



# Winter 2020 Newsletter *at home. by nature.*

## Meet your City Council:



**Mayor  
Chris Emerick**



**Councilmember  
Sandra Szeliga**



**Councilmember  
Sean Duffy**



**Councilmember  
Dan Elliott**



**Councilmember  
Matt Hildebrand**



**City Clerk  
Kathy Fiebig**

**To Learn More about your City Council, Check out [evart.org](http://evart.org) for our monthly Elected Official's Spotlight!**

The year 2020 has been challenging with significant unprecedented changes and obstacles. We will get through this together **#EvartStrong!** Check out some of the good things we've done this fall in our beautiful City. For additional details on any of these events visit [evart.org](http://evart.org) or call us **(231) 734-2181**.

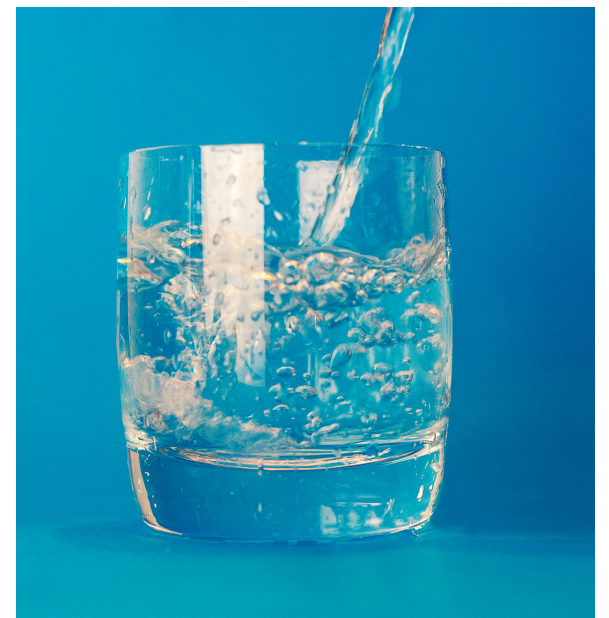
## New Trash Carts

All residents received shiny new 96-gallon trash carts in a brilliant blue with the purpose to replace any trash receptacles or bags previously used by our residents. These carts help to keep our City beautiful by reducing the amount of garbage on our streets and preventing pesky stray animals and wildlife from getting into our garbage. This also takes our City one step closer to improving the City's windshield appeal! If you have any questions or concerns about these carts, please give City Hall a call at (231) 734-2181



## 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 LCR. To help facilitate these replacements, in 2020 the City implemented the program and a survey to help determine what the next steps will be. **ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE SURVEY** to help facilitate our progress to ensuring healthy drinking water for all.



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

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## Halloween House Decorating Contest

Despite COVID-19, the City came together to celebrate Halloween with a house decorating contest sponsored by the City Staff and the always spooktacular Mainstreet Monster Mash! Several residents joined in the spooky fun and decorated their houses. Congratulations to our winners! A big Thank You to our residents and our judges, for their participation.

LADAWN LOGIC

1st Place



CINDY PIKE

2nd Place



DANIEL HOWE

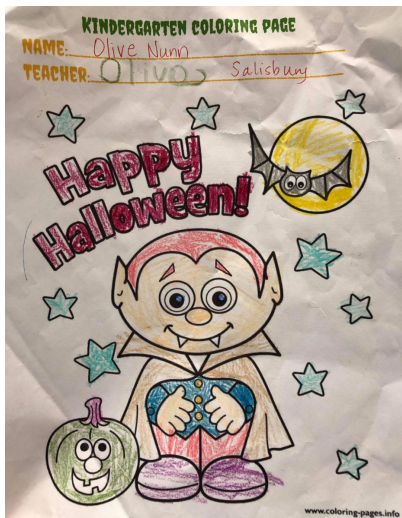
3rd Place



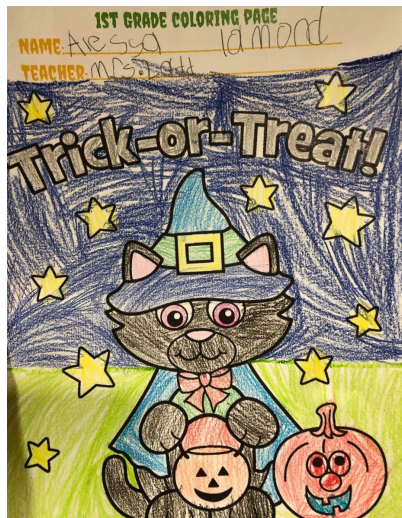
## Halloween Coloring Contest

The City Staff sponsored a coloring contest open to Evart Elementary students. Judging was hard - all the students did a spooktacular job. Check out our amazing winners:

Olivia Nunne  
Kindergarten



Alessa Lamond  
1st Grade



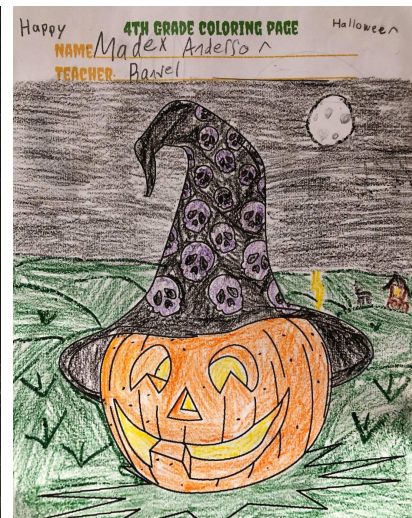
Aaliyah Katopol  
2nd Grade



Sophia Heisserer  
3rd Grade



Maddox Anderson  
4th Grade



## New Staff!

Three new staff members were recently hired this year to help support our City.



**Eric Kehoe**

*Downtown Development Authority/Michigan Mainstreet Director*

We are excited to announce the hiring of Eric Kehoe as our new Director. Eric previously served as President of Preservation Detroit, the city's oldest and largest historic preservation nonprofit, and has experience in economic development, grant writing, and real estate, earning a Master's in Urban Planning from Wayne State University in December. His goal is to build on the strong foundation of the city to create a sustainable local economy that keeps money invested right here in Evart. Please join us in welcoming Eric to our City!



**Pepper Lockhart**

*Finance Director/  
Treasurer*

**Favorite thing about Evart:** The small town feel creates a sense of belonging.



**Melissa Rohen**

*Communications  
Coordinator*

**Favorite thing about Evart:** The small town sense of community and the beautiful Muskegon River!

**City of Evart 5814 100th Ave. Evart, MI 49631 (231) 734-2181 Mon - Thurs 7AM - 5PM BY APPOINTMENT**

**For after hours, non-emergency questions, please call the City Manager at (231) 580-6516**

**Check out our website for real time updates & information [evart.org](http://evart.org)**