

# Eyota City News

DECEMBER 2008

WINTER ISSUE

## UPCOMING DATES

### Public town meetings—Ethanol

November 24 and December 3, Offered by Ethanol Advisory Group

The Eyota Ethanol Advisory Group will hold two public informational meetings. MinnErgy has also been invited to present their plans.

Consideration at the meeting will include:

- The Advisory Group's fact finding regarding MinnErgy's Environmental Assessment Worksheet.

- The Council's request to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for an Environmental Impact Statement for this ethanol facility.

- To answer the public's questions for the Advisory Group and its findings.

- Giving members of the Eyota City Council your thoughts regarding this proposed ethanol facility.

- Presentation by MinnErgy.

**Start time: 7 pm**

**Meeting dates:**

**Monday, Nov. 24, & Wednesday, Dec. 3**

**Meeting place:  
Eyota American Legion**

The meeting on Monday, Nov 24 will be taped and played over Eyota Cable Channel 19 at times yet to be posted on Channel 19 & the website. Minutes will be posted on the city website.



Those who cannot attend and wish to submit a question to the Advisory Group or MinnErgy can:

- Drop the question off at City Hall
- Mail the question to Eyota City Hall, P.O. Box 328, Eyota, MN 55934
- Email the question to City Hall at: [echgov@hotmail.com](mailto:echgov@hotmail.com)

### Holiday Lighting Contest Judging: December 13-21

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**City-wide dates—**  
November 1, 2008 to April 1, 2009

*Overnight street parking prohibited*

**December 2, 7 pm Truth & Taxation Meeting at City Hall**

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***License your Pet for 2009 by December 31.***

At City Hall or mail-in internet form. Added late fee after Dec. 31 is \$10. See city website: [www.eyota.govoffice.com](http://www.eyota.govoffice.com)

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***Council Dates changed in December 2008***

Meetings are  
Tuesday, Dec. 2  
Thursday, Dec. 18  
at 7:30 pm

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### Rabies Clinic: December 13, 9 am to 12 noon

*Vaccinate your pet and purchase your 2009 pet license.*

The city is again partnering with The Eyota Veterinary Clinic to offer rabies vaccinations for cats and dogs on Saturday, Dec. 13, 9 am to 12 noon.

The fee for a rabies shot is \$18.50, no fee for office call.



2009 pet licenses will be sold. Fee is \$5 for spayed or neutered pets, \$10 if not.

The Eyota Veterinary Clinic is located at 127 South Front Street SW.

No appointment needed!

### CONTACTING CITY HALL:

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

## Needed: New member for City of Eyota Park Board

The park board is looking for a new member due to the recent resignation of Kim Horn.

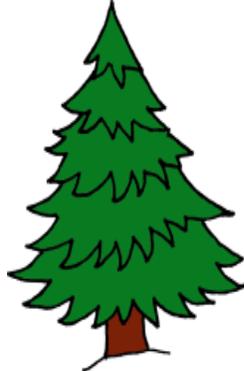
Thanks to Kim for her many years of service!

Park board meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

Responsibilities of the board include making recommendations to the Council concerning upkeep and additions to city parks, summer park and recreation program and budgeting for parks. Term is three years.

New responsibilities could include concurrent membership on a new Tree City USA committee.

Current members: Kevin Kulot, Ed Cafourek, Tyrel Clark, Elaine Haverly, Brooke Ferrier, Ray Schuchard, Wes Bussell



### Interested?

Contact Eyota City Hall at 545-2135, or email: [echgov@hotmail.com](mailto:echgov@hotmail.com)

### Accomplishments in 2008:

- ◆ Grading and liming ballfields in West Side Park
- ◆ New concession stand at West Side Park
- ◆ New trees near playgrounds
- ◆ Trees moved in West Side Park
- ◆ West Side Park wetland area restoration
- ◆ Swings for handicapped

### Future goals:

- ◆ Comprehensive park plan
- ◆ Planning tree planting projects for Tree City USA

## Congratulations to council & mayor election winners!

November 4 elections brings one new face to city council—and one leaving.

**Wes Bussell** was reelected city mayor.

**Gerry Bermel** is ending his term after being appointed in 2006 and elected to a special two-year term from 2007-08.

**Tim McLean** will fill a special 2-year term.

**Mayor: Wes Bussell**

**2 Council—4 yr terms:**

**Tony Nelson**

**& Joe Loftus**

**1 Council—2 yr. term:**

**Tim McLean**

**Joe Loftus**, appointed by council to fill an open term in 2008, was elected to a 4-year term. **Tony Nelson** was reelected to a 4-year term. **Ray Schuchard**, currently serves a 4-year term, 2007 to 2010.

