

# Eyota City News

MARCH 2011

SPRING ISSUE

## UPCOMING DATES

## Mayor's Letter to Citizens: Flooding Preparedness

Dear Eyota Citizens:

With record snow falls and wet soils from last fall, there is speculation of imminent spring flooding in our areas. The Eyota City Council is proactively meeting with staff, engineers, and emergency management personnel to develop plans for the city of Eyota in the event of city sanitary sewer and surface water flooding.

Since the flood of 2007 city efforts to protect public and private property include city sewer manhole repairs, sewer point repairs, sewer system lining, drainage ditch cleaning, 2nd Street culvert improvements, and 2010 street and utility improvements. Additional efforts have focused on sump pump inspections to remove sump pump discharges into the sanitary sewer. Currently, there is a surface water/storm water study being conducted by city engineering firm WHKS to develop ways to reduce water issues within the city. This study is expected to be completed in June 2011.

Identified protective measures being considered include closed circuit TV inspections of the sewer lines during spring high ground

water and rain events to identify leaking sewer services and other sump pumps or footing drains connected into the sewer system. Also being looked at include additional manhole inspections and repairs, developing informational and educational programs to assist residents and businesses in flood prevention matters, including check valves in service laterals, beaver systems or additional sump pumps, water bugs in basements, back flow preventers, and repairs of leaking basements. Suggestions of marking manhole depths internally related to basement depths to record high water marks in hopes of identifying areas of the city contributing the sewer line flooding was discussed.

The city council is working to mitigate any flooding, especially sanitary sewer flooding, within the city the best we can. We are looking at establishing one, two, or more alarm sites within the sanitary sewer system to warn of potential flooding. Discussion then focused on how to communicate with residents when flooding appears to be imminent using media resources including City cable channel 19, television and radio announcements, and establishing a city Facebook informational page. Watch the



city website for the Facebook page link.

In 2010 the city purchased a 6 inch diesel pump to bypass flooding sewer lines. City Council members, staff, and emergency personnel discussed best locations to place this primary pump in addition to developing a resource list of available other pumps which can be rented or used during flooding times. Further discussion focused on getting sand bags ready for possible levee needs. We have an intermediate plan in place as we move forward.

The City Council will proactively continue its due diligence to mitigate potential flood and sanitary sewer flood damage to our city residents and businesses. As this effort continues, we will keep you posted within all our resources.

## 2011 Council includes one new member:

### *Election results in two returning incumbents*

November elections brought one new face to City Council, Tyrel Clark. He and Ray Schuchard were elected to four year terms. Tony Nelson and Joe Loftus fill the other two Council seats.

Mayor Wes Bussell was elected to another two year term.

Council minutes are posted on the city's website. Council meetings are aired

live on Charter Channel 19. Council usually meets at 7:30 pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The second March meeting was rescheduled to March 31.

## Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall:

7:30 pm  
March 31  
April 14 & 28  
May 12 & 26  
June 9 & 23

## At Eyota Legion:

### Legion Breakfast

Sunday, March 27  
8 am to 1 pm

### Eyota Women's Expo

Saturday, April 9  
10 am to 3 pm

### Fish Fry

Saturday, April 9  
5 to 8 pm,  
\$9 all you can eat

## Easter Bunny Coming

Sat. April 16, 9-11 am  
Eyota American Legion

## Chester Woods

### Trails Meeting:

April 20, Wednesday,  
7 pm at City Hall

## KEEP IN TOUCH:

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

## Eyota EDA Extends Special for 2011: Permit fees totaling \$2,250 will not be charged.

Again the Economic Development Authority (EDA) is encouraging new home and commercial building by having several permit fees waived. This results in a **total savings of \$2,250** for new construction. Fees will be waived through December 31, 2011.

Fees charged by CMS, Construction Management Services, will still be charged for code inspections. Also, a standard fee of \$2,640 (residential rate) paid to the Dover, Eyota, St. Charles Sewer District will be charged.

