

Eyota City News

MAY 2013

SUMMER ISSUE

Arbor Gardens Senior Living Celebrating 10 Years: Monday, July 15, 6 to 7:30 pm



Arbor Gardens of Eyota will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary on Monday, during the 2013 Eyota Days week.

The public is invited to stop by and listen to the Petit Sisters' live concert. Bring your lawn chair to come and enjoy the music and refreshments outside under a tent.

Tours of the senior housing facility will be available. Arbor Gardens offers independent and assisted living apartments. The reputation of the good food they serve is recognized by the seniors who enjoy the



Senior Dining program meals, Monday through Friday at 11:30 am.

Currently, Arbor Gardens has a waiting list for those wishing to move in. Respite care is also offered for seniors needing assistance for a limited time.

Arbor Gardens was built by the City of Eyota Economic Development Authority (EDA) in 2002-03 in the Stone Ridge development. The facility includes public meeting rooms where it hosts community meetings.

Residents are freed from the cares of home ownership, but have garden plots available.

Shop Eyota Farmers Market on Tuesdays: May 21 to October 8, 4 to 7 pm, West Side Park

On Tuesday, May 21st the Eyota Farmers Market opened for a third season. Returning for their third year as sellers are Clark Farms, Ron's Berry Farm, Laurie Meyer, Karen Loeding and Cathy Riley.

Sellers returning from our second season include Hoffmans, Barefoot Gardens, Ehlenfeldts, and Marcy Swan. One seller from our first season, returning after taking a season off, is Laurie Whitmore, with her husband Rod.

May buyers can purchase free range eggs, asparagus, rhubarb, bedding plants, perennials, herbs, salad greens, baked goods, honey, home canned items, crafts and more. Although we've had a cold spring, with seeds and sets in the ground and strawberries uncovered, we'll soon be back on track enjoying locally grown seasonal produce.

Stay tuned for new radishes, peas, beans, beets green onions and carrots. Usual dates for produce will be delayed this year. Raspberries and sweet corn, along with a bounty of tomatoes, cucum-

bers, potatoes, cabbage, and peppers will follow. Don't miss our end of the season apples, winter squash and pumpkins. Stop by weekly to enjoy eating the freshest produce possible. Use the conveniently located parking lot or come on foot or by bike. The market sets up weekly along West Side Park's walking pathway.



"Like" our Eyota Farmers Market Facebook page to get market updates.

Special days include a free chive plant with an herb planter demo at our May 28th market. Each week we'll continue to offer a drawing for \$5 merchandise certificates and other freebies. Seasonal recipes will again be available at the red Welcome Tent.

Customer appreciation day will be held on June 11th, to welcome back old customers and encourage new visitors. This is the first season sellers will be offering produce to EBT card holders. (See accompanying article, on page 3.) Our Kids' Day in 2013 will be held October 1st. Other special days will be announced.

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

June 13 & 27
July 11 & 25
August 8 & 22
View on Charter & HBC
Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm:

June 19—*Includes Public Hearing, updates on Animal Ordinance adding chickens, increasing cats/dogs to 3.*
July 17 (Dates subject to change.)
Aug. 21

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm:

June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11

City Hall is closed May 27 for Memorial Day.



Dover Brush Dump Hours

Wednesdays 5 to 8 pm
Saturdays 9 to Noon
(Weather Permitting)

Save these dates:

Eyota Days: July 15-21

KEEP IN TOUCH:

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- Website: eyota.govoffice.com
- Marlis, Nancy, Iris, Brad, Ben

What: Public Input Meeting—Best uses for sales tax money

When: Wednesday, June 5, starting at 6 pm

Where: Eyota City Hall, Eyota MN

The City of Eyota and EDA will be having a meeting on June 5th— for public input on project ideas for possible uses of Eyota's portion of Rochester's Sales Tax. The City expects to receive approximately \$211,000.

The sales tax money is to be used for economic development projects that are capital expenses. This meeting gives citizens a chance to give their ideas for the best use of the funds.

If interested in submitting a project/idea, please email Mayor Tyrel Clark: EyotaMayor@cityofeyota.com or eyota@cityofeyota.com.

Each presenter will be allowed 5 minutes to present their ideas. Each presentation is followed by a 5 minute question and answer period.

