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# HIGHLIGHTS

*News from Evanston City Government -- Winter 2002*

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## **Successful scofflaw crackdown continues**

Debts owed to a governmental body have somehow over the years acquired a different standard for payment than a legal debt due to private businesses. The City of Evanston is now holding community members responsible for their actions.

Many individuals who owe money to the City have found themselves denied certain non-essential municipal services, such as the ability to obtain building permits, parking permits, vehicle stickers and property transfer stamps. Some debtors have even had their driver's licenses suspended. Most debts include lawful judgments issued by the administrative adjudication process resulting from city ordinance violation cases. Two ordinances were enacted to deny City services.

Collecting these judgments helps prevent violators from passing related costs on to

the rest of the community, such as repeat inspections for ongoing property standards violations, fire and health code concerns, enforcement against repeat parking offenders and related administrative court expenses.

This year alone, through the month of October, the City has collected \$1,026,000 through administrative adjudication. That amount represents an increase of almost \$400,000 more than was collected for the entire year of 2001.

The City is considering publishing a list of Evanston's top scofflaws on its web site. Specifically, the list will identify those individuals with the greatest amount of unpaid parking tickets and unpaid judgments.

## **Web site continues to grow**

The City of Evanston's web site, [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org), is growing with information and services by the day. City staff work diligently to keep all information current.

Here's a snapshot of what you can already do online:

- \* Learn how to get your alley paved
- \* Discover employment opportunities with the City
- \* Contest your parking tickets online
- \* Access the City's budget
- \* Research laws and ordinances in the City Code
- \* Apply for a position on a board, committee or commission
- \* Register for the City's bi-monthly electronic newsletter
- \* Review archives of the City's Highlights newsletter
- \* Learn where to cast your vote
- \* Access and print maps
- \* View crime statistics in your neighborhood
- \* Download City Council agendas and meeting minutes
- \* Email your Alderman and City Departments
- \* Access news on City events and programs
- \* And much more!!!
- \* Coming next year pay your water bills online!



**Evanston Fire and Life Safety Services** congratulates Alysa Parks (left) for being the 500th citizen to have a child car seat checked by Captain Art Miller (far right). Thanks to contributing businesses, Alysa and her family received gift certificates to Century Theatres and restaurants in the Clean Plate Club to celebrate the milestone visit. Rob Byrne (center) assists Captain Miller with the program. Captain Miller has coordinated the Child Car Seat Program since its inception as a result of a Community Development Block Grant that was received by the Fire Department in 2000. The car seat checks are held at Fire Station #1 and are done by on-duty personnel. To schedule a car seat safety check, please call (847) 866-5010, ext. 4121.

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## City appoints new Purchasing Director

City of Evanston Director of Finance Bill Stafford announced the appointment of Bobbie Tolston-Brown as the City's new Director of Purchasing.

Ms. Tolston-Brown brings to the City her public sector purchasing experience from Oak Park and has held various Civil Service positions over the past 20 years including time in the U.S. Navy and at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

She currently seeks a Master's Degree from Northeastern University and is certified by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing as a Buyer

(CPPB). Ms. Tolston-Brown is a Diversity Committee member for the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), representing the state of Illinois, and is a member of the following organizations: Illinois Association of Procurement Professionals (IAPPO) and Midwest Association of Procurement Professionals (MAPP).

For more information on conducting business with the City of Evanston, contact Ms. Tolston-Brown, (847) 448-8107.



Bobbie Tolston-Brown

## Vehicle sticker deadline in January

January 10 is the deadline for displaying 2002-2003 City Vehicle Stickers. The new stickers are \$60 and are available at the Collector's Office in the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. If residents do not receive renewal applications, they should bring their license plate registration cards to the Collector's Office.

*Due to budget constraints, the Collector's Office will offer limited extended hours: Saturday, Jan. 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday - Thursday, Jan. 6-9, 5 -7 p.m.*

City stickers are also available at most

Currency Exchanges in Evanston. After January 10, stickers will cost \$90.

To save time and City expense, the sticker application forms are available on the City's web site, [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org). Residents can also pick up a blank form at the Collector's Office and mail in their completed forms and payments. For additional information, contact the Collector's Office at (847) 866-2926.

Residential Parking Permits are available through the Parking Systems Division on the third floor of the Civic Center.

## City Phone Numbers

City Phone Numbers -- (847)

Police/Fire/Emergency .....911  
Police & Fire TDD .....866-5095  
Police/Non-emergency .....866-5000  
Fire/Non-emergency .....866-5918  
City Information .....328-2100  
Public Library .....866-0300  
City TTY .....448-8052  
Health Department .....866-2948

## Dates to Remember

**Nov. 25** City Council Meeting, 8:30 p.m.\*\*

**Nov. 28 -29** Happy Thanksgiving. Government offices closed. Thursday refuse collection set for Friday the 29th.

**Nov. 30** Holiday C.A.R.E. Faire, Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Dec. 5** Last day for curbside yard waste collection. Downtown tree-lighting ceremony, community sing-along, Radio City Rockettes, 5 p.m. Fountain Square.

**Dec. 6-8** Nutcracker 2002. Call for ticket information, (847) 328-9401.

**Dec. 15** Gas-powered leaf blowers no longer permitted. Last day for yard waste drop-off location for season, Evanston Recycling Center, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve. City offices close at noon.