City Council meets on 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month, 7:30 pm. Meetings shown on cable Channel 19. **December meeting dates changed: Dec. 2 & 18.**

## 2008 Christmas lighting & decoration contest

**Don't forget to light up your house for the holidays!**

Judging for this year's decorating contest will continue from December 13 to 21. Judges are last years grand prize and first place winners.

Prizes are given as "Eyota Dollars" redeemable at local Eyota merchants.

Enjoy the Season!



### Prizes:

- Grand Prize \$25
- Multi-colored lights : First, Second and Third\*
- Single-colored lighting: First, Second, and Third\*
- Honorable Mention \$5

\*First place: \$20, Second place: \$15 and Third: \$10

## What's that smell around us?

By Jim Stannard, Olmsted County Feedlot Technician.

The application of manure to cropland is a normal and accepted agriculture practice. The manure can significantly supply the intended crops nutrient needs and can amend the organic matter of the soil as well. Unfortunately, manure can have accompanying odor issues which one would expect.

In October 2000 Minnesota revised its feedlot rules which govern many aspects of a livestock operation. Some potential pollutants associated with odor from farm operations are regulated and enforced by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). These include state standards for hydrogen sulfide and particulate matter. The state also recognized that at certain times when producers were handling manure that odors would be produced and some exemptions to air quality standards

were warranted. Air quality exemptions are found in Minnesota Statutes 116.0713 and Minnesota Feedlot Rules 7020.2002.

Basically, livestock producers are exempt from state ambient air quality standards while manure is being removed and for seven days after manure is removed from barns or manure storage facilities. For livestock operations with more than 300 Animal Units the maximum cumulative exemption in a calendar year is 21 days for the removal process. To be exempt the producer must notify the MPCA.

The City of Eyota is surrounded by agricultural lands that benefit from the application of manure. Producers may have a small "window of opportunity" to apply manure in the spring, fall or after a crop harvest which can be compli-

cated by field conditions or weather. High school graduations, city festivals or other special outdoor events would also be items that producers should consider before manure application. During the permitting process all of the larger producers around Eyota noted consideration of these events in the decision process if they are aware of them.

Livestock producers are also part of the community and they want to minimize their impact on their neighbors. At the same time the community needs to work with area producers to raise awareness of special events or concerns. No one benefits from living in a vacuum. Meanwhile, barns need to be cleaned, manure needs to be applied and the smell of the agrarian countryside will happen from time to time.

## Winter reminders for city residents—for snow and ice

**REMINDER: Remove snow & ice from public sidewalks within 24 hours. Overnight street parking prohibited November 1 to April 1**

The winter months bring snow and ice, special parking, and snow removal responsibilities.

City ordinances require that residents remove snow or ice from public sidewalks within 24 hours of receiving the precipitation. Also, residents please keep

your fire hydrants and mailboxes accessible.

Parking on city streets is not allowed between 2 am and 6 am from Nov. 1 to April 1 to allow for snow removal.

## Councilman Tony Nelson visits Dover-Eyota Third Grade

On October 21, Eyota Councilman Tony Nelson visited 93 Dover-Eyota third graders to tell them about city government and answer their questions.

He later received the following letters from students:



*Dear Mr. Nelson,*

*You had a very good speech!! I learned more about the Eyota Council. I hope you come again soon!!*

*Your friend, Katie Severson*

*Dear Mr. Nelson,*

*I like the questions. Thanks for coming.*

*From your friend, William John Schmidt*

*Dear Mr. Nelson,*

*Thank you for telling us about council. And do you know how many people can be on a school board?*

*From: Riley Rieke*



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 Eyota, MN 55923

Permit No. 12  
 Eyota, MN 55934  
 Presort Standard

Postal Patron  
 Eyota, MN 55934

### Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 13, Saturday, 9 to 11 am

Eyota American Legion

\$3.00 per child

- ◆ Crafts
- ◆ Games
- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ Donuts & milk
- ◆ Face painting & tattoos
- ◆ SANTA visit
- ◆ Please bring your own camera for pictures

*Sponsored by Women of Eyota*

**Kids—See Santa  
 December 13 at the  
 American Legion**

### Best Wishes for a happy holiday season!

Holiday closings for Eyota City Hall:  
 Thanksgiving—November 27 and 28  
 Christmas Day—December 25  
 New Years Day—January 1, 2009

**WELCOME** to new  
 Stone Ridge Plaza  
 Businesses:

**Prestige Autocare  
 Center &**

**Buddy's Liquor**

Both will soon be open  
 for business on Sand-  
 stone Drive SW near  
 Kwik Trip

