

Eyota City News

OCTOBER 2010

FALL ISSUE

UPCOMING DATES

Flood returns to Eyota September 23, 2010

A state of emergency was declared in Eyota on September 23 by the Mayor of Eyota, Wes Bussell. An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to respond to results of excessive rainfall with NIMS director, Tony Nelson, in charge.

Eyota Volunteer Firefighters responded to the needs of the community by helping homeowners whose basements were flooding.

With saturated soils, groundwater forced its way into through cracks in basement walls and floors. Unfortunately, some homeowners whose basements were flooded in 2007, again had flooded basements.

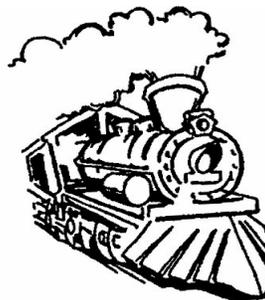
Many homeowners have sump pumps that were correctly installed to dump into storm sewers and not the sanitary sewer (not allowed per a city ordinance). Both the sanitary

sewer and the storm sewer systems became fully charged, that is, filled to capacity. Water in basements not captured by sump pumps exited homes through basement floor drains, which dump into the city sanitary sewer.

Bypass pumping was done to alleviate the pressure on storm sewers and to allow more water to exit through this system.

Volunteers from D-E high school, including members of the football team and the senior class, helped residents remove items from their basements.

The city set up a West Side Park parking lot as a disposal site with dumpsters for water damaged furniture and carpeting. Hazardous



waste, tires, batteries and brush/compost were not accepted at the site. Electronics and appliances were accepted but in a separate area and not in the dumpsters. (Closing Oct. 3.)

Although the situation was serious, a recent project to line leaky sanitary sewer pipes and man holes, prevented excess ground water from entering the sanitary sewer system. The sewer plant in St. Charles, which had been operating at half capacity, expanded to full capacity to process the high sewer demands from Dover, Eyota, and St. Charles following the storm.

Candidates for Council and Mayor:

Positions are open for two four-year city council seats.

Three individuals filed for the two open city council seats. They are:

**Ranard (Ray)
Schuchard**

Tyrel Clark

Steven W. Wilkinson

Council terms are four years. Current members with unexpired terms are Tony Nelson and Joe Loftus. Ray Schuchard is an incumbent member.

The current mayor filed for another term:

Wesley M. Bussell

Wes Bussell is running unopposed. The mayor's position is a two year term.

Be sure to get out and make your vote count on November 2! Vote at the Dover-Eyota H.S. Auditorium from 7 am to 8 pm.

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall:

7 :30 pm

October 14 & 28

November 8 & 22

December 9 & 20

View on Channel 19

Election Voting:

Nov. 2, 7 am to 8 pm

Polling at Dover-Eyota

H.S. Auditorium

Volunteer Firefighters Annual Pancake

Breakfast: October 3

Eyota Legion

7:30 am to 12:30 pm

Age 14 & up: \$5

Age 6-13: \$4

5 & under FREE

Or \$20 per family

F.D. OPEN HOUSE:

Oct. 7, Fire Hall: 6 - 8 pm

Chester Woods Trails Meeting:

October 20, Wednesday,
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

Notice to Homeowners with Water Damaged Homes:

Register with Olmsted County; Report to Co. Assessor; Use proper cleanup

Flood Disaster Reporting Line

All county residents whose homes sustained damage are encouraged to contact the county Emergency Management by calling the Disaster Reporting Line: (507) 328-4582.

Beginning the Recovery Process

1. Document the damage in your residence and business. Photograph and inventory damaged items.
2. Be sure to wear protective clothing and a mask during cleanup.
3. If you need help with cleanup contact the United Way by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-543-7709 or via the web at www.uwolmsted.org.

Reporting Damage to Assessor: To lower property tax value

An online form is available on the county or the Eyota website to report damage. Go to: eyota.govoffice.com, then "Notices to Citizens." The link is near the top of the page.

Homeowners with excessive damage can use this form to have an appraiser review their property. The appraiser will make the contact to set up an appointment.

This was the same form used following the flood of 2007.

Tips for Flood Clean-Up

(For a complete copy, download sheet from Eyota website under "Notices to Citizens," also printed in Oct. 1, 2010 *D-E Eagle*. Info from Olmsted Co.)

Supplies needed: Bucket, soap, bleach, rubber gloves & boots, mop, stuff brushes and sponges.

Water in or on walls: Remove any wet carpet, padding, sheetrock, & paneling. Discard interior wall finishing and any insulation. **Walls must dry from inside out.**

Drying out your home: Pump out or use shop vac to remove any standing water. Use fans, humidifiers, open windows to dry. Have home heating system checked before using.

Wash & Disinfect: Soap, rinse, disinfect with bleach (1 cup in 1 gal. water). *Note: Wash hands after cleaning, before cooking and eating.*

REMEMBER: WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Workshop: Living Well with Chronic Conditions

- * Put life back into your life!
- * FREE, for Adults 60 & older
- * Living with chronic diseases: diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain, anxiety, etc.
- * Six weeks on Mondays, 9 to 11 am, Nov. 8 to Dec. 13.
- * Held at Arbor Gardens, Eyota
- * To register call, 507-288-6944.

