

With the onset of pleasant weather, it is time for spring updates.

Dog Licenses. All dogs over 5 months in age must be licensed. Licenses are \$8 for spayed or neutered dogs or \$15 for unaltered dogs. A \$5 late fee applies after March 31. Licenses are available at City Hall during regular business hours; a certificate of rabies vaccination is required.

Ducks. The Evansville Youth Center is placing ducks in local yards as a fundraiser again this spring. If you have a neighbor you'd like to see quacked, please call Lisa James at (608) 516-4864 to sponsor a bunch of ducks.

Even-Odd Parking. The winter parking regulations officially end April 15.

Terrace Trees. The City of Evansville is offering a limited number of terrace trees for sale to City residents. The Public Works Department and volunteers will plant, stake and mulch the trees for the cost of \$55 per tree. Trees are 1 1/4 inch diameter. Tree types are autumn blaze maple, green mountain sugar maple, linden American sentry, honey locust, and Donald Wyman white flowering crab apple.

A site assessment will be required to insure the trees can be successfully planted. Orders will be taken until April 21 or until this year's trees are gone, on a first come first served basis. Please see the city website www.ci.evansville.wi.gov for order info.

Brush Collection. The Public Works Department is beginning curb-side brush collection the first full week of each month (this month, April 4-8). Please cut brush to six foot lengths and place on the terrace parallel (lengthwise) to the curb. Yard waste (leaves, clippings, etc) must be bagged or in containers. Materials placed in the street have a tendency to clog stormwater drainage and cause flooding; please keep brush and yard waste on the terrace.

Yard Waste. The City Yard Waste Facility at 465 Water Street is available for residents who prefer to drop off their brush and yard waste. Starting on Saturday, April 16, it will be open Saturdays from 9:30 to 2:00 and Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 throughout the summer.

Stormwater. As simple as it may sound, keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas as well as greatly reduce the occurrence of blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. The Public Works Department regularly inspects the streams, ditches, ponds, and culverts in the stormwater drainage system throughout the city. If you see a local flooding or drainage problem that needs attention, please contact the Public Works Department at 882-2270.

Streetsweeping. With the early season good weather, we've already been out a few times to sweep the streets and pick up a lot of the excess sand that accumulated over the winter. The regular streetsweeping schedule is during the second full week of each month (this month, April 11-15).

Youth Baseball. Every summer around 400 boys and girls, ages 4-12, participate in Evansville's recreational baseball program. It gives the kids an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of baseball as well as teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. I hope your child has fun playing with his or her team this summer.

We have a few improvements this year. We will distribute roster and schedule information earlier than last year. T-shirt sizes will be requested on the registration forms to make sure we have the right sizing. T-ball teams will have smaller rosters in order to keep everyone's attention while batting through the entire line up. Team and individual pictures will be better staffed and organized than last year.

We have local business sponsors this year. There is an obvious financial side to it. With new money from the sponsors and with some cost savings in the program, we were able to reduce registration fees by \$12 per kid. We also hope having local names for the teams will add an element of community spirit to the baseball program.

Thank you to Allen Custom Flatwork, Allen Realty, Baumberger Shop, CompuWiz, Evansville Community Theater, Hagen Insurance, Kopecky's Piggly Wiggly, Rock N Rollz Sandwich Co., Sew Many Threads, State Farm Insurance, Symdon Chevrolet, and Union Bank & Trust.

For any business still wanting to sign up to sponsor a baseball team, please call City Hall at 882-2266 to get on a waiting list in case we have higher player registrations and need to add teams.

Player registration forms are available through the schools, at City Hall, and online at www.ci.evansville.wi.gov. Registration forms and fees can be completed at City Hall (31 South Madison Street) or mailed directly to the City at PO Box 76. The only day that we will have registration at the school was April 8 during the Week of the Young Child.

In order to have t-shirts sized to order and in order to get rosters and schedules distributed in a timely fashion, we need to have a firm registration deadline. **Please have all player registrations turned in by Monday, April 18.**

We rely on parent volunteer coaches to assist and oversee the teams. If you are interested in volunteering, please indicate on your child's registration form or call me at 882-2263.

We are also compiling a list for umpires, pitching machine operation, and pre and post game field work; as in the past these positions will be paid \$20 per evening. If interested, please see the City website www.ci.evansville.wi.gov or contact City Hall at 882-2266 about an application and getting your name on the list.

If you have any questions about the city's baseball program, feel free to call me directly at 882-2263.

The traveling league Baseball Youth of Evansville is not run by the city. Please call Tim Payton at (608) 201-3921 with questions about registration or try-outs.

The city is not running the A League Of Their Own softball program this year. It has gone on its own and changed its name to Evansville Fastpitch and/or Evansville Angels. The contact is Chris Roberts at (608) 214-7578 or evilleangels@gmail.com.

Swimming Pool. The pool will open for the summer on Monday, June 6. New this year: Family Swim and Burger Nights on June 19 and July 17 and Teen Nights on June 18 and July 23. Sign up now for swimming lessons, swim team, and season passes. All pool employees have up-to-date training in Red Cross Lifesaving skills and are certified in First Aid, AED, and CPR.

Information is posted on the city website at www.ci.evansville.wi.gov and on Facebook under Evansville Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center. Or call 882-2276 or email vmaquatics@live.com with questions.

Re-organization. Congratulations to Barb Jacobson, Floyd Hayes, Cheryl Fuchs, Jim Brooks, and Dennis Wessels on their elections last week. Every April, after the spring elections, appointments are made for the various City committees. This year the re-organization meeting will be Tuesday, April 19.

City committees include Plan Commission, Fire District, Public Safety, Finance & Labor Relations, Housing Authority, Park & Recreation Board, Economic Development, Evansville/Union Implementation, Historic Preservation, Youth Center Advisory Board, Library Board, Public Works, Water & Light, Energy Independence Team, Police Commission, Unified Land Code Review, and Redevelopment Authority.

Electric Disconnects. The winter moratorium for delinquent electric utilities ends April 15. To avoid disconnection, electric bills must either be paid in full or have a deferred payment arrangement approved no later than April 15. Residential services with delinquent bills will be disconnected and have their meters pulled on April 20. If you have any questions concerning this policy, you may call the Evansville Water & Light office at 882-2280 or the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) at 1-800-225-7729.

WWTF Tours. Our new state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility will hold tours during the Energy Fair on Friday, April 15. The WWTF highlights a number of high efficiency features as well as a 100 kW wind turbine. Bussing will be provided to and from the Fieldhouse during the Energy Fair.

Warning Siren Test. Rock County Emergency Management regularly runs tests of the warning sirens during the tornado season at 12:05 pm on the first Wednesday each month. This month, the test was on Wednesday, April 6. The test signal will be 1-2 minutes long. Siren testing will not occur if there is inclement weather in Rock County on the test date and will instead be held on the second Wednesday of the month. If

residents find the siren in their area is not working, they should report it to (608) 758-8440.

A steady tone of 3-5 minutes will be the take cover signal that a tornado warning has been issued for Rock County and citizens should immediately take shelter and tune to your local broadcasting stations or weather radio for information.