

Eyota City News

JUNE 2010

SUMMER ISSUE

NEW Community Garden Plots for 2010

Available June 3 to any city resident or group

Eight 10 by 20 foot garden plots will soon be available to any city resident wishing to use them. We are also offering half plots for those wanting to try gardening by not desiring too much space.

Groups, including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts or daycare centers are encouraged to consider using a plot as a teaching tool and activity for the children. One might take a walk each day to the garden, pull weeds and pick vegetables throughout the summer months.

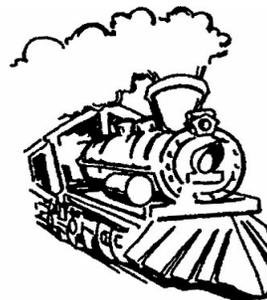
We are fortunate to have two Master Gardeners volunteering their time to help establish the gardens and be teachers to those wanting to learn gardening. Mark Allen of Eyota and Laura Hendrickson, who lives near

Chester, are sharing their skills.

Startup funding for the project is being provided by a grant from S.H.I.P. (Statewide Health Improvement Plan). We can use our funding for a variety of materials including pavers, compost, tilling, fencing, a garden sign and materials to establish a composting area on the site. A water source will be available.

The garden plots are located along the south edge of Sunset Square Park, near the Eyota Legion and adjacent to the Eyota Manor Apartments.

We are planning to have the plots available June 3, in time for



all the warmer season crops. As we look forward to having garden plots available next year, they will be ready at an earlier date.

Envision fresh beans, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, and kohlrabi served at your table this summer. Call City Hall, email ineumann@cityofeyota.com, or meet near the Legion at the time listed below, if interested in reserving a plot.

Gardeners will be assigned their plots and can begin planting June 3, at 6 pm.

August 3 to 17: Filing for Candidacy:

Positions open for mayor and two city council seats

Two four year terms for council members will be available for filing. Current members in these positions are Ray Schuchard and Tim McLean.

The two-year term for mayor will also be open for filing. The filing fee is \$2.

Because the city will not be having a primary

election, the filing period is from August 3 through August 17 (Tues. to Tues.).

The general election on November 2, 2010, will determine city, county, school board, and state-wide positions. Primary election will be August 10.

The polling place will be at the Dover-Eyota High

School auditorium again this year.

Call for Election Judges:

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, please contact Marlis at City Hall soon.

Training will be starting in June.

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall

7 :30 pm

June 10 & 24

July 8 & 22

August 12 & 26

View on Channel 19

Filing for Candidacy

Deadline for City

Council and Mayor:

August 3 to August 17

Eyota Days: July 12-18

Sat., July 10th: 5K Run, Walk

Tuesday: Kids Track/Field & Home Run Derby

Wednesday: Church Night

Thursday: Family Bingo, Bean Bag Tournaments

Friday: Family Night

Saturday: Parade at 11 am, Tractor Pull, Softball & Volleyball Tournaments, Dance pm

Sunday: Car Show, Frisbee Golf Tourney, Waffles am

Chester Woods Trails Meeting:

June 16, 7 pm at City Hall

CONTACTING CITY HALL:

- Phone: 507-545-2135
- Fax: 507-545-2235
- Email: eyota@cityofeyota.com
- Website: eyota.govoffice.com
- Marlis, Nancy, Iris, Brad, Joe

2010 Street and Utility Improvements Construction

Project Begins June 1st



This summer's construction project contract has been awarded to Rochester Sand & Gravel; a major subcontractor will be Swenke Co.

Construction is scheduled to be-

gin June 1; starting with underground construction on Lafayette Ave and 2nd Street and sanitary sewer televising in the Rena Belle/Carolann (RB/CA) area.

Plans are to proceed then to: Jefferson Avenue and 3rd Street, move to the RB/CA areas, then the water and sewer utility extensions



west of Highway 42, and ending with the pedestrian path in the Stone Ridge area.

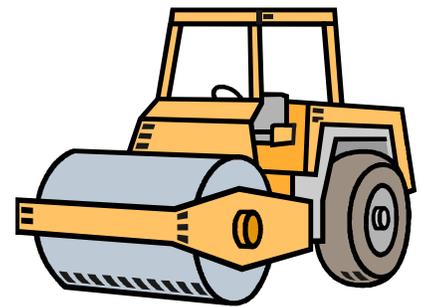
Attention RB/CA homeowners!

Your mailboxes will be pulled out and left in your yard for you to store. Temporary replacement boxes will be located on the south side of North Front Street NW (next to the elevator).

Street lights are being replaced and moved; which means they will

be turned off for awhile. Please be extra careful while it is dark!

Watch the City website (www.eyota.govoffice.com) for more details as the construction project progresses. See also the enclosed info sheet from our City Engineering firm, WHKS & Co.



City Receives Two Grants

Benefiting Arbor Gardens, Ambulance Garage, Well House & the Fire Hall

Energy grant dollars were awarded to the City of Eyota from the State of MN Office of Energy for building envelope improvements for three City buildings. Insulation, door and window im-

provements will be made to Arbor Gardens, the ambulance building and the well house. The grant pays for 75 percent of the improvements and will allow the City to save on future energy costs.

The Fire Hall will soon have a new handicap accessible automatic door. This grant was received from the federal Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities and provides 100 percent of the funds for the door improvement.

Members needed: 2 positions open

Park Board and Planning Commission

Two positions are currently open due to members leaving these two boards. Terms are normally for three years.

