

Eyota City News

MARCH 2013

SPRING ISSUE

2013 Summer Construction Projects— South Avenue road project & Safe Routes To School sidewalks, pedestrian ramps & trails

Summer is coming and along with it comes construction projects. A road project and a walkways project are planned for the 2013 season.

Construction on South Avenue between Fourth and Sixth Streets will resolve a storm drainage issue. Residents may have noted excessive water standing near the intersection of South Ave and Fifth Street. Construction will not begin before June 10th.

Construction for a Safe Routes To School (SRTS) grant will take place this year. Be sure to leave survey flags in place during the pre-construction phase. The city

qualified for a \$355,950 grant after applying in 2011.

The SFTS project will add walking/biking pathways along Knowledge Road (Jefferson Ave. to Robert Ave.), sidewalks and replace 29 pedestrian ramps on existing sidewalks. A new pathway will extend from the existing West Side Park pathway to Second Street.

A sidewalk will be added along Sixth Street between Lafayette and Madison Avenues, with a block along Madison between 5th and 6th Streets. Sidewalk will also be built from Friendly Circle to the Eyota Market and from Peace Lutheran Church to Knowledge Road.



Eyota to Receive Sales Tax Revenue from Rochester

By Mayor Tyrel Clark

In November of 2012 the citizens of Rochester voted to extend their one-half percent sales tax for another 15 years.

Part of this sales tax included 5 million dollars for economic development in surrounding communities. Eyota is fortunate to be one of these communities.

For Eyota this amount comes to \$211,674.77, which will be transferred to

Eyota in two increments in 2013 and 2014.

This money comes with the stipulations that it be used for economic development and be a capital expense.

The Eyota Economic Development Authority (EDA) will be asking for community input in the future for ideas on how this money could be spent.

Eyota Farmers Market—Returning to West Side Park

Starting its 3rd season, the Eyota Farmers Market will again be on **Tuesdays in West Side Park, starting May 21st.**

Hours are still **4 to 7 pm** and it will be held in the same location along the walkway near the west parking lot.



EBT/SNAP electronic cards will be welcomed at the market this year, thanks to a grant through Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS). Cardholders receive tokens at the red welcome tent to spend at vendor booths. If an additional BCBS grant is approved, they will be eligible to receive an additional \$5 in

coupons for food or plants.

All visitors are encouraged to pick up free recipes as ideas for ways to prepare produce. 'Cooking with Herbs' and 'Vegetables A to Z' will be available again this year. Sign up for our popular weekly drawings.

Watch for announcements for a customer appreciation day, kids' day in the fall and special demo days.

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

May 9 & 23

June 13 & 27

View on Charter & HBC
Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm:

March 21—7:10 pm

Public Hearing, Wind Energy
Generation Systems
Ordinance at Fire Hall

April 18

May 16 (Dates subject
to change.)

June 20

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm:

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

City Hall
is closed
May 27 for
Memorial Day.



Dover Brush Dump Hours

Watch our website for 2013
opening date.

(Weather Permitting)

Save these dates:

Garage Sales: May 10-11

Eyota Days: July 15-21

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, Ben

2013 Dover-Eyota Summer Recreation Program Registration



Program Dates:
June 10 to August 1, 2013
Swim Bus: Thursdays-June 20 to Aug. 8

Register at Eyota City Hall:

Tuesday, March 19, 6 - 8 pm
Thursday, March 21, 6 - 8 pm
Saturday, April 6, 9 am to Noon

Activities:

- ⇒ Family Fun Night for boys & girls Pre-K and Under (Wed. Nights Only)
- ⇒ Golf for boys & girls 2nd to 6th grade

For Girls:

- T-Ball (Pre K, K-1st grade)
- Soccer (Pre K, K-1st grade, 2 - 3 grade, 4 - 6 grade)
- Softball (2 - 3 grade)

- Volleyball (3 - 6 grade)
- Softball: 10 & Under, 12 & Under (Practice starts 6/3)

For Boys:

- T-Ball (Pre K, K-1st grade)
- Soccer (Pre K, K-1st grade, 2 - 3 grade, 4 - 6 grade)

Choose from Days: M/W or T/TH or Times: 9:30-10:30 am or 5:30-6:30 pm

- Girls 10U Softball & 12U Softball will participate in the Winona County League, games will be Monday nights (12U) and Wednesday nights (10U).
- All other activities will have 2-3 game nights

Activities Fees:

Family Fun Night: \$10 for all participants



Golf Fees: \$40 participants living inside the city limits of Eyota/Dover or \$50 participants living outside the city limits of Eyota/Dover.

T-ball, Softball, Volleyball, & Soccer Fees: \$30 participants living inside the city limits of Eyota/Dover or \$40 participants living outside the city limits of Eyota/Dover.

Late Fee: A late registration fee of \$15 per participant will be charged, if registration is not received by Noon on April 6.

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

Sign up for Automatic Water/Sewer Payments:

Ensure your payments are always made on time—Works better than using “home teller” banking.

Effective January 2013, funds now withdrawn on the 16th of month (formerly the 12th).

