

# Eyota City News

MAY 2014

SUMMER ISSUE

## Shop Eyota Farmers Market on Tuesdays —from May 20 to October 14, 2014

In 2014, customers can shop at the market using credit, debit or EBT cards. They are processed at the red welcome tent—where wooden tokens are given for market shopping.

The Eyota Farmers Market is held at West Side Park, near the large west parking lot, along the pathway.

Special events will be held according to the following schedule:

- June 3rd:** Customer Appreciation Day
- July 1st:** Kids' Day
- August 5th:** National Night Out
- October 7th:** Harvest Festival.



Stay tuned for market updates on our Facebook page. "Like" our page to get the latest news: [facebook.com/EyotaFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/EyotaFarmersMarket)

Shop for in-season vegetables, fruits & herbs. Pick up potted plants—perennials, herbs, starter vegetables and houseplants. Baked goods and home canned items are favorites. Also available, eggs and hand crafted items—including soap, plus weekly drawings, & free recipes for in-season produce.

Special thanks to the Center for Prevention of Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN for offering \$5 in Market Bucks each week for EBT customers using their card processed.

## Spruce up for summer—Keep parks, properties clean

Snow is gone and junk has returned to view. See inside story about "abatement" issues.

### TIPS for clean-up:

—Haul branches, leaves and garden debris to Dover Brush Dump on Wednesdays/Saturdays (schedule, more info inside.)

- Clean up after your pets, if walking dogs in public parks, on streets or boulevards.
- Remove unused, unsightly items from your yards.
- Vehicles parked on your lot need current tabs & to be drivable.
- When visiting a park, please don't litter.

## Flushable Wipes

### —Our problem & your problem in the city sewer!

There is an on going problem with flushable wipes plugging the inlet pipe at Manhole #27, which is at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Ave.

The City of Eyota Public Works Department conducts planned maintenance inspections and flushing of the City's Sanitary Sewer system each month. Through these inspections non-flushable wipes are almost always noticed in manholes in fairly large quantities.

These wipes are either plugging or partially plugging the sanitary sewer main. If the plug or

partial plug is not removed, it's only a matter of time before someone; you or one of your neighbors has sewage backing up into the basement.

The cleanup cost for sewer backups can be very expensive not to mention an inconvenience and a headache for homeowners.

**The fix for this problem, however, is very easy; don't flush**

**"flushable" wipes!** Just throw them in the waste basket. The basement you save and the headaches you avert may be your own!

—City of Eyota Public Works Department



**WARNING!**  
**"FLUSHABLE"**  
**WIPES ARE NOT**  
**FLUSHABLE.**

## UPCOMING DATES

### Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

May 22  
June 12 & 26  
July 10 & 24  
August 14 & 28

View on Charter & HBC Channel 19

### Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

May-August 2014 dates are 3rd Wednesday of each month.)

### Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10

### 2014 City Wide Garage Sales: May 16 & 17

City Hall is closed May 26—Memorial Day & July 4th

### 2014 Eyota Days: July 14—20

#### KEEP IN TOUCH:

- Phone: 507-545-2135
- Fax: 507-545-2235
- Email: [eyota@cityofeyota.com](mailto:eyota@cityofeyota.com)
- Facebook: [Eyota.MN](https://www.facebook.com/Eyota.MN)
- Website: [eyota.govoffice.com](http://eyota.govoffice.com)
- Marlis, Nancy, Iris, Brad, Scott

## Property Abatement: Means cleaning up your property.

With spring, almost summer here—we once again strive to create a city-wide awareness for the City's Nuisance Ordinance. The aim of this ordinance is increasing the quality of life for every person who lives within the City of Eyota. The hope is having a healthier living environment for everyone.

### One definition of a nuisance as listed in Eyota City Ordinance # 109 is:

Maintains or allows a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, comfort or rest of any considerable number of members of the public.

