

CITY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

Fall Issue



UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 12 & To be det.
December 10 & To be det.

View on Charter Channel 180 & HBC Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

September 17
October 15
November 19

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

October 14
November 11
December 9
January 13

EDA Meetings, 5pm at Arbor Gardens:

September 24
October 22
November To be det.

City Hall is closed

**November 26 & 27
December 25**

~Farmers Market~

**Fall Festival ~ Oct 6
Last Market ~ Oct 13**

KEEP IN TOUCH:

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- Website: eyota.govoffice.com
- Marlis, Nancy, Kathie, Brad, Scott,

AND, CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON..

EYOTA STREETS 2015 PROJECT

The first lift (or layer) of blacktop is scheduled to go down this fall. The second lift will take place in 2016. All Boulevards affected by the construction will be sodded. This is expected to be taken care of by November, which is the timeline that was planned when the project was started. Our continued thanks for extra patience with this project. It is understood that it's a long process but there will be better roads and utilities because of this work.

2016 STREETS PROJECT PREPARATION

has now started. Many will have noticed sets of crossed stakes in the ground around town. Those are surveyors control point stakes. Please DO NOT disturb them. They are distinctively marked with "WHKS" and numbers written on them and pink ribbons. Engineers are getting a jump on 2016's project measurements so as not to have to take care of this task in the snow this winter and to work on preliminary plans.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES For the Street project WILL CONTINUE TO BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK and THE CITY OF EYOTA WEB-SITE: www.eyota.govoffice.com Click on the 'Citizens' Tab and then on 'Road Construction Info and Updates' When new information is obtained, city staff will post as soon as time permits.



NEW ELECTRIC COMPANY CITY WIDE

PEOPLE'S ENERGY CO-OP, as of July 31st, has taken charge of all Eyota electrical services. By now all residents would have gotten a welcome packet in the mail with an enclosed account update form to fill out and return. This will verify the information People's Co-op has on record in regards to each individuals account is accurate.

Is your street light out?

You no longer have to call city hall to report that outage. You, as a citizen, can report it: By phone, during Peoples energy business hours 8-5, at 507-367-7000 or online www.peoplesenergy.coop click on the "contact us" page. Be sure to have light post location details. This information is also posted on our city website under citizens then utility.

UPDATE ON OUR LOCAL BRUSH DUMP

The city is actively assisting a township land owner through the legal process with Olmsted County to obtain the required Conditional Use Permit for a local Brush Site. First, a public hearing on Sept 15 with Eyota Township Planning Commission; next is Sept 21 with the Eyota Township Board and finally Oct 1st where the Olmsted County Planning Commission Advisory Committee will be recommended to issue the permit and allow the brush site. Site improvements may be required before it can legally open. We appreciate your continued patience during this process, which takes time.

Please remember Any dumping in or near Eyota is illegal and may be considered trespassing .

2015 Eyota Economic Development (EDA) Update—It’s been a BUSY 2015!

The EDA welcomes a second **new board member**, Amy Brown of Amy’s Salon, for a total of seven volunteer members. The EDA continues to offer a **new construction incentive** for commercial and residential new construction, waiving new construction fees. **‘Like’ the City of Eyota on Facebook and stay current on local development.**



COMMERCIAL NEWS

International Collagen Resource is a wholesale distribution company specializing in custom packing of items such as sausage, and other specialty meats is currently building their **\$1.2 million dollar facility** behind Arbor Gardens in Stone Ridge Plaza, bringing **7 new jobs to the City and new tax base for the City, School and County.**

B&C Plumbing is putting the final touches on their **retail fireplace and plumbing showroom** in Stone Ridge Plaza, the 3/4 of a million dollar facility went up in the fall of 2014, adding **29 jobs in the City, with 7 jobs recently added in 2015.**

In 2015 an **Economic Strategic Plan** was adopted. – revitalizing main street is one of the goals. To accomplish this goal the following actions took place:

A Historic Downtown business incentive of \$10,000 is offered to downtown building owners in the commercial district. This incentive is meant to enhance and improve the facades of the historic downtown buildings. Encouraging building owners to **restore their buildings, for both energy efficiency, and to add aesthetic charm to Eyota’s historic downtown business district.** Funds for the incentive grants come from the Rochester half a percent sales tax money, which was given to Eyota for economic development. In August, the EDA approved three applications.

A committee is being formed to renovate the American Legion, with an intent to incorporate a community event center and outdoor gazebo on land that surrounds the Legion. If you work in the field of planning, construction, or development and would like to help, please contact City Hall, 507-545-2135.

The EDA collaborated with the City of St. Charles, MnDot and SEMCAC to obtain MnDOT grant funds for the purchase and operation of two **community buses.** With notice, persons of all ages and abilities are picked up and delivered curb to curb. This service is now well used by preschool and school aged children through adults and seniors.

RESIDENTIAL NEWS

The EDA in 2015 worked with an **established builder to purchase the eight townhome lots.** The builder, Dave Reiland, is currently building the first model townhomes in Stoneridge since 2003. Dave Reiland can be reached at: davidareiland@gmail.com. The homes will add **new tax base and residents** to the community.

Arbor Gardens has finalized the remodeling of a **new, memory care housing** wing using their enterprise funds. The EDA started the fund several years ago after a feasibility study to encourage the continuous improvement of Arbor Gardens. Residents can receive Primary care services at the senior living housing center, part of the Rochester Clinic’s phase one expansion project. The new services **encourage wellness and aging in place** at Arbor Gardens.