Eyota EDA Sponsors Luncheon September 21 *Should a chamber be established for Eyota?*

Eyota's EDA Director Cathy Enerson organized a meeting of local businesses to discuss the idea of starting a chamber in Eyota.

Robin Miller Kroening created a garden setting behind her floral shop at 22 South Front Street for the meeting. Persons representing 17 local businesses attended and enjoyed a lunch.

Enerson's goal is creating a format for monthly meetings, which could evolve into the establishment of a local chamber.

A CHAMBER is: Businesses & professionals who work together in an effort to build a healthy economy, while improving the quality of life within a community!

Parking announcement for winter:

No street parking Nov. 1 to April 1, 2 to 6 am

Remember no parking is allowed overnight on city streets starting November 1, continuing until April 1. Individuals leaving cars parked on the street will find their cars ticketed. (Pay fines in Rochester at the Court House.)

Removal of snow from sidewalks is required within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Parking restrictions and snow removal from sidewalks are controlled by city ordinances.

Snow removal on streets starts when snow reaches 2 inch depth. Sanding begins when ice occurs on designated emergency streets.

Please remove snow around fire hydrants & your mail boxes.

Thank you!

To Robin Miller Kroening: For planting and watering potted flowers downtown on South Front Street.

To Summerfield Volunteers: Who planted the new rain garden in Summerfield Park.

To Community Garden Committee: For organizing the new community gardens, gardening, helping and teaching.



Community Gardening in 2011

Contact City Hall if you are interested—Offering 12 additional plots.

Twelve gardeners grew vegetables in the new garden plots offered this summer. A grant from S.H.I.P. (Statewide Health Improvement Program) provided funding to create the plots in Sunset Square Park.

Although there was no charge to garden in 2010, a minimal fee of an estimated \$10 will be charged in 2011 per 12 X 16 foot plot. Long term plans are to make the gardening project sustainable once the grant dollars have ended. Rent will pay for tilling and water.



It is important to commit to visiting your garden at least once weekly to control weeds and pick vegetables when they are ripe.

Note to 2010 Gardeners:

- Cleanup day planned for Sunday, October 24 at 2:30 pm.
- Remove plants and put in compost bins. Wire fencing and stakes will be removed and stored at City Hall. Come and share a snack and enjoy hot apple cider. **If unable to attend, you have until October 31 to clean your garden plot.**

To double the number of the current plots, a second grant has been offered to the City. We would like to be sure there are interested additional gardeners before we accept the grant.

Gardeners in 2010 enjoyed beans,

melons, cucumbers, lettuce, cabbage, carrots, lots of tomatoes and more.

Please contact Iris at City Hall to reserve a garden space or email ineumann@cityofeyota.com. The Community Garden Committee will be reorganizing for 2011, please contact Iris if you are interested in serving—only two annual committee meetings to attend.



City Announcements:

Rabies Clinic: Coming early in December—watch for date on our website or Channel 19. At Eyota Veterinary Clinic, located at 127 South Front Street SW. Get your pet vaccinated and pick up your 2011 pet license the same day.

Winterfest Celebration: Interested in planning a new winter celebration for Eyota? Come to the first committee meeting Wednesday, October 6 at 7 pm, Eyota Legion. You may also call Kathy Gust if you have ideas to share, 545-2331.

License your pets: Starting November 1 until December 31, stop at City Hall to get your dog or cat license. Only \$5 for a neutered pet or \$10, if not. Please bring proof of a current rabies shot with you. Pets licensed after January 1, 2010 are charged an additional \$10 late fee.

Planning Commission Board Member needed: There is one open position, please contact City Hall if interested. The board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

**Protect your pet—
Buy a 2011 license
after November 1, 2010**



Visible house numbers help emergency services

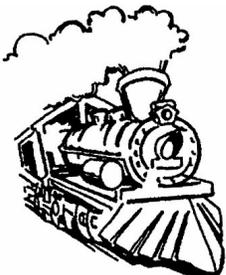
Once again, the city is requesting that homeowners make sure they have visible house numbers on their residence.

We recommend that the numbers be 6 inches tall. The numbers should be clearly visible



from the street, just in case an ambulance or fire truck needs to visit your house.

Don't wait any longer, protect yourself and your family. Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street!



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

Fall is here...Leaf pickup service offered again...Using paper bags only.



Leaf pickup: Leaves accepted in paper bags only, minimum size is 30 gallon bags. **NO** grocery bags, **NO** plastic of any kind and **NO** cardboard boxes. **Purchase 30 gal. paper bags at City Hall for \$1 each or from a retail store.** Leaves left curbside that are not in the required container will not be picked up.

Mother Nature will determine when we will start collecting filled bags.

**Don't Miss it:
Open House, Oct. 7
Eyota Fire Hall**

Visit Eyota Fire Hall: 14 South Front St. SE

- ◆ Open House Thursday, October 7, 6 to 8 pm
- ◆ Smoke Detector House for Kids
- ◆ Hands on Demonstrations
- ◆ Cookies and Juice
- ◆ Meet your firefighters
- ◆ Oct. 3-9 is Fire Prevention Week

