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COMMUNITY CONNECTION Evansdale Elk Run Heights NEWS

Masthead by Abbie Chronister

From the Desk of DeAnne Kobliska, Evansdale Mayor



The Few Feet That Matter: Keeping Evansdale Safe, Clean, and Looking Great

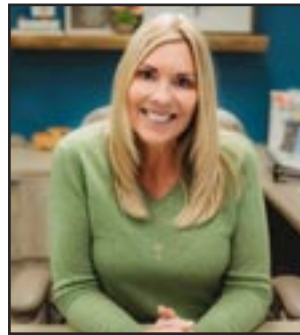
When it comes to maintaining your property, most residents know they're responsible for their lawn, landscaping, and keeping things tidy. What sometimes comes as a surprise is that your responsibilities extend a few feet beyond your property line—and those few feet can make a big difference.

Under Evansdale City Code, property owners are responsible for maintaining the publicly owned area between their property line and the curb. If there is no curb, that responsibility extends to the portion of the street used for vehicle traffic. While the City owns these areas, property owners are responsible for keeping them safe, free of hazards, and well-maintained.

Think of it as being the steward of your neighborhood's "front porch." That maintenance includes: Mowing grass and controlling weeds Trimming trees and shrubs Picking up litter and debris Keeping the area free from hazards, obstructions, and nuisances The goal isn't just curb appeal—although a

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From the Elk Run Heights City Hall



Happy August! Reminders:

Recycling ~ We've had a few calls recently at the City Hall regarding recycling. Our recycling is picked up every other Monday. To sign up for curbside recycling at your home, call Waste Management at 888.960.0008.

Yard Waste ~ We contract with the city of Evansdale for yard waste. Please DO NOT dump any type of yard waste material on any city of Elk Run Heights property! The Evansdale drop off center is located on the river side of the levy in Deerwood Park next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They are open every day from 7 am. – 7 pm.

Tree trimming ~ It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure branches overhanging the street are trimmed at least 15 feet above the street surface. Please ensure you are keeping your trees trimmed. Letters will be sent this month to homeowners with trees needing trimming.

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Thanks, Jim McNally

By Dottie Wear

Lots of people stop me as I water baskets uptown in the mornings

to thank me and compliment the flowers. It can make my day and I wanted to make sure everyone

knew that Jim McNally, owner of Diamonds Body Shop, shares the watering with me, and has done

so since 2010, when the Chamber started it. In fact, **Jim MADE all 30 of the baskets.** The man's talents just won't quit. The City took over the cost and care of the downtown flowers in 2022. Neither one of us mind the task and feel it's a good way to start the day. It also saves Public Works from assigning a paid employee to

the job. So, again, I want to thank Jim for his hard work.



Evansdale Public Library

Movie Night (movie based on Richard Osman's Thursday Murder Club series; PG-13) → Mon., Aug. 10th 6-8pm

Back-to-School Craft (all ages) → Sat., Aug. 15th @ 11am

Board Game Night (adults) → Mon., Aug. 24th 6-8pm

Book Folding Craft (adults) → Mon., Aug. 31st 6pm-8pm



Kwik Star Progress

Work continues on KWIK STAR project at EAGLES LANDING in Evansdale. *Photo courtesy of Dottie Wear*



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Upcoming Events

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| Aug 3 Elk Run Recycle | side Vineyard 10-11 |
| Aug 4 Evansdale City Council | Aug 24 Elk Run Recycle |
| Aug 7 Evansdale Recycle | Aug 24 Waterloo Schools, First Day of School, Grades: K,1,2,6,9 |
| Saturday, Aug. 8 | |
| Free Food Pantry @ Country-side Vineyard 10-11 | Aug 25 Waterloo Schools, First Day of School Grades: 3,4,5,7,8,10,11,12 |
| Aug 11 Elk Run Council | Aug 27 Waterloo Schools, First Day For PreK |
| Aug 17 Elk Run Recycle | Aug 31 Elk Run Recycle |
| Aug 18 Evansdale City Council | Friday, Sept 4 |
| Aug 21 Evansdale Recycle | Next issue of The Evansdale/Elk Run News |
| Saturday, Aug. 22 | |
| Free Food Pantry @ Country- | |

East High 60 Year Reunion

The 60 year class reunion starts with Fridayloo on August 21. More information is available for Saturday on the reunion facebook page! *Waterloo East High 1966 Class Reunion*

Garage Sales

End of season sales. Lots of seasonal decorations. Clothes, housewares, garden tools, wheelbarrow, lots of furniture & misc. items. Something for everyone. Reasonably priced.

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well-kept street certainly makes a good impression. Proper maintenance improves visibility for drivers, enhances pedestrian safety, and helps create a neighborhood everyone can be proud of.

But maintaining the right-of-way isn't just about what should be there. It's also about what shouldn't.