**Dec. 25** Christmas Day. City offices closed. No refuse/recycling collections. Wednesday's collection is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 26, and Thursday's collection will take place on Friday, Dec. 27.

**Dec. 26** Free Kwanzaa celebration, 1-8 p.m., Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., (847) 328-4540.

**Jan. 1** New Year's Day. City offices closed. No refuse/recycling collections. Wednesday's collection is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 2, and Thursday's collection will take place on Friday, Jan. 3.

**Jan. 10** Deadline to display 2003 Vehicle Stickers.

**Jan. 20** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. City offices closed. No refuse/recycling collections scheduled. All garbage pickup is one day later this week.

**Feb. 2-23** Black History Month Celebration Free educational workshops every Sunday, 4-6:30 p.m., Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster, (847) 328-4540.

\*\* Meetings are usually on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. Meetings are cablecast live on Channel 16; rebroadcasts are at noon Sundays and 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Updated meeting schedule on [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org).

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## Colon testing can save your life!

Through December, adults 40 years old and better can obtain free "fecal occult blood" test kits from the Evanston Health and Human Services Department.

Sampling is done in the privacy of your home. It's simple to do and has proven to be effective in clinical trials. Colon Cancer is the second leading cancer killer in America, but the great news is that colon testing can save your life and even prevent colon cancer.

Colon cancer is most common in men and women over 50, but these fecal kits are available for any adult over 40 years of age. Please call the Evanston Health Department, (847) 866-2948, to obtain your free testing kit with instructions, and it will be mailed to you.



**Help available  
to disabled  
and seniors**

The City's Disabled Services offers greater independence to the City's growing disabled population with opportunities to make their housing situations more accessible at no cost.

The program provides adaptive devices, such as grab bars, item reachers, light alarms, door handles, walking canes, raised toilet seats, magnifiers, ring flashers and more to disabled adults, renters or homeowners with disabled children and senior citizens in Evanston.

For further information about the adaptive devices program, call the City's Disabled Services at (847) 448-8054, (847) 866-2954 or TTY (847) 448-8052.

## Why smoke in 2003?

The Evanston and Skokie Health Departments will sponsor a six-session Smoking Cessation Clinic beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Parasol Room of the Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge. For more information or to register, call (847) 866-2952.

## Department of Health and Human Services



## National Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, which is dedicated to promoting and creating awareness of the importance of oral health. The most common chronic health disease among children in the United States is dental decay. Some dental conditions that affect children, such as gum disease, tooth decay and facial injuries, are preventable and treatable. If left untreated, a child's eating patterns, speech and ability to focus in school will be affected.

The City of Evanston Health Department, in collaboration with District 65, has provided dental health programs and cursory dental inspections through its Dental Health Educator. The goal is to educate and promote healthy dental behavior and practices to the children of Evanston.

Some of the programs we provide include oral hygiene instructions; preven-



tion measures, such as screening for sealants and mouthguards; talks on diet and how it relates to dental health; and promotion on seeking regular professional dental care. The programs are catered towards the children's age group.

The City has a new Dental Health Educator, Mary Sordilla. Mary is a Registered Dental Hygienist and a graduate from the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry-Dental Hygiene Program with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.

For the past 10 years, she has worked at several private practices in the states of Michigan, California and Illinois. The Dental Health Educator will be visiting the district's pre-school programs, second and sixth graders, and also the Fleetwood Jourdain Center throughout the year.

## Prostate cancer: what men need to know

Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer in American men, next to skin cancer. The best protection against prostate cancer are regular medical checkups that include a prostate screening with a simple blood draw.

The Evanston Health and Human Services Department offers many free screenings. Call (847) 866-2948 for more information.

All men are at risk and the risk increases with age. About 80 percent of men diagnosed with prostate cancer are 65 years of age and older. African-American men have a higher risk of prostate cancer than Caucasians. Several studies support that men who have a high-fat diet have a greater chance of developing prostate cancer.

The risk of prostate cancer increases

with the number of close relatives who have the disease. Prostate cancer can occur in someone with no risk factors present.

Prostate cancer often does not cause symptoms for many years. By the time symptoms occur, the disease may have spread beyond the prostate to other parts of the body. When these symptoms do occur, they may include:

- \* Frequent urination, especially at night
- \* Inability to urinate
- \* Trouble starting or holding back the flow of urine
- \* A weak or interrupted flow of urine
- \* Painful or burning urination
- \* Blood in the urine or semen
- \* Painful ejaculation
- \* Frequent pain or stiffness in the lower back, hips or upper thighs

## Winter is time for landlords, tenants to work together

Renters, don't wait till it's below zero before you tell your landlord that you suspect your heat is not working properly.

The City urges tenants to gauge the efficiency of their apartments' heat during mild winter days and work closely with their landlords to prevent temperature emergencies.

Every rental building owner or operator that furnishes heat for tenants is required to maintain these room temperatures: 65°F (18°C) during the hours from 6 to 8 a.m.; 68°F (20°C) during the hours from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 63°F (16°C) during the hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Make sure storm windows are closed, radiators/vents are in the open position and furniture does not block radiators and vents. Renters experiencing cold conditions should contact the City's Property Standards Division, (847) 866-2927.