The EDA is eager for area land to be developed for single family homes. Eyota has only two single family homes sites available for new construction . **To reserve your lot contact:** 507-932-4656.

The EDA authored the Safe Routes to School grant, \$355,000 in grant funds was awarded to **connect 2 miles of trails and sidewalk to the schools,** local construction is complete. Another section of the trail, using separate DNR grant money, is pending completion of the railroad crossing.



Go to the City’s website to learn more about local community and economic development. View the **recent videos** produced by the EDA. The first demonstrates and explains our community public transportation. The second promotes ‘shop local’, and soon to arrive online is the Rochester Area Builders Spot Light video. They highlight B&C Plumbing, showcasing their new showroom and explaining why they choose to locate in the City of Eyota.

ARBOR GARDENS EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED



Joyce Ferguson - Teamwork
Branda Granger - Quality Caregiver
Jenell Pearson - Service Excellence

Congratulations to these three Arbor Garden employees who have earned an employee excellence award July 2015. They are the first recipients of a new semi-annual recognition program. For their hard work and effort, each employee received a certificate and a monetary award.

Now Open

Memory Care Suites

A Safe, Nurturing, Caring Environment

At

Arbor Gardens

Eyota Senior Community

Our mission is to enrich the lives of those we serve.

For Information

Call 507-545-3999

...because the journey matters



Did you know, The World Flying Disc Federation is now recognized by the Olympic Committee and can be considered for future Olympic games. The Frisbee was invented back in 1957 and the World Flying Disc Federation was brought about in 1985, 30 years this past August.



Aren't we lucky in Eyota, that we have our own 9 hole Frisbee / Disk course at West Side park! There's still time before the snow flies to enjoy this outdoor activity and maybe even discover a new favorite past time!



Mayor Clark receiving donation: (left to right) Coach Brad Kullot, Ryan Kullot, Carter Boynton (DE hair), Jack Studer, Will Ideker

NEWS REGARDING OUR PARKS

D-E Traveling Baseball Association Donation. Baseball members thanked the city for use of the ball fields and presented a \$1,000 donation check. They requested it be used for ball field maintenance and/or the field drag. The Council thanked them and accepted the generous donation.

SUMMERFIELD PARK residents will soon be able to play basketball in their neighborhood. The city has approved the installation of a basketball court—coming before the end of fall!



City Announcements:

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*.

Please don't blow your grass clippings into the street: It plugs our city sewers.

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**

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

FOUND ~ at West Side Park 2 separate sets of Keys and Children's Visor. Call City Hall to identify and claim.

Shovel Sidewalks within 12 hours after a snowfall - Required by ordinance.

Community Garden 'Fall Work Day': Saturday October 10th, 9 am.



Fall leaf pick-up—Whenever the leaves fall...

- ◆ In 30 gallon paper bags only
- ◆ Purchase at City Hall for \$1
- ◆ Place bags at end of your driveway
- ◆ **PLEASE do not rake leaves into streets.**

The Eyota Farmers Market will be open through Tuesday, October 13. Stop by 4 to 7 pm at West Side Park to pick up squash, pumpkins and other fall produce.

October 6th is the Fall Harvest Festival. Games, crafts & photo ops for kids, special deals for shoppers. Try hot herb tea with free snacks.



This is the year for tomatoes! Make a big batch of salsa or spaghetti sauce for your family. Free recipes available at the red welcome tent. Food demos and samples available after 5 pm at each market.

Stock up on home canned goods for the winter--pickles, jams, salsa and more.

Final markets will be closing at sundown.

Use your credit, debit or EBT card to get tokens to spend at the market. \$5 in EBT tokens is matched with \$5 in bonus coupons to spend at the market (Complements of Center for Protection, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN).

See you there!

A LOST PET can be returned to it's owner much quicker and easier when they are licensed at City Hall. This is our local ordinance and needs to be renewed each year.



Print then fill out the form found on the city website and hand in or mail to city hall. They will mail you your license. Or you can stop into city hall for the form. Proof of Rabies shot with expiration date is required either way.

Cat, Dog and Chicken licenses expire December 31, 2015
2016 tags will be available November 1st
Don't be late - \$10 late fee!





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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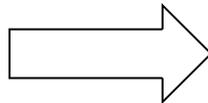
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October 4 - 10 is fire safety week & October 6 is Farmers Market Fall Fest

Watch for the official opening of the bike path soon! The section of path crossing by the railroad tracks has been re-laid to the correct specifications and gaps just need to be filled. You will then be on your way to peddle all around town!

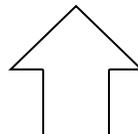


NEW BENCHES As you're using the path in the coming months you will notice new park benches along the way. The funding for 8 new benches has come from a Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant. This was also used to purchase a new way finding sign, seen as you enter the east side of town at Center Ave and South Front Street. Enjoy!



Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast, Fire Prevention Week & Open House

FIRE SAFETY



Eyota Volunteer Fire Dept. Relief Association's

Pancake Breakfast at Eyota American Legion

Sunday, October 4th, 7 am - 12 pm

\$5.00 Adults \$4.00 Children (Age 6-10) 5 & under are free or \$20.00 per family

Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10

This year's theme: **"Hear the beep where you sleep"**. When was the last time you changed the battery in your smoke detectors? Did you know hard wired detectors can have batteries for backup power?

Eyota Fire Dept. Open House
 October 8, 6 to 8 pm at the Fire Hall