

**CITY QUARTERLY  
NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2019  
Think Spring Issue**

**UPCOMING DATES**

**Council Meetings at  
Eyota City Hall: 7 pm**  
View on Charter Channel 180  
& HBC Channel 19

March 14 & 28  
April 11 & 25  
May 9 & 23  
June 13 & 27

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

March 13  
April 10  
May 8  
June 12

**EDA Meetings 5:30pm at  
Arbor Gardens:**

March 28  
April 25  
May 23  
June 27

**Planning Meetings  
7pm at City Hall**

March 20  
April 17  
May 15  
June 19

"NEED MEMBERS!!"

**City Hall is closed:**

May 27  
July 4

**Now Hiring!**

**~Summer Rec Coaches~**

**Applications are now being  
accepted and can be picked  
up at City Hall or download-  
ed off the city website Sum-  
mer Rec page. Completed  
applications need to be sub-  
mitted by April 15th.**

**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, Shelly, Renee, Brad, Scott

New "WOW"  
Trips this  
Summer

**2019 Eyota Summer Rec  
Program Information**



**Registration at Eyota City Hall: Sat., March 23, 11:30am-1:30pm & Wed., March 27, 6pm-8pm**

**Other Options for Registering:**

1. Mail in registration form with check payment to: City of Eyota, P.O. Box 328, Eyota, MN
2. Put registration form with check payment in the drop box in the west side door of city hall.

**\*\*ALL Registrations need to be turned in with the Participation Agreement Form\*\***

**\*\*LATE FEE OF \$15.00 PER FAMILY FOR REGISTRATIONS AFTER APRIL 15, 2019\*\***



**City Announcements**

**Well Head Protection Plan Implementation Public Hearing on March 28 at 6:45 pm.**

**Golf Cart/ATV/UTV Permits are Required: \$25.00 for 2 year permit.**

**STREET LIGHT OUT??**— Or flickering, or off and on? The fastest way to turn the light back on is to contact People's Energy Co-op. You may do so by phone: 507-367-7000 or go on-line, at the address below, scroll down to "street light out?" and simply fill out their outage email form. There is also a link on the city website. [www.peoplesenergy.coop/content/contact-us](http://www.peoplesenergy.coop/content/contact-us)

**Bike Licenses:** Free at city hall or contact Community Officer Peterson

**No Transient Merchants Allowed:** Door-to-door sales are prohibited in Eyota. If anyone comes knocking at your door selling, please alert **LAW ENFORCEMENT**—non-emergency number: 507-328-6800. Exempt: school children selling for fundraisers.

**YOUR PROPERTY VALUE**

Please call Olmsted County Assessor's Office 507-328-7670 prior to the Eyota Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting held April 15, 5:30 to 6:00 pm at City Hall.

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

**MOVIES IN THE  
PARK!**

Movie titles will be chosen soon! As the movie date approaches, see what's showing on posters around town and Facebook.

**Friday Nights**

June 14th  
July 16th-Tues  
(Eyota Days)  
August 2nd  
August 23rd





## EYOTA COMMUNITY GARDENS

### *Grow your own vegetables in 2019!*

Plots for only \$20 each , Regular size: 12 x 20 foot  
Or Raised beds: Set of 2, 5x12 foot each

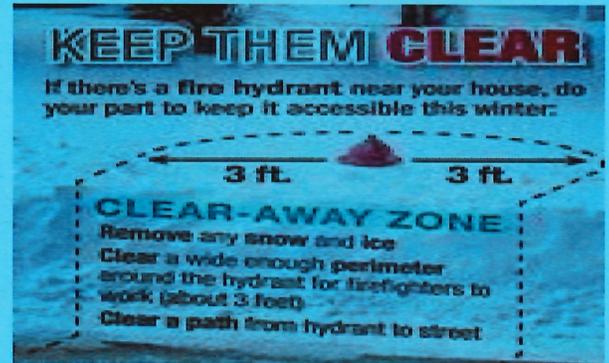
Water & compost provided  
at **Sunset Square Park** (near the Legion).