## Holiday C.A.R.E. Faire



Pet pictures with Santa, pet-related crafts, a cookie walk, behavior seminars, and a silent auction featuring items donated from area businesses will highlight this year's Holiday C.A.R.E. Faire, an annual bazaar and fund-raiser hosted by the Community Animal Rescue Effort, the all-volunteer non-profit affiliate of the Evanston Animal Shelter.

The event is set for Saturday, Nov. 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave. The public is invited to bring leashed pets for pictures with Santa.

C.A.R.E. requests donations of canned pet food for admission to the bazaar. Parking is free. All proceeds from the bazaar benefit the dogs and cats at the Evanston Animal Shelter. For more information, call C.A.R.E.'s 24-hour hotline at (847) 705-2653 or visit C.A.R.E.'s web site at [www.care-evanston.org](http://www.care-evanston.org).

## At the library

# Free Internet access for senior citizens

Seniors over 65 years old are invited to come in and test drive Generations on Line™, the first easy-to-use program designed to introduce seniors to the joys of the Internet and email. No prior computer experience is needed.

Participants will get a free email address and access to the World Wide Web,

## Family Programs

All Sunday afternoon programs will be presented in the Community Room of the Main Library from 2 to 3 p.m. and are free of charge.

### January 12 - Chris Fascione: Bringing Literature to Life

In this unique program, Fascione acts out children's literature while motivating kids to read through his fun, high-spirited participatory programs. This "Robin Williams for kids" brings colorful characters to life to the delight of children and parents alike.

## Adult Programs

All programs will be presented in the Community Room of the Main Library and are free of charge.

### Book Discussion

*God and the Goddesses: Vision, Poetry, and Belief in the Middle Ages*

Barbara Newman, professor of English and religion at Northwestern University, will discuss her new book that examines the numerous "daughters of God" who appear in allegorical poems, theological fictions, and the visions of holy women. Join us at 7 p.m. on December 12.

and the ability to search in 25 languages. This new non-profit program helps seniors unfamiliar with computers to use the Internet with on-screen, step by step directions in plain English and large type. Generations on Line™ is available to patrons at all Evanston Library locations.



February 9 -

### Denise Berry-Hanna, Storyteller

An award-winning storyteller, Berry-Hanna captures the audience's imagination with her dramatic telling of traditional and contemporary folktales.

### Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

On February 25 at 7 p.m., Linda Gorham, energetic and dynamic storyteller, presents adult stories that are funny, inspirational, and memorable. Partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, this engaging program explores ideas and traditions from many cultures.

# New financial system to streamline government

The City of Evanston recently began implementing a new state-of-the-art financial software system. Commonly referred to as an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system, this software has been implemented at thousands of public and private sector organizations across the country. J.D. Edwards, a company with extensive local government experience, was selected as the ERP platform.

Implementation of the new system includes the replacement of numerous back-office city applications including ones that currently support the financial management, accounting, budgeting, purchasing, accounts payable, payroll and human resource functions. The objective is to replace these systems with a single integrated system that provides for stream-

lined processing. In the future, the system will also enable citizens, businesses and employees to directly interact with the city more easily via the Web.

The first phase of the project, which just kicked off, will have city staff working more efficiently on the financial management, accounting, accounts payable and purchasing functions as soon as March 2003. The payroll, human resources, and budgeting functions as well as a number of other parts of the application are due to rollout in subsequent phases throughout 2003 and into the first quarter of 2004.

This system is a fundamental aspect of the city's continuing efforts to promote a more efficient and cost-effective government.



### Sherman Plaza is coming!

The Sherman Parking Garage, as it stands now, will remain open for holiday shoppers through January 6, provided the developer meets the city's required conditions. Demolition will begin shortly afterwards, lasting between two and three months. The City plans for the new garage and retail stores to open during the spring 2004. The 290-unit high-rise condominiums will be ready by the end of 2004, beginning of 2005.

## Renters will get .083 percent on their security deposits

The Evanston City Council recently approved amendments to the Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance (RLTO). Evanston landlords will now need to pay .083 percent interest on security deposits they receive from tenants from October 1, 2002, due to the low interest rates in the financial markets.

The rate of interest landlords are required to pay on security deposits received by their tenants from January 1, 1976, through September 30, 2002, is five percent.

All security deposits must be held in a

federally-insured, interest-bearing account in a bank, savings and loan, or other financial institution located in the State of Illinois.

The rate of interest on security deposits will continue to be consistent with the rate dictated by the City of Chicago. Any changes in Evanston's ordinance will be announced on the first business day of each year when the change will become effective.

For further information on the (RLTO) or these amendments, contact the Human Relations Commission, (847) 866-2920.

## Evanston maintains Aaa credit rating

The City of Evanston received the highest credit rating from Moody's Investors Service in September 2002 for the issuance of \$35,000,000 General Obligation Variable Rate Demand Bonds to support the construction of the new Sherman Plaza parking garage. The new garage will be built over the next two years to replace the current deteriorating Sherman garage.

The Aaa bond rating means the City can take advantage of the lowest interest rates in municipal markets, saving Evanston taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In 1986, Evanston was the first city in Illinois to receive the Aaa rating and has maintained it ever since. Currently, there are only 10 cities in the state that hold the rating, including Glenview, Wilmette, Lake Forest, Naperville, Winnetka and Northbrook.

