

Eyota City News

JULY 2008

UPCOMING DATES

Ethanol Proposal Advisory Group: Meeting to consider annexation

An advisory group has been meeting to consider if Eyota should annex the MinnErgy site into city limits. Meetings were held at Eyota City Hall on June 10 & 24, and July 8; they were televised on Channel 19. The upcoming meeting is July 28, at 7 pm.

The group consists of eleven voting members who are Eyota residents, with Mayor Wes Bussell acting as chairman. Members include: Dean Hammel, Jim Nigon, John Haverly, Bruce Klaehn, Joe Loftus, Tim McLean, Coleman Turgeon, John Pristash, Tom Dornack, Tom Aleshire and Dan Sturm as co-chair.

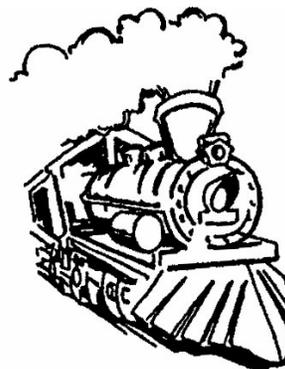
Non-voting members of the group: Steve

Gronseth, Bill Angerman, Doug Trangsrud, Mike Bubany, Fred Schuler, Bob Thomas, Jim Schumann, Ron Scherbring, Jeff Broberg and Iris Neumann (secretary, reporter). Also attending are several Olmsted County employees including Rich Peter, Pete Giesen and Terry Lee.

The group's tasks:

1. Drafting a list of "concerns, errors or omissions" in the MPCA's draft EAW document, including a list of questions and discrepancies. Reports will be submitted to MPCA by August 1.

2. Studying how construction of a rural ethanol plant affects the city; also, determining



how these issues affect Eyota citizens.

3. Members are creating reports on specific issues: social risks, annexation, potential tax revenues, costs to the city, air quality, fire protection, & water resources.

4. Ultimately, a recommendation to City Council whether the city should annex the MinnErgy site.

Veolia contract with City of Eyota renewed *Individual garbage bag service continued—with changes*

Garbage pickup will continue with Veolia as previously. The only changes are for customers using the bag service.

Some residents of Eyota have opted to not have a Veolia garbage container, instead they

pay for garbage pickup by the bag.

Bags cost \$34.75 for 10 bags and previously were available by calling Veolia.

Bags must now be purchased either at

Eyota City Hall or at the Eyota Market. City Hall hours are weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Bag cost includes all fees for garbage pickup. Veolia provides recycling container for free recycling.

July 16, 7:15 pm
Olmsted Environmental Commission
2100 Campus Dr.,
Rochester, MN
Reviewing environmental concerns in building Eyota ethanol plant. Commission reports to Olmsted County Board.

July 24, 6 to 8 pm
MPCA Pubic comment meeting, D-E
High School:
Permits for MinnErgy's air emissions and storm-water/wastewater. Water discharges go into Bear Creek.

August 7 & 8
7 pm: Peter Pan
D-E High School Auditorium
Presented by local youth & Prairie Fire Theatre

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Opportunities to get involved in MinnErgy comment period

A proposed ethanol plant on a site west of Eyota is currently undergoing evaluation through the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) process. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) oversees this process.

After the EAW was issued on June 2, 2008, a public comment period, which is normally 30 days, was extended to end August 1, 2008, 3:30 pm. This

change was requested by Mayor Wes Bussell, to give the city sufficient time to respond to a long and technical document.

Anyone wishing to submit comments to the EAW may pick up information at City Hall outlining where to send written comments.

Complete sets of the EAW draft are available at City Hall, if any resident would like a copy.

The EAW includes maps of the site and outlines analysis of 31 categories made regarding the site and its use as for industrial purposes.

A comment period for permits requested by MinnErgy for air emissions and disposal of wastewater/stormwater, also ends on August 1.

Forms for submitting these comments are available at Eyota City Hall.

Upcoming public ethanol meetings to attend

Olmsted County Environmental Commission is a citizen group, with Mike Woycik serving as chair.

Attend their upcoming meeting to hear an evaluation of the EAW for the proposed Eyota ethanol plant. The meeting is July 16, at 7:15 pm, in Rochester at 2100 Campus Drive in the large conference room.

County employees have considered 21 elements from the EAW. An initial hearing was held on June 18. The conclu-

sions of this committee will be relayed to the Olmsted County Board at their July 22 meeting.

The MPCA has scheduled a hearing on July 24 at 6 pm for public comment on MinnErgy's permits for air emissions and water discharge. Non-process wastewater will discharge into Bear Creek below Chester Woods Lake Dam. This meeting will be held at the Dover-Eyota High School.

Get involved!

Public meetings:

July 16, 7:15 pm

& July 24, 6 to 8 pm.

Information from the MinnErgy EAW: Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Height of MinnErgy's tallest structures: two corn silos holding 250,000 bushels each are 125 feet, hammermill with bag-house for air emissions is 135 ft, and grain elevators are 168 feet. Main process structure is 42 feet.

