

# Eyota City News

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FALL ISSUE

## Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Service

New facility OPEN HOUSE & Garage Sale—753 Robert Ave.

It's taken years of planning, many sleepless nights, and countless volunteers, but it's finally a reality.

**Come join us for an OPEN HOUSE, Friday October 3, 2014, 5-8 pm at the new Ambulance Facility.**

Because of the donations from the communities we serve, fundraisers, and private benefactors, we have created an amazing facility dedicated to serving the health, safety and well-being of our community. Come see the new building and meet the team dedicated to serving you.

**Garage Sale, Saturday October 4, 7 am-Noon**—To raise funds for technology needs in the new facility. If you have an item you wish to donate for the

garage sale please contact a crew member, or Chris or Vicki Arendt (507-545-2868).



Eyota Volunteer Ambulance is a non-profit all-volunteer organization, comprised of Nationally Registered EMT's, EMR's, and certified Drivers, responding to emergencies 24/7/365.

They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month for a business meeting and training, and meet throughout the month for additional training, community events and to provide community education. It is a group brought together through fellowship, and a civic need to provide a greater good.

## Starting in 2015—Replacement of old 4-inch water mains Completion over 3 years, includes storm sewer & street improvements

After recent City Council approval, engineering began for a plan to upgrade all existing 4-inch water mains in Eyota.

Any mains having a 4-inch width are 60 to 70 years old. Current standards don't allow new construction of 4-inch water mains.

A 4-inch main is inadequate for water flow and presents a safety concern for fire protection. These lines are also potentially prone to failures due to age. If this important area of infrastructure is not upgraded, catastrophic failures can and will happen at high costs.

The project, estimated to cost between 4 to 5 million dollars, will be completed over three years. This will minimize the impact of overall cost and inconvenience.

Original sections in town, not already upgraded, will be included. This includes Franklin, Lafayette, Center, South and Washington Avenues, and Third and Fourth



Streets. Madison Avenue NW has a 4-inch main and will also be included.

While replacing the mains, streets may be re-graded, adding curb and gutters. Storm sewers could be added, where feasible. There are many older areas in town where small ditches are used for storm sewer flow.

The upgrade would also affect all areas of town where water supply flows are restricted by having dead-ended mains.

Current and future debt payment obligations have been reviewed by the Council. The proposed infrastructure project will have the least negative impact on taxpayers and utility customers by splitting construction over three years with the first construction beginning as early as 2015.

Costs will be paid through property tax assessments and utility rate increases (starting 10/1/14, see page 3).

Hearings for assessments may begin as early as this fall.

### UPCOMING DATES

#### Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm

September 11 & 25  
October 9 & 23  
November 13 & 24  
December 11 & 30  
Truth & Taxation Meeting: Dec. 11

View on Charter & HBC

#### Planning Commission Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

October 16  
November 20  
December 18

#### Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

October 8  
November 12  
December 10

#### City Hall is closed November 27 & 28 December 25

#### KEEP IN TOUCH:

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## Harvest Festival at Eyota Farmers Market: October 7, 4 to 7 pm

The Eyota Farmers Market will be celebrating its 4th season with a Harvest Festival on Tuesday, October 7th.

The festival will have something for all our customers. A free mum plant will be given to the first 30 adults. Kids can visit a pumpkin painting table and participate in other fun activities.

To mark the day, there will be a photo opportunity created by fall backdrop & farmer/scarecrow themed dress-ups. Post photos on Facebook. Enter a "dress-up" contest.

Free food samples prepared on site at the red welcome tent; take the recipe home. Pick up free seasonal recipes & enter drawing for a MN Farmers Market Cookbook.

In 2014, customers can come to the market without cash and use debit, credit or EBT cards in exchange for wooden tokens to spend at vendor booths. EBT customers are given an extra \$5 in coupons each week to purchase food at vendor booths.

The last market in 2014 will be held October 14th.

