

Now that we've traded our ice scrapers for umbrellas, it is time for spring seasonal updates.

**Public Input Surveys.** Both the Library and the Parks Department are conducting surveys for public input on current and future operations. Please see the city website [www.ci.evansville.wi.gov](http://www.ci.evansville.wi.gov) for links to both online surveys. A few minutes of your time is greatly appreciated and important for these programs.

**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.

**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, green mountain sugar 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](http://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 (next May 6-10). 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 9:00 to 2:30 and Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 throughout the summer, weather permitting.

**E-Waste.** The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Energy Fair on Friday, April 19, 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.** The regular streetsweeping schedule is during the second full week of each month, weather permitting.

**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. 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, Integrated Security Solutions, Litewire Internet, R&K & Sons Construction, Rock N Rollz Sandwich Co., Sew Many Threads, Shannon Law Office, State Farm Insurance, Subway, 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](http://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 26 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 6.**

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](http://www.ci.evansville.wi.gov) or contact City Hall at 882-2266 about an application and getting your name on the list.

We've made a few improvements to the program this year. One, for all the kids, a photo CD with player and team photos is included in the registration. Two, for the older kids, we'll be getting away from the pitching machines to place better emphasis on teaching pitching and hitting fundamentals. 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 8. 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](http://www.ci.evansville.wi.gov) and on Facebook under Evansville Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center. Or call 882-2276 or email [vmaquatics@live.com](mailto:vmaquatics@live.com) with questions.

**Re-organization.** Congratulations to Barb Jacobson, Jim Brooks, James Montgomery, 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 18.

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, May 18, for ongoing 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 17. 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 3; the sirens did not sound; and Rock County is working on fixing it.

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.

April 15-19 is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. A statewide mock watch and mock warning will be held on Thursday, April 18. 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 19. NOAA radios and many television and radio stations will also participate in the drill.