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The Short Story

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Where has the time gone? Is it really mid-October already? One look outside the windows of the Evans Community Complex does indeed confirm the time of year. Despite the unseasonably warm weather we've recently had, the leaves are turning and in some cases starting to fall. It's shaping up to be a beautiful autumn season in Evans.

In this edition of the Short Story, we give our usual update on new businesses, building permit activity and capital projects. Additionally, we highlight some of the work the Evans Economic Development Advisory Council (EEDAC) has done and introduce you to a company opening its doors in Evans in the upcoming months.

As always, we encourage you to keep in touch with us in the Community and Economic Development Department. Give me a call at (970) 475-1112 or drop me a line at strent@ci.evans.co.us.



The fall colors at Riverside Park in Evans

New Business

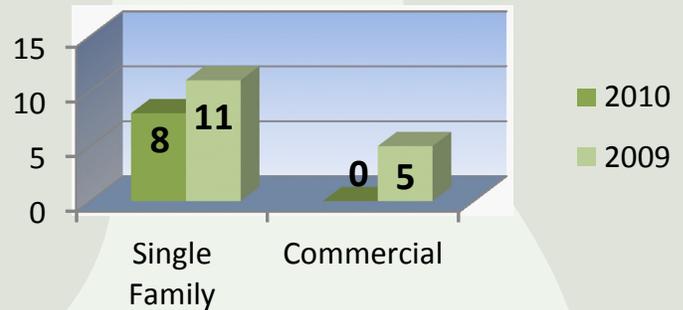
We had one new business open up in the City this last quarter. Welcome to Evans!

- Nations Auto (Used Car Sales)
 2800 11th Avenue

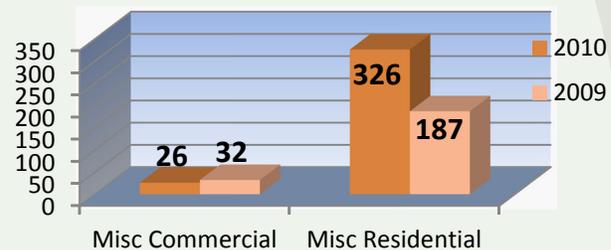
Building Permits

Building permit valuation and new building permit numbers continue to be down year-to-date in 2010. Unfortunately, we still haven't issued any new commercial building permits this year. However, on the bright side the total number of building permits and miscellaneous residential building permits continue to be up from last year.

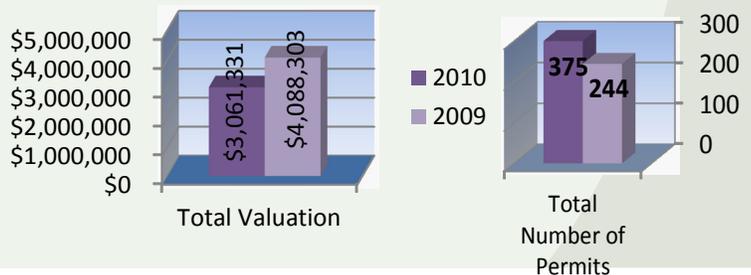
New Building Permits (January through September)



Other Building Permits (January through September)



Year-To-Date Totals



2010 Infrastructure Projects

Construction season will be twelve months long this year as we continue working on a couple major infrastructure projects through the end of 2010. Right now, we're putting the final touches on construction of the West Service Road Bike/Pedestrian Trail. As we mentioned before, this project beautifies and greatly improves pedestrian safety and access to businesses lining the western edge of the US 85 corridor. We're also gearing up for the 23rd Avenue Outfall Project, a much needed storm sewer project south of the Ridge at Prairie View Subdivision as well as a small grant-funded trail project just north of the Chappelow Open Space.

West Service Road (WSR) Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail (ARRA Funds – Stimulus)

- New concrete trail following the west side of WSR.
- Located between the South Platte River and 31st Street.
- Also includes construction of concrete curb and gutter for many sections.
- Construction began in March and is scheduled for completion in late October.
- Grant funds awarded for this project totaled \$629,000.



A completed portion of the West Service Road Bike Trail near the Great Outdoors RV Company

Riverside Park Ball Park Pavilion Concrete Project

- New concrete pavilion and tree grates between the four ball fields in Riverside Park.
- Provides improved drainage and aesthetics to a heavily used recreation facility.
- Project completed in April; new were trees planted in May.



The newly planted trees of the Riverside Ball Park Pavilion showing off their fall colors

23rd Avenue Outfall Storm Sewer Project

- Large diameter storm sewer from detention pond within the Ridge at Prairie View Subdivision to the South Platte River.
- Follows future 23rd Avenue alignment.
- Project advertised for construction in Fall 2010 pending design completion.

Chappelow Trail (Safe Routes to School Program)

- New sidewalk along the north side of the Chappelow. Detention Pond next to Chappelow Magnet School and near the intersection of 34th Street and 17th Avenue.
- Grant funds awarded for this project totaled \$100,000 which includes additional funding for an 11th Avenue school crossing near John Evans Middle School.
- Project advertised for construction in late fall 2010.

