

Eyota City News

JULY 2012

SUMMER ISSUE

Eyota Farmers Market in 2nd Year: Now on Tuesdays, 4 to 7 pm, still at West Side Park, thru Oct. 9

The day has changed, but the location is the same for the Eyota Farmers Market's second season. More customers are needed! Park in the big gravel West Side parking lot or walk to the market using the new pathways.

Come to West Side Park on Tuesday evenings from 4 to 7 pm to shop for locally grown and homemade items. The market has many new vendors along with several returning vendors.

With an early spring, locally grown fruits and vegetables are available weeks earlier than usual. The strawberry season is over, but raspberries are now available. Carrots and beets are ready for eating.

Items to purchase include in-season produce and a variety of handmade items. Some items are:

- Vegetables and fruits
- Perennials & annuals
- Houseplants
- Eggs—free range
- Herb plants
- Fresh cut herbs
- Baked goods
- Jams & jellies
- Honey
- Bird houses
- Doll clothes



**Get weekly updates
on facebook:
Click "like" on Eyota
Farmers Market**

- Hand crafted soap and lip balms

Items available vary weekly, but many vendors come to every market. The Welcome Tent offers a variety of in-season vegetable and fruit recipes—free to market visitors. The Market's *Guide for Cooking with Garden Herbs* is still available. Soon we will have a new booklet for our guests, *Cooking with Vegetables from A to Z*.

Some available vegetables are not the usual ones you'd find at the grocery store. Ever eaten kale? You might like to try it using our baked kale chips recipe. Beets can also be sliced thin and baked into chips for a different beet taste.

Weekly drawings include \$5 Farmers Market Bucks vouchers, a Mayo Clinic Healthy Weight book, potted plants or a market bag.

Become a West Side Walker on market nights—and be eligible for a special \$5 Farmers Market Bucks voucher drawing. Plus, get a free bottle of water for walking the new loop track at West Side Park. Grab your friends and walk the half-mile track together—only 10 minutes.

Get out of doors and enjoy our market! We have a variety of vendors—some vary from week to week. Support the market to bring it back a third year.

Farmers Market Special Events & Sponsors

Several local businesses and individuals are sponsoring activities at the Eyota Farmers Market.

Charter Communications sponsored a Kids' Day on June 5th. They will also sponsor a second **Kids' Day on September 25th**.

Petit Music is partner-

ing with **Hiawatha Broadband Communications** to offer music at the weekly markets. Petit music provides the speakers while HBC donated an iPod used with the speakers.

HBC is sponsoring a **Dog Obedience Demo/Pet Day on July 31st**.

Eastwood Bank is supporting the **Blue Grass Jam** on a date, yet to be determined. (Watch for ads.)

Mayor Wes Bussell is sponsoring the West Side Walkers—\$5 EFM Bucks.

Eyota Market includes a notice with the market's logo and hours in its weekly ad.

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall:

7:30 pm

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 23

September 13 & 27

October 11 & 25

View on Charter Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm:

July 19

August 16

September 20

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm:

July 11

August 8

September 12

City Hall is closed:

July 4 & Sept. 3rd, Labor Day.

Dover Brush Dump Hours

Saturdays, 9 am to noon

Wednesdays, 5-8 pm

(Weather Permitting)

Save these dates:

Eyota Farmers Market:

Tuesdays, 4 to 7 pm,

through October 9,

at West Side Park

Farmers Market Pet Day--

Dog Demo: July 31

Farmers Market Kids'

Day: September 25

Eyota Days: July 16-22

KEEP IN TOUCH:

• Phone: 507-545-2135

• Fax: 507-545-2235

• Email: eyota@cityofeyota.com

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

• Website: eyota.govoffice.com

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Abatement of Nuisance Properties: Is your yard in need of a cleanup?

In an effort to increase the quality of life for every person who lives within the City of Eyota, efforts are being taken to initiate a city-wide awareness for the City's Nuisance Ordinance in hope that it will result in a healthier living environment for everyone.

