

# Eyota City News

JUNE 2009

SUMMER ISSUE

## UPCOMING DATES

## Proposed Comprehensive Plan:

*Continued progress toward creation of a new plan after two workshops*

The Eyota Planning & Zoning Commission led two workshops considering goals and policies for a new comprehensive plan.

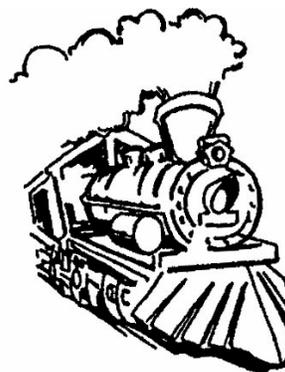
Kristi Clarke of McGhie and Betts, Inc. was hired to facilitate the process and provide recommendations based on physical features of our city, current uses, and goals for future use.

**Workshop I**, held April 27, 2009 at City Hall, included discussion of population statistics dating back to the 2000 census. Although some opportunities for employment exist in Eyota, most residents commute to jobs elsewhere. Some constraining factors included the existing hy-

dric soils in many areas of the city.

Workshop I included breakout groups, which looked at goals for land use, housing, parks & recreation, commercial & industrial, and transportation. Clarke noted within existing city boundaries 200 residential lots are available for development.

**Workshop II**, held May 21, included handouts with updated “draft” goals and policies. Maps depicting constraints within and outside city boundaries affecting future growth were shared. Limiting factors included shallow soils & karst features, wetlands, floodplain &



hydric soils, Cummingsville bedrock, and surrounding feedlots. Using this information a “*proposed*” **land use map** was offered. Copies of these documents are available on the city website.

Discussion will continue at the P&Z June 18 meeting. See website for announcement of public hearing date.

## Thanks for returning Parks Questionnaires!

Thanks to residents who sent their comments to the Park Board by returning questionnaires.

Answers will help the Board formulate a long range plan, which will outline changes now and into the future.

Comments were made regarding more bike and

walking pathways in Eyota. Paths might connect existing parks and a regional trail. Many re-



quests included a bike path to Kwik Trip.

Other requests: basketball courts and more hoops, a dog park, more picnic tables, nature areas, more trees, covered sitting areas, & added play equipment. There was concern for improving Summerfield Park, and requests for a park in Stone Ridge.

## 2009 Summer Recreation Program:

*June 15 to July 31*

*(Off June 29 to July 3)*

Late registration fee: \$15

## Rabies Clinic

*Wednesday, June 10,*

*5:00 to 8:00 pm*

Eyota Veterinary Clinic,  
127 South Front St. SW

**\$15—Cash only please.**

## Brush Site Hours

*Wednesdays: 5 to 8 pm*

*Saturdays: 8 am to Noon*

Rural Dover site: See website for directions.

Accepts branches to 4-inch diameter, vegetative clippings

## 31st Annual Eyota Days: July 13 to

*July 19, 2009*

*Parade July 18, 11 am*

New events, time changes for some events—See back.

## CONTACTING CITY HALL:

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## Summer Reminders for Park Users

*Park shelter reservations, Park hours, Tournament & Ball team fees, Kids summer rec*

### Rental of park shelters

Groups are welcome to reserve park shelters at **West Side Park and Freedom Park**. Check with City Hall for open dates.

West Side Park has a north and south shelter, with kitchens adjoining each. Fee to use one shelter and kitchen, or the Freedom Park shelter is \$25 per day, plus a damage deposit of \$40.

Reservations are made with the receipt of deposit and rental checks. Damage deposit is returned upon return of key for kitchen and after inspection.

**Park hours are 5 am to 10 pm.**

### League games & schedule

West Side Park and Freedom Park are frequently used for league ballgames and tournaments. Scheduled team times can be found on a calendar on the city website under *Upcoming Events*.

Teams currently pay a fee of \$25 per season for use of city parks.



Groups sponsoring tournaments pay \$100 for a tourney. Rental of the concession stand is \$25 per day, plus a \$40 refundable damage deposit.

### Residents walking dogs

Keep dogs on a leash, clean up after your pet in city parks, and along streets or sidewalks.

### Summer Recreation Program

Starts June 15, ends July 31. No activities the week of July 4th. Brooke Ferrier is again returning as Park & Rec Director.

Late registration for activities is available at City Hall with an additional fee of \$15.

**Swim Bus: Thursdays from June 18 to August 20.** Bus leaves West Side Parking lot at 12:15 pm. Cost is \$4 for each person. Bus returns at 4 pm.

## New Members on Park Board and Planning Commission

The **Eyota Park Board** has welcomed two new members in 2009: Dianne Schmidt & Jacob Robinson.

Park Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Other members are Tyrel Clark, Brooke Ferrier and Kevin Kullot. Board Reps are Joe Loftus and Tony Nelson.

*Thank you to our  
volunteers—You make  
a difference!*



**Eyota Planning Commission** added Norm Highum to replace Don Horman, who resigned.

The planning commission has five members, plus two council reps. They meet monthly, as needed, on the third Thursday of the month. They are currently completing a new comprehensive plan.

## New EDA Director—Cathy Enerson

Cathy Enerson is Eyota's new Economic Development Director. Her office hours are Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Cathy is employed by Southeast Consultants, Inc. and she also serves as EDA Director in Preston and Spring Valley.

