

Eyota City News

MARCH 2009

SPRING ISSUE

UPCOMING DATES

Park System Questionnaire:

Your input needed—Please return your answers to City Hall!

The Eyota Park & Recreation Board is creating a long range plan for improving Eyota's park system.

A questionnaire is included in this newsletter. Please answer questions according to your view of our current parks and your ideas for changes in the future.

Eyota has many parks throughout town. **Summerfield Park**, **Bush's Woodland Park**, and **Sunrise Park** are neighborhood parks. **West Side Park** and **Freedom Park** offer ball diamonds and park shelters, giving them a more regional appeal and usage. Also included in the Eyota

park system are **Stars & Stripes Park** (the old caboose) and **Sunset Park** (near the Legion).

With this rich heritage of parks, the Park Board wishes to plan for the future.

- ◆ How might our parks or one particular park be improved?
 - ◆ Are there needs of residents not being met by current parks?
 - ◆ How much do you or members of your family utilize parks in Eyota?
 - ◆ What ways might donated funds be best used?
- ◆ How could a regional trail system (from Chester Woods to Dover and Viola) be incorporated into the Eyota park system?



Completed questionnaires may be sent to Eyota City Hall, dropped off in person, or completed on our Eyota website and emailed to city hall.

2009 Summer

Recreation Program:

Registration: **March 28 & April 4, 8 am to Noon At City Hall**

Important! Register on these dates to ensure activity availability.

Program Dates:

*June 15 to July 31
(Off June 29 to July 3)*

March 30, Mon. 7 pm
Hearing for Rena Belle/Carolann Street Project
At Eyota Legion

March 31, Tues., 7 pm
Annexation request:
Public hearing-City Hall
William Thomas property, 26 acres w. of Eyota

April 16, Thurs., 7 pm.
Planning Commission Workshop at City Hall
New comprehensive Eyota land use plan
Public invited

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A new Tree Ordinance for Tree City U.S.A.

The Eyota Park & Rec Board is currently working to create a tree ordinance to replace existing Ordinances No. 46 & No. 63.

A tree ordinance is one of four requirements of National Arbor Day Foundation for becoming a Tree City USA.

National Arbor Day is April 24. Plant a tree!



A tree ordinance provides residents direction in placement of boulevard tree plantings. Distances from curb or road edges, and the definition of a boulevard are included.

Separate from the ordinance is listing of preferred trees to plant, this is available at City Hall.

Registration for 2009 Summer Recreation Program

March 28 and April 4, from 8 am to 12 noon on both Saturday mornings

The 2009 Dover-Eyota summer recreation program is scheduled from June 15 to July 31. No activities are offered the week preceding July 4th, June 29 to July 3.

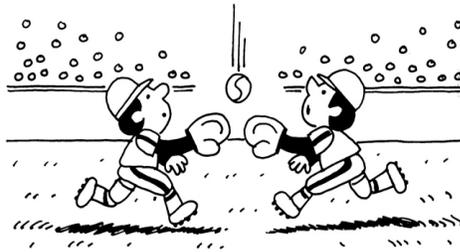
Director Brooke Ferrier is returning with a program similar to the 2008 program.

Take advantage of two Saturday morning sign-up days to enroll your child in a variety of activities: volleyball, softball, T-ball, golf, or baseball.

Daytime and evening activities are offered.

Sign up events are held at the Eyota City Hall from 8 am to noon each day, March 28 & April 4. These registrations will determine availability of activities.

Dover-Eyota Recreation program is open to any child, pre-K (entering kindergarten in 2009) to sixth grade (just completed) in the area. Children living outside Eyota



or Dover city limits pay a \$10 surcharge, per activity.

A \$15 fee per participant is charged for late registrations.

Swim bus to the Brownell Aquatic Center in St. Charles will be offered on Thursday afternoons. The fee is \$4 per person, increased from 2008 to better cover costs of bussing.

For questions please contact Brooke Ferrier at 507-951-9376 or brookeferrier@yahoo.com.

Program schedules may be viewed on the City of Eyota website eyota.govoffice.com under *City Departments—D-E Summer Recreation*.

Help create Eyota's new Land Use Plan: April 16, 2009 at City Hall

Planning for Eyota's future growth is the focus of a workshop held April 16, 7 pm at City Hall.

Eyota Planning & Zoning Commission plans to complete a new future land use plan by July 2009. This will replace a plan created in 1990.

Residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Kristi Clarke of McGhee & Betts will facilitate the workshop and advise the Eyota Zoning and Planning Commission.