Register for a plot at City Hall starting **Mon, April 1st.**

Work with your neighbors on Garden Set Up Day,  
**Saturday, April 27th, 9 am– 12 noon**

Questions? Call City Hall, 545-2135  
or email: [rmierau@cityofeyota.com](mailto:rmierau@cityofeyota.com)

## **Please Keep Fire Hydrants Free of Snow**



*Watch for Open House or  
Grand Opening for the new  
Fire Hall this summer!*

## EYOTA FARMERS MARKET

Held at West Side Park on Tuesdays

**Opening May 21st, 4 to 7 pm**

For a full season of produce through **October 8th**

Asparagus—strawberries—beans—tomatoes—potatoes—squash—  
and so much more!

HOME BAKED, HOME CANNED, HOME MADE, HONEY

Activities for kids; FREE recipes & food samples

EBT, debit or credit accepted

Participating in EBT Market Bucks & Senior or WIC FMNP Checks

Weekly updates: [www.facebook.com/EyotaFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/EyotaFarmersMarket)

**New vendors are welcome!** Email: [eyotafarmersmarket@cityofeyota.com](mailto:eyotafarmersmarket@cityofeyota.com)

*Home gardeners sell your excess produce in a half-stall for \$5 weekly.*

## Friendly Reminder

Sump Pump Ordinance

Prohibits the discharge of water  
from any roof, cellar, yard, area,  
foundation drain, sump pump,  
swimming pool, or other conduit for  
precipitation into the sanitary sewer  
system.

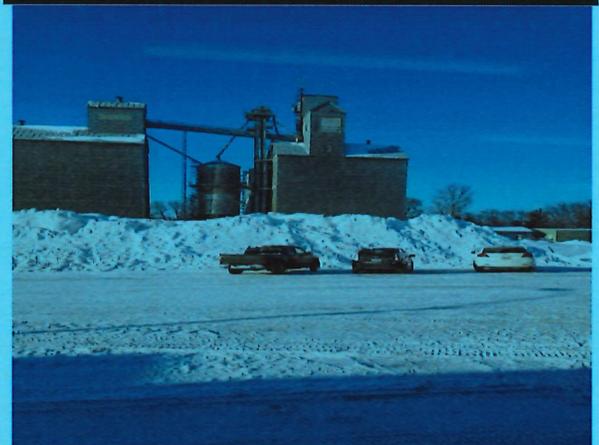
**\*\*\*Public Works would like to thank all residents  
for your patience with snow plowing, etc., with all  
the snow we have had so far this winter.\*\*\***

## **Don't forget—Get your building permit!**

If you have a project planned for this summer, plan ahead and get your building permit before you start. Receiving your permit may take up to a week or two, except for re-roofing, which can be processed on the day you apply.

Building permits are required to ensure building codes and basic zoning requirements are followed. Including: new windows, fences, storage sheds, decks, pools, etc. (\*\*Non-exclusive list\*\*)

Your first step is to come into City Hall to receive all the correct forms to start your project. Information is also on the city website: [Building & Zoning Permits.](#)



## Community Participation Produces Results Concerning Eyota Market

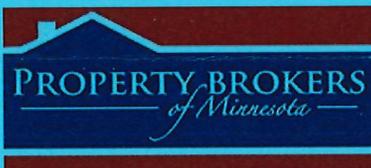
Cathy Enerson

March 2019

Collaboration is key! Residents, your presence, concern, and support matters. In December of 2018, 120 area residents attended a community meeting coordinated by Eyota's Economic Development Authority (EDA). The purpose of the meeting was to announce that the community was in jeopardy of losing their grocery store by as soon as the end of that month if a buyer or food cooperative did not emerge. At the meeting, People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) was able to share how they were able to assist the community in retaining its grocery store. The EDA introduced the concept of a local cooperative. Root River Market, a Houston, MN cooperative, shared their 20-plus years of success operating their own cooperative.

