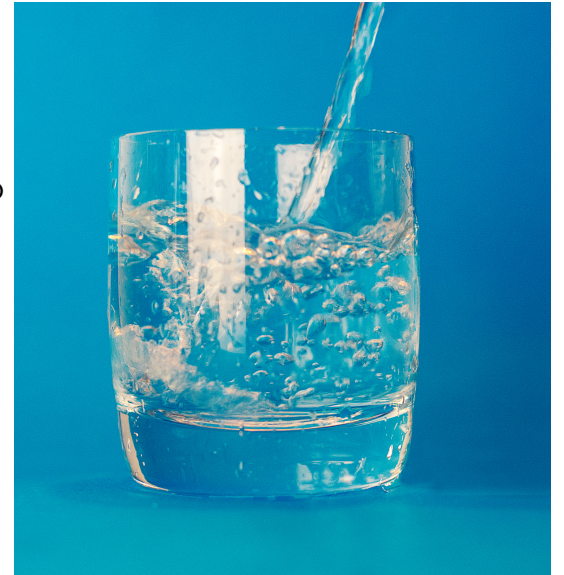




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Lead and Copper Program

Healthy drinking water for our residents is a top priority! 2020 saw continued progress in our Lead and Copper Program in an effort to ensure our water is the best it can be. In 2019, the City of Evart participated in EGLE's Pilot Drinking Water Community Water Supply Grant, which offered funds for selected communities to perform material inventories, develop a plan for service line replacements, and replace service lines containing lead or galvanized materials. The results of the 2019 inspection suggested nearly 500 service lines contain galvanized pipe and will therefore require replacement under the law requirements. To help facilitate these replacements, in 2020 the City implemented the program and a survey to help determine what the next steps will be. As we move into 2021, **ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE SURVEY** to help facilitate our progress to ensuring healthy drinking water for all. The city has contracted with Gerber Construction to replace approximately 40 service lines in the Spring/Summer of 2021, more details will follow.



**More information about this program, as well as a link to the survey can be found at www.evart.org.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City at (231) 734-2181**

Meter Replacement Program



The City of Evart will soon be replacing all water meters throughout the City with a new wireless meter reading system free of charge. The replacement of meters is required due to their age - most water meters in the City are 25 years old and can no longer effectively be serviced or updated. In most cases, the meter replacement is a simple procedure that will require about an hour. The new system will include automatic meter reading technology that will save labor time, prevent recording errors, eliminate estimated readings and minimize the need for City personnel to go on your property. The new meters also provide all residents to have real-time access to their water usage through a free app that can be downloaded onto any smart device or phone. More information will be provided and shared in the coming weeks through the mail, social media, and the City's website: www.evart.org

Landlord Tenant Ordinance Public Meeting March 22, 2021 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

City Council and City staff have been working diligently the past several months on developing a draft landlord tenant ordinance that will help standardize housing conditions in the City in an effort to support the continued beautification of Evart while ensuring our residents have safe living conditions. There will be a public discussion on March 22 to provide more details, read through the draft ordinance, and to get public feedback. We encourage all concerned residents to attend to voice any concerns or comments. Please mark you calendars and let's discuss! The meeting will be held via Zoom unless restrictions are lifted. Please check out our website for meeting details.

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Michigan's Mathieu-Gast Home Improvement Act

Your home is probably your largest single investment, and is well worth looking after. But many people are reluctant to make improvements because of the fear of raising their property taxes. Did you know that you could make improvements that enhance the value of your home, prolong its life and adapt it to new uses without the added cost of higher taxes?

Like all homeowners, you want to keep your home in top shape and make it an even better place to live. Home improvements, maintaining, remodeling and redecorating your home are a good investment of your hard-earned dollars that produces both a better and safer place for you and your family to live as well as increases your property's value. And while home improvements increase the value of your property, they won't increase your property taxes.

Michigan's Mathieu-Gast Home improvement Act guarantees that the cost of normal repairs and maintenance on your home cannot be considered by an assessor in determining the taxable value of the property until the property transfers ownership to a new owner. This means your property taxes don't rise with every home improvement.

New Homeowners/Investment Real Estate

The Mathieu-Gast Home Improvement Act also applies if you just purchased your home, or if you are buying a "fixer-upper" for investment purposes and never plan to live in the home. Regardless of whether you are making improvements for your own home, or have purchased property to fix-up and resell, the property taxes on the home don't rise with every home improvement. Routine, careful maintenance and minor improvements can pay big dividends when its time to sell your home. A neat, well-maintained home generates more traffic and quite possibly a faster sale for a better price than a comparable house in less desirable condition. And even if moving is not in your immediate future, keeping up with routine maintenance will pay big dividends in the long run. You'll save considerable time, trouble and expense when you are finally ready to sell. And just as importantly, proper maintenance makes home ownership a more enjoyable, rewarding, worry-free experience for you and your family. Plus, it contributes to a healthy, safe, vital environment for your neighborhood and community.

Let's work together to make our neighborhoods beautiful! Stop putting off that home improvement project! For more details please contact David Kirwin, City Assesor, David.Kirwin@evart.org or please call city hall for more information.

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