

Eyota City News

JULY 2011

SUMMER ISSUE

UPCOMING DATES

New Farmers Market in Eyota on Wednesdays

4 to 8 pm, every week through October 12, at West Side Park walkway

Take a walk, ride your bike or stop by on your way home from your daily commute. Make the Eyota Farmers Market part of your life every Wednesday evening.

Items offered for sale after five markets (starting May 25) included asparagus, lettuce greens, strawberries, rhubarb, radishes, vegetable plants, perennials, herbs, wild leeks and eggs. Handmade crafts have featured soap, lotions, planters of rustic barn wood, tie-dyed shirts, baby clothes, and bird houses. Other popular items have been homemade jams, breads, cookies and candies.

Several vendors have committed to being at the market weekly, others will attend every-other week and some will come occasionally when items, like berries, are in season. The farmers market committee seeks vendors offering ready-made food to give market goers an option of eating a meal at the market. Recently the Red Barn Kitchen started

cooking for market visitors. The committee also plans offering activities and entertainment to make the farmers market a can't miss weekly happening.

Eyota's EDA and the Olmsted County Health Dept. through a CPPW grant (Communities Putting Prevention to Work) are sponsoring the market. The Eyota Economic Development Association (EDA) encourages local fundraising events and local businesses to participate.

So far, Jem's Confections (a new candy and cake decorating business in Eyota) and the D-E FFA have participated. Jem's has offered samples of their fine chocolates and they sell mouth-watering cupcakes while displaying photos of their creative cake designs. The FFA sold flower, herb and vegetable plants leftover from their sales at D-E High School.

Market visitors have been rewarded with free recipes, an herb guide and plants. Currently there are weekly drawings for market bags. T-shirts bearing the unique Eyota Farmers Market logo are for sale. Vin-



Meet me at the Eyota Farmers Market!

Community Gardens Update

A total of 24 garden plots were made available to gardeners in Sunset Square Park near the Legion. All are currently being used by community residents.

Six of the plots are raised

beds, using frames constructed by the D-E High School carpentry class. The total number of plots was doubled from the initial offering in 2010. A second grant from SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Pro-



gram) allowed the expansion.

The market needs more volunteers to help with tent setup from 3 to 4 pm and take-down between 8 to 9 pm. Volunteers are also sought for our welcome tent to greet guests from 4 to 8 pm. The committee is also looking for folks to share their musical talents, give demonstrations, or create a walking or running group who "meets at the market."

New vendors are welcome. Perhaps you are a local gardener and would like to sell your excess of tomatoes and squash this summer. Most of our vendors are local folks sharing their talents and plants or vegetables they have grown.

The market manager is Logan Clark, call him at 251-1146 if you'd like to volunteer or sell at the market.



gram) allowed the expansion.

A special thank you goes to all the gardeners who volunteered their help in getting the plots ready for use.

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall:

7:30 pm

July 12 & 28

August 11 & 25

September 8 & 22

View on Channel 19

Alice in Wonderland

Friday, Aug. 5, 7 pm

Sat., Aug. 6, 2 pm

D-E HS Auditorium

Presented by: Prairie Fire

Children's Theatre

& Eyota Days Committee

Eyota Days July 11-17

Monday: Treasure Hunt

Tuesday: Track/Home Run Derby

Wednesday: Church & Movie Night

Thursday: Kiddie Parade & Bike Rodeo (NEW!)

Friday: Family events near Legion, Fun Run & 5K

Saturday: Parade, Chicken Feed, Ball tournaments & Dance at 9 pm—LOST HIGHWAY.

Sunday: Waffles, Worship, Car Show, Bike Show

For Eyota Farmers Market Updates:

Facebook users, go to Eyota Farmers Market and click on "like."

KEEP IN TOUCH:

• Phone: 507-545-2135

• Fax: 507-545-2235

• Email: eyota@cityofeyota.com

• Facebook: [Eyota.MN](https://www.facebook.com/Eyota.MN)

• Website: eyota.govoffice.com

• Marlis, Nancy, Iris, Brad, Joe

WHY BOTHER WITH GETTING A BUILDING PERMIT?

It might ensure the sale of your home in the future.

If you want to get top dollar when selling your house, then don't skip getting a building permit for home improvements.

Fees for building permits are minimal compared to potential losses when you don't have a record of a building permit on file at City Hall. Each property in Eyota has a separate file where all the building permits from that address are filed.

If your neighbor questions whether your out building is closer than 7.5 feet from the property line—they can check at City Hall to see if a permit was obtained.

There are two types of building permits:

1. A **zoning permit** looks at where you are placing a fence or a building. It checks to see if you are trying to build on a utility or drainage easement and that required setbacks are met.

2. A **code building permit** ensures that safety standards are met behind the sheetrock. A house inspector at the time of a sale can only tell if visible items are built to code. A building permit on file ensures those invisible things were also done correctly.

Make sure the contractor you hired is doing the job right by getting a building permit. Why pay good money to get your house re-roofed or resided, only to find later that corners were cut and it wasn't done right?

New windows, fireplaces, furnaces, swimming pools, water heaters and air conditioners all need inspections to ensure installations were done properly.

Decks, house additions or storage buildings generally require inspections. Only if an out building is 120 square feet or less in size is a code permit not needed. However, a zoning permit is still needed.

If you wonder about the dimensions of your lot or whether you have easements, City Hall has maps showing almost every lot in the city. Please note that lot lines do not start at the curb, instead a measurement from the center of the street determines the front lot line.

AUTOPAY IS A WORRY FREE WAY TO PAY YOUR WATER & SEWER UTILITY BILL!