The following is the definition of a nuisance as listed in Eyota City Ordinance #109.

1) Maintains or allows a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures, or endangers the safety, health, comfort, or rest of any considerable numbers of the public; or
2) Interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous for passage, any

public highway or right-of-way; or
3) Is guilty of any other act or omission declared by law or this ordinance to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided.

A few examples of nuisances that exist within the City are uncontrolled grass or vegetation, discarded household appliances, tires, or abandoned, disabled, and unlicensed vehicles. For a complete list of nuisances related to the City's Ordinance, please see the complete Nuisance Ordinance on the City of Eyota's website at <http://eyota.govoffice.com/>, or stop at the

Eyota City Hall to request a paper copy.

The City hopes that awareness will lead to a pro-active response on your part to any issues that may meet the criteria outlined in the ordinance. The City also understands that taking care of these issues sometimes can be a time consuming process which is not always easily accomplished. If you feel there may be some items or problems that need to be resolved on your property or have questions regarding them you may contact Eyota City Hall.

News from Cathy Enerson, Eyota's EDA Director: Contact her on Thursdays at Eyota City Hall: 507-545-2135

For veterans and service-disabled veterans or others interested in launching their own business—Cathy can get you in touch with a number of resources:

- 10 Step Process to Starting a Business from SBA
- Veterans Business Outreach Centers
- Small Business Development Centers
- SCORE's Veterans Fast Launch Initiative
- Financing through SBA's Patriot Express or SBAExpress.
- Help with business opportunity options

Interested in building in Eyota?

The city is still waiving a total of \$2,250 in permit building fees in their 2012 housing incentive.

Lots available:

- 3 lots are available from Premier Bank in Stone Ridge
- 2 single family lots & townhome lots available in Stone Ridge through State Forfeiture via Olmsted County
- **Want to build this fall?** John Keefe is planning 10 single family cul-de-sac lots near the Summerfield subdivision. Contact Cathy Enerson for more information. cathyenerson@cedausa.com

Interested in owning your own business or supplementing your income?

Opportunities for purchase in Eyota:

1. Currently profitable Laundromat with additional building space—formerly Zen (or Pennington Hardware). A portion is currently leased by Robin's Floral. \$93,000
2. South Front Street building—Formerly Beckman/Veterinary building for sale. 5,000 square feet. Contact Doug McCabe, Eastwood Band for more details.

Yoga Classes & Massage Therapy

- ◇ Thursdays at 9 am
- ◇ Location: Petit Music
- ◇ Bring your own mat & drop in for a session at a time or sign up for a 6 week package.
- ◇ Contact Heather at 507-251-1596 for more details.
- ◇ Massage Therapy Thursdays by appointment.



Absentee Voting Registration Changed in Olmsted County

New Location: 1421 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester—on east side of Olmsted Co. Fairgrounds
Primary election absentee voting begins Jun 29.
General Election absentee voting begins Sept. 21.
Contacting the office: Stop in-person or visit website at olmstedcounty.com or call them at 507-328-7650 to do an absentee ballot by mail.
Hours for in-person voting: Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm, Saturdays Aug. 11 & Nov. 3, 10 am-3 pm.

Register your bike and follow basic bike rules of the road...

Register your bike at city hall—there is no cost to get a “license number” for your bike. It is an ID number that is attached to your bike in an inconspicuous place. If stolen, your bike can be identified if found by law enforcement officers. (A special registration time will be available at the Eyota Farmers Market on September 25.)

The following are basic rules from MnDot for bike riders:

1. On roadways, ride in the same direction as traffic.
2. Ride as close as possible to the right



hand curb or edge of roadway.

3. Obey all traffic control signs and signals that motorists must obey. On trails & bike paths that cross roadways, obey all stop signs and warning devices.