According to Moody's report, Evanston's highest quality long-term Aaa rating reflects the following Evanston

characteristics:

Evanston has a diverse economic base with above average socioeconomic indicators. According to Moody's, Evanston's economic base, featuring Northwestern University and substantial commercial activity, affords stability to the local economy. Various economic development initiatives, including the creation of tax increment districts and special service areas have spurred redevelopment activity. The downtown area has diversified to include office and residential components.

The City maintained a stable financial position through expenditure reductions relating to staffing and the imposition of several home rule taxes, including sales and utility taxes, licenses and permit fees. Moody's expects the city's financial position to remain favorable given management's historical ability to plan, as well as increasing revenue sources driven by ongoing construction in Evanston.

## The Nutcracker 2002

Mark your calendars and reserve tickets early. Evanston's Recreation Division offers four performances celebrating the magic of this holiday tradition: Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m. at Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St. Call for ticket information, (847) 328-9401.

## First Night Evanston celebration

First Night Evanston, Illinois' largest New Year's Eve Festival of the Arts, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary.

Top draws include: America's Songs & Stories-Michael Miles Quintet; Big Guitars from Memphis; Video Stars; Kwame & Wan-Afrika; La Guitarras de Espana; Jose Valdes Mambo All Stars; Sons of the Never Wrong; The Special Consensus; Mission IMPROVable; Weavermania; Evanston's own Dave Young and the Piven Theatre Young People's Company, training ground for stars like John Cusak and Jeremy Piven to present dramatic fare.

For the kids, the amazing Dave Herzog Marionettes will perform, and there will be crafts, face painters and story tellers.

Children under five are FREE, with adult admissions at \$12 and children 6-12 priced at \$8. One admission button allows each wearer entry into all 15 venues. Buttons go on sale December 9 at Evanston area Dominick's, Jewel, WholeFoods, Barnes & Noble and Borders. Buttons can also be purchased online at [www.firstnightevanston.org](http://www.firstnightevanston.org) or by calling the First Night Hotline at 847-289-4248. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

# No sirens for snow emergencies; permanent signs now on streets with parking on one side

*Evanston's snow plan is a cooperative effort between City staff, residents and people who work here or are visiting the City. These are the basic rules the City asks you to follow:*

- 1) Don't park on the Snow Routes at night;
- 2) During a snow emergency, park on the proper side of residential streets during the day;
- 3) Clear your sidewalk of snow and ice;
- 4) Clear parking lots for which you are responsible, without pushing snow into adjacent streets, alleys or side walks.

### Snow Route Parking Ban (After a two inch Snowfall)

Main thoroughfares in Evanston are designated as Snow Routes, and are cleared first. Permanent red, white and blue signs are posted which indicate that parking is illegal on these streets between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. after at least two inches of snow has accumulated. The fine for violating the snow route-parking ban is \$50, plus towing and storage charges. Snow route parking bans can be in effect for one night or more, depending on the snowfall. If you move your car to a nearby side street, be sure to follow the snow clearing regulations for that street.

### Snow Emergency, Side Streets (After four-inch snowfall)

After an accumulation of four inches or more, a snow emergency may be declared. This applies to streets with parking on both sides which are not posted as Snow Routes and would normally be plowed over a two-day period. During an emergency, parking is NOT allowed on the even numbered side of the street on even days, nor on the odd side of the street on odd numbered days. Permanent signs, indicating alternate side parking rules, are found on every block that is affected.

Cars parked illegally are subject to ticketing and towing. If towed, your car will be returned to the vicinity from which it was towed. For vehicles that are towed, the fine is \$75; if you are just ticketed, the fine is \$25.

Most streets with parking on one side only now have permanent "ODD date" or "EVEN date" signs. This allows them to be plowed during snow emergencies. In the past, these streets were plowed last.

### Clearing Sidewalks and Parking Lots

Homeowners, building landlords and businesses are responsible for clearing sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a four-inch snowfall. If snow is packed and difficult to remove, it's acceptable to use salt or sand to make them passable. It's especially important to keep sidewalks clear for children, so they aren't forced to walk in the street. Also, be aware of elderly or disabled neighbors who can't shovel their own walks and offer to help them clear snow if you are able. When the snow is wet and heavy, all residents should use extra caution to avoid injury.

Landlords are also responsible for clearing parking lots within 24 hours after a four-inch snowfall.

### Special Notes

***SIRENS WILL NOT BE USED THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SNOW EMERGENCIES. Play it safe and anticipate Snow Route Parking Bans and Snow Emergencies.***

Snow parking regulations are in effect until the time indicated on the sign. It is illegal to park on the street during the restricted time, even if the plows have been through. Plowing and salting operations may require a return visit by City trucks.

Mounds of snow left at the curb by City plows are unavoidable. Please understand that work crews cannot stop to clear driveways as this occurs. Though the City does not plow alleys, we do continue to remove garbage and recycling. Garbage and recycling trucks going through will keep alleys passable during most snowstorms. If you want to have your alley plowed, you may wish to talk with your neighbors about sharing the cost of one of the many private plowing companies listed in the Yellow Pages.

To verify Evanston's snow situation:

Recorded message, (847) 866-2917; Streets & Sanitation, (847) 866-2940; Cable Channel 16; or [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org) -- sign up for E-News!