### Regular vendors include:

- ◆ **Lee's Apples**—Homegrown selection of apples.
- ◆ **Ehlenfeldt's Produce**—Honey, eggs, pumpkins & more.
- ◆ **Barefoot Gardens**—Home canned & fresh produce, pickles, jellies & jams.
- ◆ **Red Roof Goods**—Fresh baked breads, homemade granola and apple bars.
- ◆ **Karen Loeding**—Apple pies, plus a selection of quick breads and cookies.
- ◆ **Clark Gardens**—Variety of vegetables, eggs, herbs & plants.
- ◆ **Laurie Meyer**—American Girl doll clothes, other crafts.
- ◆ **Kathy Riley**—Fragrant goat milk soaps.
- ◆ **Lonesome Birch Farm**—Produce and home baked items.
- ◆ **Kyra Courson**—Produce, jam, eggs
- ◆ **Ron's Berry Farm**—Spring strawberries.



### Community Transportation

Eyota, Dover and St. Charles recently worked together to assess resident's transportation needs. It uncovered demand for community transportation. Together the three east-ern cities of Olmsted County will work together with MNDOT and SEMCAC to run two community buses in 2015.

The buses will provide public transportation for all ages and abilities. Preschools, daycares, working parents with children that do not drive, and seniors can benefit from community transportation and Eyota collaborating with its neighboring cities.

### Healthcare & Housing

The Eyota EDA is committed to preparing the City of Eyota for future growth. An Olmsted Co. housing study reflects the need for 241 new single family households, in an "east submarket" that includes Eyota, by 2030.

Based on the outcome of the health care questionnaire, providing community health care is a high priority to residents. The EDA will continue to work with private developers & businesses to attract health care to Eyota.

### New Commercial Construction Welcome B&C Plumbing and Heating



A new business is under construction in the commercial district of Eyota—near Arbor Gardens. B&C Plumbing and Heating will have 25 employees. Their project includes a retail showroom, visible on above photo.

The impact of 25 new jobs in Eyota, population of 2,000, is the same as 1,272 new jobs locating in Rochester, with its population of 106,000. The new tax base will be very beneficial to the school district.



Make it the future of your business,  
make it your home!

**Arbor Gardens**—Eyota's Senior Living Community  
*Sponsors Active Aging Week, Sept. 21-27*

*Promoting benefits for leading an active,  
healthier lifestyle.*

**For:** Adults ages 50 & older **Where:** Arbor Gardens

**Sunday,** Sept. 21, 2 pm—Family Day & Sundaes

**Monday,** Sept. 22, 3 pm—Autumnal Social with apple cider & caramel corn

**Tuesday,** Sept. 23, 2 pm—Doctor presentation on living healthy, foot care & fall prevention. Smoothies served.

**Wednesday,** Sept 24, 1:30 pm—Visit apple trees & make applesauce.

**Thursday,** Sept. 25, 11 am—Picnic at West Side Park. Bring a dish to pass. Walk pathways after eating.

**Friday,** Sept 26, 10 am—Well-Fit group stretching, strengthening muscles & improving balance

**Saturday,** Sept. 27, 2 pm—Craft Day, create fall arrangement.

**Eyota's senior living community, Arbor Gardens,** continues to thrive. There is a culture of continued improvement. Its management, staff, and financials are strong. It is an asset to Eyota. Address: 535 Canyon Drive NW.

## New Sewer/Water Rates Effective October 1, 2014

- ◆ **Current Rates** —————> **NEW RATES**
- ◆ Water (base rate): \$5.25 ———>**\$5.35**  
Sewer (base rate): \$11.25 ———>**\$11.80**  
Storm sewer (base) \$2.00 ———>**\$2.00**  
Test fee (base rate): \$0.53 ———>**\$0.53**  
**TOTAL base rate: \$19.03 ———>\$19.68 (\$0.65 increase)**
- ◆ For each 1,000 gallons water flow, or "Volume Charge"  
Water: \$3.35 —————>**\$3.45**  
Sewer: \$5.50 —————>**\$5.80**  
**TOTAL: \$8.85 —————>\$9.25**
- ◆ A 3,000 gallon user will see a net monthly increase: \$1.85

## REMINDER! TO ALL PET OWNERS

Cat, Dog, and Chicken Licenses expire  
on Dec. 31, 2014

**AVOID THE \$10.00 LATE FEES**

**Beginning in November, licenses for 2015 will be available at City Hall.**

For Cats and Dogs, proof of rabies vaccination from a certified veterinarian must be shown when applying for a pet license.

