



CITY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

Fall Issue



UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm
View on Charter Channel 180 & HBC Channel 19
October 13 & 27
November 10 & 22
December 7 & 22
January 12 & 26
Truth & Taxation Meeting:
Dec. 22, 7:00pm
Levy amount for 2017 will be finalized

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

October 12
November 9
December 14
January 11

EDA Meetings, 5:30pm NEW TIME! at Arbor Gardens:

October 27
November TBD
December TBD
January 26

Planning Meetings 7pm at City Hall

October 19
November 16
December 21

City Hall is closed:

November 11 & 24 & 25
December 26
January 2

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Eyota is Growing ~ New Homes and Business

With the opening of Dollar General, to the 15 lots in the new Stone Garden Estates home development, Eyota is busy with expansion.

- Lots are now available for purchase in Stone Garden Estates north west of town, which includes walk-out lots. Call John Keefe 507-932-4656.
- B&C Plumbing held their fireplace showroom open house in August. They have established a destination business in Eyota. Congratulations to B&C Plumbing! Stop in to view the showroom.
- KWIK Trip bio diesel blending station hearing was Oct 10th at 7pm at City Hall. The expansion of KWIK TRIP would add to Eyota's tax base further offsetting future expenses within the city.

- The EDA secured USDA Value Added grant funds of \$48,000 for Burt's Meats and Poultry for Burt's Meats expansion project. Total state and federal Value Added grant funds secured by the EDA totaled \$98,000. The expansion project will also increase revenues for the city to offset rising expenses.
- Eyota Firearms -Ammunition and Shooter Supply- : opened this past August downtown. They are located next to the Eyota Antiques buildings. Hours vary.
- COMING SOON: Opening in the near future will be Eyota Indoor Storage at the old Petit Building. They will offer temperature controlled storage units.

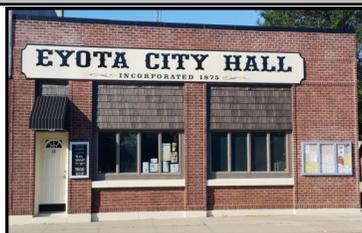
The EDA is working hard for Eyota!

Be proactive—read the facts on the EDA page under the 'Citizens' tab on the City web-site

Rochester ½% Sales Tax NEWS for Eyota.

From that revenue source, downtown buildings are receiving façade improvements. Businesses automatically qualify for a \$2,500 grant, and up to a \$10,000 grant when dollar for dollar of the additional \$7,500 is matched by the building owner. In the historic downtown, Burt's Meats will improve its façade, Simply Stylin' has new siding, doors, and windows. Eyota antiques has a new awning and a new sign. Jem's Confections is approved for up to \$10,000 in renovations. The most recent firearms store downtown, has a new door, and plans to replace the white vinyl siding.

City Hall has led by example and has made improvements to the building's façade. City Hall



improvements were done without using the ½ percent sales tax reserved for local building owners, to encourage those in the downtown to participate and improve their building façades.

Eyota American Legion Community/Event Center Committee is being formed to investigate the formation of a partnership of possibly expanding and updating the hall of the Eyota Legion for current and future needs of our community. This group is looking at ideas of dual uses, costs and how the organizational structure would look. In the coming months the group will be looking for community input and ideas. Contact City Hall for information.



Your Eyota Park Board has been busy 2015-2016!

JACKIE REILAND SCOREBOARD: With the generous donations of Jackie Reiland’s family and friends, the Park Board was able to plan the ordering and installation of a new digital scoreboard for Freedom Ball Park. The Ribbon cutting ceremony took place August 27th before the annual motorcycle ride in memory of Jackie.

BASKETBALL COURT AT SUMMERFIELD PARK: This past spring the basketball hoops were added to the concrete slab which was poured fall of 2015. Soon there will also be basketball court markings to outline the court for “official” games!

GRAVEL FOR SKATE RINK: Gravel will be added this fall as a base for the ice skating rink. The idea behind this is so the ice will last a lot longer and not thaw as much during warm spells in the winter months. More ice time for everyone!

ASH TREE TREATMENTS: In light of the issues of the emerald ash borer destroying mature ash trees, we’ve initiated the inspection and treatment of 17 total Ash trees in Freedom, Sunrise and West Side Parks. Hoping to save our shade and our trees!

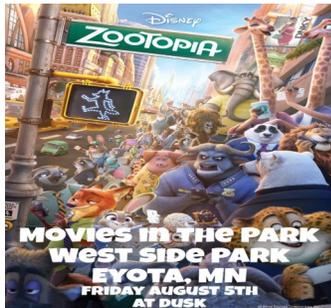
TURF GRASS SEED FOR W.S.P. BALL FIELDS: This fall ball fields are being aerated and turf grass seed will be planted in hopes to rid the fields of crab-grass in the near future. In addition, to help the turf seed grow and take over, there will be annual fertilizer treatments.

NEW BACKSTOP FENCING AT W.S.P. BALL FIELD: With the help of a generous donation from the DE Boys Traveling Baseball teams, the city will be able to update and improve the backstops at West Side Park ball fields.



Park Board Opening!

Get involved and make a difference in our parks and community!
Meetings are the second Wednesday of each Month at 7pm at City Hall.
Contact City Hall for details.



MOVIES IN THE PARK: This was an idea of the Minnesota Design Team after the community input session night. There were many residents who expressed their desire for local movies. Mayor Clark and the Park Board ran with that idea and, with the help of a \$1,000 grant from Peoples Energy Co-op, were able to show 2 movies in the park this past summer. The goal for 2017 will be to show 4 to 5 movies over the summer.

Have some improvement ideas of your own? Share them, Park Board has an opening!



The Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Service is raising money for a device that could make the difference between life and death. The device is called a 12-lead Electrocardiogram (ECG). The tool measures the electrical activity of the heart, can detect if the patient is having a heart attack, and what type it is, within seconds. With the new tool, first responders will be able to detect heart issues before the patient even gets to the hospital. They need your help to raise money for this tool:

<https://www.gofundme.com/eyota12lead> **Please help get the word out**

Arbor Garden “Employee Excellence Award” Achievers for first half of 2016



(Left to Right) Jenell Pearson, Brenda Granger, Vicki Kent, Meggan Bothun

Four Arbor Garden employees earned Employee Excellence Awards, in July, for the first half of 2016. These are the second group of recipients of this semi-annual recognition program. They are nominated by their co-workers, tenants and/or family members of tenants. For earning this recognition, the employees received a certificate and a monetary award. Congratulations!

- Quality Caregiver:** Jenell Pearson & Brenda Granger
- Service Excellence:** Vicki Kent
- Team work:** Meggan Bothun



**Farmers Market
Final Night - October 18**

The final night of the season is quickly approaching!
Come out and get your pumpkins, apples, squash and other fall produce.

~~ANNUAL PET LICENSES~~

This ordinance is currently under review. There is an intention of possibly forgoing the annual city license requirement. Please watch the city Facebook page and Web-site for updates on this ordinance.

PLEASE NOTE
RABIES VACCINATIONS
ARE STILL ALWAYS
REQUIRED!



City Announcements:

Fall Leaf Pickup: Please use only large 30 gallon paper bags for leaves. They are for sale at City Hall for \$1 each. Bags (not plastic) may be placed on curbside for fall pickup. Please DO NOT rake your leaves into the street as they clog the sewer system.

Burning—Please be reminded of our campfire Ordinance 116. Fires must be recreational not be more than 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet high and NO burning leaves.

Barking Dogs & Clean Yard: Please be attentive to your barking dog and dog waste in the yard. Also—all pets need to be on a leash! Pets caught at large will be charged a \$50 at large fee and \$25/night boarding fee if kept overnight.

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. Call: **507-328-6800** **Be sure to call 911 for an emergency!**

No Transient Merchants Allowed: Door-to-door sales are prohibited in Eyota. If anyone comes knocking at your door selling, **please alert LAW ENFORCEMENT—non-emergency number: 328-6800.** Exempt: school kids selling for fundraisers.

LIKE us on Facebook—Get up-to-date city announcements and emergency info: facebook.com/Eyota.MN or search for *City of Eyota, MN Government*.

Planning Commission Board Opening

Get involved in the community!
Meetings are the third Wednesday of each Month at 7pm at City Hall.
Contact City Hall for details.

VOTE November 8th

There are two City Council openings for a term of 4 years. Three candidates have filed: **Tony Nelson & Bryan Cornell** (both incumbent's) and **Leif Hughes**.

Two candidates have filed for mayor, which has a 2 year term: **Tyrel Clark** (Incumbent) and **Matt Johnson**.

DE High Auditorium 7am—8pm

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF TWO ORDINANCE CHANGES

Ordinance #147 FIREARMS ORDINANCE

Discharge of Firearms Prohibited: No person shall fire, discharge or explode any gun, piston, BB/pellet gun or other weapon propelled by means of explosive or gas in any part of the City.

Section 3. Bow and Arrow: No person shall fire or discharge any bow and arrow, cross bow or device designed to propel projectile from a cord connecting the two ends of a bow by pulling on the cord in any part of the City.

Ordinance #145 PARKING ORDINANCE

Unlawful Overtime Parking: No motor vehicle shall be parked on a public street, alley, right of way or public parking lot for longer than 48 consecutive hours, except where indicated by a sign. The following described motor vehicles shall not be parked on any street or right of way for more than twenty-four (24) hours: campers, travel trailers, or motor coaches.

Snow Events: During any snow or ice event from Nov 1 to Apr 1 NO PARKING is allowed between 2am and 6am or until streets are plowed from curb to curb. SNOW EMERGENCIES no parking is allowed until emergency is rescinded.

Go to the City Web-site for the complete ordinance under the 'Citizen' tab.

**Eyota Volunteer
Fire Department
appreciates the support of our
community!**



The EVFD recently received a Polaris Ranger as a donation from the Hiawatha Sno Seekers. The Ranger will be used for wild land fire fighting and to assist the local ambulance with any rescue needs they may have.

Future Donations will go toward the purchase of a skid that would allow for a backboard and many other fire fighting needs. This apparatus will be a great asset to Eyota Fire, Dover Fire, and the Eyota Ambulance.



We thank every person that has donated in the past and continue to appreciate all of your generosity!



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P.O. Box 328
Eyota, MN 55934

Permit No. 12
Eyota, MN 55934
Presort Standard

Postal Patron
Eyota, MN 55934

Daylight Savings is coming up! - 'Fall Back' one hour on your clocks November 6th!

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

**NEW HOURS FOR
COMPOST SITE**

Starting Nov 5th
WEEKEND hours ONLY

Summer hours thru Oct 30th

Mon-Fri 5:30pm - 8pm

Winter Hours—WEEKEND ONLY

Sat: 10am -3pm Sun: 1pm -3pm

****Many people have been entering during
non-business hours.**

**Please respect the hours and rules
as this is PRIVATE property****

More information is located on the City web-site

**Eyota Volunteer Fire Department
Relief Association**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

at Eyota American Legion

Sunday, October 16th 7:00am—Noon

Support our local firefighters!!

Free will donations are being asked
for in lieu of individual tickets



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS
OCTOBER 9TH THROUGH THE 15TH**

Come to our **OPEN HOUSE!**

Thursday, October 13th 6pm to 9pm

At the Eyota Fire Hall

