

CITY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016 Spring Issue



UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

March 24
April 14 & 28
May 12 & 26
June 9 & 23

View on Charter Channel 180 & HBC Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

April 13
May 11
June 8

EDA Meetings, 5pm at Arbor Gardens:

March 24
April 28
May 26
June 23

City Hall is closed:

May 30
July 4
September 5

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM VISIT TO EYOTA April 14-16

KEEP IN TOUCH:

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Mark your calendar & plan on having your voice heard at the Minnesota Design Team Visit to Eyota April 14-16



The Minnesota Design Team (MDT) is made up of volunteer professionals from the State of Minnesota, which includes architects, city planners and developers. They will be visiting and studying Eyota. Some specific challenges the MDT and the Eyota committee hope to tackle (and where we need MDT expertise) are: **Main Street revitalization** (design and economic development): **How to better activate open space: How to best coordinate city owned land, and privately owned land** in the development of a community/event center: **Connecting local and regional bicycle networks.**

MDT wants to hear from A LARGE VARIETY OF EYOTA'S RESIDENTS, YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT! This is an honorable event that happens only once in every 15 years. All ages and abilities plan to participate at one or all of the following opportunities to help shape Eyota's future for the next 15 years!

For more details, watch the Eyota City Website and City of Eyota Facebook page. For questions contact Committee Chair, Connie Meiners through the City of Eyota email:

eyota@cityofeyota.com or call Eyota City Hall

GIVE your opinion. Write what you LOVE, LIKE or you think NEEDS IMPROVEMENT in Eyota. **NOTEBOOKS** have been distributed to Eyota Market, Post Office, Café, City Hall, Legion, Church's and most of our other public establishments in town, and the enclosed opinion sheet for you to write down and share your ideas.

SUBMIT your photos. Lots of photos wanted! (See back page for details & deadline)

ATTEND the community events.

Friday 6 –6:45pm Apr 15: Community Pot Luck at the Eyota American Legion.

Friday 7—? April 15: Community Input Session following dinner at the Eyota American Legion.

Saturday 7pm, Apr 16: MDT presentation to the community at the DEHS Auditorium. The Design Team will present their ideas based on Eyota's ideas and input from photos, the notebooks and the Community Input Session.

2016 will be another busy year of Construction!

2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Construction will begin on a portion of the streets on the west side of town. Areas will be: Third Street SW from Center Avenue to Madison Avenue, Franklin Avenue SW from South Front Street SW to the alley between Third and Fourth Street SW, Lafayette Avenue from Second Street SW to the alley between Third and Fourth Street SW, and portions of Center Avenue. The main purpose of this construction is to replace the original water mains, but will also include sanitary sewer manholes, storm sewers with curb and gutters. Construction bids will be received March 22. If those bids are satisfactory the contract will be awarded March 24. Construction could start as early as May. Check the website for updated information.

Completion of the 2015 project for the streets on the east side of town will be the final / second lift or wear course of blacktop.

Sixth Street SW Reconstruction.

Sixth Street from South Avenue to Madison Avenue will have the blacktop removed/ reclaimed and replaced. Construction bids will be received March 22. Construction will be requested to be completed prior to Eyota Days.

Dollar General Store

A building permit application has been submitted, approved and paid for, to construct a Dollar General store across the street from Arbor Gardens. Construction could start at any time.

Stone Garden Estates

The fifteen parcel single family residential subdivision construction is anticipated to continue as weather allows. This subdivision is east of Arbor Gardens. Contact John Keefe, 507-932-4656 for more information.



ARBOR GARDENS EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

Shelly Holst - Service Excellence
Shirley Thompson - Teamwork
Jessica Prudoehl - Quality Caregiver
 Congratulations to these three Arbor Garden employees who have earned an employee excellence award December 2015. They are the second recipients of a new semi-annual recognition program. For their hard work and effort, each employee received a certificate and a monetary award.

WELCOME EYOTA'S NEWEST BUSINESS

Unwind Locally! You no longer have to leave Eyota for a massage! Lisa Jo Mickelson has opened her massage business, 'Naturally Hip Massage' 515 Jefferson Ave SW (next door to Kid's Korner).

Lisa is a graduate from the Minnesota School of Business. She is offering a **15% discount to first time clients** and, with a VA ID card, **Veteran's receive 15% off for every visit.**

Call or email Lisa to set up your appointment: **507-272-2494** or **lisajo_24@hotmail.com**

Mark your calendar for the CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

May 20-21

Sponsored by the Women of Eyota

FARMERS MARKET 2016

Organizational meeting for vendors (new and old will be **April 5 3:30 at City Hall**

Every Tuesday starting around the end of May thru mid October

If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please email:

EyotaFarmersMarket@cityofeyota.com

Connect with the Farmers Market on Facebook



Local Compost Site hours: WEEKENDS ONLY through May 1 are **Sat: 10am -3pm Sun: 1pm -3pm (will be closed Saturday, June 11)**

This site is for Eyota Residents Only. Please take note that this is a "Compost Site" not a dump site and accepted materials are limited.