Building permits can be obtained at the Eyota City Hall. See our city website to view available residential and commercial lots. (Go to City Departments/EDA. See link near the bottom of the page.) For questions, call Eyota's EDA Director, Cathy Enerson on Thursdays, 545-2135.

### PERMIT FEES WAIVED

New Home & Commercial Development Opportunities in the City of Eyota



**Total permit savings**

**\$2,250**

Elimination of New Construction Fees	
Sewer connection fees	\$1,700
Sewer Permit-Inspection Fees	\$100
Water Improvement Fund Fees	\$300
Water Connection Fees	\$100
Zoning Certification Fees	\$50

*Other Development and Land Opportunities Available*

HURRY thru Dec. 2011

Residential & Commercial New Construction fees waived.

Contact our EDA Director  
 City Hall - Eyota 507-545-2135  
 eyota.govoffice.com

Enjoy small town living and small school class sizes for your children

Favorable financing terms at  
 Eastwood Bank Chris 507-252-2806  
 Premier Bank Gene: 507-285-3853

FDIC 

### Get permits for: (Non exclusive list)

- ◆ Re-roofing or residing
- ◆ Fireplace, wood stove or Gas fireplace insert
- ◆ Furnace, water heater or air conditioner installations
- ◆ New windows
- ◆ Fencing yards
- ◆ Garages or storage buildings
- ◆ Home additions or decks
- ◆ Swimming pools
- ◆ Plumbing & electrical

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

If you have a project planned for this summer, plan ahead to get your building permit before you start. Receiving your permit may take up to a week, 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.

The City of Eyota contracts with CMS in Rochester to make building code inspections. If you have questions about restrictions, call CMS at

507-282-8206.

**Basic setbacks to follow:** 25 feet from front & rear property lines; 7.5 feet from primary structure to side yard lines; 7.5 feet from accessory structure to side or rear yards. Exceptions occur with easements & corner lots. Please note front lot lines are set back behind the boulevard. City Hall has maps showing property lines for most city lots.

For detailed info, go to city website: Building & Zoning Permits.

## Tired of remembering to pay your monthly Water/Sewer bill? Try Auto-pay!

Monthly water/sewer payments may be made automatically from your checking account.

Payments are withdrawn from your account near the 12th of the month. Those with auto-pay still receive a monthly bill postcard on the

1st of the month, so one knows the amount being withdrawn.

Not only will this make your life easier, it helps us operate more efficiently. Monthly payments made via the mail, online banking or in person require more processing time for the City.

### To set up automatic payments:

- ◆ Go the City website (eyota.govoffice.com)
- ◆ Click on Notices to Citizens, Water /Sewer bill can be paid automatically.
- ◆ Download form from bottom of webpage.
- ◆ Complete form, attach a voided check.
- ◆ Return form to City Hall.

## 2011 Dover-Eyota Summer Recreation Program: June 13 to July 28\*

*Sign-up day April 2 at Eyota City Hall: 8 am to 12 noon.*



The City of Eyota is again offering a summer recreation program for young children in the Eyota, Dover and surrounding area. To view the full program with times

& locations of activities, please check our website: [eyota.govoffice.com](http://eyota.govoffice.com). Look under City Departments/Dover-Eyota Summer Recreation. The program and application form can be downloaded from the bottom of this webpage.

Cost per activity is \$30 for Eyota or Dover residents, and \$40 for non-

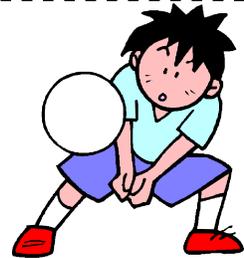
- **Pre-school to 1st Grade: T-Ball, Day & Night Soccer**
- **2nd & 3rd Grade: Poppers, Day & Night Soccer**
- **4th through 6th Grade: Softball, Traveling Softball, Baseball & Volleyball**
- **For all ages: Golf Lessons on Thursday mornings**
- **For all ages: Swim Bus to St. Charles Thurs. afternoons, \$4 cost**
- **\* No activities (except golf): July 4 to 8; Swim Bus until Aug. 11.**

residents, except golf: \$40/\$50. Be sure to register by April 11. **A late fee of \$15 per participant is charged for registrations made after April 11.**

Registration day is April 2 at City Hall from 8 am to noon. Applications accepted at Eyota City Hall. They also

may be mailed in or left in the drop box on the west door.