Evansdale City Code 135.03 makes it unlawful to throw or deposit glass, bottles, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, leaves, grass clippings, or other debris onto any street or alley. In other words, the street is designed for traffic—not as an extension of your compost pile, storage area, or cleanup strategy.

While a few grass clippings or leaves may seem harmless, they can create bigger problems than many people realize. During a rainstorm, yard waste and debris can wash into storm drains, causing blockages that interfere with proper drainage and increase the risk of localized flooding.

Storm sewers are remarkably efficient at moving water. They are considerably less enthusiastic about handling grass clippings, sticks, and last autumn's leaves.

Debris in the street can also create safety hazards. Broken glass, nails, wire, and other materials can damage vehicles, injure pedestrians, puncture bicycle tires, or harm pets. Nobody enjoys discovering a flat tire courtesy of someone else's yard cleanup.

By keeping right-of-way areas maintained and streets free of debris, residents help:

Prevent storm sewer blockages

Reduce flooding concerns

Improve neighborhood appearance

Increase pedestrian and traffic safety

Protect vehicles, bicycles, and pets

Preserve community pride

It's also important to remember that property owners may be liable for damages resulting from a failure to properly maintain adjacent public property or right-of-way areas. While nobody hopes to discuss liability over their morning coffee, routine maintenance is a simple way to avoid bigger problems later.

The good news is that keeping Evansdale looking great doesn't require extraordinary effort. A few extra minutes with the mower, trimming overgrown vegetation, and making sure leaves and grass clippings stay out of the street can have a significant impact.

At the end of the day, community pride isn't built through grand gestures. It's built one mowed strip, one trimmed shrub, and one litter-free curb line at a time. When everyone does their part, streets stay safer, storm drains work as intended, and Evansdale remains a place we're all proud to call home.

After all, grass belongs on lawns, leaves belong in yard waste containers, and storm sewers would much prefer to stick to water.



EVANSDALE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER

By Sandy Clements, EEDC Chairman

Part 9, and Final look at the Jewett School cookbook, "Evansdale's Kitchen Secrets"!

Our final look at the cookbook finds us exploring the "Body Building and Weight Gaining Diet". I'm not sure if body building in 2026 is different than it was 75 years ago, but it's hot out, and even the corn is sweating, so let's pretend that body building is on our bucket list and we should be informed!

The General Instructions and list of Dietary Essentials contained almost as many words as the diet menus themselves! Here are just a few: portions should be made fairly large; rest periods are desirable after meals; avoid all emotional disturbances during meals; take at

least some outdoor exercise daily; and desserts, preferably those made with milk, junket, and chocolate pudding should be included twice every day. (When was the last time you had junket? What IS junket??)

There is a note just before the menus start, that sounds heavenly: in the following High Calorie Diet all foods must be eaten whether you have an appetite or not!!! (The exclamation marks were my idea! LOL)

I can't tell you about the two snacks per day because my acid reflux is kicking in just by reading about eating this much food! I hope you enjoyed reminiscing with me, enjoyed a memory or two, and count yourself as blessed if you were lucky enough to attend Jewett School!

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Progress at Angels Park

by Dottie Wear

Work continues on two projects at Angels Park this summer. New Bathrooms are being constructed along with room to store Island maintenance equipment.

The other project involves replacing the retaining wall on the north side of the lake.

Both projects are being paid for primarily with grant money and are expected to be completed by the end of October.



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Mayor's Park ~ We love seeing our beautiful park busy on the daily. Please be sure you are cleaning up after yourself and your pets. Garbage cans are provided throughout the park and dog waste bags are available along the trail. Remember that the shelters are able to be reserved at the City Hall for your special events for only \$25.

Pickleball Court ~ The pickle-

ball court surface has been ordered and will be installed soon. The fence will be finished and we are hoping to have the courts open early fall.

The next regular council meeting will be August 11th at 5:00pm and a special council meeting will be held on August 25 at 5:00pm.

The City Hall will be closed on Friday, August 21.

Thanks for continuing to help keep our community such a fun place to live!

Hey You! Yes You!!!

Are You looking for a Church? We are Looking for You!!!

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Elizabeth Collins Foundation

by Sharon King

The 14th Annual Ride & Drive was held July 11th for Lyric & Elizabeth. This Fund Raiser makes it possible to welcome families out to Angel's Park for a Halloween Safety Event that is coming up again on Saturday, October 24th. This non-profit organization is also able to donate to support Evansdale and Waterloo police departments, Crime Stoppers, and Angel's Park. The Foundation also operates for education & charitable purposes and works toward community safety in areas of sex trafficking & abductions.

It was a perfect day for the ride, motorcycles & cars as far as you could see. As we left Lofty's we did our traditional trip past Angel's Park for the Silent Tribute where friends & families held pictures of their lost loved ones.