## Dig out hydrants from the street

To help firefighters, should an emergency occur -- possibly at your home -- dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house FROM the street. Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant when they arrive at a house fire, they can get to it more quickly. Adopt the fire hydrants near your home when it snows and be sure that they're accessible at all times.



# The importance of alternate side street parking

Follow the alternate parking on side streets after a snow emergency has been declared.

It is impossible for plows to clear some of the City's narrowest streets when alternate parking rules are not followed. When streets aren't cleared, many cars end up parked too far away from the curbs,

creating obstacles or obstructions for emergency vehicles.

Don't increase the response time of a life-threatening situation. Park smart!

## Snow shoveling program

The Evanston Commission on Aging seeks to match seniors and persons with disabilities with volunteers who would be willing to rake leaves or shovel snow. If you would be interested in volunteering a few hours during the fall or winter or you are interested in receiving assistance with leaf raking or snow shoveling, contact the Commission on Aging at (847) 866-2919.



## Evanston's Emergency Management Agency

# What to do during a winter storm

1. Listen to the radio or television for weather reports and emergency information.
  2. Dress for the season:
    - \* Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
    - \* Mittens are warmer than gloves.
    - \* Wear a hat; most body heat is lost through the top of the head.
    - \* Cover your mouth with scarves to protect lungs from the cold air.
  3. Be careful when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack, a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel, do some stretching exercises before going out and don't overexert yourself.
  4. Watch for signs of frostbite -- a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, ear lobes or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
  5. Watch for signs of hypothermia -- uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get medical help immediately.
6. When at home:
    - \* Conserve fuel if necessary by keeping your house cooler than normal. Temporarily "close off" heat to some rooms.

## Water bills soon to arrive in new format

Be on the lookout for the new water bill design!

Say goodbye to the small card water bill, which could be lost or misplaced! The new bill will include a return envelope for your convenience and have an area dedicated for important messages.

By the New Year, residents will have the capability to pay their water bills online with a credit card or by automatic debit. This part of the new bill process will allow residents to view their bills and water histories at the click of the mouse!

## Downtown parking meter hours extended

Months ago, the Evanston City Council approved the extension of parking meter hours in the area bordered by Emerson on the north, Hinman on the east, Lake Street on the south and Ridge Avenue on the west.



The City hopes to increase the turnover in parking in the downtown area in order to accommodate the growing number of visitors to these areas.

Visitors to Evanston's downtown will now need to pay parking between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, except for holidays. All meters will advertise the new enforced hours and holiday exceptions.

City staff reminds downtown visitors to use any of the self-park garages should their visit last longer than two hours. City parking garages are located at 1616 Sherman Avenue, next to Osco (only for a little while longer); 1800 Maple Avenue, across from the theaters; and at the intersection of Church St. and Chicago Ave., adjacent to the Evanston Place apartments. The first hour of parking in the City garages is always free!

For more information on parking in the City of Evanston, call (847) 866-2923.

# 5-year street improvement plan to begin

## Public Works

### HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

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Did you know that the City of Evanston has around 140 miles of streets?

The Evanston City Council recently approved a five-year street improvement plan recommended by the staff in the Department of Public Works. The plan calls for funding of \$1.7 million in street improvements per year, which amounts to between three and four miles of repairs annually.

The plan is flexible and will be re-evaluated annually to incorporate any changes in the conditions of streets, funding levels, and new projects and priorities.

While the plan takes into account the City's staff evaluation of the streets and requests from aldermen and the public, many other factors came into play to arrive at the priorities of these improvements. For example, street improvements must be coordinated with other improvements in the area, such as water and sewer projects, utility repairs, and future developments.

The jurisdiction of the streets is taken into account as the state is responsible for improvements of its local state routes. In addition, streets nearby to the one to be improved are also considered in the plan in order to identify group projects.

The consideration of joint projects with Wilmette and Chicago are factored in, and, to be fair, the projects are distributed geographically, so improvements are planned every year in every city ward.

Visit the Public Works Department on the City's web site, [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org), to view the entire plan or to learn any updates and changes along the way. Due to space constraints, here's the approved plan for the first three years:

### Streets on the list to be improved in the first three years

#### 2003-04 PROGRAM

STREET	FROM	TO
Asbury Avenue	Leon Place	Simpson Street
Brummel Street	W. End W/ Barton Ave	Ridge Avenue
Brummel Street	Custer Avenue	E. End E/Clyde Avenue
Burnham Place	Forest Avenue	Michigan Avenue
Callan Avenue	Brummel Street	Hull Terrace
Central Street	Sherman Avenue	Orrington Avenue
Central Street	Marcy Avenue	McDaniel Avenue
Chicago Avenue	Church Street	Sheridan Road
Clark Street	Chicago Avenue	Sheridan Road
Davis Street	McDaniel Avenue	Fowler Avenue
Dempster Street	Ridge Avenue	Chicago Avenue
Emerson Street	Orrington Avenue	Sheridan Road
Euclid Park Place	Ingleside Place	Sheridan Road
Forest Avenue*	Burnham Place	Dempster Street
Foster Street	Maple Avenue	Sheridan Road
Girard Avenue	South End	Isabella Street
Hamilton Street	Michigan Avenue	Sheridan Road
Harrison Street	Crawford Avenue	Hastings Avenue
Howard Street	Ridge Avenue	CTA Tracks
Ingleside Place	Euclid Park Place	Sheridan Road
Judson Avenue	Dempster Street	Main Street
Lee Street	Judson Avenue	Michigan Avenue
Leon Place	Asbury Avenue	Ridge Avenue
Maple Avenue*	Emerson Street	Simpson Street
Michigan Avenue	Main Street	Burnham Place
Monticello Street	Ridge Avenue	Orrington Avenue
Orrington Avenue*	Emerson Street	Noyes Street
Orrington Avenue	Noyes Street	Ingleside Place
Reba Place	Ridge Avenue	Sherman Avenue
Sheridan Road	Ridge Avenue	Sheridan Place
Sherman Avenue*	Foster Street	Simpson Street
Sherman Avenue	Milburn Street	Central Street
Simpson Street*	Sherman Avenue	Orrington Street

