

Eyota City News

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SPRING ISSUE

BUY Local from Merchants or Farmers Market: Keep \$\$\$ in your community!

By Cathy Enerson, Eyota's EDA Director

When shopping locally, you simultaneously create jobs, fund more city services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvement and promote community development.

The dollars you spend also help to support businesses that, in turn, employ people who then spend their wages in our community. This creates a strong ripple effect that sustains our economy.

Local retailer, Chuck Pagenhart of the Eyota Market, is offering community groups the use of his Pepsi Wagon on Tuesdays during the Farmers Market: A great example of how our local retailers support our communities, and their fund-raising organizations. If you have a school trip, mission trip or community project and would like to sell food contact Chuck Pagenhart at: pagenhart@silverlakefoods.com

There are fascinating statistics regarding buying local and how this affects the economy. Independently owned businesses provide numerous benefits to their local economies many people may not be aware of.

According to recent studies:

- When you spend \$100 at an independent business, \$68 returns to the local community. Spend that same amount at a national chain and it drops to \$43.



Eyota Farmers Market—Returning to West Side Park

On Tuesdays, starting May 22, the Eyota Farmers Market will open for the 2012 season. Hours: 4 to 7 pm.

Stop by for fresh asparagus, strawberries, garden greens, bedding plants, perennials and herbs. As the season progresses we'll have tomatoes, raspberries, sweet corn, green beans, summer squash & more!

Purchase directly from the local producer. Walk to market using the new sidewalk and trail.

Be sure to stop at the welcome tent for free recipes and for drawing gifts. "Cooking Veggies from A to Z" is coming by mid-June. Opening markets will have freebee plants for those attending. Stay tuned for

our special events calendar. Two kids days, canning demonstrations, music, obedience dog demo, and a walking club are being planned so far, with businesses sponsoring them.



- Small business accounts for 75% of all new jobs.
- Locally owned businesses reinvest in the local economy at a 60% higher rate than chains and internet retailers.
- Small businesses create more than half the non-farm private gross domestic product (GDP).
- Locally owned and operated businesses create higher-paying jobs for you and your neighbors.
- More of your tax dollars are reinvested in your community to fund local schools, hire more police officers and improve roads.

To get even more local with facts & figures, the Virginia chapter of Buy Fresh, Buy Local did a study on the potential economic impacts to different regions of Virginia of buying local foods. They found that if each household spent only \$10 per week of their total food dollars on locally produced foods, the state overall would receive more than \$555 million per year!!!

Buying local means avoiding national, international and other "outsourced" stores, thus you are directly supporting the welfare of your community and your neighbors. How can you not feel good about that?

Buying at the local farmers market gets you a fresher product. Environmental costs are lower too, no shipping to the market and you can walk or bike to market!

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall:

7:30 pm

March 22

April 12 at 6:45 pm

April 26

May 10 & 24

June 14 & 28

View on Charter Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm:

April 19

May 17

June 21

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm:

April 11

May 9

June 13

City Hall is closed
May 28 for
Memorial Day.



March 22 & 23: City Hall opening at 9:30 am

Dover Brush Dump Hours

Saturdays beginning March

24, 9 am to noon

Wed. beginning April 4,

5-8 pm

(Weather Permitting)

Save these dates:

Garage Sales: May 19

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
- Marlis, Nancy, Iris, Brad, Joe

2012 Dover-Eyota Summer Rec Program Registration



Announcing New Summer Rec Director—Mark Winkels

Register in Person at Eyota

City Hall:

**Saturday, April 14,
8 am - Noon**

Tuesday, April 17, 6 – 8 pm

Other Options for Registering:

1. Register at Eyota City Hall, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, April 16 – 23.
2. Mail in registration form with check payment to: City of Eyota, PO Box 328, Eyota, MN 55934
3. Put registration form with check payment in the drop box in the west side door of city hall.

Activities:

- Family Fun Night for boys & girls Pre-K and Under
- T-Ball for boys & girls in Pre-K – Grade 1
- Baseball for boys in Grades 2 – 6
- Softball for girls in Grades 2 – 6
- Soccer for boys & girls in Pre-K – Grade 6
- Golf for boys & girls in Grades 2 - 6
- Volleyball for boys & girls in Grades 3 - 6

Late Fee: A late registration fee of \$15 per participant will be charged, if registration is not received by 4:30 pm on April 23.



Refunds Policy: No refunds will be given after registration unless an activity is cancelled due to not having enough participants.

More detailed program information and registration forms will be sent out with D-E students and available on the Eyota city website at a later date.

It's time to Sign up for Automatic Water/Sewer Payments

Use the form below—send it in with your next payment paid by check.

Setting up Automatic City of Eyota Water/Sewer Payments

The City of Eyota provides an automatic payment option making water/sewer payments easy and convenient. This form authorizes the City to take your payments from a checking account. Eliminate the worry of making your payments on time.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION:

I hereby authorize the City of Eyota to deduct my payment automatically, and I authorize my financial institution (indicated by the enclosed payment check) to initiate debit entries from my checking account to pay the monthly amount due. This authority is to remain in effect until the City of Eyota has received written notification of its termination in such time as to afford a reasonable opportunity to act upon it. I have the right to stop payment of a charge within seven (7) days of the payment date. I am responsible for notifying the City of Eyota and my financial institution of this stop payment request. I understand that both the City of Eyota and the financial institution indicated reserve the right to terminate this contribution plan or my participation in it.

