

Eyota City News

OCTOBER 2012

FALL ISSUE

Trees Planted in West Side Park: 1st of 2 plantings for DNR Native Tree Planting Grant

City public works staff, Brad Boice and Joe Rowekamp, planted 81 new trees in West Side Park in October. Local contractor Tom Connaughty volunteered help planting 6 large balled and burlapped lindens.

The City was awarded a DNR grant of \$11,100 to add over 150 trees to West Side Park, in 2012-14. The primary purpose of the plantings was to start replacing the non-native Austree willows along the east edge of the park. Several of the willows died within the last 3 years, which raised concerns for a long term solution. The grant allows planting only trees considered native to MN.

With the strong winds coming off the open farm fields, lines of evergreen trees were planted to help slow down the winds affecting the farmers market area, parking lot and the ice skating rink. Evergreens included in new plantings: Black Hills Spruce, red cedar, Techny arborvitae and white pine.

A double row of evergreens were planted along the west edge of the ice skating rink to replace Austree willows cut down earlier this summer. The inside row is Techny arborvitae and the outer row is Black Hills spruces.

Other plantings included shade trees along the pathway—seven hackberries near the farmers market site, six lindens

along the baseball dugouts and toward the upper parking lot, and six elms along the upper pathway and NW park entrance. The locations chosen for some shade trees take into account current locations of green ash, as they are susceptible to the Emerald Ash Borer.

A line of new red cedars starts at the NE corner of the ice rink going toward the skate park, just inside the willows.

Several groupings of 3 evergreens, either white pine or Black Hills spruce, were added to provide islands of green color throughout the year, near the pathway.

Additional plantings will be established next year to areas in the central and north areas of West Side Park, in conjunction to a new trail leading to Second Street. (See Safe Routes to School Grant on page 3.)

Compliance with the terms of the grant include completing a city tree ordinance and creating a plan to maintain the new trees. Willows removed earlier this year were chipped and used for mulch on the new trees.

The DNR grant application and tree planting plan was written by city employee Iris Neumann; she is a Minnesota Tree Advisor and DNR Tree Inspector. The trees were purchased from the Viola Nursery and Greenhouse.



Candidates for Mayor & Council—Vote Nov. 6th

The City of Eyota has two Council terms for 4 years open. Two candidates have filed: **Tony Nelson** (incumbent) and **Bryan Cornell**.

Two candidates have filed for the 2 year mayor

term: **Tyrel Clark** and **Steven Wilkinson**.

Current Mayor Wes Bussell and Councilman Joe Loftus are not running for reelection. Other current council members include Ray Schuchard, Tony Nel-

son and Tyrel Clark.

Find candidate and ballot info online under "My Ballot," myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/

Be sure to vote for your choices on Nov. 6th, 7 am to 8 pm at the Dover-Eyota High School Auditorium.

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall:

7:30 pm

October 25

November 8 & 19

December 13 & 27

Truth & Taxation Meeting:

Dec. 13, 7:45 pm

Levy amount for 2013 finalized.

View meetings on Charter & HBC Channel 19

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm:

November 15

December 20

January 17

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm:

November 14

December 12

January 9

City Hall is closed:

Thanksgiving: Nov. 22 & 23, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

Dover Brush Dump Hours

Saturdays, 9 am to noon

Until November 17.

(Weather Permitting)

No Overnight Street

Parking: November 1st to

April 1st. (2 to 6 am)

Rabies Vaccination Day

at Eyota Vet Clinic: Dec. 1, 9 to Noon

KEEP IN TOUCH:

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- Facebook: [Eyota.MN](https://www.facebook.com/Eyota.MN)
- Website: eyota.govoffice.com
- Marlis, Nancy, Iris, Brad, Joe

Eyota Farmers Market Ends 2012 Season



The Eyota Farmers Market ended its second year on October 9th. It was held at West Side Park along the pathway near the west parking lot.

After moving from Wednesday to Tuesday evenings, 4 to 7 pm, some customers didn't initially realize the change. By the end of the season, a total of 30 vendors had sold at the market.