This is your chance to come and share your ideas for ways to improve Eyota.

See Eyota Website for Project Submission Form:

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Project Name

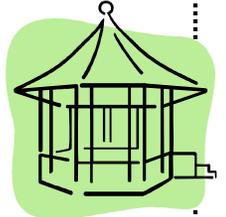
Location

Description

Goal(s)

EDA Impact:

Attachments



Property Abatement: It's spring & time to clean up your property.

In an effort to increase the quality of life for every person who lives within the City of Eyota, efforts are being taken to initiate a city-wide awareness for the City's Nuisance Ordinance. The hope is having the result of a healthier living environment for everyone.

The following is the definition of a nuisance as listed in Eyota City Ordinance # 109.

(1) 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; or

(2) Interferes with, obstructs or

renders dangerous for passage, any public highway or right-of-way; or

(3) Is guilty of any other act or omission declared by law or this ordinance to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided.

A few examples of nuisances that exist within the City are uncontrolled grass or vegetation, discarded household 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 at <http://eyota.govoffice.com/>, 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.

Spend \$100 a month locally—& Recycle your income!

—Submitted by Cathy Enerson, Eyota's Economic Development Director

What does **Buy Local** do for you and for the community where you live? There are many layers to **Buy Local** that answer this question.

1. Money spent locally **stays in your community** rather than going to corporate salaries and benefits that are not spent within your community.
2. **Unemployment:** Local jobs and youth employment are critical to a vibrant community.
3. **Poverty:** Unemployment leads to poverty, the less poverty among a community the stronger you and your neighbors become.
4. **Green:** Availability to drive or walk to a nearby store or your employer saves money on gas, car expenses and increases your valuable time at home.

5. **Impact of the economic multiplier:** One hundred dollars spent on the Internet is \$100, but when spent locally the impact is 7 times greater. Your money has the effect of \$700 more dollars to your local community.

Think about this, the expansion of national, corporate chains has diverted our vital money stream. Corporate spending is centralized, and a great deal of it is going overseas. Money is spent on large capital expenditures and non-American jobs. This depletes the local economy of recirculated income. It is your small local businesses that employ our local insurance agent, attorneys, graphic designers, accountants, and bookkeepers, not the corporation. Our



local economy suffers from unemployment or underemployment due to this change which equates to more poverty and stress for you or your neighbors.

If you were to spend \$100 per month locally you can work to change this trend. Your \$100 monthly, multiplied by 1,000 households, will bring \$1.2 million dollars back to your community. Multiplied by 7 that is over \$8 million dollars impacting the local economy and it is feasible for you to do this! You know the importance of recycling trash, with a concentrated effort to spend \$100 locally you can recycle and recirculate your income.

Sources: Tricia Truit, Earth and Sky Collective and Charts and information from sustainable Seattle, Civic Economics and Yes magazine.

Transient Merchants Not Allowed in Eyota

- A new ordinance prohibits door-to-door sales in Eyota.
- School kids selling for non-profits are not prohibited.
- Two merchants have permits already in effect before new ordinance was passed.
 - ⇒ Rocky Mountain Insulation (Expires 7-12-13)
 - ⇒ Heyday Distributing—Kirby vacuums & shampoos (Expires 1-28-14).

Updating the Animal Ordinance: Dogs, Cats and Chickens

The Eyota Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing to receive comments on proposed changes to the animal ordinance.

Hearing: Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 pm, City Hall.

The current ordinance limits ownership to a total of two animals: dogs or cats. The proposed change will increase that to a total of three animals, any combination of dogs or cats. The proposed ordinance will also allow chickens in R-1 (single family residential) zoning districts: limited to a maximum of 6 hen chickens, no roosters, no free range chickens, no mobile coops, coops limited to a maximum of 24 square feet, enclosed chicken runs limited to a maximum of 24 square feet, zoning and building code regulations will apply, annual permit required and penalties for ordinance noncompliance will be enforced. Written public comments are also encouraged to be submitted prior to the public hearing.



City Announcements:

New Play Equipment to be Installed at Freedom Park. The Park Board planned another park renewal project for 2013. Along with adding play equipment, the backstop fencing behind home plate has been replaced. To make room for the new equipment, the small shelter near the current equipment was removed.