PAYMENT WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT ON THE 12TH OF EACH MONTH: The first time is a PRENOTE, you will need to make one more regular check payment before the automatic payment takes effect.

Note: Payments are withdrawn from your account on the 12th of the month, or on a business day following the 12th if it falls on a weekend or holiday. **New automatic payment requests must be received by the 8th of the month. Make a regular payment for the current month. The following month payment will be taken automatically.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please sign and return this authorization with your current payment check that shows bank name, routing number and account number of the checking account. Send to: City of Eyota, P.O. Box 328, Eyota, MN 55934

Park Users Enjoy Our Parks But Remember—

As summer nears, soon residents will be back enjoying our parks. Here's a few reminders for park use:

- Motorized vehicles (of any kind) are not allowed in the parks or on pathways in the parks. No motorized bikes, ATV vehicles, golf carts or cars are allowed outside parking lots.
- Parks are open from 5 am to 10 pm daily.
- When walking your dog in the park or along city sidewalks, you are responsible for cleaning up after your dog. Please carry a plastic bag when you're out walking.
- Dogs must be on a leash in parks or out-

side your yard.

- The upper parking lot at West Side Park is now one-way. Please enter on the east driveway and exit on the west driveway. Park in diagonally marked spaces.



- Be sure to put your trash in the trash containers provided at the park.
- Use pathways to walk or skate to the skate park, remember no motor vehicles in the parks. Cars park in available lots.
- Bathrooms will be available in Freedom, Sunrise and West Side Parks in late spring.
- Vandalism should be reported to City Hall.



City Announcements:



Interested in selling at the Eyota Farmers Market? The market features items that are **homegrown or homemade**. Garden produce, plants, crafts and 'value added' items are welcome. The vendor fee is \$5 per time, up to a maximum of \$40 for the season. Vendors should contact City Hall to have their selection of sales items approved. If interested, email Iris: ineumann@cityofeyota.com to have your email added to the vendor distribution list for updates. A second vendor meeting will be planned before the market opens May 22.

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.

Notice to Residents: The city is planning to complete seal coating on some streets during the summer of 2012. Affected streets will be announced at a later date.

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.

Your Property Value—
Please call Olmsted County Assessor's Office 507-328-7670 prior to the Eyota Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting held April 12, 6 to 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Call if you have questions or concerns on the valuation or classification of your property.



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

Summerfield Rain Garden

A rain garden was established in the Summerfield Park in 2010. Landscaping includes plum trees, berry bushes and a variety of perennial plants and grasses.

The garden was graded to capture rain water and has a pathway through the garden. It is in the corner of Summerfield Park, which is located in the Summerfield housing subdivision across Highway 14, at the end of Summerfield Drive NW.

Thanks to Park Board member Dianne Schmidt & friends for volunteering to care-take this garden.



Community Gardens:

Gardeners Meeting April 9, 6:30 pm

Come to the gardeners' meeting on April 9th at 6:30 pm to hear gardening tips from Master Gardener Jeanette Klugherz. Get ready to garden by signing the 2012 gardening agreement and paying your rent fee. A limited number of 10 cent seed packets will again be available.

A total 24 garden plots will be available again for Eyota residents starting April 15 at Sunset Square Park near the Legion. Rent a 12 X 16 foot plot for \$15, this includes having your plot tilled. 18 plots are available—some have requested 2 plots, but single plots will be assigned first. If there are extras, a gardener may rent a second plot. Water is available at the site.

Raised beds were built in 2011 and are available to 6 renters. The raised beds are 3 X 12 feet and two are included in the \$25 rental. Previous gardeners have first choice in keeping their plots. Raised bed gardeners may start planting before April 15 if fee is paid.





City of Eyota
 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

Eyota Farmers Market—Now on Tuesdays—4 to 7 pm, starting May 22

Buy Local!
 See enclosed story to see how
 much this benefits your
 community.

EDA Business update:

The **Economic Development Authority** welcomes **All Craft Exteriors** to Eyota. They are located at 115 Jefferson Ave. SW along Hwy 42. Chad McCarty is the manager. Find [All Craft Exteriors](#) on Facebook. All Craft Exteriors does Roofing, Windows, Siding, Gutter, and Insulation. Please call Chad McCarty for your free estimate today!!
507-218-2359

The EDA also welcomes **Finish Line Automotive**, located at 315 Center Ave. S (former Greenway Coop). Don Schaefer, the owner, specializes in auto repair, brakes, tires, oil changes and more. He will be advertising specials. **507-226-3431**

PERMIT FEES WAIVED
 City of Eyota
 New Home & Commercial Development Opportunities

Total Permit Savings: \$2,250

Contact our EDA Director for the application
 City Hall - Eyota 507-688-0100
eyotagov.com

Development, Land and Lot Opportunities Available

- Commercial Lots: Hwy 14/42
 Hwy 42/42 - 608-761-8888
- R2/R1: Multi Family Site
- 13 Acres for Partially Developed Residential Lots
- 20 Acres of Zoned Industrial with Access

Available Planning Items

FINISH LINE Premier Service
 Chris Weener
 Eyota 507-226-3431

Greenway Premier Service
 Gene Miller
 Eyota 507-226-3431

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