The final market day turned cold and windy, but eight regular vendors were on hand with home canned goods, home baked goods, garden vegetables, pumpkins, locally produced honey, perennial plants, herbs, apples, eggs and home sewn doll clothes and other items.

A change from the initial year, when start-up expenses were paid by a \$5,000 federal CPPW (Communities Putting Prevention to Work) grant, was the addition of sponsors for music, activities and special events.

Thanks to the following sponsors:

- ◆ **Eastwood Bank** for the 4-H Pet Demonstration Day
- ◆ **Mayor Wes Bussell** for giving \$150 for West Side Walkers.
- ◆ **HBC** for an iPod used for music and market bags given away on two market days.
- ◆ **Petit Music** for loaning us speakers for our music.
- ◆ **Charter Communications** for two Kids' Days—allowing us to buy treats and give away coupons for purchase of items from vendors.
- ◆ **Olmsted County Health** for recipes & books to give away, plus staff help at the Kid's Days.

Vendor fees paid for advertising.

Farmers Market fans were updated weekly on Facebook about items to purchase or the latest recipes available at the Welcome Tent. The selection of

seasonal recipes varied weekly, allowing market-ers to try different ways of preparing fresh produce sold by vendors. Customers could choose their prize—a book, a bag, a plant or \$5 Farmers Market Bucks if their name was drawn in a weekly drawing.

City staff, with the help of Justin Franklin for set-up and special event days, managed the market and manned the welcome booth weekly. Thanks to Tyrel & Logan Clark for volunteering help with take-down.

A special thank you to Jenna Clark (June 5 & Sept. 25) & Tina Cornell (Sept. 25) for supervising crafts at the Kids' Days.

A successful market needs a balance of enough vendors and customers. We thank vendors for faithfully setting up each week & our loyal customers.

News from Cathy Enerson, Eyota's EDA Director: The Future for Arbor Gardens, Eyota's Senior Community

The Eyota Economic Development Authority (EDA) contracted with View Point Consulting to perform a senior housing demand assessment study for the City of Eyota. Preparing for the future needs and changing requirements of our seniors is a proactive approach by the EDA that will benefit the well being and longevity of Arbor Gardens and the Eyota's residents.

The cost of the study was funded 70 percent by AgStar and 30 percent by the City of Eyota. The study provides information to determine if land and building space is required for future growth at Arbor Gardens. The report identifies the demand and expansion needs in the

primary market area of Eyota. The research consisted of area data, national trends and a local focus group.

The assessment suggests a growth of 15 to 21 residences. Independent living was the largest growth area, followed by six to eight (6 - 8) additional assisted living residences. The study suggests offering services like enhanced care and memory care to provide long term living arrangements for seniors at one location.

To meet future demand, adding a medical clinic with a therapy room, walking paths and a larger dining space were suggested in the report.

Compliments were received and especially directed at the generous size of most apartments, and for features such as balconies, personal washers and dryers, and the local staff.

Arbor Gardens is managed by Tealwood Care Centers; our local, on site manager is Don Rademacher.

The EDA will carefully consider the senior demand study when making decisions for Arbor Garden's future. Area residents wishing to comment on the information or wishing to review a copy of the study, should contact City Hall at 507-545-2135, or email eyota@cityofeyota.com

Thanks to Dave Jorde of Eyota!

The Economic Development Authority & Park Board of the City of Eyota are grateful for the volunteer services provided by David Jorde, Eyota resident and employee of Alliant Energy. David and his crew dug post holes for a City way-finding sign and the two (2) new light poles for solar lights at West Side Park.

The post holes were dug to the depths required by the engineered specs provided by the City's inspection contracting firm, CMS. This was a cost savings to the City and its taxpayers in excess of \$1,000. The EDA wishes to applaud Alliant's civic responsibility policy and David's commitment to the community.



Absentee Voting Registration Changed in Olmsted County

New Location: 1421 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester—on east side of Olmsted Co. Fairgrounds
General Election absentee voting began Sept. 21.

Contacting the office: Stop in-person or visit website at olmstedcounty.com or call them at 507-328-7650 to do an absentee ballot by mail.