NEW Council Meeting Starting Time: 7 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays of month. View meetings on Channel 19 for Charter or HBC TV.

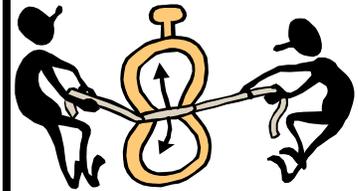
Contact info for Eyota Mayor Tyrel Clark: EyotaMayor@cityofeyota.com

Business Owners: May 7th a number of local business owners gathered at the Country Cafe to discuss future networking, a bulk mailing stamp opportunity, and additional commercial signage on Highway 14. If you are interested in the bulk mailing opportunity please call Vicky Arendt at [507-951-5826](tel:507-951-5826).

Summer Projects: The City has two major construction projects this summer. The South Ave. road project will repave and resolve drainage issues. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project will add sidewalks and trails by fall.

Automatic Water/Sewer Payments—

Free up personal time... Sign up for ACH payment of your monthly city water and sewer payments.



Download form from our website: Go to Notices to Citizens—Water/Sewer bill can be paid automatically. Complete, return to City Hall with a voided check.

Open positions on Park Board & and Planning Commission. Contact City Hall if interested. Members now receive \$25 stipend per meeting attended.

IMPORTANT WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!

Eyota Residents watch your mailbox.

Soon you will be receiving a health care survey that will enable the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to study the health care and facility needs of the Eyota residents. Your EDA board is using the Senior Housing Demand Study, performed last winter, to determine the need for a partnership with a health clinic at Arbor Gardens. The partnership will assist with Arbor Garden's future growth and benefit the community. It is very important that you answer all the questions on the survey. Your reply will shape that vision and uncover the community's own unique health care choices and needs.

When you see or receive the survey, please return your survey to enable 100% city wide participation, the board is dependent on your input and participation to grow Eyota in the best direction for its residents!

Eyota Farmers Market:

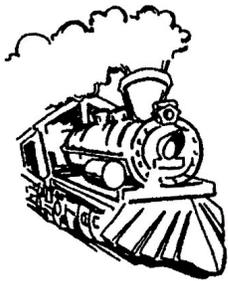
Accepting SNAP—EBT cards in 2013, Offering EBT customers Bonus Bucks

Through a grant from the Center for Prevention of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota, the Eyota Farmers Market will be available to EBT customers.

Card holders can stop by the red welcome tent to have their cards swiped—they will receive tokens to use at individual participating vendors. Those displaying the EBT logo will make sales to SNAP customers. Tokens may be used for produce, canned goods, herbs, baked goods and bedding vegetable or herb plants.

Additionally, Blue Cross is also making Bonus Bucks coupons available to EBT customers. At each weekly market, for the first \$5 taken from their card, they receive an additional \$5 in coupons to spend on SNAP merchandise.

The Eyota Farmers Market pairs with other participating farmers markets in Minnesota, that accept EBT cards, in the Bonus Bucks program.



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Congrats to Arbor Gardens Celebrating 10 Years of Senior Living

**EYOTA FARMERS MARKET
 On Tuesdays!
 West Side Park, 4 -7 pm**

Welcome to

The Economic Development Authority would like to welcome **Terry and Lisa Johnson** as new business owners in the City of Eyota. They are the owners and operators of the laundromat and former Zen building.

Welcome **Dr. Michelle Knutson to the Eyota Vet Clinic!** Dr. Knutson brings her many years of experience to Eyota. Dr. Knutson is complimenting the existing services offered by Dr. Ode and his staff.

Important Upcoming Dates

- May 28, 4 to 7 pm:** Farmers Market—Herb planter demo and free chives plant.
- June 5, 6 pm at City Hall:** Public Input Meeting for use of Sales Tax.
- June 11, 4 to 7 pm:** Farmers Market Customer Appreciation Day
- June 19, 7 pm, City Hall:** Hearing on updated animal ordinance, adding chickens, additional cat or dog.
- July 15, 6 to 7:30 pm, Arbor Gardens:** Celebration of 10 year anniversary
- July 15-21:** Eyota Days
- August 6:** National Night Out, Stop at Eyota Farmers Market

