

Spring came a bit earlier than my seasonal updates this year.

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.

Even-Odd Parking. Tough to believe this year, but 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 sienna glen maple, discovery elm, hackberry, 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 20 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 or call 882-2266 for order info.

Brush Collection. Curb-side brush collection occurs the first full week of each month (this month, April 2-6). 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. It is open Saturdays from 9:30 to 2:00 and Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 throughout the summer, weather permitting.

Clean Sweep. Rock County Clean Sweep will be at the Evansville Public Works Garage, 535 South Madison Street, on Friday, April 27, from 1:00 to 4:00. Residents may dispose of herbicides, insecticides, solvents, old fuel, and other chemicals. Pre-registration is required. Call Rock County Land Conservation 754-6617 ext 3 for info or to pre-register.

E-Waste. The 10th annual Earth Day Energy Fair on Friday, April 20, from 4:30 to 8:00 at the School Fieldhouse, 320 Fair Street, will include free electronics recycling for small computer equipment and cell phones. A charge will apply for computer monitors and televisions.

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 9-13).

Youth Baseball. Every summer around 350 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're continuing the local business sponsors this year. There is an obvious financial side to it. With money from the sponsors and with some cost savings in the program, we are able to reduce registration fees by \$12 per kid. Also, having local names for the teams adds an element of community spirit our baseball program.

Thank you to Allen Custom Flatwork, Allen Realty, Consigny Law Office, Evansville Home Talent Baseball, Hagen Insurance, Kopecky's Piggly Wiggly, Law Office of Mason C. Braunschweig, PerMar Security, R&K & Sons Construction, Rock N Rollz Sandwich Co., Sew Many Threads, Shannon Law Office, State Farm Insurance, Symdon Chevrolet, Tipi Produce, and Union Bank & Trust.

It depends on player registrations, but I think we may still have room for one or two business sponsors. Please call City Hall at 882-2266 if interested.

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 27 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, May 4.**

We rely on parent volunteer coaches to assist and oversee the teams. If you are interested in helping, please indicate on your child's registration form or call City Hall at 882-2266.

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.

Swimming Pool. The pool will open for the summer on Wednesday, June 6. 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. New this year: Family Float Night on July 20.

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 Sandy Decker, Mason Braunschweig, Cheryl Fuchs, Jon Senn, Ben Ladick, and Josh Manring 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 17.

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.

The City Council and Department Heads will be meeting as the Committee of the Whole on the morning of Saturday, April 21, at Creekside Place. With a lot of new faces on the City Council, the meeting will include some fundamentals and city overview. It will also include some strategic planning.

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 18. 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.

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 4, and had no problems.

April 16-20 is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. A statewide mock watch and mock warning will be held on Thursday, April 19. The sirens will sound at 1:45 pm as part of the mock tornado warning. If we actually have inclement weather, the drill will be postponed to Friday, April 20.

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.