

Meals, Shelters and Other Assistance



EntryPoint, 800-439-6691

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, this program provides outreach into our streets with services to homeless individuals and families in Evanston. EntryPoint staff work with the Evanston Police Department beat officers. EntryPoint is located at 607 Lake, Evanston, and is a program of Connections for Homelessness.

Lunch

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sundays – 3pm, 1004 Greenwood, 847-475-3403
- Second Baptist Church, Mondays and Tuesdays – Noon, 1717 Benson, 847-869-6955
- Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Thursdays – 11:30am, 1109 Emerson, 847-328-1707
- Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, Fridays – Noon, 1801 Emerson, 847-328-9778
- First Presbyterian Church, Saturdays – 11:30am, 1427 Chicago, 847-864-1472

Dinner

- Good News Community Church, weekdays – 5:30pm, Sundays – 5pm, 7649 N. Paulina, Chicago, 773-262-2297
- Hemenway United Methodist Church, Tuesdays – 4:30pm, 933 Chicago, 847-328-2600
- First United Methodist Church, Thursdays – 6pm, 1630 Hinman, 847-864-6181

Overnight Shelter

- Hilda's Place, a program of Connections for Homelessness, intake at 2pm Mon. - Fri., 607 Lake, 847-424-0945, ext.11

Contact any of these agencies to offer financial or other assistance.

Morning Shelter

- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Monday - Saturday, 7 - 11am, 1509 Ridge, 847-869-0370

Afternoon Shelters

(November through March only)

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mondays – 1 - 3:30pm, 1004 Greenwood, 847-475-3403
- First Presbyterian Church, Mondays – 3:30 - 7pm, 1427 Chicago, 847-864-1472
- Bethany Baptist Church, Tuesdays – 1 - 7pm, 1225 Elmwood, 847-864-6689
- St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesdays – 1 - 5pm, 1421 Oak, 847-864-0333
- First Congregational Church, Thursdays – 1 - 6pm, 1417 Hinman, 847-864-8332

Substance Abuse Counseling

- Peer Services, 906 Davis, 847-492-1778

General Assistance

- Salvation Army, 1403 Sherman, 847-866-9770
- Evanston Police Department Social Service Bureau, 1454 Elmwood, 847-866-5016

Police Assistance

If you have been confronted by an aggressive panhandler, or have any questions regarding this ordinance and its enforcement, please call the Evanston Police Department at 847-866-5000.

Evanston's Anti-Panhandling Strategy

What you should know.

- It considers **everyone's** constitutional rights
- It recognizes Evanston's sensitivity to those in need
- It offers assistance through an established network of local agencies and religious institutions
- It holds individuals responsible for inappropriate behavior
- It attempts to protect the public from unwanted panhandling and aggressive panhandling

Partners:

- Evanston Police Department
- EntryPoint, a program of Connections for Homelessness
- City of Evanston

An Overview of the Anti-Panhandling Ordinance

Evanston community leaders recognize that the problems of homelessness and panhandling are not necessarily related. To address homelessness, community groups have united in the Evanston tradition of care and compassion to provide resources, listed on reverse, that empower people and families to achieve self-sufficiency.

To address the issue of panhandling, the City of Evanston has passed an ordinance that prohibits panhandling in certain areas and while exhibiting certain behavior.

Panhandling is:

any request for an immediate donation of money or other gratuity made in person upon any street, public place or park in the City. This includes but is not limited to seeking immediate donations:

- 1) By vocal appeal or for music, singing or other street performance, and
- 2) Where the person being solicited receives an item of little or no monetary value in exchange for a donation, under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the transaction is in substance a donation.

Panhandling does not include passively standing or sitting or performing music, singing or other street performance with a sign or other designation that a donation is being sought, without any vocal request other than in response to an inquiry by another person.

It is unlawful to engage in panhandling...

only when either the panhandler or the person being solicited is located at any of the following locations:

- at a bus stop;
- in any public transportation facility;
- in a vehicle which is parked or stopped on a public street or alley;
- in a sidewalk café;
- within 20 feet in any direction from an automatic teller machine or entrance to a bank.

It is unlawful at all times to engage in aggressive panhandling, defined as:

- 1) panhandling* a person at an automatic teller machine while within 10 feet of that person.
- 2) panhandling* a person within 15 seconds after the person leaves an automatic teller machine.

- 3) repeating a panhandling* request when the person solicited is stationary and has refused an immediately prior request made at that location.
- 4) touching a solicited person without consent either before, during or after a panhandling* request.
- 5) panhandling* while blocking the path of the person solicited, such as the entrance to a building.
- 6) following the person solicited during or after the panhandling* request.
- 7) directing profane or abusive language at the person being panhandled*.
- 8) acting or making any statement besides the panhandling* request, in which circumstances, i.e. darkness, would cause a reasonable person to feel harassed, intimidated, or compelled to contribute.

**As defined in the Ordinance.*

Penalties

A violation of this code is punishable by a fine or community service.

You may obtain a copy of this Ordinance at the Evanston Civic Center; City Clerk's Office, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.