

Eyota City News

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FALL ISSUE

Coming in 2014—Trails and Sidewalks

Two different grants will add new options for biking and walking in town.



Recently, the City was awarded a DNR Connections Grant to create a 10 foot wide asphalt trail from Carolann Street to Second Street, paralleling Highway 42 for most of the length.

Initially, the City's grant request for a trail to provide a safe connection between neighborhoods north and south of the railroad was denied. However, additional funding from the legislature allowed our request for a trail to be granted. Some matching funds were required; these were added to the 2014 City budget.

A Safe Routes To School (SRTS)

Grant for \$355,950 had been slated for construction in 2013. However, bids came in higher than feasible (with only one bid), so the project is delayed until 2014.

The SRTS grant included two other trail portions to connect the trail in West Side Park to Second Street and to parallel Knowledge Road between Jefferson and Robert Avenues.

Existing sidewalks in Eyota will have upgraded accessibility ramps. Several sections of sidewalk will be added to connect pathways and add a safe walking zone near the high school bus garage.



Kids' Day at Eyota Farmers Market, October 1st

Come to enjoy a RAINBOW of food and fun at the market!

The Eyota Farmers Market is again offering a Kids' Day at the market on **October 1st**. The market is open through October 8th on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 pm, along the pathway at West Side Park.

Don't miss our fun activities, plus kids earn Farmers Market BUCKS to spend on treats at the vendor stalls. Vendors will be offering special treats for 50 cents or \$1. Purchase them using FM Bucks or cash.

1. Stop at welcome table to get a \$1 FM Buck coupon, book marker, veggie sticker, bag and bottle of water.
2. Olmsted County Health is offering fun food exhibits, temporary food tattoos and ideas for healthy kid snacks.
3. I Tried It! Stickers for trying rainbow colored sweet peppers with dip.
4. Scavenger Hunt for a rainbow of veggie and fruit tokens. Collect all colors and receive an additional \$1 FM Buck coupon from the welcome table.
5. Walk or bike the loop pathway in West Side Park to receive \$1 FM Buck.
6. Register your bike with Deputy Tracey Pagel. Protect your bike investment by having a special serial number sticker placed on your bike.

7. Enjoy crafts—paint a pumpkin, string a necklace, etc.

To all our shoppers...

Stop by the market to pick out your pumpkins for carving or fall decorating. Plenty of fall squash are available, plus a supply of peppers and tomatoes. We still have raspberries, potatoes, herbs, eggs, apples and other late season produce.



Purchase jellies, jams and other home canned items. Choose from home baked pies, breads, cakes and cookies. Home sewn American Girl doll clothes are still available. Take home a houseplant or potted herb to cheer your indoors this winter.

A special thank you to our vendors who have supplied us with a RAINBOW selection of produce to purchase this season.

Another THANKS to our regular and occasional shoppers—without your support, we could not have a market!

We encourage using EBT to shop and offer a bonus \$5 Market Bucks each market day for EBT users (*sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield Center of Prevention*).

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

October 10 & 24
November 14 & 26
December 12 & (to be determined)
Truth-in-Taxation: Dec. 12 at 7:15 pm
View on Charter & HBC

Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm:

October 16
November 20
December 18

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm:

October 9
November 13
December 11

City Hall is closed November 28 & 29, December 25.

Dover Brush Dump Hours

Saturdays 9 to Noon
Through October
(Weather Permitting)

KEEP IN TOUCH:

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Golf Carts & ATVs to be Street Legal in 2014—Provided owner licenses the vehicle after January 1st and follows new ordinance guidelines.

Although a new ordinance will allow licensed ATVs and golf carts on city streets, owners are reminded **these vehicles are NOT allowed on city trails or in city parks.**

The two new ordinances passed at the September 12th Council meeting.

Owners will be required to purchase an annual permit at City Hall

for \$25 and display the license sticker on their vehicle.

Requirements include (but not limited to) that the driver must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid drivers license.

Top speed allowed for ATVs and golf carts is 15 miles per hour. The owner must prove current insur-

ance covering the vehicle.

Having a DNR permit for the vehicle will not be sufficient for driving one's ATV through town. Owners outside of town, that wish to drive within city limits, need to purchase a city license.



Vehicles are expected to follow the same traffic laws as a car.

UPDATES—New look for website, New Freedom Park equipment, South Ave. Project nears completion

The City website has a new look, but the old information is still there—just in different locations.

There are fewer overall tabs to create a neater look on the website home page. Thought was given to how a visitor might view the website—thus a new description of our city was added.

Residents will find information pertinent to them under the “Citizens” tab. General city business can be found under the “Departments” tab. Check out the History of Eyota tab for old time photos and a timeline for the development of the city.

Thanks to a 2013 Park Board project, **Freedom Park** now has additional play equipment and new manufactured wood mulch instead of pea rock. A section of pea rock was reserved for two ‘diggers.’ Added pieces include climbing equipment, bouncers and a spinner. An older shelter was removed from the park.

A new ball field backstop fence replaces a much repaired and wired together former backstop.

Thanks to the advertisers who paid to have large placards with their info in the outfield at Freedom.

The **South Avenue street project** is nearing completion. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused, especially with the opening of school.

The project was a joint effort with the county to improve the surface of South Ave and storm water drainage issues. Most efforts were concentrated on the intersection of 5th and 6th Streets.

Construction was done by Pember Companies from Menomonie, WI.