To set up automatic payments:

- ◆ Go the City website (eyota.govoffice.com)
- ◆ Click on Notices to Citizens, Water /Sewer bill can be paid automatically.
- ◆ Download form from bottom of webpage.
- ◆ Complete form, attach a voided check.
- ◆ Return form to City Hall.

HBC is laying fiber optic lines in your utility easement this summer.

HBC, Hiawatha Broadband Communications, is currently installing new fiber optic lines in Eyota. A utility company has a right to use utility easements without homeowner approval. Easements are along the rear of some properties or along the boulevards of others.

HBC is a Winona based company currently working to formalize a franchise agreement with the City of Eyota for a second cable TV option for resi-

dents. The agreement is being modeled after the current agreement Eyota has with Charter Communications.

The fiber optic lines can also be used for telephone and internet service. A franchise is not needed for laying telephone or internet service lines within the city.

This new company will offer residents a second choice for faster internet service, a secondary cable TV option, and telephone service.

Eyota EDA Extends Special for 2011: Permit fees totaling \$2,250 will not be charged.

For the third year, those building new homes or businesses save \$2,250 on their permit fees.

Fees designed to help the city set-aside for future needs have been cut to encourage building.

Fees charged by CMS, Construction Management Services, will still

be charged for code inspections. Also, a standard fee of \$2,640 (residential rate) paid to the Dover, Eyota, St. Charles Sewer District will be charged.

Building permits can be obtained at the Eyota City Hall. See our city website to view available residential and commercial lots.

Need to contact HBC to request installation of services at your home?

Call: 507-474-4000

You can have lines installed to your home when they are working in your neighborhood.



West Side Park Play Equipment Updating this Summer New items especially for 2 to 5 year olds.

For the 2 to 5 year olds in the family, the Eyota Park Board and Eyota City Council will soon present play equipment especially for them.

The original Miracle play equipment at West Side Park was installed in the mid 1990s and with new paint, is still usable for 5 to 12 year olds. An existing swing set will be kept with two belt and two child swings.

As time has passed, safety standards have also changed. The existing pea gravel will be covered with 12 inches of certified wood fiber surfacing.

Overall the dimensions of the area will expand slightly and a new edging of kid timber borders will be added. The old equipment will remain, but a new

NEW Items at West Side Park Play Area.

- ◆ Double slide structure accessed by stone climber or steps—for ages 2-5.
- ◆ Ladybug and bumblebee spring riders
- ◆ Dragonfly seesaw
- ◆ Playhouse with lean out window and seat inside.
- ◆ Bongo drums panel
- ◆ Stand and spin
- ◆ 2-station swing set with handicap walkway & mats under all swings



area on the NW corner will be developed for the young tots. A playhouse, a slide structure with a bongo drums panel and two spring riders will be added.

The handicap swing will be acces-

sible via a pathway to a new 2-station swing in the SE corner. A Dragonfly seesaw will be usable for ages 2 to 12. Finally, 5 to 12 year olds will have a stand and spin in the SW corner to enjoy.



City Announcements:

Recreational or Camp Fires: Outdoor fires are allowed in town. Fires should not be more than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet high and have a surrounding area within five feet of the fire free of combustible materials. Do not burn building materials, garbage, rubber, plastic, demolition debris, or materials producing excessive or noxious smoke. (Ordinance #116)

Curfews for Kids: For ages 16 & under—be home between 10 pm to 5 am. For Age 17 curfew is 12 midnight to 5 am.

Renting Park Pavilions: Park shelters at Freedom and West Side Parks may be reserved and rented for a specific date. The cost is \$30, with a \$50 damage deposit. West Side has two shelters in its pavilion, and each have an attached kitchen.

Park Board and Planning Commission members needed: Please consider volunteering to help. Park Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday and the Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday monthly.

Hey Kids—Need a cool-down on a hot summer day?

Jump on the swim bus on Thursdays at West Side Park.

Cost: \$4.00

Includes bus ride & pool admission.

Bus leaves West Side Park east parking lot at 12:15 pm & returns at 4 pm, thru August 11.



Deputy Tracey Pagel is checking for house numbers.

Deputy Pagel is reminding all homeowners your home needs a **VISIBLE** house number.

Emergency services has a much easier time finding you, she reminds residents.

Because this is very important, she has been checking homes in Eyota. If your house number is missing or barely



visible, she will be sending you a letter or paying you a visit.

A visible house number is needed for your safety in case of a fire truck or an ambulance trying to reach your home.

Protect your family members by giving your house clearly visible numbers! Deputy Pagel will give you a thumbs-up if you do.



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

Farmers Market: Every Wednesday, 4 to 8 pm, West Side Park pathway



**Your house
number is
needed!!
Recommended:
6 inch size**

Bike Safety for Kids

A new event for Eyota Days is the Bike Rodeo being held Thursday, July 14, near the Legion, 5 to 7 pm.

Kids bring your bikes and wear your helmets!

Event includes safety tips, helmet checks, safe route maps and prizes!



**Star
Wars
1979 version**



Outdoors Eyota Days Movie Night—Cans Film Festival

- ◆ Wednesday, July 13
- ◆ At dusk
- ◆ Outside Petit Music near South Front Street
- ◆ Bring lawn chairs
- ◆ Donate non-perishable canned goods for Channel One
- ◆ Concessions

HBC is laying fiber optic cable in every utility easement in Eyota this summer. Please do not remove utility marking paint and flags.

**Special Eyota Days Farmers Market!
Friday, 5 to 8 pm near the Legion.**