Park Board has a position to fill which expires Dec. 31, 2011. Park Board has five voting members and two council representatives. They meet monthly at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. They oversee planning for city parks and the summer recreation program.

The Planning Commission has a term to fill, which expired 12/31/09 and lasts until 12/31/12. Planning has five voting members and two council reps, they meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Planning reviews ordinances and zoning issues.

Special thanks goes to Brooke Ferrier for her long term service on the Park Board and to Tom Schott, who recently completed a planning board term.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please do not mow or blow your grass clippings into the street. This can cause our city's catch basins and storm sewers to plug—which could cause street flooding.

You'll be protecting our drinking water, creeks and rivers from potential contamination from fertilizers and other yard chemicals that cling to grass clippings.

Thank you from the City Council and Public Works Dept.

Reminders: Basic Zoning Requirements

Pick up your building permit at City Hall before you begin your project.

Building permits are needed for new construction, additions, accessory structures, fencing, re-roofing, re-siding, decks, swimming pools and installations (windows, fireplace, furnace, air conditioner, water heater, wood stove, gas pipe.) If planting a tree in a boulevard, a permit is needed.

The city's website outlines the process followed for obtaining a permit. Forms may be printed from this website page under "Building and Zoning Permits."



The City contracts with CMS (Construction Management Services) for building inspec-

Zoning Restrictions:

- 25 feet— Minimum distance from foundation of primary structure to front and rear property lines.*
- 7.5 feet—Minimum distance from primary structure foundation to side yard property lines, not adjacent to streets.
- 7.5 feet—Distance from eaves lines of accessory structure to rear and side yard lines.
- Easements: No buildings or fences allowed.
- Fences: May be adjacent to property line if owner can maintain both sides.
- *Front measurement from property line adjoining boulevard area, not curb.

tions. If one has questions about specific building requirements, call CMS at (507) 282-8206.

Zoning questions should be referred to the City. If you have questions about the location of utility or drainage easements on your property,

maps showing these are accessible at City Hall.

Storage buildings less than 120 square feet require a zoning permit, but not a construction permit.

Check our website for more detailed instructions.



City Announcements:

Rabies Clinic: Wednesday, June 9 from 5 pm to 8 pm at Eyota Veterinary Clinic, located at 127 South Front Street SW. **\$15 for each dog, cat or ferret.** CASH only please. Bring your animal within a pet carrier or on a leash. Cosponsored by local Veterinarians, Olmsted Co. Public Health Services, & Rochester City Clerk.

Bike Licenses: The City now offers bike licenses **free** of charge. If license is attached to the bicycle, it can be tracked to the owner if bike is lost or stolen. **Application forms are available on the City website or City Hall. Licenses available at City Hall.**

Hours for City Parks: City Parks are open from 5 am to 10 pm daily.

Curfews: During the summer months it is important for minors to follow curfew hours. Applies to public streets, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public grounds. Curfew limits: 16 & under: 10 pm to 5 am; Age 17: 12 midnight to 5 am.

Shed For Sale By City of Eyota



Former ice rink warming shed, is yours for \$1,000. Contact City Hall if interested.

Build in 2010 & Save \$2,250 in permit fees

The Eyota EDA is encouraging new construction of homes and commercial buildings in Eyota by continuing a special which waives numerous building permit fees.

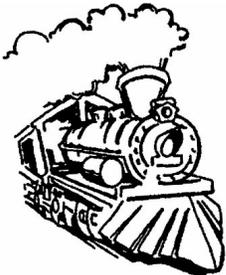
Fees waived include water and sewer inspection fees, sewer and water connection fees, zoning certi-

Build in Eyota Special available through December 2010.

fication and a deposit into the water improvement fund. The total saved for these fees is \$2,250.

The sanitary sewer district charge (\$2,640), water meter fee (\$250), and building code inspection fees (total based on square footage) will still be charged.



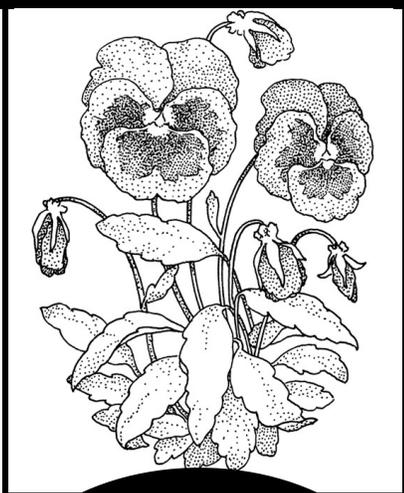


City of Eyota
38 South Front St. SW
P.O. Box 328
Eyota, MN 55934

Permit No. 12
Eyota, MN 55934
Presort Standard

Postal Patron
Eyota, MN 55934

Growing—Playing—Picnicking—Celebrating—It's Summer in Eyota!



NEW Community Gardens available to City Residents—See story inside.

Moving a Lifetime

Presented at Arbor Gardens, Thursday, May 27 at 10 am

By Kimberly & Brian Alwin, Owners of *Smooth Move*

Presentation is free, no RSVP needed.

The Alwins assist families throughout SE MN with downsizing & storage services. The company's mission is to make moving a pleasant experience.

Goodtime Groomin' moves downtown!

Julie Huntley moved her pet grooming business to 26 South Front Street SW (formerly Robin's Floral & Design—Robin moved her business to Zen Creations)

Julie makes am & pm appointments for your pets, if you call 272-1365.



