

Eyota City News

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FALL ISSUE

UPCOMING DATES

Fall announcements for Eyota residents:

Leaf pickup, Hydrant flushing, Brush site closing, Street parking

Leaf Pickup

For a limited time pickup of leaves left curbside will be offered this fall. Please use garbage bags with a capacity of 55 gallons or less. Piles of leaves won't be picked up.

Do not sweep leaves into streets! Keep our storm sewers clean.

Hydrant Flushing

Public works will be flushing fire hydrants the week of September 22-26. Be sure to check your water for rust before running a load of

laundry this week.

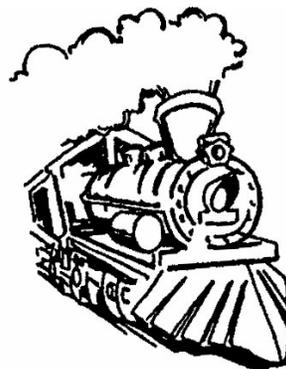
Wait until water is clear before doing laundry.

Brush Site Hours

The rural Dover site accepting brush and compost closes October 25.

Until the end of September, hours are Wednesdays, 5-8 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm. During October, the site is open Saturdays only.

The brush site accepts branches with diameters less than 4 inches, leaves, grass clippings, & plant stalks.



Street parking after November 1

Parking on streets from 2 to 6 am is prohibited from November 1 to April 1.

City parking ordinance allows for snow plowing. Violators will be ticketed by deputies.

Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, October 12

Annual Fundraiser for Eyota Volunteer Fire Dept. Relief Association

Support Eyota's Volunteer Fire Department. Eat pancakes on October 12, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Eyota American Legion.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for ages 7 to 14,

6 and under are free, or pay \$20 for a family.

Donations used to

purchase equipment for firefighters and fire department.

Start your Sunday with a hearty breakfast and support local firefighters.



Pancake Breakfast
October 12, Sunday
7:30 am to 12:30 pm
Annual fundraiser for Eyota Volunteer Fire Relief Association.

City-wide dates—
September 22 to 26
Hydrant flushing
October 25, 2008
Brush site closes
November 1, 2008 to
April 1, 2009
Overnight street parking prohibited

License your Pet for 2009—October 1 to December 31. At City Hall or mail-in internet form. See city website www.eyota.govoffice.com

Fire Prevention Week
October 5 to 11
"Prevent Home Fires"
Fire Hall open house:
October 8, 6 – 9 pm

CONTACTING CITY HALL:

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- Fax: 507-545-2235
- Email: echgov@hotmail.com
- Website: eyota.govoffice.com
- Marlis, Nancy, Iris, Brad, Joe

Proposed Ethanol Plant update: by Mayor Wes Bussell

The Eyota Ethanol Advisory Committee completed an intense eight week environmental review of the MinnErgy Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), Air Permit, and Water Discharge Permits. Detailed responses to these proposed EAW and air emissions and water discharge permits were forwarded to the Eyota City Council for adoption, this included recommending an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed project. The city council passed three resolutions recommending an EIS. The

reports sent are available on the city website found at: www.eyota.govoffice.com. Look under Notices to Citizens, then Proposed Ethanol Plant.

Both the advisory committee and the city council believe there are significant environmental impacts to our city residents and businesses that have been either omitted, are in error, or have not been addressed at all. All these issues have the potential to be harmful to our city.

In the coming weeks a series of meetings will be set up for the community to hear details of the advisory committee findings and allow input from the public regarding the proposed ethanol facility. The Mayor will also update the community on other activity currently being pursued regarding the proposed ethanol facility. There was a lot of work put into the committee findings and reports that need to be presented as findings of fact by the committee.

Filing for mayor and three council positions: closes September 9

***Reminder** Polling place has changed to Dover-Eyota H.S. auditorium*

Filing for City Council and Mayor opened August 26 and closes on September 9, Tuesday at 4:30 pm.

Affidavits of candidacy for offices of mayor, and three council positions are filed at the Eyota City Hall located on 38 South Front Street SW.

Hours for filing are 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Any person eligible to vote, who is at least 21 years old and has been a resident of the City of

Eyota for 30 days, may file for candidacy. Filing fee is \$2.00.

General election day will be held on November 4, 2008. Voting hours are 7 am to 8 pm. The new polling place in the Dover-Eyota high school auditorium.

If you are new in town you can pre-register before the election at the Olmsted County Court House.

Office openings:

Mayor 2 year term

2 Council—4 yr terms

1 Council—2 yr. term

Upgrades considered for Carolann and Rena Belle Streets

The preliminary engineer's feasibility report for upgrades to Carolann and Rena Belle Streets was presented to the Council on August 28. This area also includes NW Avenues Everett, Skyline and part of Madison.

The report indicated a greater problem with ground water than storm water.

The blacktop surface needs replacing, but the entire road base may not need replacement. Black-

top would be reclaimed and re-laid.

The blacktop curbs are showing extreme wear and could be replaced with separate concrete curb and gutters. Considering de-

grades of replacement scenarios the engineer outlined three options: a replacement-in-kind, a minimum design, and a standard design.

