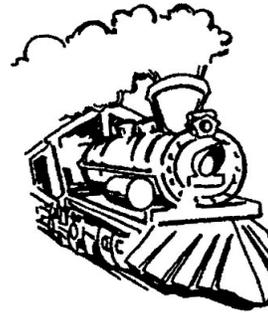


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UPCOMING DATES



Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall:

7:30 pm

June 9 & 23

July 14 & 28

August 11 & 25

September 8 & 22

At Eyota Legion:

Fish Fry

Saturday, June 25

5 to 8 pm,

\$9 all you can eat

Chester Woods

Trails Meeting:

April 20, Wednesday,

7 pm at City Hall

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Eyota Health Care Survey results

—Thank you for answering our questions!

More than half the households in Eyota returned their health care surveys! We know you cared because these are extraordinary results for a survey. 447 households in Eyota completed and returned their survey.

Folks living in Dover, Viola and the surrounding rural area were also surveyed for their health care preferences. A total of 805 surveys, representing 2,158 individuals, were returned from Eyota and the surrounding area.

You were asked who provided your health care and if care was offered in Eyota, whether you would support it.

Here is what you told us:

- ◆ 61% would like health care in Eyota
- ◆ 24% would switch health care providers if a provider (not their current one) became available in Eyota.
- ◆ 86% would like having a health care facility located in Eyota. (50% Mayo, 30% Olmsted Medical and 6% Mayo or Olmsted)
- ◆ 66% would support having their primary health care in Eyota
- ◆ 73% would support urgent care in Eyota

Camp Companion teams with city to control local feral cat population with TNR



TNR=Trap-Neuter-Return is a program that was used in Eyota on Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. Camp Companion of Rochester trapped cats running at large in Eyota over the long Thanksgiving weekend.

After a presentation at a recent Council meeting, a decision was made to allow the group to start a TNR program in Eyota.

Normally, if a stray or wild cat is caught, the city has to board the cat for 5 days and post pictures of the cat. If the cat's owner does not step up or no one adopts the cat, it is euthanized at the city's expense. In the past, this process has cost the city as much as \$275 per cat.

The City no longer has a local place where cats can be boarded. Some residents have trapped unwanted feral cats and had a city employee pick up the cats. (Although we have cages in the shop, this is not an optimal way to board these cats.)

A resident owning a cat is expected to get an annual license for their cat, a cost of \$10 (or \$5 if spayed or neutered). They are required to show proof of having a current rabies shot for their cat. Some cat owners allow their pet cats to freely roam out-doors. Other residents have witnessed

cats roaming, but can't be sure if it is a wild feral cat or a neighbor's cat.

The contrast of owned pets versus wild cats is an admitted reality, according to the presentation made at the Council meeting.

There is a wild cat population—just like populations of wild rabbits and squirrels in town. But Camp Companion believes trapping the cats, then neutering them and giving them rabies and distemper shots keeps the cat population safer and controls their numbers. In reality, having feral cats in town actually keeps the rodent populations of rats and mice in check.

Camp Companion organized a door-to-door notification of local residents, letting them know of their trapping day. 19 cats were caught in traps, and were taken to area veterinarians where they were spayed or neutered and given shots. The cost for the process (\$40 to \$60 each) is being shared by the city and Camp Companion (half each). The cats will be released, back in their home territory. These cats can be identified by a missing tip on their left ear. To contact Camp Companion: Call 507-951-7801 or email questions@campcompanion.org.

To protect your pet cats, please do not allow them to roam freely out-of-doors.

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

December 12 & ?
January 9 & 23
February 13 & 27
March 13 & 27

Truth-in-Taxation:

Dec. 12 at 7:15 pm
View on Charter & HBC
Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

December 18
January-March, 2014
dates not set. (Will be either the 3rd Wednesday or Thursday of each month.)

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

December 11
January 8
February 12
March 12

City Hall is closed December 25, January 1 & 20 & February 17

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New ambulance garage is under construction

After years of planning for a new Volunteer Eyota Ambulance home, construction is beginning.

The new ambulance garage will be located on Robert Avenue near the Eyota Market. The building will be 6,180 square feet.

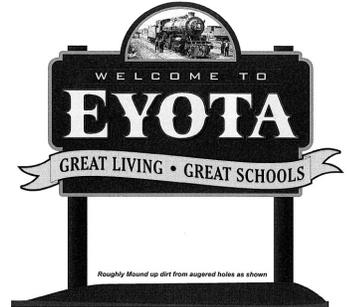


The facility will house one ambulance, but have available space for a second vehicle. There will be a separate meeting room and sleeping quarters.