Potential buyers emerged within a few weeks of the meeting and the EDA worked quickly with them. One potential buyer in particular asked the EDA to help with a financing gap. The financing gap was larger than the local unit of government could fill, so the EDA brought the client to PEC, and PEC was able to provide a \$100,000 loan that complements the Eyota EDA's \$25,000 loan. "Eyota first approached us to assist on this project in December of 2018," said Gwen Stevens, director of cooperative relations and economic development lead at PEC. "As a rural electric cooperative we are able to capitalize on USDA programs that help support the communities we serve. Our revolving loan fund is a perfect fit for this project." Dale Heintz, EDA Chair, was concerned that the EDA was asked not sooner to promote the sale of the store, however, the Board honored the wishes of the store owners and worked quietly behind the scene. "We have been working with the Schumann family for three years to ensure the grocery store would remain in our community." Dale said, "economic development is a marathon, not a sprint, we are pleased to contribute to the succession of the Eyota Market."

(At the time of printing this newsletter, a sale has not yet been finalized.)



*Welcome Jerry Enright of Property Broker of Minnesota.*

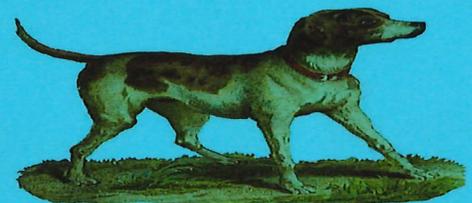
*Jerry has established an office at 20 South Front Street SW in downtown Eyota.*

### STARTING OR EXPANDING A BUSINESS?

PLEASE CONTACT EDA DIRECTOR, **Cathy Enerson**

at City Hall 507-545-2135 or

[cathy.enerson@cedausa.com](mailto:cathy.enerson@cedausa.com)



### **Coming soon this spring—**

Dog litter stations will be placed in West Side Park & along the walking trail.

Giardia is most often spread due to contaminated water. If contaminated feces sit on the ground and then it rains or melt, contaminating puddle etc, and a dog laps or drinks from the puddle, then they will become infected. It is also spread by dogs sniffing contaminated feces. The moisture sticks to their whiskers and fur and then they are contaminated. Giardia is highly contagious.

Sources: PetMD:

Please use them to pick up after your dog. Diseases can be transmitted which can cost extra money for you.

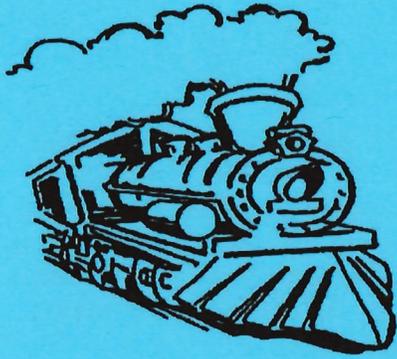
### **\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\***

### **Planning Commission Members Needed!**

The Eyota Planning Commission is looking for members.

Commission members are responsible for making recommendations to the City Council for: the short and long range growth and development of the city; maintaining the City's comprehensive plan;

keeping zoning ordinances current; and hearing requests for variances and conditional use permits. Interested persons should contact City Hall at 545-2135 for an application. Applications may also be found on the City's website: <http://www.eyota.govoffice.com>



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

Permit No. 12  
 Eyota, MN 55934  
 Presort Standard

Postal Patron  
 Eyota, MN 55934

## ~Farmers Market Opening Soon ~



PAVILIONS: Family reunion, graduation party or birthday party? Be sure to reserve one of Eyota's pavilions. Picnic tables available and electricity available on-site. Freedom Park has counters; West Side Park has counters and sinks.

Check the city web-site first to see if your desired date is available- [NEW Park Calendar on-line!](#) Fee schedule is also listed there.

### 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



### Automatic Water/Sewer Payments

**Free up personal time and avoid late fees!  
 Sign up for ACH payment of your monthly city water and sewer payments.**

Download form from our website: [Go to Citizens Tab —Utilities- Water/Sewer.](#) Bill can be paid automatically.

Complete, return to City Hall with a voided check.

A bill will still be mailed to see how much will be deducted every month on the 16th or following Monday if it falls on a weekend!

### Spring information inside:

- Farmers Market
- Outdoor Movie Dates
- Community Gardens
- Summer Rec
- Building Permits
- Sump Pumps