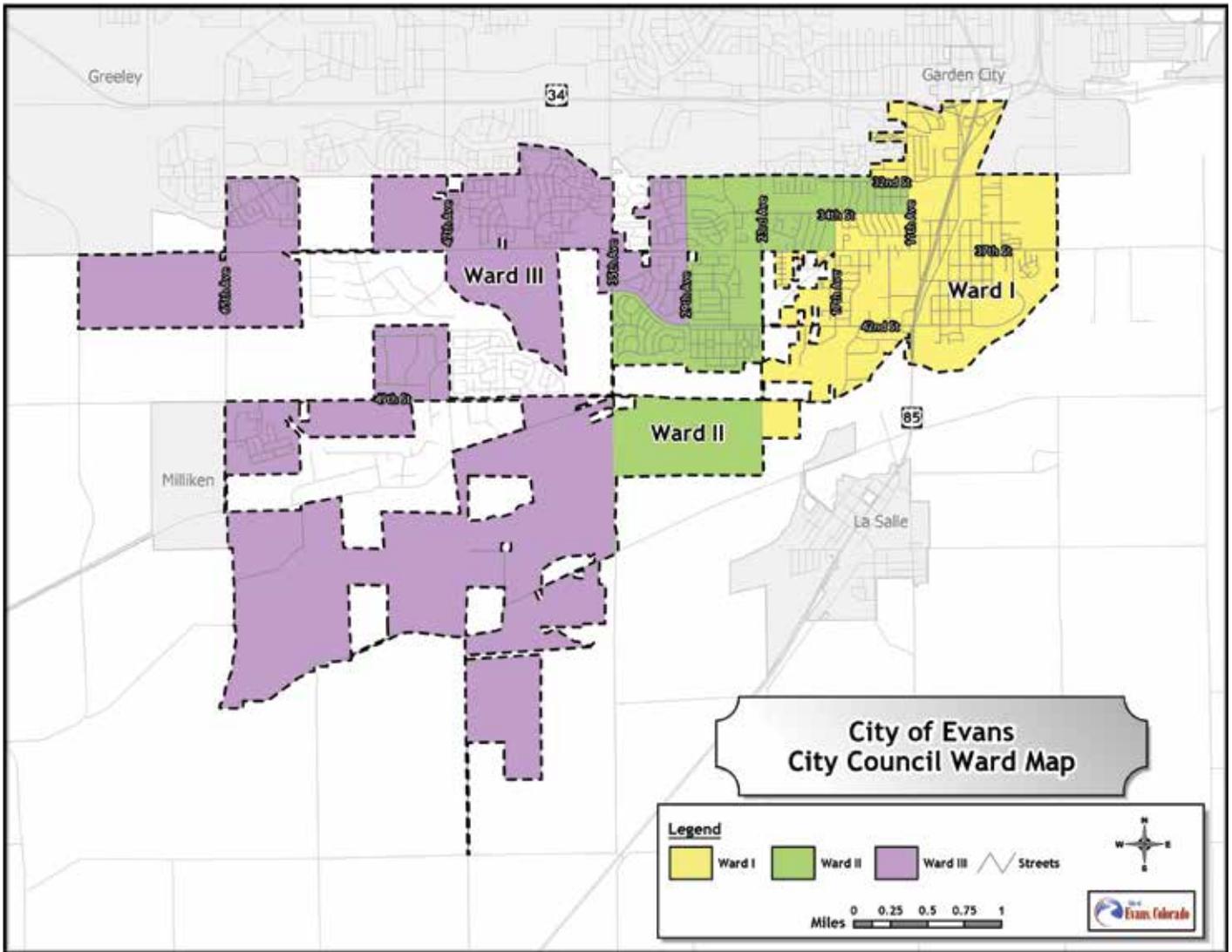
OFFENSE OVERVIEW	
Offence Total	1,318
Number Cleared	693
Percent Cleared	52.58%
Group A Crimes per 100,000 population	6,353.6

OFFENSE OVERVIEW	
Total Arrests	1,320
Adult Arrests	1,142
Juvenile Arrests	178
Unknow Age	0
Arrests per 100,000 population	6,363.3
Average number offenses/incidents	1.31



CITY OF EVANS

CITY WARDS & COUNCIL MEMBERS



BRIAN RUDY
Mayor



MARK CLARK
Mayor Pro Tem



ALICIA JOHNSON
Ward III



AMANDA CASTLE
Ward III



TAMMY MORTENSON
Ward II



FRED NEAL
Ward I



LAURA SPEER
Ward I

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



PLANNING COMMISSION

Created under Chapter 12 of the Evans City Charter, the Planning Commission provides the first round of public review for many development proposals. Projects presented to the Planning Commission include residential, commercial and industrial subdivisions. They also consider special review requests for proposed uses that do not fit exactly to City requirements but have the potential to benefit both the property owner and the City. Uses allowed by the City in all City areas are called zoning. Working with various City staff, the Planning Commission also makes recommendations on potential changes to zoning standards to keep pace with the changing needs of the City and its residents.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

This five-member advisory board is appointed by the City Council and meets on an as-needed basis. Created under Chapter 12 of the Evans City Charter, the powers and duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals are outlined as follows: The board shall have the power to hear and determine appeals from refusals of building permits and to permit exceptions to or variations from the zoning regulations in accordance with the principles, conditions, and procedures specified in the ordinance. The board also serves as the Fire Board of Appeals. The board shall exercise other powers and duties as may be required by state law. The findings and determinations of the zoning board of appeals may be reviewed, modified, affirmed, or reversed by five votes of the council upon its own motion, or upon the application therefore by any interested person within 30 days after such findings or determination has been made and entered upon its record.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