\*Tentative pending resolution of litigation

#### 2004-05 PROGRAM

STREET	FROM	TO
Callan Avenue	Howard Street	Brummel Street
Elmwood Avenue	Howard Street	N. End N/ Brummel St
Emerson Street	Ridge Avenue	Maple Avenue
Foster Street	Ridge Avenue	Maple Avenue
Fowler Avenue	Dempster Street	Church Street
Fowler Avenue	Grove Street	Davis Street
Garnett Place	Ridge Avenue	Maple Avenue
Greenwood Street	Hinman Avenue	Sheridan Road
Grove Street	McDaniel Avenue	Pitner Avenue
Harrison Street	Hastings Avenue	Central Park Avenue
Isabella Street	Poplar Avenue	Bryant Avenue
Judson Avenue	South Boulevard	Main Street
Judson Avenue	Dempster Street	Davis Street
Kedzie Street	Hinman Avenue	Michigan Avenue
Lemar Avenue	Emerson Street	Lyons Street
Leonard Place	Asbury Avenue	Ridge Avenue
Madison Street	Wesley Avenue	Asbury Avenue
Main Street	McDaniel Avenue	Dodge Avenue
McDaniel Avenue	Lake Street	Grove Street
Michigan Avenue	South Boulevard	Main Street
Monroe Street	Ridge Avenue	Sherman Avenue
Pitner Avenue	Lake Street	Davis Street
Ridge Court	Main Street	Greenleaf Street
Sheridan Road	Main Street	Burnham Place
Sherman Avenue	Clark Street	Foster Street

#### 2005-06 PROGRAM

STREET	FROM	TO
Central Park Avenue	Simpson Street	Central Street
Colfax Street	Central Park Avenue	Lincolnwood Drive
Dempster Street	Judson Avenue	Forest Avenue
Grant Street	Central Park Avenue	Lincolnwood Drive
Greenleaf Street	Hinman Avenue	Michigan Avenue
Grove Street	Maple Avenue	Elmwood Avenue
Hartrey Avenue	Church Street	Emerson Street
Lee Street	Ridge Avenue	Sherman Avenue
Library Place	Orrington Avenue	Sheridan Road
Main Street	Dodge Avenue	Asbury Avenue
McDaniel Avenue	Golf Road	Grant Street
Noyes Street	100' E / Asbury Avenue	Ridge Avenue
Ridge Avenue	Howard Street	Oakton Street
Wesley Avenue	Lyons Street	Emerson Street

# Updated information on recycling

Groot Recycling, a private hauler with sorting facilities in Elk Grove Village, empties Evanston's recycling bins the same day your refuse is collected.

All recyclables listed below may be placed together in one container -- there is no need to separate them. **The "garbage trucks" that Groot may use simply transport your recyclables to the plant, where they are sorted.**

For missed pick-ups, call Groot at 1-800-35GROOT or (1-800-354-7668). To report theft of recycling containers, contact the Evanston Police Department: (847) 866-5000.

In Evanston and all of Illinois, it's the law, as well as the right thing to do! Drop off your recyclables at the Evanston Recycling Center, 2222 Oakton St., on Fridays, from noon to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Paper

**Always bundle your paper in paper bags - loose paper makes litter!**

- \* Newspapers and all inserts
- \* Direct mail advertising
- \* Office paper
- \* Magazines, catalogs and phone books
- \* Cardboard (broken down, 2'x 2' pieces)
- \* Chipboard (flattened cereal, tissue boxes, paper towels, toilet paper rolls, shoe and food boxes)

### Not accepted:

- \* Tyvex paper
- \* Photos
- \* Tissue papers
- \* Silicon paper
- \* Wax paper
- \* Foil-lined paper

**Put all containers below loose in your bin:**

## Cans and foil

- \* Steel (tin) cans and bi-metal cans
- \* Empty aerosol cans
- \* Aluminum beverage and pet food cans
- \* Clean aluminum foil pans and containers
- \* Empty, dry paint cans

### Not accepted

- \* Scrap metal
- \* Cookware
- \* Unemptied aerosols or paint cans

## Glass

\* All colors of glass bottles and jars. You do not need to remove labels. Please rinse and throw away lids.

### Not accepted

- \* Pottery
- \* Mirrors
- \* Crystal, light bulbs, Pyrex
- \* Window glass
- \* Drinking glasses

## Plastic

The City contracts with Groot to pick up plastics labeled #1 and #2, which make up 85 to 90 percent of the plastics used today. Groot usually accepts other numbers (3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) and recycles them as market conditions allow.