Evans Economic Development Advisory Council

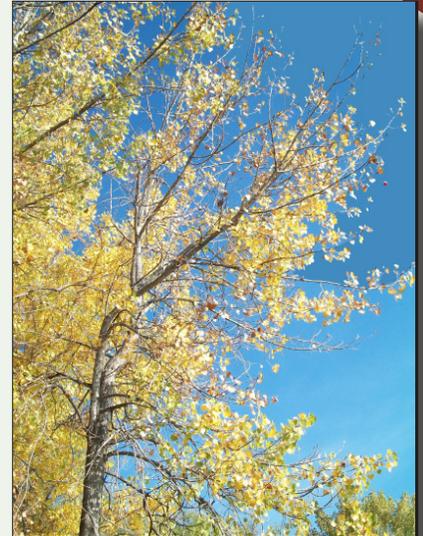
The Evans Economic Development Advisory Council (EEDAC) began meeting this past quarter.

Purpose: To advise the City Council of the City of Evans in areas of economic development including, but not limited to: recruitment of new businesses, retaining existing businesses, expanding the business base, filling the gaps in our retail business mix, attracting primary industrial employment and jobs, increasing the standard of living for our residents, regional partnerships in northern Colorado that relate to economic development, business surveys, attendance at economic development conferences and events and much more. The EEDAC meets every 1st and 3rd Monday at 5:30 at the Evans Community Center, 1100 37th Street. For more information or to apply, contact Sheryl Trent at strent@ci.evans.co.us!!

Members: The EEDAC members, appointed by the City Council, serve staggered four year terms and there are always between 11 and 15 members present at the meetings. Members represent a variety of factions including business leaders, citizens, and regional partners.

List of Members

- Todd Baker
- Bob Boswell
- Fred J. Burmont (Chair)
- Bill Garcia
- Will Haslett
- Cecil Knox (Vice Chair)
- Ranelle Lang
- Kip McLeland
- Dennis L. Oberhelman
- E. Wayne Pickens II
- Scott Riley
- Kim Wass



A Message from the EEDAC Chairman, Fred Burmont

“The Evans Economic Development Advisory Council (EEDAC) has 13 enthusiastic members, representing the Evans Chamber, School District 6, Weld County, the City of Evans and a number of for-profit businesses in Evans.

The purpose of the EEDAC is to provide recommendations to the Evans City Council on policies that potentially impact the Evans economy. Before doing so, it was decided that a review of existing programs and economic issues would be of value to focus on areas that have not already been discussed--or that, perhaps, need to be revisited for maximum economic return on investment (ROI) made by the City in those programs.

The EEDAC has held five meetings to date, beginning at 6:00 PM on the first and third Monday of each month. So far the meetings have been primarily presentations from the Evans Chamber, the Small Business Development Center, a commercial Real Estate Broker and the Evans Mayor and City Manager to describe programs and issues related to economic development. The City of Evans Economic Development Manager, Sheryl Trent, reviewed in detail The Evans Story --goals, accomplishments, demographics and marketing to date.

Future sessions include updates by Upstate Colorado Economic Development, the Highway 85 Design Overlay District, the Evans Urban Renewal Authority and the Highway 85 Coalition. The public is always invited to each meeting (that will now begin a 5:30 PM) on the first and third Monday of each month.”

Fred J. Burmont
Chairman
Evans Economic Development Advisory Council

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Knowing the Legal Liability of Doing Business on the Internet

Register to attend a webinar offered by the Northeast-East Central Colorado Small Business Development Center

Does your business do any business on the internet? Do you know what your liabilities are? Would you like to know? Then plan to watch this broadcast on November 4 from 3:30 – 5:00 in one of following locations: Greeley, Burlington, Limon, Yuma, Haxtun, Sterling, Fort Morgan, and Firestone.

“Knowing the legal liabilities of Doing Business on the Internet” is a must for any small business currently on the Internet (or thinking about selling on the Internet) The speaker is JoAnne Hagen, Hagen and Melusky, a very experienced attorney in Business Law. The fee for the webinar is \$20. To register go to www.neccosbdc.org, click on the events button and then go to the seminar and register.

New Rankings...

#29 - Evans/Greeley/Weld MSA ranking for “Best Places for Business and Careers” (out of 200) by Forbes Magazine, April 2010.

#2- Evans/Greeley/Weld MSA ranking in national population growth from 2000-2008 by the US Census Bureau.



Evans Welcomes Afni Call Center

I just wanted to let you all know the great news that we have a new employer in Evans! Afni is a large call center company that takes incoming service related calls for clients. They will be hiring 500 new employees, about 250 by this December and the rest by next February. They have hosted their first job fair in Evans and will be seeking to fill a variety of positions. These jobs will include entry-level, support and leadership positions. According to company representatives, all jobs pay a competitive wage and feature an attractive employment package. Benefits include paid time off, medical, dental, vision, life insurance, short and long term disability, legal assistance, identity theft protection, a 401k plan, plus tuition reimbursement.

Afni, Inc., is headquartered in Bloomington, Ill. Founded in 1936, Afni also has operations centers in Alabama, Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky, Florida and Texas for a total company population of more than 5,000 employees.

We are excited to welcome Afni to Evans and look forward to a partnership that benefits the entire region.



Okay...one more photo of the fall trees at Riverside Park.



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