Examples from Ord. #109—Declared to be a Nuisance:

- ◆ Storage in the open of discarded or disused machinery, tires, household appliances or other material, in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice or vermin.
- ◆ Accumulations or refuse, other debris or garbage.
- ◆ Conditions which, in the opinion of the enforcement officer and as consistent with public health practices, are conducive to the harborage or breeding of vermin.

**Are these in your yard?** Uncontrolled grass or vegetation, discarded 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 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 can sometimes 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 and have questions regarding them you may contact Eyota City Hall.

## Results from transportation survey:

Complete results on our website home page.

- ◆ 82 percent of surveys returned indicated residents would like community public transportation
- ◆ Top three reasons for usage:
  - Recreational visits (pool, library, sporting)
  - Medical visits
  - After school activities
- ◆ Eyota will continue examining an opportunity to provide public transportation, analyzing costs and benefits to collaborate with St. Charles & Dover using MnDOT grant funds.
- ◆ Thanks to those who participated!



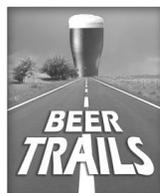
**EYOTA**  
GREAT LIVING • GREAT SCHOOLS

**Make it the future of your business, make it your home!**

**Eyota liquor license was expanded in 2014** to include a brewery license, contact the City for more details and follow your dreams of owning your own brewery with taproom in the City of Eyota.

Check out the ways to grow your craft beer business in the City of Eyota, 545-2135.

- ▶ LOW COST FINANCING assistance available through the Economic Development Authority
- ▶ FREE business start-up assistance
- ▶ Local financing available
- ▶ Site selection
- ▶ Marketing assistance
- ▶ New construction incentives



## PERMIT FEES WAIVED

### City of Eyota

NEW Construction Home or Business Incentives



Enjoy small town living and great schools for your children!

Residential & Commercial New Construction fees waived.



**Total Permit Savings**

**\$4,890**

**\$4,890 Residential**

**\$2,250 Commercial**

Contact our EDA Director for site selection  
City Hall—Eyota 507-545-2135

**Development, Land & Lot Opportunities Available**

- Commercial Lots Hwy 14/42
- R/2/RI: Multi & Single Family Sites
- Platting for 15 new single family sites
- 28 Acres Zone Industrial along rail

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Local Financing



**EASTWOOD BANK**  
Amber Hansmik  
Eastwood Bank 507-452-5288

### Residential Lot Opportunities For Sale:

- 2 residential lots for sale through Premier Bank, 507-285-3853
- 1 Residential lot for sale through Olmsted County Assessor's office

**NEW** Platting of 15 new single family homes sites in Stone Ridge, contact the developer @ [507-932-4656](tel:507-932-4656) for details.

### Commercial Opportunities For Sale:

Visit the City website (Departments/EDA) to view commercial building and lot sale information.

## Community Garden Plots Available

A few regular sized and new raised bed plots are still available at the Sunset Square Park community gardens. Contact Iris at City Hall if interested, [ineumann@cityofeyota.com](mailto:ineumann@cityofeyota.com)

A work day is planned for Saturday, May 17 at 10 am. Volunteers will till regular plots and fill new raised beds with soil and compost. Fences will be installed and wood mulch will be laid in pathways.

- ◆ Regular sized beds are 12 X 16 feet
- ◆ Raised beds—set of 2 beds, 4 X 12 foot ea.
- ◆ Annual rent: \$20 each plot
- ◆ 2 hours/season volunteering at gardens required
- ◆ Visit plot weekly to plant, weed and harvest.



## Brush Dump opening at Dover site—May 14th

- ◆ **2014 hours:** Wednesdays 5 to 8 pm & Saturdays 9 am to Noon.
- ◆ **Directions:** Highway #14 east toward Dover. Go north on County Road #10 for 4/10ths of a mile. Turn left and go to gate west of cemetery (right hand side of the road).
- ◆ Someone will be there to check your load. The site will accept lawn and garden clippings, leaves, and small branches. No branches over 4 inches in diameter will be accepted.