Fees for cats & dogs are \$10.00, (\$5.00 for neutered or spayed animals). Chicken Permit is \$25.00.

**(NOTIFY CITY HALL IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE SAME ANIMALS)**



## City Announcements:

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

**No Transient Merchants Allowed:** Door-to-door sales 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.

**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*.

**2014 Eyota Farmers Market Season:** Through October 14 on Tuesdays, 4 to 7 pm, in West Side Park. Weekly updates on EFM Facebook page. Contact Iris Neumann (ineumann@cityofeyota.com), if interested in selling.

**If you see a red light flashing**—on road to Dover in ditch near the school—this is a warning light for the city's lift station. **Please notify us.**

**Do not park or drive semi-trucks on residential streets.** Use designated truck routes & parking.

**NOTICE: No overnight parking on city streets starting November 1st.** (2 to 6 am)

**West Side Park:** Older playground equipment was dismantled to be repainted.

### Employment Opportunity: City of Eyota Accounting Clerk

- Applications thru 9/30/14
- Payroll, accounts payable & general ledger
- Website maintenance, quarterly newsletter
- Accounting background, Microsoft Word & Excel
- Salary range: \$15.61 to \$20.17, depending on qualifications & experience
- Job application & description on city website.
- Submit applications at Eyota City Hall.
- EOE

## Highway 42 Closed: Sept. 24 to Oct. 11 Roundabout Construction: Spring 2015

For approximately 3 weeks, Highway 42 between the intersections of I-90 and Highway 14 will be closed to through-traffic. Closing is scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 24th through Friday, Oct. 11.

Deteriorating concrete will be replaced.

Local traffic may use intersection crossings. Those who can access their home only from Highway 42 may drive on shoulders.

Regular traffic will be routed to Olmsted Co. 10 through Dover, between I-90 & Hwy 14.

**Reconstruction of the intersection of Highways 14 & 42 to create a roundabout will commence the spring of 2015.** Current estimates for completion is July 2015.

Detour for roundabout construction will be on County Roads 9 & 7.

## Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast, Fire Prevention Week & Open House

Eyota Volunteer Fire Dept. Relief Association's

**Pancake Breakfast** at Eyota American Legion  
**Sunday, October 5th, 7:30 am - 12:30 pm**

\$5.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children (Age 6 -13)

Kids 5 and under Free or \$20.00 per family

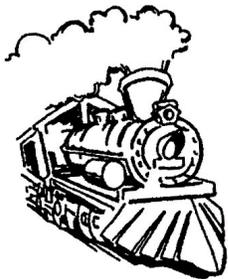
Serving: Pancakes, French toast, Scrambled eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

**Fire Prevention Week: October 5 - 11**

This year's theme: **"Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month"**. When was the last time you changed the battery in your smoke detectors? Did you know hard wired detectors can have batteries for backup power?



**Eyota Fire Dept. Open House**  
**October 8, 6 to 8 pm at the Fire Hall**



City of Eyota  
 38 South Front St. SW  
 P.O. Box 328  
 Eyota, MN 55934

Permit No. 12  
 Eyota, MN 55934  
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Postal Patron  
 Eyota, MN 55934

## WATER & SEWER rate increases begin October 1st

**Farmers Market at West Side Park**  
**Tuesdays Thru October 14th—**  
*Good Food for Families!*  
**4 to 7 pm**



*Fall*

Fall leaf pick-up—  
 Whenever the  
 leaves fall...

- ◆ In 30 gallon paper bags only
- ◆ Place bags at end of your driveway
- ◆ **PLEASE do not rake leaves into streets.**



**Eyota Farmers  
 Market Fall Festival  
 October 7th**

- ◆ Scarecrow/farmer dress-up contest
- ◆ Fall scene photo op
- ◆ Paint your own pumpkin
- ◆ Free mums—First 30 adults
- ◆ Drawing for MN Farmers Market Cookbooks

### INSIDE Newsletter:

- ◆ Rate increases for water/sewer billings
- ◆ Highway 42 closing
- ◆ Volunteer Ambulance Open House
- ◆ Replacement of vintage 4 -inch water mains, starting in 2015
- ◆ New pet licenses for 2015
- ◆ Fire Department activities

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