Four-foot deep sub-drains are included in each of three options—sump pump drainage could be tied into these. The extent of proposed sub-drains, catch basins and aprons differs with the three options. All three options include replacement of the undersized water main on the lower section Madison NW with an 8-inch line.



Is it a complaint or a comment?—for feedlots near Eyota

By Jim Stannard

Jim Stannard is the Olmsted County Feedlot Technician for the Olmsted Soil & Water Conservation District

At a recent public hearing for an Eyota area dairy expansion, complaints surfaced about manure applications and odor issues near Eyota. Comments indicated that complaints had been an on-going issue and something needed to be done about it. My truthful response was that I was not aware of any complaints, nor was I aware of any complaints to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) about these issues.

Air and water quality issues related to the operation of feedlots are regulated by the MPCA. Complaints about odor or manure application should be made to the MPCA. As the

Olmsted County Feedlot Technician I would also respond if I were called.

To qualify what is a complaint or a comment, let me share a personal example. I live close to a turkey facility and occasionally get a strong whiff of turkey odors. I might comment about it, but would not consider it as a complaint.

Complaints need to be made to the right place in order for a response to take place. The phone number for the Rochester Office of the MPCA is (507) 285-7343, where a receptionist directs the call to the right person. Another option is to call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798. The duty officer can be called day or night

and will give you a file number for future reference. Specific information of the time and place of the incident must be given so follow up work can take place.

My first “official” complaint from the Eyota area came on August 16, which I forwarded to the MPCA. The complaint referenced gagging odors and manure 3 to 4 inches deep in waterways and ditches, but was short on specifics. There was no exact time or place to investigate and thus no chance to document a violation. In the future if anyone has concerns about violations they should call the MPCA or the Olmsted County Feedlot Technician at (507) 280-2850.

Work on city sewer system coming—but moved to fall

Municipal Pipe Tool Co. LLC of Hudson, Iowa will be repairing sewer lines and manholes in Eyota, beginning this fall.

Numerous existing city sewer lines will be lined with a material that takes

approximately 6 hours to cure once put in place.

Reminder: Do not use water for about 6 hours. Affected homeowners will be notified on day of installation.

DO NOT flush toilets, take showers or baths, or do laundry or dishes on the day you are notified your sewer line is

being repaired. Of course, no sump pump should be flowing into the city sanitary sewer.

Many city residents will be affected by these repairs. During repair sewer lines will be temporarily sealed off and not reopened until the line has cured. A sewer backup into your house could occur if water is used before reopening line.

Time for 2009 cat and dog licenses—October 1, 2008

Protect your pet—purchase a license soon!

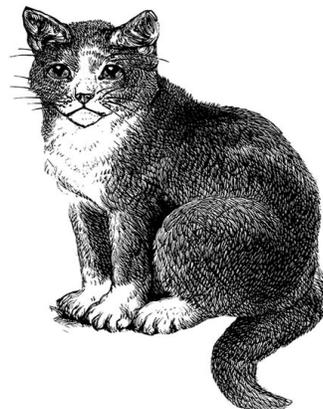
Licensing your pet costs only \$5 if cat or dog is spayed or neutered, or \$10 if not. Bring in proof of current rabies shot when licensing pet.

Pets can be licensed by stopping at City Hall on 38 South Front Street SW, M-F, 8 am to 4:30 pm. Mail-in forms are available on the Eyota website. Go to

www.eyota.govoffice.com, Fees & Licenses, click on Animal Licenses. Send in form with photocopy of rabies proof and fee. Metal license tag is mailed out.

Puppies are licensed when they are old enough to have a rabies shot.

Late fee of \$10 is added if licensed after December 31, 2008.





City of Eyota
 38 South Front St. SW
 P.O. Box 328
 Eyota, MN 55923

Permit No. 12
 Eyota, MN 55934
 Presort Standard

Postal Patron
 Eyota, MN 55934

Prevent Home Fires

The leading causes of home fires – related to cooking, heating, electrical and smoking-materials. Go to www.firepreventionweek.org to get a free “My Fire Inspection Checklist” for kids. Check list includes:

- Electric & extension cords
- Smoke alarms
- Escape routes
- Portable space heaters
- Furnace & chimney inspections
- Clean dryer vent & filter
- Grown-up supervising cooking

**Fire Prevention Week
 is October 5-11
 Fire Hall Open House
 October 8, 6:00 pm**

Thank you to our volunteer firefighters!

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| Jeremy Newton, Chief | Roger Pike | Marv Zimmerman |
| Jerry Pike, 1st Asst. Chief | John Powrie | Bob Horn |
| Greg Staloch, 2nd Asst. Chief | Mike Schmidt | Richard Asleson |
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| Tom Kirtz | | |
| Bob Littlefield | | |
| John McCreight | | |
| Scott Mueller | | |
| Tony Nelson | | |
| Jeff Peck | | |

Kids—see the fire trucks
Spray water like a firefighter, snacks, demonstrations: car burning, new extrication equipment

**Wednesday
 October 8
 6 to 9 pm
 Eyota Fire Hall**