4. Turning: Hold arm signal continuously for 100 feet or stopped waiting to turn.

5. Yield to pedestrians on sidewalks & in crosswalks.

6. Signal audibly when passing a pedestrian on a sidewalk.

7. Ride with lamps & reflectors on at night and in dim light.

8. Ride only a bike with working brakes.



City Announcements:

Don't forget to get a building permit! The first step for your summer building project is stopping at City Hall to pick up a permit. For detailed info go to our website: eyota@govoffice.com, Building Permits and Zoning tab.

Handicap Swing Straps: Parents of a child using the handicap swing in Sunrise or West Side Parks—stop by City Hall to check out straps for the swing.

City of Eyota on facebook: Click on “like” to get city announcements.

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**

Curfews for Minors in Eyota: For ages 16 & under—be home between 10 pm to 5 am. For age 17 curfew is 12 midnight to 5 am.

Dogs: Citizens are reminded to keep their dogs on a leash outside your yard. Remember to clean up after your pet when out walking in town.

LOST & FOUND Are these yours?

- John Deere keys found at Sunrise Park.
- Purple stretch wrist ring with a set of keys—West Side.
- Toyota auto-key for vehicle
- Two women's rings found at Freedom Park.



Contact City Hall.



Open positions on Park Board and Planning Commission.
Contact City Hall if interested.
Make a difference in your community—Volunteer.

Nominate: Eyota Citizen of the Year

Is there someone you know who is deserving of this honor?

Please forward to City Hall their name and reasons why they should be chosen. A form from the city's website can be used. (Eyota Days tab/Citizen of Year sub-tab)

The award will be given during Eyota Days Friday Family night at 7:15 pm near the Legion.

Please submit application before the July 12 City Council meeting. The Council will choose whom receives the honor.

Congratulations to Russell Jones retiring from the Eyota Fire Department.



Russ has served as a fireman from 4-1-1988 to 4-5-2012, a total of 24 years!

Filing Period for City Elections:

July 31 to August 14, 2012

2 Council Members (4 yr. terms)

Mayor (2 yr. term)

File at Eyota City Hall, 38 South Front St. SW, 8 am to 4:30 pm, M-F



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 38 South Front St. SW
 P.O. Box 328
 Eyota, MN 55934

Permit No. 12
 Eyota, MN 55934
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Postal Patron
 Eyota, MN 55934

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**Enjoy Eyota Days:
 July 16 to 22**

**EDA Business
 Update:**

Welcome **Craig Horan and Jason Ryan**, new owners of **Prestige Auto & Diesel**, formerly Prestige Auto Care. They offer the same great service & pricing, plus additionally specializing in diesel repair.



**Hurry! Don't miss summer fun
 in Eyota—**

Swim bus for kids on Thursdays: Bus leaves West Side Park at 12:30 pm, Cost is \$5, thru August 9



Join West Side Walkers on Tuesdays, 4 to 7 pm: Enter drawing at Farmers Market Welcome tent for \$5 FM bucks, get a free bottle of water for walking the West Side Loop.

Vintage Car at Legion on Tuesday evenings

A Week of Eyota Days Events starting July 16:

Monday—Talent Show at D-E Auditorium at 7 pm, **Tuesday**—Farmers Market, WS Park, 4-7 pm & Kiddies Parade at Legion, 7 pm, **Wednesday**—Church night 7 pm near Legion, **Thursday**—Kids track & home run derby at HS, Bingo at Legion at 7:30 pm, Bean bag tourney at Green Door, 7 pm, **Friday**—Family Fun Night starts at 5 pm near Legion, **Saturday**—Parade at 11 am, tractor pull, food at big tent & fire hall. Kids' afternoon events, Dance—LOST HIGHWAY, 9 pm to 1 am, **Sunday**—Waffle breakfast, church & car show

Snow White Performance: Aug. 3, 7 pm & Aug. 4, 2 pm, DE HS Auditorium. *Local Youth with Prairie Fire Children's Theatre*