City Welcome Sign to be installed in January

After months of planning, a new welcome sign will be installed on the west side of Eyota.

It will be located along Highway 14, before the intersection with Highway 42, on the right side of the road. One will find it before getting to Kwik Trip.



City Council approves new tree ordinance: Repeals old tree ordinances No. 46 (1981) & No. 63 (1991)—except Sections 8-11 of No. 63 regarding cutting grass & weeds.

On Nov. 26th, the Eyota City Council approved a new tree ordinance.

The new ordinance, No. 136, encourages homeowners to plant boulevard trees. The city will act as a resource by offering a list of trees to plant and where (how near the edge of street, curb or sidewalk). A permit is required, but no fee is charged.

It is unlawful for anyone to remove any tree located on public property, including boulevards, without a permit. Permits are not required to remove or plant a tree on private property.

Although the city takes responsibility for boulevard trees, it also encourages homeowners to care for these trees—planting, pruning and watering.

The City's original tree ordinance referred to trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease. There is now a new pest threatening ash trees—the Emerald Ash Borer, but the old ordinance did not site this. The new ordinance also lists oak wilt or any other destructive disease, insect or pestilence that could affect a tree. An infected tree is defined as a "hazard tree."

The ordinance allows the city to require a homeowner to remove a dying or dead 'hazard tree' from their yard. The city will take responsibility for removing a hazard boulevard tree.

The new ordinance encourages improving our urban forest. An active tree ordinance is needed for our 2012-14 DNR tree grant (West Side Park) and if the city applies to become a Tree City USA. The ordinance encourages Arbor Day observances (the last Friday in April).

Make our city a healthier place by planting a tree!



Changes bring opportunities for new businesses in Eyota

During 2013, the Economic Development Authority (EDA) provided leadership in a variety of economic and community projects. The EDA, a volunteer board, with help of a Director (1.5 days per week) and City staff, worked on many projects.

This included the successful transfer of Janet's House of Beauty to Amy's Salon 211 and changing ownership of Hometown Pizza and Video building to Jem's Confections. Other 2013 projects included the Eyota community welcome sign, an area health needs survey, marketing state-owned residential lots, grant funds for the farmers market to accept EBT cards and a community trail extension (2014).

Sadly, Petit Music and Robin's Floral and Design will be missed. Several vacant buildings are now available. Do you have a dream of opening your own business? Perhaps 2014 is your year to open a microbrewery with a tap room, a floral or landscape business, a Chinese restaurant, or offer dentistry, chiropractic or massage therapy services?

The Small Business Association and Eyota's EDA offer free counseling services and gap financing to get you started in becoming an entrepreneur in Eyota. Call the Eyota City Hall and ask to speak with the EDA Director to get started (545-2135).

Interested in getting involved in helping the Eyota Days Committee?

Plans are underway for the 2014 celebration, July 14-20.

Contact Kathy Gust: 545-2331

(The Eyota Days Committee is a separate entity and not a part of the city.)

CHANNEL 19

View Council meetings & city announcements on Charter & HBC cable TV, via a recently upgraded system.

If unable to view or hear us on your TV—please let us know!



Licensing Dogs, Cats and Chickens

- **It's time to update your dog, cat or chicken license for 2014.**
- New license tags are now available.
- Bring proof of rabies vaccination for dogs & cats.
- License before Dec. 31st or incur a \$10 late fee.
- \$10 for cats/dogs or \$5 if spayed or neutered. \$25 for chicken license.

NEW in 2014—License ATVs, RTVs, UTVs and golf carts to ride yours on city streets, starting Jan. 1st

A new ordinance controls the use of recreational vehicles and golf carts on city streets.

In 2014, owners will need to license these vehicles at City Hall to obtain a license sticker. Licenses cost \$25 and must be renewed annually. Having a DNR permit is not sufficient for anyone wanting to drive their recreational vehicle on city streets. Non-



residents can only drive recreation vehicles on city streets with a city permit.

One must stop at Eyota City Hall between 8 am to 4:30 pm to receive a license. Proof of insurance and a valid drivers license are required.

ATVs, RTVs, UTVs and golf carts may not go any faster than 15 MPH on streets, or they will be ticketed. They are not allowed in city parks or on pathways.



City Announcements:

Reminder—No PARKING on city streets overnight from Nov. 1 to April 1, 2 to 6 am.