LOCATION: 13314 Cty Rd 142 SE (about 1/2 mile east of DE elementary. 1st place on the right)

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: leaves, grass clippings, branches, trees (including Christmas trees) NO stumps & NO dumping

HOURS OF OPERATION: Winter (Nov 1 through May 1) open weekend hours only Sat 10am -3pm & Sun 1pm -3pm. May 2 through Oct 31st Mon-Fri 5:30pm -8pm in addition to the weekend hours.

****Please respect the hours and rules as this is PRIVATE property****

SUMMER PARK & REC ~NEW DIRECTOR & NEW ACTIVITIES!

The City of Eyota has hired *Ryan Scheevel* as the NEW Summer Park & Rec Director!

Look for the registration packet to come home in your child's backpack the week of March 21st.

General Program Dates: June 7 – July 29, No Activities 7-1 to 7-7 **Swim Bus to St. Charles Aquatic Center:** There will still be 2 trips each week Tuesday & Thursday

There are many new activities and a variety of pricing and time slots which gives the ability to take part in multiple activities. Including **Adaptive Rec Program** for K-12 grade with intellectual & physical disabilities.

WOW—"What's on Wednesday" These are additional activities that can be signed up for. There will be 4 different 'field trips' scheduled on a Wednesday. Including Niagara Cave; Eagle Bluff; and Valley Fair. The 4th WOW is currently being planned.

So, **READ** the registration packet which will be put on the **city web-site - Department tab** then **Park & Rec program**, week of 3-21-16

PROPERTY ABATEMENT: Have Pride in Your Property & Your City

With spring and almost summer here—we once again strive to create a city-wide awareness for the City's Nuisance Ordinance. The aim of this ordinance is increasing the quality of life for every person who lives within the City of Eyota. The hope is having a healthier living environment for everyone.

One definition of a nuisance as listed in Eyota City Ordinance # 109 is:

Maintains or allows a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, comfort or rest of any considerable number of members of the public.

Examples from Ord. #109—Declared to be a Nuisance:

- ◆ Storage in the open of discarded or disused machinery, tires, household appliances or other material, in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice or vermin.
- ◆ Accumulations or refuse, other debris or garbage.

- ◆ Conditions which, in the opinion of the enforcement officer and as consistent with public health practices, are conducive to the harborage or breeding of vermin.

Are these in your yard? Uncontrolled grass or vegetation, discarded appliances, tires, or abandoned, disabled, and unlicensed vehicles. For a complete list of nuisances related to the City's Ordinance please see the complete Nuisance Ordinance on the City of Eyota's website or stop at the Eyota City Hall to request a paper copy.

The City hopes that awareness will lead to a pro-active response on your part to any issues that may meet the criteria outlined in the ordinance. The City also understands that taking care of these issues can sometimes be a time consuming process which is not always easily accomplished. If you feel there may be some items or problems that need to be resolved on your property and have questions regarding them you may contact Eyota City Hall.

2016 COMMUNITY GARDEN

Interested in renting a garden plot in the Community Gardens located in Sunset Square Park near the Am Legion? Contact City Hall (545-2135).

Gardens will be available to **rent starting April 4** at \$20 per plot and signing a rental agreement. Plots available: 18 plots are 12 x 16 foot space and 12 are two 3 x 12 foot raised beds. Previous gardeners have first choice in keeping their plots. If all plots are not rented, after May 15 a gardener may rent a second plot. Water is available at the site.

Come to the **gardeners' meeting March 31 at 7pm** at City Hall. In 2016, gardeners are requested to volunteer 1 or 2 hours to help with preseason set-up (**April 23, 9am**) or end of season take down of the gardens. This is a project that can only be sustained with gardeners working together



NEW SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT, repairs planned



This past November the city purchased additional ramps for the skate park. At this time there are a number of repairs that need to be taken care of. A plan is being put in place for getting the repairs done early in the spring. As our weather is getting nicer, with periodic warm temperatures, **please be cautious**, and stay safe by refraining from using the new equipment until the city is able to complete the repairs.



City Announcements:

LIKE us on Facebook—Get up-to-date city announcements and emergency info: [facebook.com/Eyota.MN](https://www.facebook.com/Eyota.MN) or search for *City of Eyota, MN Government*.

