



August 2020 Newsletter

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City Hall Reopens - Limited Access

City Hall is open on a limited basis. All staff have returned to the current City Hall location, at the Airport - 5814 100th Avenue. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Visitors are asked to wear a mask upon entering, limit one person at a time in the foyer, and to ring the doorbell for assistance. A staff member will come to you. For any questions on current procedures, please call us at (231) 734-2181.

New Water and Sewage Rates

City Council has voted to increase water and sewage rates in order to support the City's water and sewer operations, capital improvements to the water system, sewer system, as well as regular maintenance. The new rates are as follows:

Water: \$4.82 per 1000 gallons

Sewer: \$9.74 per 1000 gallons

Camping Updates

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Riverside West will not be open for camping. City Hall will not be making reservations for camping or for use of the pavilions. If you need a refund, please contact City Hall. The public restrooms will remain closed for the 2020 season. Riverside East will be open for primitive camping - tents only. The facilities will be closed. There will be a spigot available for drinking water. Portable toilets will be placed at both locations.

Stay Up to Date with Social Media



Splash Pad is Open!

The Splash Pad is open for the season - it is free to use and no permits are required. Hours are from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm daily. The Splash Pad is required to be cleaned twice a day in order to stay open. The City asks all visitors to be respectful of our attendants when they are cleaning - this is to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please follow all posted health guidelines, do not smoke in or around the Splash Pad area, and please no dogs or other pets. Let's work together to stay safe and healthy and have fun this hot summer season.

Remember to Vote: 8/04 and 11/03

The Michigan Primary Election will be held on August 4th. Election Day, including the Presidential Election, will be on Tuesday, November 3rd. The voting location is the Evart Depot, at 200 S. Main Street. Polls will be open between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Absentee voting is currently encouraged due to COVID-19 - for more information, call our City Clerk at (231) 250-1432. or check out www.evart.com/

Upcoming Council Meetings

August 10 August 24 September 8th

All regular scheduled council meetings begin at 7:30PM.

Important Reminder

Please be respectful of social distancing. Our Department of Public Works and Water/Wastewater are working in the public and are essential and extremely important to the city's infrastructure. If you see them, please do not approach them to help prevent the spread of the virus.



Why did you run for City Council?

After going to council meetings for quite some time to understand what being a council member entailed I ran for Greg Sherman's position when he decided to step down. By that time I began to understand the demand on time and the demand on learning that was required. The challenge of building on those that came before was and is exciting. That is what keeps me pushing on!

What has been your favorite or proudest achievement while on City Council?

I have been blessed to be part of two very different but effective councils. I think the fact that both functioned well together is an achievement. I also think that the newest council, with new staff has been one of the proudest achievements to date. We were definitely tried by fire. We have had many major issues brought before us in the last two years and through leveraging wise council, listening to our constituents and working together I believe we have done well at achieving my three goals; protecting our people, protecting our assets and growing our community.

What is your favorite thing about the City of Evart?

The people. That is why I'm here. For the most part the people are encouraging. Even when they don't agree they do understand why we made the choices we have made. I love having great conversations with my fellow townies! Together we can do anything!

What would you like to see accomplished in the next year?

Again I have three driving factors; protect our people, protect our assets and grow the community. While this year has demanded some tough decisions like canceling parades and fireworks I believe we not only protected our people but we also followed the rule of law and protected our assets from undue liability. I hope we will continue to have the backing of the voters of Evart. Also I would really like to continue to work toward moving most of our land holdings into the taxable sector, whether personal property, commercial property or industrial property. Getting the Vitro property back to work will be large on that list.