



# CITY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2017 Summer Issue



### UPCOMING DATES

**Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm**  
View on Charter Channel 180 & HBC Channel 19

June 8 & 22  
July 13 & 27  
August 10 & 24  
September 14 & 28

**Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:**  
June 14  
July 19 –at ambulance building meeting room  
August 9

**EDA Meetings, 5:30pm at Arbor Gardens:**

June 15  
July 20  
August 17

**Planning Meetings 7pm at City Hall**

June 21  
July 19  
August 16

**City Hall is closed:**  
July 4  
September 4th



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- Marlis, Kathie, Shelly, Brad, Scott,

## Eyota Volunteer Fire Department benefits from Grants and Generous Donations

From Fire Chief Jeff Peck: “The Eyota Fire Department had been looking into getting an UTV, but did not have quite enough money for the entire project. So when the Hiawatha SnoSeekers offered us a used Polaris Ranger as a donation, we jumped at the opportunity.”



With money raised through community calendars donations, a grant, and the annual pancake breakfast, they were able to purchase a trailer from Ferguson Trailer Sales and a firefighting skid.

The skid allows patient transport capabilities, to assist Eyota Ambulance with some needs for rural area transports back to their ambulance. This unit is for those situations off road, for example: bike trails, farmers in fields, hunters, or snowmobilers. This Ranger will also be an asset to Mutual Aid partners (other local fire departments) for any needs that may arise in their areas. A huge thank you, goes out to the members of this community, the Hiawatha SnoSeekers, and the MNDNR for making this possible.

Other donations benefiting EVFD are: anonymous donor of ‘voice amplifiers’ so the FD can hear each other with their helmets on, B&C Plumbing donated \$1100 Cash, and Dan and Donna Brandt nominated the EVFD and applied for and received a grant of \$2500 from Monsanto.



The F.D. received a \$10,000 grant from MN Dept. of Public Safety to go towards the purchase and installation of an extractor. This washes firefighter apparel and removes possible cancer causing pollutants. Total cost, including installation, was \$13,332.

*Thank you, to all who have assisted our local Fire Fighters!*

### 3 CITY ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN UPDATED

**Zoning**—Where structures can be built.

**Subdivision**—New development regulations.

**Nuisances**—Regulations for hazards & annoyances.

These are effective June 1. See web-site for details.

**More new and updated ordinances coming soon.** All ordinances are being updated and “codified” into one code book. Watch for public hearings and stay informed of changes. Always [check the web-site](#) for details.

### ~HAZARD MITIGATION NEWS RELEASE~

This is planning for preparedness in natural disaster events in each city and required by every county in order to receive FEMA support in case of a future hazardous event.

YOU are able to comment on-line, specifically for the needs of Eyota, in regards to the plan until Friday, June 9th.

<https://scse.d.umn.edu/olmsted-county-mhmp>

## Public Hearing June 8th for Proposed Day Care Center by Cathy Enerson

**A public hearing is being held at Eyota City Hall June 8th at 7pm** to discuss a tax increment financing (TIF) project for the development of a new, for profit, childcare center which would bring 80 childcare openings to the City of Eyota.

The ability to TIF a development project was first allowed in Eyota in 2008 when the Governor signed a bill which could assist cities with development projects. TIF is a tool that encourages development, increases the city, county and school tax base, and brings about new jobs.

At first it is natural to assume that the city financing a project could increase your taxes, the outcome is actually just the opposite. TIF is used to lower taxes, and / or to offset increasing city expenses.

**How TIF works.** A developer brings the City the plans of a possible new project. The

project may have gaps in financing that need to be fulfilled for the project to go forward. This is called “but for”. Upon completion of the project, the city loans a designated amount of the future tax base to the developer.

The new project creates new taxes to be collected by the city, county, and school. The new taxes from the project are used first to pay the city back for the loan. The best news is that once the TIF expires and the city has paid itself back, the new tax base offsets city, county, and school expenses.

The development of new tax base helps the city from raising resident’s taxes. TIF is a very useful tool to encourage development while also helping to offset rising expenses for city residents.

### **STARTING OR EXPANDING A BUSINESS?**

PLEASE CONTACT EDA DIRECTOR: **Cathy Enerson**

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### **EYOTA MOVIES ~ UNDER THE STARS ~**

Get ready for Showtime!  
All movies start at dusk

June 2nd Friday West Side Park

~Moana~

June 23rd Friday West Side Park

~The Sandlot~

July 13th Thursday Downtown

~Back to the Future~

(Eyota Days Movie)

August 18th Friday West Side Park

~Trolls~

Any rain postponement will be posted on Facebook and flyers around town

### **DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR WATER BILL?**

Of course you do! Eyota Public Works is hoping to encourage water usage reduction.

In looking for ways to do this, one way was found on the Minnesota Energy website. **You may register to receive a FREE water conservation kit.**

There are two different options which include low-flow showerheads; kitchen faucet aerators and bathroom faucet aerators. There are a few eligibility requirements: your water heater must be fueled by natural gas; you must be a Minnesota Energy customer; not available for new construction; maximum 1 kit per household. So go to <http://orders.amconservationgroup.com/mercfreekit/> fill out the form and you will receive your water saving items—EASY and FREE!