Rinse, discard all lids. Six pack and 12 pack rings also accepted.

### Not accepted:

Any other plastic.



## It's time to brighten up the place

It will take City employees approximately three years to change all 5,500 light bulbs in the street lights in

the City of Evanston.

With Council approval, beginning in late winter or early spring, the City of Evanston will replace all 5,500 of the 100 and 175-watt mercury lamps and fixtures in its streetlights with the new induction lighting system from Philips.

The new bulbs run on only 91 percent of the power of the old lights, but will increase the output of each street light by 50 percent.

Additionally, the average life span of the new bulbs is over four times greater than the old ones, lasting up to 100,000 hours. Their color is much whiter, and will not change over time.

In case of a power failure, the re-ignition time is instant, compared to the six minutes it takes our current bulbs to re-strike.

With this upgrade, the City will lower its fixture wattage, increase light output, increase the system life, lower maintenance costs, and increase safety in the streets with instantaneous re-ignition after blackouts.

## Sidewalk signs need permits

Having a sale? Trying to attract more pedestrian business? Sidewalk signs can be a huge benefit. Be sure you contact the City before you place any signs on the public right-of-way.

The use of sidewalk signs requires a permit through the City in accordance with Section 7-2-6 of the City Code (available

for viewing on [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org)). The City has the right to approve or deny the usage based on public safety and convenience.

For more information on sidewalk signs or to apply for a permit, call (847) 866-2922.

## Yard waste collected through Dec. 5

The City's weekly yard waste pickup will continue on your regular refuse/recycling collection day until December 5.

A yard waste drop-off location is available through Dec. 15 at the Evanston Recycling Center, 2222 Oakton St., Fridays: noon-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sundays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. We accept only leaves, grass and small brush.

For information about the yard waste program, call Streets and Sanitation at (847) 866-2940.

Backpack-mounted or hand-held gas-line-powered leaf blower types of machines are permitted for use during your fall cleanup through December 14, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

Report violations to the Evanston Police Department, (847) 866-5000. Violations can result in a \$75 ticket.

Remember, it is illegal to rake or blow your leaves into the streets.



**Public  
Safety**

# Evanston, NU police partner for safe community

Don't be surprised when an officer from the Northwestern University Police Department responds in tandem with an Evanston police officer to a situation near you.

As its primary function, NU's police force works diligently to protect the university's campus and students. But the Evanston community will be glad to know that the campus police often back up the Evanston Police Department (EPD) to help keep our community safe.

NU's Police Department is a separate and full policing agency recognized by the State of Illinois. These officers graduated from academies, carry guns, and have full arrest powers, as do the officers of the EPD. Though the NU's police department's jurisdiction is technically the northeast quadrant of Evanston and the area directly adjacent to the campus, NU police assist the Evanston Police Department when necessary or specifically directed by Evanston Chief of Police Frank Kaminski.

"Their officers can respond when our units get tied up," says Chief Kaminski. "They are extra eyes and ears out on our streets."

The cooperation between the departments is just plain logical, according to Chief Kaminski. In the early 1990's, an official cooperative relationship was spelled out between the two entities. As time has gone by, Evanston's Department has allowed Northwestern's role in the community to grow.

For example, as recently as October 2002, NU's PD was asked by Chief Kaminski to help monitor and control a number of student parties that occurred off campus and in the middle of residential neighborhoods.

"They help control aggressive pan-

handling, curb wild parties, increase traffic safety, patrol our downtown, assist with bar checks to eliminate underage drinking, and more," said Chief Kaminski.

NU cops run a nightly foot patrol in Evanston's downtown and check in regularly with many merchants.

"We have scanners and portable radios for the Evanston Police Department," says Northwestern University Assistant Chief of Police Dan McAleer. "We can respond instantly if we are close to a situation or are asked to respond."

Evanston's Department offers joint training opportunities to NU's department, giving the university's officers career development, which also helps our community.

Starting last year, NU police began writing tickets for the City, including parking tickets; compliance tickets for noise, open alcohol, etc.; and traffic violations. All tickets end up adjudicated in the City's Hearings Division with fines paid to the City of Evanston.

Since March, Northwestern police have generated over \$5,000 in fine payments for the City. This arrangement between the City and Northwestern is mutually beneficial to both organizations since NU police, with limited staffing, no longer has to go to the Circuit Court in Skokie and are able to spend that Court time patrolling the campus.

"Our service is completely driven by wanting a safe environment both on and off campus," said Chief McAleer.

*Evanston needs you!*

## CITIZENS

## POLICE ACADEMY

Do you live, work or own property in Evanston? You're eligible for tuition-free instruction in Evanston's Model of Problem Solving Policing.

The next 12-week session begins on Thursday, March 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Register today for Class #17 by calling (847) 866-5019. You must be at least 18 years old.

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and Community  
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**Party patrol.** At the beginning of the fall quarter, two police cars with four officers (two from each department) were specifically designated to curb or shut down student parties off-campus when Evanston residents complained of noise, drinking, litter, etc.



Above from left: NU officers Ed Arocho, Jr., and John Coleman pose with Evanston officers Pat San Roman and Ryan Glew before breaking up a student party that got out of hand (below).