Hours for in-person voting: Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm, Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 am-3 pm.

Eyota's Safe Routes to School Grant—Implementation in 2013

To make biking and walking to school safer in Eyota

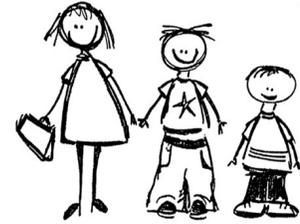
ADDING:

- ◆ 4.5 Blocks of new sidewalk
- ◆ Extension of pathways: Knowledge Road & from the West Side Park loop path to 2nd Street
- ◆ 29 Pedestrian ramps replaced to improve accessibility

- ◆ Elementary Speed Zone—to better control speeds on Knowledge Road.
- ◆ 2 New crosswalks on 5th Street & 6th Street
- ◆ 2 Additional bike racks for the school

Check our map at City Hall for locations of improvements.

Engineers have been staking for project—please leave stakes.



City Announcements:

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**

Shovel Sidewalks within 12 hours after a snowfall—Required by ordinance.

Curfews for Minors in Eyota: For ages 16 & under—be home between 10 pm to 5 am. For age 17 curfew is 12 midnight to 5 am.

Dogs: Citizens are reminded to keep their dogs on a leash outside your yard. Remember to clean up after your pet when out walking in town.

Parks: Bathrooms are closed for the season.

Open positions on Park Board and Planning Commission:
Contact City Hall if interested. Make a difference in your community—**Volunteer.** *You are needed!*



City staff will pick up leaves left curbside **IF** they are bagged in 30 gallon paper bags—available at City hall for \$1 Ea., \$5 for bundle of 5.

NOTICE: Community Gardeners Fall Work Day is Sunday, November 18, at 2 pm.

We need help removing fences & adding soil to raised beds. Individual gardeners need to clean weeds and plant vegetation from their plots.



Rabies Clinic for Cats & Dogs Saturday, Dec. 1st, 9 am to Noon
Eyota Vet Clinic
\$19, no charge for office visit
Pet Licensing Available

More Trains Coming?

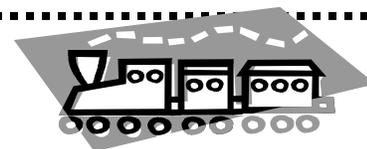
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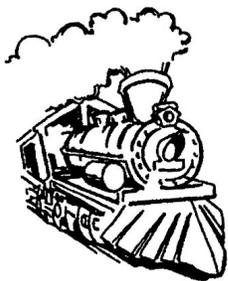
A study is in progress to analyze possible future freight rail traffic and the potential to mitigate or relocate the DM&E railroad through Rochester, Olmsted and Dodge County.

The Olmsted County Regional Railroad Authority initiated the study: funded by a \$487,000 federal grant and the remaining 10 percent paid with your tax dollars.

An informational open house will be held **Wednesday, November 14, 5-8 pm, Rochester Community Technical College, Heinz Commons.**

Please attend and learn more about the speculation of future train traffic and how that traffic should be controlled. Detailed information on the Southeastern Minnesota Freight Rail Capacity Study can be found at www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/src/





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P.O. Box 328
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Permit No. 12
Eyota, MN 55934
Presort Standard

Postal Patron
Eyota, MN 55934

Don't forget to license your dog or cat by December 31st!

Pet license is \$10

(\$5 if spayed or neutered)

After Dec. 31, late fee of \$10 added.

2013 licenses available

beginning November 1, 2012.

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FOR SALE
Townhome Lots
\$7,500

Contact City Hall for purchase details!
Additional New Construction Permit Savings of \$2,250.00

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FOR SALE

3 Single Family Lots

Priced mid 20's

(price includes the current assessments)

Contact City Hall for details



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Single Family Lots for Sale

Contact City Hall to discuss purchasing one of the three remaining single family lots in Stone Ridge subdivision. The cost of a lot with paid assessments is in the mid \$20,000. Save even more with the new construction permit savings promotion available through December 2012. That promotion is an additional savings of \$2,250.