**Who Is The Eyota Days Citizen of the Year??**

*The choice is YOURS!*

Nominate the person you think should be citizen of the year! Simply fill out a short form, stating why you think the person you choose should be nominated.

You can get the form at City Hall or on the web-site under the Eyota Days Tab or [Click Here](#)

**HURRY—Deadline is June 22nd**  
Turn in to City Hall (after hours in door slot)

**BUSINESSES ARE BUSY IN EYOTA!**

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

**MJ's Laundromat:** Now owned by Eyota Antiques owner, John Erickson. Open while repairs and renovation's are underway!

**Eyota Vet Clinic:** Operating under the same name but now owned by Lewiston Veterinary Clinic.

OPEN HOUSE

**Perry Dental: Sunday, June 25th between 12:00pm-3:00pm**  
Please join us to celebrate our new office location in Eyota! We'll have food, drinks, fun and great raffle prizes. Join us for a tour of the office. All are welcome to drop in and will leave with a gift bag filled with dental goodies!



**City Announcements:**

Do you have a camper, travel trailer or motor coach? Then get to know your [Parking Ordinance](#). They shall not be parked on any street or right of way for more than 24 hours.

**PICK UP POOP!** when walking your dog— property owners DO notice! *PLEASE* be a responsible pet owner and carry baggies to take care of this properly.

**Community Gardens still has a few plots available.** \$20 for 12'x16' plot.

**New Volleyball court** by West Side Park Pavilion and New Sand for all Courts!

**Don't forget to get your building permit at City Hall!** Decks, Fences, Sheds, siding and more. [Check out the web-site](#)

**Reporting suspicious activity in town:** Citizens are encouraged to use the Olmsted County Sheriff's office non-emergency number for reporting suspicious activities in city parks or in town. Also, please do so right away, so the Sherriff is able to help. Not much can be done days later. Call: **507-328-6800** **Be sure to call 911 for an emergency!**

**No Transient Merchants Allowed:** Door-to-door sales are prohibited in Eyota. Please alert LAW ENFORCEMENT—non-emergency number: **507-328-6800**.



**LIKE us on Facebook!**

Get up-to-date city announcements and emergency info:

[facebook.com/Eyota.MN](https://facebook.com/Eyota.MN)

*..or, search for  
City of Eyota, MN  
Government*



**License your  
ATV, UTV,  
or golf cart**

**\$25 for 2 year license.**

**Additional requirements:**

- \*DNR permit
- \*Proof of insurance
- \*Drivers license

**Without a City Issued license, recreational vehicles & golf carts driven on city streets will be ticketed.**

Max Speed: 15 MPH



**\*\*\*Driving on City Paths or in City Parks is NOT allowed\*\*\***



*Shop Eyota Farmers Market  
Tuesdays 4-7pm  
May 23 to October 17, 2017*

Pick up the first fresh veggies of the season! Also right now, there is home canned & baked items, perennial plants, garden plants, honey, eggs & home crafted items.

**Stop in the Red Welcome Tent!** There you will find free recipes and free food samples. This is also where you can use your credit, debit or EBT

- ♦ NEW in 2017 — accepting Senior FMNP & WIC checks
- ♦ EBT, Credit or Debit—Stop at Red Tent
- ♦ Kid's activity tent starting June 6th
- ♦ Sign up for monthly kids and adult drawings



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## Summer is upon our doorstep! Get ready for outdoor fun!

### Storm Sewers are NOT for Grass Clippings!

Please do not blow your grass clippings into the streets when mowing as this clogs the city storm sewer system! The storm sewers are not designed to handle leaves and grass clippings. This extra material can cause back-ups which could result in flooding. Save the City and yourself problems and money by being responsible and mowing your lawn AWAY from the street. **Please collect & dispose of grass clippings properly—take them to the compost site- or leave them on your lawn.**



### EYOTA COMPOST SITE Is Now Open!

**Location:** End of 2nd St East (old location)

**Times:** Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 7:30am - 4pm  
 Wed 7:30am to 8pm  
 Sat 9am to 3pm  
 Sun Closed



**Items Accepted:** Yard and garden waste (grass and leaves)  
 Small branches (under 4 inch diameter)

### WATCH FOR CHILDREN AT PLAY!

School is out and so are the kids!  
 Please keep an eye out for bikes,  
 skateboards, and pedestrians  
 when you're driving around town.



MAKE A



SPLASH!

...AT JULY'S  
 PARK BOARD  
 MEETING!

Committee members are still needed to investigate the possibility of Eyota gaining a Pool or Splash Pad. We are only in the investigation stage, but need more members to make it happen.

**USA Aquatics will be presenting at the July 19th Park Board Meeting.** They will show what it takes to start planning and incorporating a water feature in our City.

**Join us, Wednesday, July 19, 7pm at the Eyota Ambulance Building and see how you can help make a difference in the community!**