Don't miss the fun!



### City Announcements:

**Planning Commission Board member needed:** The board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

**Park Board Member needed:** This board meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

**Winter Street Parking Restriction Ends April 1:** Residents may park vehicles overnight on streets until November 1, 2011.

**Recreational or Camp Fires:** Outdoor fires are allowed in town. Fires should not be more than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet high and have a surrounding area within five feet of the fire free of combustible materials. Do not burn building materials, garbage, rubber, plastic, demolition debris, or materials producing excessive or noxious smoke. (Ordinance # 116)

**HBC Coming to Eyota:** Broadband fiber optic lines being laid this summer in utility easements of Eyota residents. (See note at right.)

**Hey, Facebook users— Eyota is now on Facebook!**

To receive city updates, Go to [www.facebook.com/Eyota.MN](http://www.facebook.com/Eyota.MN).

Click on "Like" to follow activities in Eyota!



**HBC=Hiawatha Broadband Communications of Winona, MN., offering TV, internet and phone services. See [www.hbci.com](http://www.hbci.com).**

## Special S.H.I.P. & C.P.P.W. Grant Projects in 2011

The City of Eyota has applied for two \$50,000 CPPW grants to make some visible improvements to the City. The grants were made available through the city's involvement in Olmsted Co. SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Program), and funded by the federal CPPW program, (Communities Putting Prevention to Work).

One grant is for expanding an existing pathway. The second grant is called a "Complete Streets Demonstration."

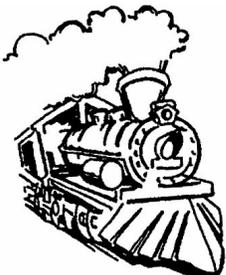
The first grant would expand the pathway in West Side Park to form a loop with a pathway along Fifth Street. Smaller pathways would join skate park and east parking lot to the pathway. The loop would form a pathway for people to park in the larger west lot and walk to the ball diamonds. By connecting the path into a loop, it will make it safer for walkers and runners to stay off the streets while exercising.

The second grant includes a new sidewalk on Jefferson Ave (Fifth St. to

Robert Ave.), lighting along the new pathway in West Side Park, trees along pathways, and a bike depot with trees and lighting in downtown Eyota.

The City Council signed a Complete Streets Resolution on 2/10/2011. This is a policy to take all street users into consideration for future projects. It also considers creating Safe Routes to School.

A \$5,000 SHIP grant will pay for two pieces of skate park equipment, a Frisbee golf sign and bike racks for city parks.



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 Coming to Eyota—Place and time to be announced!**



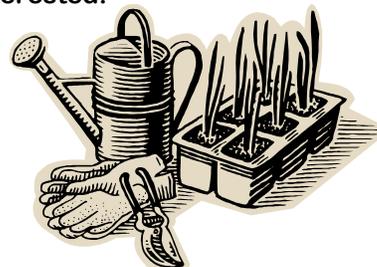
*Your house  
 number is  
 needed!!  
 Recommended:  
 6 inch size*

## Spring is Here!

Time to sign up for community gardens.

- ◆ Plots 12 X 16 feet available
- ◆ \$10 charge per plot
- ◆ Site: Sunset Square Park near the Legion
- ◆ Applications available April 4
- ◆ Contact Iris at City Hall if interested.

The city received an additional grant to expand the Community Gardens. The plots were made available in 2010 through a MN S.H.I.P. grant. Gardeners from 2010 are encouraged to contact City Hall if they wish to retain their plot for 2011.



**Summer Rec Sign-up at  
 City Hall, April 2  
 8 am to Noon**

**Your Property  
 is Valued at  
 How Much?**

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, **first contact the Olmsted County Assessor's Office at 507-328-7670**. If not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The **Board of Appeal and Equalization** for the City of Eyota will meet **April 14 from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Eyota City Hall**.