



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

Jacci Meyers

Troy Stover

Rich Newman

October starts out with National Fire Prevention Week, October 3rd—9th. Be sure to have a home fire escape plan and check the batteries in your smoke alarms. This is also a good time to thank our fire and rescue people for their service to the community.

You may have read in the council minutes about the city conducting a building survey for Historical District Status. This is not costing us anything and will determine if Strawberry Point might qualify any areas of town as a Historical District. If an area qualifies, there are funding sources to help owners keep buildings in good repair. Once we know we have an area qualify, we will look more into details.

I am in the process of setting up a local “If I was a mayor, I would...” contest to go along with the Iowa League of Cities state contest. It is an essay contest for 7th graders to tell their local leaders and the state how 7th graders see city government. The essay rules can be found by going to www.iowaleague.org and clicking the link near the bottom in the middle of their webpage. More info will be available in our November newsletter.

This year Strawberry Point youth will have two Trick or Treating opportunities. The Chamber is having a Pumpkin Walk on Saturday, October 30th that ends with a walk through the Lutheran Home so their residents can enjoy the costumes. The City Trick or Treat time will be Sunday October 31st from 4:30-7 pm. Trick or Treaters are asked to only stop at houses with the porch light on.

Have you reserved your Strawberry Point cookbook(s) yet? The profits will be used to promote our community. The cookbook is also a great place to get recipes of our family and friends. You can reserve your cookbook by following the link on the city webpage, www.strawberrypoint.com, or by calling Amanda at 933-4417. There are over 500 recipes in the cookbook and will make great Christmas gifts!! Check the Economic Development article for more information.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!!!

Dale Fox
Mayor
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City Hall News

Meeting dates for October: 6th and 20th.

Need help with your heating bill? Contact City Hall for more information.

Trick or Treating will be held Sunday October 31st from 4:30—7 pm.

Fall leaf and yard waste pickup will be every Monday from September 27th to November 8th. Please have leaves and yard waste at the curb, not in the street, by 7 am each Monday morning.

Tips to Reduce Winter Heating Bills:

- *Reduce thermostat setting to 68 degrees
- *Change furnace filters

- *Set back thermostat at night and when house is not occupied
- *Install programmable thermostat
- *Have furnace cleaned and tuned
- *Let sun shine in south windows during day
- *Close storm windows and doors
- *Reduce hot water use
- *Install a water heater blanket

The staff at City Hall also welcomes any comments and suggestions. Please feel free to stop in or call us at 563-933-4482.

Deanna Dement
City Clerk/Administrator

Fire Department

October 3rd—9th is Fire Prevention Week. Please remember to check your smoke alarms and replace any batteries!!!



Library

Story Time has resumed at the library! All area children ages 3-5 are invited to join us for stories, finger plays, and music every Thursday morning at 10:15. The library will follow Starmont's schedule, if Starmont does not have school we will not have story time! This includes snow days!

Beth Brase, Library Director

Economic Development & Tourism

It is hard to believe that fall has arrived and along with it comes fall cleaning. It is important for business owners and residents alike to take some time to clean, repair and make improvements to their homes or businesses. This could be as simple as washing windows, pulling those pesky weeds and grass out of the cracks in the sidewalks, cleaning up leaves and debris that has collected over the summer and early fall or buying a few dollars worth of paint for touch-up. When visitors come to a town, they first notice how clean and tidy that community is. We all take pride in our town and want it to look the best that it can. If we all take a few hours and clean-up our own property or business our whole town will benefit!

If you haven't already heard, the Strawberry Point Development Fund is publishing a Strawberry Point cookbook as a fundraiser. We want to thank those who have shared their favorite recipes with us. The cookbooks will arrive by Thanksgiving and will be in full color. They will have 591 recipes submitted by Strawberry Point residents and their family and friends, along with information on the history of Strawberry Point, local attractions, photos from places in and around town, and fun facts about Strawberry Point throughout each section. They are selling fast so reserve your book today!! Call 933-4417 or go to www.strawberrypoint.com and click on "Reserve your Strawberry Point Cookbook". The price will be \$20. Payment will not be collected until cookbooks arrive.

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Ambulance

No News.

Theresa Callahan & Duane Johnson—Service Directors





October Birthdays

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Linda Moine	Sandra Kirby
Ron Munter	Bill Smith
Lisa Goedken	Brenda Scott
Dan Low	Elizabeth Bries
Darlene Harbaugh	Sarah Cummer
Grey Trey	Mark Robinson
Mark Harreld	Matt Robinson
Tom Raithel	Chad Paris
Bill Kelchen	Mark Zwanziger
Dave Nading	Faye Pugh
Alfred Anthes	Roger Robinson
Barb Peake	Bill Pettit
Daniel Bockenstedt	Donna Duart
Jacob Dehl	Gary Adams
Patrick Farmer	Ben Streicher
Jill Baker	Jim Seidel
Elaine Vaske	

Police

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All communities have domestic violence in them no matter what size they are. The Police Department will assist anyone in our community if they feel that they are a victim of domestic violence. Feel free to call 933-2210 and speak to an officer.

Reminder:

No parking on city streets November 1st thru April 1st from 2 am – 6 am. This is a \$25 fine.

Trick or Treating October 31st from 4:30—7 pm...Please Drive Carefully!!!

Chief Bob Pope