This is an informational meeting, although there may be a quorum of City Council, no motions will be made.

A series of two workshops for developing the plan will be followed by a public hearing. A final plan will be presented to the Council for approval.

Land Use Workshop
Thurs., April 16, 7 pm
View on Channel 19

Improvements near Second Street SW & in West Side Park

Notice changes as you drive west toward Highway 42 on Second Street.

1. Brush is being removed north of the street along a waterway to improve stormwater flow during heavy rainfalls. Scrub trees were cut and stumps are being removed.

2. New culverts under Second Street are proposed to allow

water to flow more efficiently from West Side Park to the water-



way on the opposite side of Second Street. Construction may take place during the summer of 2009.

3. In December 2008, a diverse selection of prairie seed was planted in West Side Park's wetlands area. New growth will begin appearing this spring. Maintenance will include burnings of the site.

Attention: Rena Belle and Carolann Street area property owners

Public hearing: March 30, 2009, 7 pm, Eyota American Legion

This proposed Rena Belle/Carolann improvement project includes street overlay, curb replacement, installation of a storm water drain-tile system, and possible replacement of a water main in a limited area.

A larger sized main would increase flow capacity. Storm drain tile would allow homeowners with sump pumps to connect for water flow drainage.

The project has not yet been approved—this meeting is to gather the property owners' input.

Special assessments will be discussed and approved prior to the project approval by Council. Current assessment policy allows the city to assess 50 percent of the cost to property owners benefiting from the improvements.

However, a recent project assessed only a third of the cost to the property owners, with the other two-thirds being included in taxes to all Eyota residents. Costs are paid over a period of years through bond payments.

Property owners living in the Rena Belle/Carolann area are encouraged to attend the March 30 public hearing.

Announcements:

Board of Appeal & Equalization, Fire Department, EMT training

Board of Appeal & Equalization Hearing
April 23, 2009, 6:30 to 7 pm
Eyota City Hall

Olmsted Co. property valuation notices will be sent soon. If your property value or class is incorrect, request a property review prior to April 23rd—How-to info included in mailing.

The **Eyota Volunteer Fire Department** welcomes all questions and concerns.

If one is interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, they are encouraged to attend a monthly meeting of the E.F.D. on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm, Eyota Fire Hall, 14 South Front Street SE.

For questions contact Fire Chief Jerry Pike, 545-2736.

The **Eyota Ambulance** will be starting a **First Responder** and **EMT class** beginning March 16. Both classes will run over a period of three months.

The fire department covers a number of extrication calls where training to be a First Responder or EMT would be beneficial for the fire department. This training is also for new ambulance members. If interested contact Vicki or Chris Arendt at 545-2868.

REMINDER! If your house does not have a clearly visible number—Please install one. This is very important for fire & ambulance calls.

Updated information regarding ethanol plant will be available on city website. See *Notices to Citizens/Proposed E. P.*

Hiring for 2009 Summer Recreation Program

Several positions for coach's assistants are open for the 2009 Summer Recreation season.

We are seeking young people who enjoy working with children. Applicants must be a minimum of 14 years of age.

Applications will be available at Eyota City Hall beginning April 1. Return applications to City Hall by April 15.

Positions are paid hourly for work completed while helping with activities.

Helpers are needed for soccer, baseball, softball, T-ball, volleyball and swim bus. Scheduled times include both daytime and evening sessions.

For questions, please contact the Summer Recreation Director, Brooke Ferrier: call 507-951-9376 or email brookeferrier@yahoo.com.



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Permit No. 12
 Eyota, MN 55934
 Presort Standard

Postal Patron
 Eyota, MN 55934

**SAVE ON
 NEW HOME
 BUILDING PERMIT**

In Eyota

until **OCTOBER 2009**
 Less \$2,250 in permit fees.

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



Welcome spring to Eyota!
Parking on city streets allowed overnight after April 1.

**WELCOMING
 Three New Businesses
 to Eyota!**



Simply Stylin' Hair Studio

115 Center Avenue SW
(formerly Rod's Barber Shop)
 Open: Tuesday through Saturday. Call Brandi at 799-0300 for an appointment.
 Walk-ins welcome!

Inner Strength Chiropractic

22 South Front Street SW
 at Zen Creations—Thursdays 4 to 6 pm
 Call Dr. Ed LeQuire at (507) 206-9340 for appointments

Goodtime Groomin' Pet Spa

65 Center Ave NW, Old Kwik Trip
 Owner/Groomer: Julie Huntley (Jewels)
 Appointments am & pm: 507-272-1365