Distillers grain is a byproduct from the production of ethanol, which is sold for animal

feed. The Eyota ethanol plant proposes to sell their distillers grain as wetcake, instead of drying this stillage (corn matter left over after the fermenting process), as some plants do. Wetcake is shipped within 72 hours.

The site in Eyota is close to a railroad, a preferred method for shipping ethanol.

A 5.4 mile (12 inch diameter) pipeline will discharge non-process wastewater in Bear Creek below the Chester Woods Lake Dam. Process water is recycled using on-site anaerobic treatment system.

MinnErgy proposes building a facility that will produce 52 million gallons of ethanol each year from 19.5 million bushels of corn.. Phase II would produce 75 million gallons per year, from 28 million bushels of corn.



SPECIAL! Reduction of permit fees: July 2008 to October 2009

New homes and commercial buildings will have permit fees reduced by \$2,250 for permits issued from July 2008 to October 2009.

The City Council approved suspending the city's fees for sewer connection and inspection, water improvement and connection, and zoning certification for this limited time period. Other permit fees paid for inspections, state fees, water meter cost, and the sanitary district charge will still be charged.

Lots in Eyota are available beginning at \$25,900 in Stone

Ridge and Summerfield Subdivisions.

Living in Eyota offers advantages of a small town lifestyle and in a school district known for its quality education.

Fees waived include: Sewer connection: \$1700, Sewer permit-inspection: \$100, Water improvement fund: \$300, Water connection: \$100, & Zoning certification: \$50. Not included is the sewer district connection fee and zoning fees paid to Construction Management Services, for a total approximate permit cost of \$4,000 for new homes.

Pass the word to family and friends considering moving to Eyota.

Premier Bank is offering favorable terms for financing new home construction. (Cory Heimer 507-285-3700)



Work on city sewer system: late summer to fall

Municipal Pipe Tool Co. LLC of Hudson, Iowa will be repairing sewer lines and manholes in Eyota, beginning in late summer. The project was delayed because this company was involved in repairing flood damage in Iowa.

Your sanitary service will be temporarily sealed off. Residents will be notified when work is being done.

Numerous existing city sewer lines will be lined with a material that takes approximately 6 hours to cure once put in place.

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 reopened after line has cured. This may take more than 6 hours.

Keep our city parks clean—stamp out vandalism

Enjoyment of many city parks are one of the advantages of living in Eyota.

Unfortunately the actions of only a few can spoil the cleanliness and beauty of these parks for other users. Trees along the Frisbee golf lines are intended as hazards, yet several have been broken and destroyed at West Side Park in recent years.

Broken glass on the walking path is a hazard to others, particularly for children in the park & rec program using the park.

Bathrooms are available in West Side, Freedom and Sunrise Parks, yet recently a picnic table was used instead.

Think of others and always bag your pet's poop when out walking your dog.

Children need to be taught to respect property that belongs to all residents.

Let's take pride in our city and keep it clean and free from vandalism.





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Eyota Days Events

Miss Eyota Pageant, Talent Contest for grades 1-6: Monday 6:30 pm at D-E H.S. auditorium.

Kiddie Parade: Tuesday, 6:30 pm at American Legion Parking lot.

Church Night with Christian Crossings: Wed., 7 pm, tent at Legion.

Track, Home Run Derby, Bean Bag Toss, Family Bingo: Thursday night

Ag & Family Fun Night: Friday, starting at 5 pm in Legion parking lot

Parade at 11 pm, Saturday. Food, Softball tournaments, Wild West Show, Crafter vendors, Water Wars, etc. Dance at 9 pm at Greendoor

Belgian Waffles, Sunday, 8 am to 1 pm at Legion, Worship Service, Car Show, Frisbee Golf Tournament.

Eyota Days is here—NEW events to attend

Treasure Hunt: For ages 16 & under this year. Clues begin Monday at 8 am—in City Hall window. New clues daily. Find the train medallion on public property for a prize of \$50!

Miss Eyota Days Pageant on Monday, July 14, 6:30 pm at D-E H.S. Queen chosen from girls residing in Eyota and entering their junior year. Coronation follows talent contest for children in grades 1 through 6.

Kiddie Parade: Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 pm, for ages 0-10. Meet at

Legion parking lot. Root beer floats for \$1 after the parade.

Christian Crossings: “*Enliven the Spirit Though Music,*” on church night in the tent at the Legion parking lot, July 16, Wed., 7 pm. Crossings is a vocal group from Lewiston.

Kids activities after Parade on Saturday: Starting at 12:30 pm, \$5 for all afternoon pass. Jolly Jumpz Amusements, Junior Water Wars & Dunk Tank by Legion.

Youth Bean Bag Tournament: For ages 12-15 at Legion parking lot,

starting at 2 pm, July 19, Saturday.

WILD WILD WEST!

Actors depict the old west gunslinger era. They debut during the Saturday parade with brief mobile gunfights along parade route.

12:30 pm: TRAIN ROBBERY by Wild Wild West at caboose by the Fire Hall on South Front Street SE.

2 pm: MR. PEABODY by Wild Wild West at the American Legion, South Front Street SW.

3 pm: THE HANGIN by Wild Wild West down by the Legion.

Eyota Days

July 14-20, 2008

See website for details:

eyota.govoffice.com