# What happens when the Fire Department arrives?

Evanston Fire Department is committed to conducting safe and efficient fire suppression operations. Different types of fires require different methods of attack, whether that involves a high-rise or residential structure. The type of response to each of these incidents varies according to the tactical requirements.

If you call 911 to report a fire within a residential structure, you will receive an initial response of three fire engines, one ladder truck, one ambulance and one shift chief. If there is confirmed smoke or fire, you may also receive one additional fire engine and ladder truck. With three personnel for each fire engine and fire truck, this results in 15 personnel with a potential of 21 personnel responding to confirmed conditions of smoke and fire.

The need is based on the amount of work to be done during a fire while providing safe conditions for civilians and fire personnel alike.

Attacking a fire involves a strategic team approach. The fire call starts when the 911 system is activated and the Fire Department is dispatched.

Evanston Fire Department's average response time is under four minutes from the time the alarm sounds at the fire station until the first fire engine arrives on scene.

The first concern at any incident is search and rescue, which involves locating victims using search patterns in conditions that often have little or no visibility with intense heat and smoke. Technology plays into the search and rescue efforts with Thermal Imaging Cameras that allow us to capture differences in temperatures through a camera screen. This permits the firefighters to visualize victims in an environment with limited visibility.

Once search and rescue issues have been addressed, the firefighters can then concentrate their efforts on protecting the property. The Engine Company pulls a fire hose off the engine and proceeds toward the structure while a firefighter engages the fire pump to fill the hose with water. The ladder truck crew assists with forcible entry (if needed) and ventilation.

Ventilation is the process of releasing super-heated gases and

smoke trapped within a building.

Ventilation is accomplished by opening up areas in the building by breaking windows and/or cutting a hole in the roof.

The release of these super-heated gases prevents a fire from backdrafting (exploding) or flashing-over while firefighters attempt to extinguish the blaze. In addition, the removal of the smoke and hot gases reduces the amount of damage to the contents by directing the smoke outside as quickly as possible.

Additional critical operations include maintaining a fire crew outside of the fire building to render assistance to persons inside the structure. This fire crew is called RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) and is solely designated for firefighter rescue should the need arise.

Meanwhile, the ambulance crew establishes a water supply in conjunction with the initial fire attack by connecting the hose from the fire engine to the fire hydrant as well as being available to provide emergency medical assistance. Other fire crews shutdown utilities such as gas and electric. Additional engine, ladder truck and ambulance companies are often needed in order to conduct many of these basic operations!

A command structure is established by designating an incident command officer (shift chief) to effectively coordinate fire-ground operations.

Additional hazards encountered can include fighting high-rise fires, encountering hazardous materials, protecting additional exposures, and others.

## Public Safety



### Firefighter/Paramedic applications available Jan. 2

The City of Evanston's Fire & Life Safety Services will begin distributing and accepting application packets for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. On January 2, packets will be available from the Human Resources office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This date is subject to change. For further updates please visit the City's web site, [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org).



*Chris Dwyer (from left), Colleen Martin and Martin Rafacz were three of many of the City's firefighters who visited Evanston schools to teach children about fire safety during National Fire Prevention Week. By the way, it's the time of year to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!*

## Christmas tree recycling program

Parks/Forestry Division crews will pick up Christmas trees for recycling beginning Monday, Dec. 30. All trees must be placed on the parkway. Please remove all lights and decorations, and do not place trees in plastic bags. Trees will be picked up on the same day as the normal refuse and recycling during the weeks of December 30, January 6, 13 and 20. Trees placed on the parkway after your regular pickup the week of Jan. 20 will not be recycled.



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# ¡Programa de Liderazgo!

La Oficina de Información y Recursos Para Hispanos estará ofreciendo por segunda vez, clases de liderazgo. La meta del programa es de promover y facilitar un dialogo entre residentes Hispanos y lideres políticos de Evanston. Este programa les ayudara aumentar su conocimiento de las funciones del gobierno local, estatal, federal, y gobierno escolar. Participantes aprenderán como pueden tomar un papel más efectivo en influir las decisiones que se hacen sobre el gobierno local. A la misma vez educaran a los oficiales públicos acerca de las necesidades de la comunidad Hispana. Este pro-

grama se llevara en colaboración con el Instituto de Liderazgo Hispano de los Estados Unidos.

Clases comenzaran en principios de Marzo 2003. Si esta interesado(a) por favor llamen a Aracely Canchola al (847) 866-2959 o [acanchola@cityofevanston.org](mailto:acanchola@cityofevanston.org)

*Si desea alguna de esta informacion en español por favor comunicase con la Oficina de Informacion y Recursos para personas de habla-hispana, (847) 866-2959*

## Free tax help for older adults

The Evanston Commission on Aging is once again sponsoring Tax Counseling for the Elderly - a service of A.A.R.P. and the I.R.S. Trained volunteers will help persons or couples age 60 and older, prepare their 2002 State and Federal tax returns free of charge.

The program will operate at the Civic Center each Wednesday afternoon from 1

to 4 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Feb. 5. The last day of the program is April 9. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the Commission on Aging at (847) 866-2919. Appointments last approximately one hour. (A reminder, bringing individual tax forms and records will assist the tax preparer.)



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