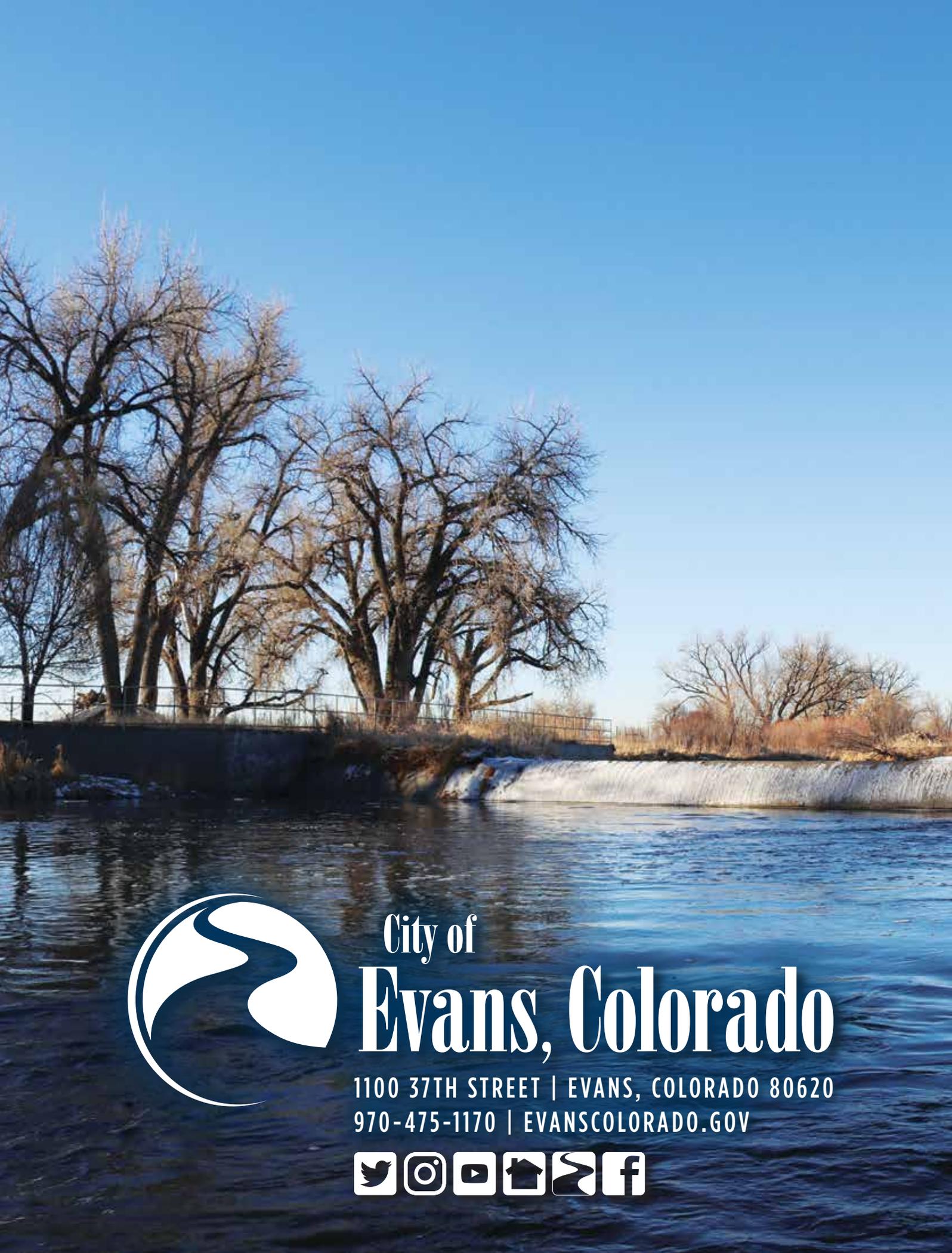
This five-member advisory board is appointed by the City Council and meets on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. The Water and Sewer Board was established by ordinance in April 1985, with the adoption of Chapter 2.24 of the Municipal Code, which outlines its powers and duties as follows:

1. Annually recommend minimum water rates to the City Council, with the recommendation being returned to the board by the council

within 30 days with reasons why the board should reconsider its recommendations if the recommendations are not acceptable to council. Minimum water rates need not be uniform for all classes of users; the minimum rates must be sufficient to include all expenditures for the following:

- All operation and maintenance of the water system;
 - All debt service requirements;
 - Additions to the reserve account in sufficient amounts to offset depreciation to the water system. Such reserves shall be based on accepted principles of accounting for a water system;
2. To act as an appeals board to hear and decide request for relief from or variance from (for reason of unnecessary hardship) the application of water rates or policies established by ordinance or resolution of the City Council as applied to an individual customer;
 3. Negotiate for the purchase of water rights as needed;
 4. Set standards for waterline construction, including but not limited to sizes of water mains;
 5. Set prices to be charged to a customer for items such as water meters;
 6. Acquire, develop and protect the water supplies decreed, adjudicated, or contracted for the City;
 7. Make recommendations to the city manager for expenditures under each current annual budget, and it also shall submit long-range plans and recommend such plans to the City Council; such long-range plans shall include not only the ensuing six years of proposed capital budget of the water department for the City, but also longer periods;
 8. Publish an annual written report of the water department, giving a detailed accounting of all revenues and expenditures;
 9. Be responsible for taking the steps necessary to insure adequate fire flows are available throughout the City, present and future;
 10. Maintain system maps for the entire water system for the purpose of inventory and construction locations;
 11. Perform such other duties as the City Council may request.





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