Barking Dogs & Clean Yard: Please be attentive to your barking dog and dog waste in the yard. In the coming weeks your neighbors will want to have their windows open so please be considerate by keeping your dog quiet and cleaning the yard from the winter.

New Local Deputy: Dan Johnson is our new community officer for the city and school.

Found: Young girls bike. Call city hall to claim.

Storm Spotter Training: Free and open to all. Tue Mar 29, 6:30pm at Rochester Int'l Event Center. Sponsored by: Nat'l Weather Svc and Olmsted Cty Emergency Mgt.

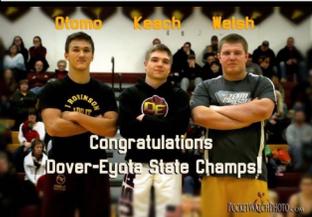
Reporting suspicious activity in town: Citizens are encouraged to use the Olmsted County Sheriff's office non-emergency number for reporting suspicious activities in city parks or in town. Call: **507-328-6800** **In light of the recent national and international events, be sure to call 911 for an emergency!**

No Transient Merchants Allowed: Door-to-door sales are **prohibited** in Eyota. If anyone comes knocking at your door selling, please alert law enforcement—non-emergency number: 328-6800. Exempt: school kids selling for fundraisers.

**NANCY EICHMAN
DEPUTY CLERK
TO RETIRE**

AFTER ALMOST 27 YEARS WITH EYOTA CITY HALL, Nancy, Deputy Clerk and Utility Billing Clerk, is ending her career March 31st.

Come in to city hall, during regular business hours, March 28-31 to have a treat and say thank you to Nancy for all her years of hard work for our community !



In February Michael Otomoto, Ryan Keach and Tanner Welsh, each, earned the Class A Individual State Wrestling Titles!! The 3 became the 8th 9th and 10th State Champs in school history! Also placing at the state competition was Reid Seelhammer in 4th place and Keaton Schaefer in 5th place. Congratulations to all!

Planning Commission Board Opening

Get involved in the community. Meetings are the third Wednesday each Month at 7pm. Contact City Hall for details.

Board of Appeal & Equalization

Monday, April 18 5-5:30

Your Property Value listed on your 2016 tax statement—Please call Olmsted County Assessor's Office 507-328-7670 prior to the Eyota Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting held at City Hall.

Call the county office if you have questions or concerns on the valuation or classification of your property. **Before** April 18th.

UTILITY RATES RISING

To Start on May's Utility billing

The Dover, Eyota, St. Charles Area Sanitary District increased the amount charged to the City January 1. The City will be studying the current sewer rates charged to Eyota property owners and increase the monthly rates accordingly. The water rates will also be evaluated to determine a required rate increase due to normal operating expense increases and additional cost to replace the water mains. Water and sewer rates increases are planned to be effective May 1, 2016.

Wouldn't it be convenient to get a text or email when



there is an urgent alert or event in our city? Go to our city website and sign up for the **ROCHESTER ALERT SYSTEM**. **The form, also enclosed with this newsletter**, can be found on the web-site or you may pick it up at city hall. This needs to be **completely** filled out then returned to city hall. This information will take time to compile please watch the web-site for the coming activation date.



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Gear up for spring and summer!

Minnesota Design Team Visit ~City Garage Sale~ Eyota Days
 Community Garden~ Summer Rec Program~ Farmers Market

The Minnesota Design Team would like to see **YOUR PHOTOS**

What is "The Minnesota Design Team?"
 Read about it inside on the front page!

Send in current photos of Eyota that you label as: **Love, Like, or needs improvement**. Or, perhaps, you may have **historical photos** you would like to share. When you submit the photos, please label where the photo was taken by either an Eyota landmark or address. Email the photos to: eyota@cityofeyota.com

*****Photo Deadline is April 3rd****

If you don't have a scanner to email your photos, don't worry, City Hall will help if you would like to share a photo. Simply come to city hall and it will be scanned and returned immediately. ***Sending in a photo(s) gives the MN Design Team committee permission to use the photo in visual and printed materials.*

2016 Eyota Summer Rec Program

Registration: Wednesday, March 30th 6-8pm or Saturday, April 2, 11-1 AND On-line soon to be added watch website for details

At Eyota City Hall, 38 South Front St. SW
 —late fee of \$15 for any registrations after April 2

See inside for more details!



~HELP WANTED~

Eyota Summer Rec Program is looking for responsible, fun and energetic adults and teens wanting to work with children ages 4 – 12 in a sports setting. The main focus of the job is supervising and coaching children on the fundamentals of sports in a safe, positive environment.

Applications are now be accepted and can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded off the city website. Completed applications must be submitted to City Hall. (38 South Front St., Eyota).

Pay: Starting at \$10hr.