

The Strawberry Vine

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Letter from the Mayor

Things to See & Do:

- Backbone State Park
- Wilder Museum
- The Big Strawberry
- www.strawberrypoint.com

Mayor & City Council

Dale Fox

Jackie Opperman

Jan Parkin

Norm Rizer

Troy Stover

Al Friederich

What does 2009 hold for Strawberry Point? It is time to make plans for what we want to accomplish in the next year. Here is my list. Let me know if you think something needs to be added.

Improved Communication: This goal is never complete. It is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Help avoid rumors! One going around now is that the JEL (Just Eliminate Lies) information out there relates to our outdoor burning discussion. Please remember JEL's goal is to get people to stop using tobacco. That is not to minimize either item—both are worthy of our attention. When you hear a rumor, the best action is to go to the source, verify if it is correct or not, then spread the truth.

Vision 2020 Plan: Lead groups are contacted in preparation of getting started on the goals. The plan is to hold lead group meetings in January, finalize the plan in February, then get started on the planning to meet the goals, keeping in mind some goals will change a bit in the next 10 years.

Basic Services: Keeping up on repair and maintenance of sewer, water, streets, electricity, buildings, etc is an every-day process. We need short term planning along with multi-year

planning. One of the “big ones” in our future will be when the Iowa DOT does the Elkader Street project. Water, sewer, and electric upgrades must be done at that time. Currently, this project is a couple years in the future, however planning needs to take place now to be ready.

40th Annual Strawberry Days: Yes, 2009 will mark 40 years of celebrating. The Chamber has started making plans. What can you do to be a part of the celebration? Your suggestions and questions need to go to the Chamber, as they are the group in charge.

The city council will be setting goals for 2009 in the near future. If you communicate concerns to me, I will make sure they are part of the council's considerations. Call or email—mayor@strawberrypoint.com.

There are no problems. There are challenges to confront and deal with, based on what is best for our Strawberry Point community.



City Hall News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Reminder: No parking on City Streets between November 1 and March 30.

Please clear snow and ice from sidewalks in a reasonable time following a winter storm to ensure the safety of all citizens.

Meeting dates for January: Jan 7th and 21st.

The staff at City Hall welcomes any comments and suggestions. Please feel free to stop by City Hall at 111 Commercial

Street or call us at 563-933-4482.

Deanna Dement
City Clerk/Administrator



Fire Department

Fire Safe CD's were received by the fire department and a copy was distributed to Star-mont Elementary to help with Fire Safety and information.



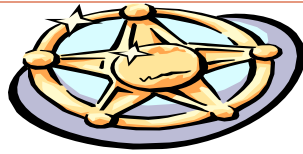
Library

No news provided.



Beth Brase
563-933-4340

Police



Police Chief Bob Pope

The Strawberry Point Police Department wishes everyone a Happy and Safe New Year!

Chief Bob Pope

Ambulance

The Ambulance Service will be working on several events and activities for the coming year, including Strawberry Days events and community CPR/First Aid Class. Please take note of any announcements during the course of the new year. If you have want or need of EMS participation in your event, please let me know.

The New Year also brings our continuing

*Happy
New Year!!*

fund raising efforts toward vehicle replacement. Your contributions in the past have always been much appreciated. We hope that you are able to keep us in your plans for the coming year.

Roland Evans
Ambulance Service Director

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Tim Smith—Jan 7th

*Liz Evans—Jan 28th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/
Administrator*

Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk

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WWW.STRAWBERRYPT.COM

Other Area Information

*Pick up Santa pictures at the Press Journal

*Lioness Pecans available at Franklin Hotel

*Starmont Post Prom Fundraiser at Maurice's in Oelwein—Sunday, January 4th 5-8 pm—10% of sales goes to Starmont Post Prom

*Dad's Belgian Waffle—Tuesday, January 20th