## City Announcements:

**Contact info for Eyota Mayor Tyrel Clark:** [EyotaMayor@cityofeyota.com](mailto:EyotaMayor@cityofeyota.com)

**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.

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

**2014 Eyota Farmers Market Season:** May 20 to October 14 on Tuesdays in West Side Park. Contact Iris Neumann ([ineumann@cityofeyota.com](mailto:ineumann@cityofeyota.com)), if interested in selling.

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

**If you see a red light flashing**—on road to Dover in ditch near the school—this is a warning light for the city's lift station. **Please notify us.**

**Do not park or drive semi-trucks on residential streets.** Use designated truck routes & parking.

**Dogs running at large in City—\$50 fine.**

**License ATVs, UTVs, & golf carts before summer arrives.**

**\$25 for annual license.**

**Additional requirements:**

A DNR permit, proof of insurance & drivers license.

**Without a license, recreational vehicles & golf carts driven on city streets will be ticketed.**

Maximum Speed:  
15 MPH

## Under construction— New Eyota Ambulance Facility



Congrats to the Eyota Ambulance for the progress on their new building, located on Robert Ave. near the Eyota Market.

The Eyota Ambulance is an independent organization, a non-profit 501c3 group. As they look toward completion of their facility, there will be needs for purchasing furnishings, landscaping and rooms to finish. (For a list visit their website: [eyotaambulance.org](http://eyotaambulance.org).)

Consider making a tax deductible donation to help them complete their dream. Send to: Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Service, 950 140th Ave. SE, Eyota, 55934.

Thanks to the Eyota Ambulance volunteer team in our community!

Be sure to enjoy their annual fundraiser at Eyota Days—**Chicken Feed, Saturday, July 18, 11 am to 6 pm** under the big tent near the Eyota American Legion.

*New for Eyota Days*

**Saturday, July 19**

## KIDS OBSTACLE RUN (KOR)

Near Peace Lutheran Church

**Schedule a time 8 to 11am, 1 to 4 pm**

**Register by June 15th:** [facebook.com/EyotaDays](https://www.facebook.com/EyotaDays) or [City of Eyota website: Citizens/Eyota Days](http://CityofEyota.com)

Sponsored by Dover-Eyota Eagles Foundation

Cost: \$20 for t-shirt, medal

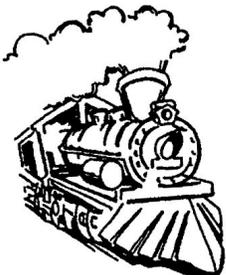
Contact: Eric Aeschlimann, [korchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:korchallenge@gmail.com)



## WELCOME

*to two new City employees*

**Scott Schmidt—Public Works  
Ryan Scheevel—Summer Maintenance**



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**Enjoy Summer! Visit a park, take a walk, grow a garden...**

**Eyota Farmers Market  
Opening May 20th  
*Good Food for Families!***

- **Customer Appreciation at Eyota Farmers Market June 3rd**—Stop by for a free gift.
- **Kids' Day July 1st**—Bring kids for special values & healthy food choices, \$1 coupon per child & summer craft to make.
- **National Night Out, August 5th**—Music & food

### **Did you know?**

- West Side Park offers a half-mile circle pathway.
- Ball teams play almost nightly at West Side Park throughout the summer.
- There is kids' playground equipment at four city parks.
- A sand lot volleyball league meets at WSP.
- Freedom Park was updated in 2013 with additional play equipment and wood fiber replaced pea rock.
- New spinner & digger coming to Sunrise Park in 2014.
- Swim Bus to St. Charles Aquatic Center leaves West Side Park on Thursdays beginning Jun 19, through August 7th. Departure at 12:30 pm, \$5. Bus returns at 4 pm.
- Learn to vegetable garden class starts Sunday, May 18th at Eyota Community Gardens, 6 pm at Sunset Square Park. (If miss 1st night, join class June 1st—\$30 paid to DE Community Education.)

ACCEPTED HERE **EBT** ACCEPTED HERE