Our first stop was in Hazelton, then on to Strawberry Point, Manchester, Quasqueton and back to Lofty's for refresh-

ments, raffles, bake sale, silent auction & much more. We were waved to along the road by families and treated like family at each town we visited. It was truly a great experience.

Last, I would like to thank the many, many people who made this possible. Both the In kind & financial sponsors. All the people that made the trip safe. All the planning & tasks needed to put this all together. So many, but each one so important.

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On August 9th and August 30th we will have a combined service at 10:00 a.m.

instead of our usual times.

Sunday Services:

8:45 a.m. Traditional Service

10:00 a.m. Coffee & cookies Fellowship, Adult Bible Study

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service





by Dottie
Wear

Evansdale residents are in the enviable position of having a locally owned pharmacy in their

city, as most small communities don't. That pharmacy is **Evans Crossing** and is owned by **Wes Pilkington**. He bought the business from Bob Greenwood in 2023 who had purchased it from Rick Foreman in 2018.

2011 was a busy year for Wes. He graduated from **University of Iowa College of Pharmacy** after completing undergraduate school there. He and his wife, Sarah, married that same year. Like I said, it was busy. They now have 3 children ; Jacob (11), Ryan (9) , and Anna (6).

His interest in the history of how towns came to be incorporated had a lot to do with his decision on what to name his new

business. **Evans Crossing** was part of a farm in town that was one of the original sections of town. He recommends checking out the City of Evansdale's page that talks about the incorporation of the various neighborhoods and townships into Evansdale.

I asked him about the **EVANS-DALE PROUD** mural on the side of the building. I remembered that at the time, he had asked residents for suggestions as to what they would like to see go up.

He thought the large blank wall would be a cool place to honor the city and the slogan ended up having a bit of a double meaning. "The people of Evansdale are proud of their town and I'm proud to have a pharmacy in Evansdale."

Wes, four technicians (Cindy, Kim, Caitleen and Karsyn) and one cashier for the summer



(Ben) provide service Monday through Friday from 9 AM-6PM.

When asked why we should patronize his pharmacy instead of others, he told me, "I think the primary reason is they receive a much higher level of service compared to some of the chains or bigger pharmacies. We pride ourselves in knowing our patients and going above and beyond for them. For our cash paying customers, we are often much cheaper than the chains and big box stores because we do a transparent pricing model (more commonly known as **cost plus**). We take the actual price of the medication and add \$12 which is what it costs our pharmacy to dispense the medication. So, in many cases, people can get 3 months of generic

medications for less than \$15.

It's not just Evansdale citizens that Wes is helping. While until just recently

serving as **President of the Iowa Pharmacy Association** and one year left on the **board of trustees**, he had the opportunity to be very involved in several legislative issues at the state-house. One was the passing of **Bill SF-383** prohibiting PBM's from telling patients which pharmacy they were required to use. Unfortunately, several businesses sued the state and much of the law has been put on hold until the case is heard this fall in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

3 years ago, Wes Pilkington made a commitment to support the city of Evansdale by providing a pharmacy to this small town. I would like to think that we can in turn support him by "Shopping Local".

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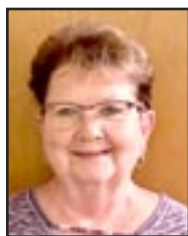


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Did You Know?



By Sandy Clements, City Council Member

Last month I introduced you to a marketing book (booklet) from the Home Acres Land Association, "New, Modern Homes in 'Home Acres'. A Growing Community of American Homes". The first thought that struck me while reading through the 27 pages of this well-thought-out booklet was, why did they use a whole page, page 2 in fact, to talk about the wonders and progress of Waterloo? Page 3 leads off with "Home Acres – on the fringe of the thriving city of Waterloo" and proceeds to explain to the reader why you would want to live "only ten minutes from Waterloo's downtown shopping and theater district".

This booklet may have been written in late 1938 or in 1939, due to the dates on some of the information included. Charles and William (Bill) Fox appealed to young families coming out of the Great Depression who were looking for security and a way to pro-

vide for their two largest needs: a modern house they could both afford and be proud of and also help put food on their table! A family could buy a home and a couple of acres of good tillable ground, or buy a lot and build their own home, and take advantage of the Association's Budget Plan Terms. Many people planted gardens to feed their families, and some raised chickens as well.

I particularly love this quote from the end of page 3. "Home Acres is not a poor man's paradise, nor is it a rich man's playground. Home Acres is middle-class – planned and developed to provide modern housing in proper environment at reasonable prices and on fair terms." The Fox brothers were not in it to make a fast buck... they were in it for the long haul. Bill, his wife Catherine, and sister-in-law Ellen lived here until they died (1964, 1975, and 1964 respectively). Aunt Ellie was related to Catherine, not Bill. I stand corrected from last month!!! But, I just found out that the sisters were born in Ireland... I bet they would have loved living so close to Irish Fest! Only ten minutes away after all!!!



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