Snowplowing season: Place trash containers in your driveway during a plowing event.

Owners of homes with adjoining sidewalks are reminded they need to shovel the snow off these sidewalks during the winter months.

Contact info for Eyota Mayor Tyrel Clark: EyotaMayor@cityofeyota.com

LOST & FOUND: Skate helmet and backpack are at City Hall.

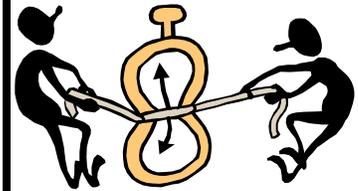
Rabies & Pet Licensing Clinic—Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 am to noon at Eyota Vet Clinic

No Transient Merchants Allowed: Door-to-door sales 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.

Christmas Lights & Decorations Contest: Eyota Dollars awarded for 1st (\$20) & 2nd (\$15) for Single-color, Multi-color lights or decorations, plus honorable mention (\$5), Grand Prize: \$25. Judging from Dec. 8 to 15.

Automatic Water/Sewer Payments—

Free up personal time... Sign up for ACH payment for your monthly city water and sewer payments.



Download form from our website: Go to Citizens/Notices to Citizens—Water/Sewer bill can be paid automatically. Complete, return to City Hall with a voided check.

Lots in Stone Ridge still available from Olmsted Co.

Lots are available for two single family homes and 8 townhome lots in the Stone Ridge subdivision (in SW Eyota near Kwik Trip). Lots may be purchased through Olmsted County Property Records (507-328-7670).

The residential lots are priced in the mid \$20,000s. The townhome lots are approximately \$14,000—one needs to purchase two lots to build a twin townhome, as required by zoning. This price includes a lowered amount for assessments due to the City of Eyota.

The procedure for purchasing the lots can be found in the City's website under the EDA tab (city departments), using the link, "Lots for Sale." Contact Marlis Knowlton at City Hall 507-545-2135 for questions regarding the assessments.

New NO PARKING Signs

Sixth Street near the high school now has "no parking" signs on the south side of the street. Due to recent Council action, a decision was made to post no parking near the school. The intent is to make the street safer when events are held at the school.

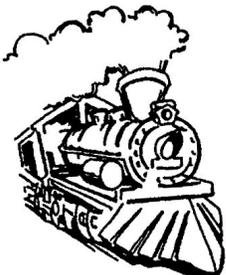


Prior to this, it was difficult for vehicles to meet with cars parked on both sides of the street. Recently, the school created a walkway from the west parking lot to the south entrance of the school—allowing better access for overflow parking.

FOR QUESTIONS ON STARTING OR EXPANDING A BUSINESS, PLEASE CONTACT EDA DIRECTOR:

Cathy Enerson at City Hall 507-545-2135, or
cathy.enerson@cedausa.com

Free SBA services are available, including help with social media.



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NO PARKING along city streets from Nov. 1 to April 1, 2 to 6 am.

**Be sure to license your pet by
 Dec. 31, 2013. A late fee of
 \$10/pet is charged in 2014.**

 **Christmas Lights & Decorations
 Contest—Judging Dec. 8 to 15** 
 See inside for details.

Breakfast with Santa

—By the Women of Eyota

Date: Saturday, Dec. 14

Time: 8:30 to 10:30 am

Location: Eyota American Legion

Donuts & Milk will be provided.

—Thanks to Gingerbread House & Kemps for the donation!—

Crafts, music, prizes & a gift from Santa.

Tickets: \$3 per child at the door

Parents, remember to bring your camera!

Questions? -Or- Want to volunteer?
 Contact: Mindy Boynton, 358-1806,
 msboyn12@gmail.com



**NOTICE—Dog & Cat Owners!
 Rabies & Licensing Clinic**

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013

9 am to Noon

**At Eyota Veterinary Clinic
 (95 Center Ave. North)**

Rabies Shots: \$19

**City Licenses: \$10 or \$5 if spayed/
 neutered.**

No exam done, so no other fees are charged.



PERMIT FEES WAIVED

New Home & Commercial
Development Opportunities in the
City of Eyota



Total permit savings

\$2,250

Elimination of New Construction Fees	
Sewer connection fees	\$1,700
Sewer Permit-Inspection Fees	\$100
Water Improvement Fund Fees	\$300
Water Connection Fees	\$100
Zoning Certification Fees	\$50

Other Development and Land Opportunities Available

Contact our EDA Director
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