Contact her for information regarding stimulus plan opportu-

nities for area businesses. A list of options include ARC loans thru your local bank, REAP funding (includes grants and loans), revolving loan funds and other programs depending on your business start up or expansion needs.

The deadline for REAP applications is July 31, 2009.

Rebate programs are available when a facility remodeling in-

cludes energy saving features.

Cathy would like all existing or starting up businesses to be aware of the CORE 4 classes that walk you through and refresh skills in marketing, business plans and much more. Classes are beginning in early June.

Call Cathy Enerson at City Hall on Thursdays for more details.

## Community Announcements:

### *New red-lidded recycling containers, Special Deal on Senior Meals*

#### Save dollars & recycle more!

No need to sort recyclables anymore. By using your new recycling container you could possibly downsize your garbage container. Veolia has three container sizes: 35, 65, & 96 gallons. For service by the bag: Buy 10 bags for \$40 at City Hall or Eyota Market.

**Acceptable materials:** Newspaper, magazines, cardboard, plastic containers/bottles & bags, glass bottles/jars, tin, aluminum, paper/junk mail.

**Not accepted:** Tires, batteries, Styrofoam, aluminum foil, pie tins, pizza boxes, window glass, garbage.

Pickup every other week, starts July 6.

**June Special Deal for Senior lunches: Buy four senior dining meals, get one free!**



**Senior dining at Arbor Gardens** announces 5 meals for the price of 4 if tickets are purchased during June. (Limit of 3 free.)

Meals are served daily at 11:30 am in the dining room on the second level at Arbor Gardens.

Senior Dining Meals are a great gift idea! Call Phyllis: 545-2970.

## Eyota Days, July 13 to 19, makes changes & additions

*An entire week of fun activities—food, races, kiddie parade, tractor pull, grand parade and more*

The 31st Eyota Days will have a new parade route, the tractor pull is returning, and the youth Track & Home Run Derby moves to Tuesday night.

More activities on Saturday afternoon after the parade: Hayrides to Gar-Lin Farms, kiddies tractor pedal pull, teens bean

bag toss and Jolly Jumpz.

Button purchases, \$5 each, will bring special deals to purchasers at local businesses.

**New Parade Route:** Starts at T-intersection of 5th St. & Center Ave., goes down Center, takes a left onto S Front Street SW to Legion, up Madison Ave to 5th-end.

### Coming Attraction:

#### Tom Sawyer

*August Eyota Days event*

**Friday, August 7, 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, August 8, 2:00 pm**

Dover-Eyota High School

*Auditions: Monday, August 3, 6:00 pm*

Presented by local youth, Prairie Fire Children's Theatre, and Eyota Days Committee

### Nominations needed for Citizen of the Year!

Announced at Eyota Days on Friday, July 17 at 8 pm

Forms available at City Hall or city website. **Deadline-July 9**

## Updating Eyota's Comprehensive Plan—by Kristi Clarke

You might ask, "What is a Comprehensive Plan?"

Comprehensive Planning provides the framework and vision for a community's future. A plan is comprehensive if it covers all the properties within a city and surrounding serviceable areas; covers all of the physical elements of a

city; and provides for long-range planning.

How can I get involved?

Public participation is vital to achieving citizen-based priorities. The City has held two workshops, and will hold a public hearing in order to identify important issues

and talk about the strengths and weaknesses of our community. The details for additional meetings will be announced in the D-E Eagle, Channel 19 and on our website in the coming months. If you would like to participate in this process please contact Kristi Clarke. She can be reached at 867-1519 or by email at [kclarke@ci.chatfield.mn.us](mailto:kclarke@ci.chatfield.mn.us).



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**HOME BUILDING  
 PERMIT Special  
 EXTENDED**

**until DECEMBER 2009**

**Less \$2,250 in permit fees.**

*Fees waived for sewer connection, sewer inspection, water improvement fund, water connection and zoning certification.*

**31st Annual Eyota Days: July 13 to 19**

**Eyota Days Buttons: \$5**

Discounts at Eyota businesses, \$2 off Sat. dance

**Treasure Hunt starts July 13**

**Track & Home Run Derby**

Tuesday, July 14 (new time)  
 5:45 pm at H.S. track.

**Church Night: July 15 at 7 pm**

**Family Bingo & Adult bean bag toss games: July 16, Thursday at 7 pm**

**Ag & Family fun night: July 17, Friday, starts 5 pm. Meal Deal \$5, Kiddies Parade at 6 pm, Hayrides start 6:30 pm, Family fun run/walk & 5K at 7 pm, Cow pie bingo, Citizen of the year at 8 pm.**

**Parade, tractor pull & dance:**

Saturday, July 18. Parade at 11 am, Food at fire hall & legion parking lot (chicken), Sanctioned tractor pull, Kiddies pedal pull, Jolly Jumpz, Hay rides, Bean bag toss for teens, Dance at 9 pm—*Standby*.

**Sunday: Church, Waffles, Frisbee golf, Cars & Bikes:**

Church at 9:15 am, AM Waffles at Legion, Car Show at Sunset Park, Frisbee golf tourney at West Side Park, Bikes at Greendoor

**2009**

**Build a home in Eyota  
 Special!**