EYOTA TOWNHOME LOT ASSESMENTS REDUCED! PURCHASE LOTS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$14,000

The Eyota Economic Development Authority recently recommended lowering the property assessments on the 8 townhome lots located in Stone Ridge Subdivision. The lot cost is \$7,500 but the addition of City of Eyota assessments makes the total cost for each twin lot \$14,000. (One must buy two lots to construct a twin home, as required by zoning.) The City of Eyota recently reduced their charge for the assessments.

Lots are purchased by contacting Olmsted County Property Records at 507-328-7670. The procedure for purchasing the lots can be found on the City's website under the Tab EDA, using the link: Lots for Sale. (Note that the assessments stated on the websites are total assessments, however a unanimous vote by City Council lowered the actual amount assessed). Contact Marlis Knowlton at City Hall 507-545-2135 with any questions on the assessments.

PERMITTING FEES WAIVED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION ADDITIONAL SAVINGS OF \$2,250

(Permit fees waived: Program effective until 12/31/13)

3 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES FOR SALE IN STONE RIDGE PURCHASE LOTS FOR \$20,000

The total lot cost, with added assessments, totals in the mid 20,000's. Each lot varies in price.

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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.
- Heyday Distributing—Kirby vacuums & shampoos has a prior permit in effect until 1-28-14.
- IF ANYONE SELLING ANYTHING, knocks on your door, please identify them and contact law enforcement's non-emergency number: 328-6800.

Updating the Animal Ordinance: Dogs, Cats and Chickens

A new animal ordinance allows a maximum three pets per household—cats or dogs. In addition, homeowners are allowed to have up to 6 chickens.

Those wishing to raise chickens may have only hens. They need to pay for a permit to erect their chicken structure and pen, costing \$50. An annual permit is required to keep chickens, the fee is \$25 each year. Chickens must be banded with bands provided when the hens are licensed. No other fowl are allowed under the new ordinance.

REMINDER—All dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2013. Renewals begin on November 1st. The fee is \$10 per animal or \$5 if animals neutered or spayed. Bring proof of rabies when registering. Register by Dec. 31st to avoid paying a \$10 late fee for each animal.



City Announcements:

Reminder—No PARKING on city streets overnight from November 1 to April 1.

Owners of homes with adjoining sidewalks are reminded they need to shovel the snow off these sidewalks during the winter months.

Council Meeting Starting Time: 7 pm, usually 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

Fall Leaf Pickup: Please use only large 30 gallon paper bags for leaves. They are for sale at City Hall for \$1 each. Bags (not plastic) may be placed on curbside for fall pickup.

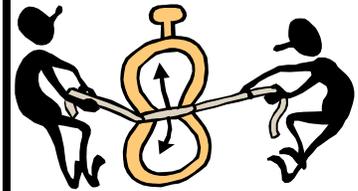
Burning—Please be reminded of our campfire Ordinance 116. Fires must be recreational not be more than 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet high.

LOST & FOUND: Skate helmet and backpack are at City Hall.

Rabies & Pet Licensing Clinic—Date not yet determined, please check our website (usually held in December)..

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 Citizens/Notices to Citizens—Water/Sewer bill can be paid automatically. Complete, return to City Hall with a voided check.

Eyota Volunteer Fire Dept. Relief Association Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 13th

7:30 am to 12:30 pm

Eyota American Legion



\$5 Adults

\$4 Children (Age 6-13)

Kids 5

& under FREE

Or \$20 per family



Serving—Pancakes, French toast, Scrambled eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

EYOTA RESIDENTS ARE AMAZING!

YOUR EYOTA RESIDENT, RESPONSE RATE TO THE HEALTH NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE WAS A FANTASTIC 55.5%

The total Eyota area response rate was 43.5%!! Thank you from the Economic Development Authority (EDA) (Data will be released.)

FOR QUESTIONS ON STARTING OR EXPANDING A BUSINESS, PLEASE CONTACT EDA DIRECTOR: Cathy Enerson at City Hall 507-545-2135, or cathy.enerson@cedausa.com

Free SBA services are available, including help with social media.

THE EYOTA MARKET IS BACK UNDER LOCAL OWNERSHIP! STOP IN OFTEN TO BUY LOCAL AND LOOK FOR CHANGES.

One can find deli meals and purchase groceries without the need to drive into Rochester.



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Eyota, MN 55934
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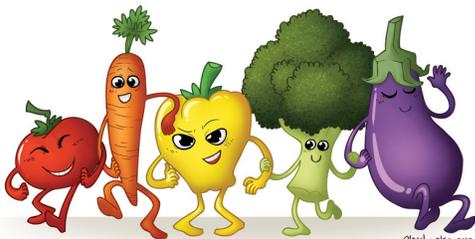
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Eyota, MN 55934

Make your life easier—Sign up for ACH autopay for water/sewer bills

**EYOTA FARMERS MARKET
KIDS' DAY!**

October 1, 4 -7 pm

Enjoy a RAINBOW of vegetables
at the Farmers Market Kids' Day!



**ATTENTION—School is
back in session!**

- ◆ Deputy Pagel asks PLEASE SLOW DOWN when driving near the high school and elementary school!
- ◆ OBEY all traffic signs—STOP where it says 'stop.'
- ◆ WATCH for walkers and bikers—Please safely share the road.



- ◆ Keep Knowledge Road and Sixth Street safe by slowing down, watching for kids & obeying traffic signs.