Use the form below to enroll—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 16th OF EACH MONTH: The first time is a PRE-NOTE, 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 16th of the month, or on a business day following the 16th if it falls on a weekend or holiday. **New automatic payment requests must be received by the 12th 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:** _____

Board of Appeal & Equalization

Your Property Value—

Please call Olmsted County Assessor's Office 507-328-7670 prior to the Eyota Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting held at City Hall. (Date & time announced at a later date.) Call the county office if you have questions or concerns on the valuation or classification of your property.



New Ordinance No. 130: Prohibiting Peddlers, Solicitors & Transient Merchants

Repealing Ordinance 15-1.

Prohibits peddlers, solicitors or transient merchants from going door to door at private residences in Eyota for soliciting orders, delivering or selling goods.

Exceptions: Wholesalers selling to retailers, person establishing route for a regular customer delivery route (food or milk), garage sales, flea or farmers markets, or sales by non-profit organizations.

Penalty: Guilty of misdemeanor.

Summer Rec Jobs Available

Dover-Eyota Summer Rec Program is looking for responsible, fun and energetic people wanting to work with children ages 4 – 12 in a sports setting.

The main focus of the job is supervising and coaching children the fundamentals of sports in a safe positive environment.

Applications will be accepted from March 18th thru April 8th. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded off the city website. Completed applications must be submitted at City Hall. (38 South Front St., Eyota) **Pay: \$10/hr.**



City Announcements:

ICE SKATING Rink closing—Warmer weather soon ending our successful ice rink season.

Winter Street Parking Ban Ending April 1st. Overnight street parking allowed during summer months.

New Play Equipment Installed at Summerfield Park. A new and expanded set of play equipment was installed last fall at the park in the Summerfield Addition. It replaced a wooden Rainbow set formerly in the park. The colorful set includes equipment for age groups ranging from 2 to 12 with slides, platforms, swings, and individual play pieces. Parents now have two benches so they can watch their children. The ground cover is manufactured wood fiber.

NEW Council Meeting Starting Time: 7 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays of month

Planning Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm at Eyota Fire Hall. Public Hearing at 7:10 pm on proposed Wind Energy Generation Systems Ordinance.

WELCOME to new city public works employee—Ben Trogstad

THANK YOU to Joe Rowekamp for his 7.5 years of employment with the City.

Thank You!

To Phyllis Highum for her work with Eyota Senior Dining at Arbor Gardens. She is retiring after 16 years of service.



SENIORS— Affordable, ready to eat, tasty meals served Monday thru Friday

at 11:30 am. Check the menus in the D-E Eagle!

Contact SEMCAC if interested in filling Phyllis's role.



Open positions on Park Board and Planning Commission.

Contact City Hall if interested.

Members now receive

\$25 stipend per meeting attended.

Changes in the Eyota City Council

The first Council meeting in 2013 brought a change in leadership to the Council with a new mayor, a newly elected councilman, a reelected councilman and a newly appointed councilman.

The current council includes:

Mayor Tyrel Clark, term 2013-14

Councilman Bryan Cornell, term 2013-16

Councilman Kurt Holst, term 2013-14 (filling Tyrel Clark's remaining term)

Councilman Tony Nelson, term 2013-16

Councilman Ray Schuchard, term 2011-14

View council meetings on HBC or Charter Channel 19, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, at 7 pm.

Community Gardens:

Gardeners Meeting April 8, 6:30 pm

Interested in renting a garden plot in the community gardens located in Sunset Square Park near the Legion? Contact Iris Neumann at City Hall (545-2135).

A total 24 garden plots will be available again for Eyota residents starting April 15 at the park near the Legion. Rent a 12 X 16 foot space for \$15: 18 plots are available. Raised beds are available to 6 renters. Two beds, 3 X 12 feet, are included in the \$25 rental fee. If all plots are not rented, after May 15 a gardener may rent a second plot. Water is available at the site & regular plots are tilled.



Come to the gardeners' meeting on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 pm at City Hall to hear growing tips from community gardener Logan Clark—**Succession gardening in a small space.**

Get ready to garden by signing the 2013 gardening agreement and paying your rental fee. Previous gardeners have first choice in keeping their plots.



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 Eyota, MN 55934
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Postal Patron
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Eyota Farmers Market on Tuesdays—4 to 7 pm, starting May 21st

**Don't miss Summer Rec sign-up dates: March 19 & 21, 6–8 pm
 Saturday, April 6, 9 am to noon
 at City Hall**

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 \$50 for the season.
- ◇ If interested, email Iris: ineumann@cityofeyota.com to have your email added to the vendor distribution list for updates.
- ◇ A vendor training meeting will be announced via email.
- ◇ Trained vendors may accept EBT/SNAP purchases.

Tips for Park Users

- ◇ Rent park shelters for special occasions at West Side or Freedom Parks. West Side has a north and south shelter with attached kitchens. \$30 for rent and \$50 damage deposit required. Call Nancy to reserve a date.
- ◇ Walk, jog or run the West Side Park loop pathway to stay fit—distance around is approximately 1/2 mile.
- ◇ Playground equipment available in West Side, Freedom, Sunrise and Summerfield Parks.
- ◇ Bathrooms available in West Side, Sunrise & Freedom.
- ◇ Dog walkers—Remember to keep your pet on a leash at all times while in the park and be prepared to clean up after your pet.



- ◇ Obey signage in parks—No motorized vehicles allowed.
- ◇ Park vehicles only in designated parking lots or along streets.
- ◇ Report any vandalism to City Hall.