

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

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Thanksgiving is a time to look at what we have and appreciate it. We all see things we would like to change or improve, but all-too-often we overlook things we should be thankful for.

I have days that make me think things could be a whole lot better. Usually some time on those days, I am reminded of someone who has more challenges to face than I do and I have to admit things really are not all that bad.

As citizens of Strawberry Point, we tend to see the things that need attention rather than things that are going well. In the last year, I have had a few out-of-towners help me see our community a little differently.

With city meetings and my business meetings this past year, I have gotten comments from people who are impressed with how clean Strawberry Point is and how friendly our citizens are. We tend to see the building that needs repair or that person who is being such a problem that we just wish they would leave us alone or maybe even move to another town.

Do you lock your car? Do you lock your house when you are gone? Do you lock your house when you are enjoying your back yard? In many towns, this is a must. Some even lock their house during the day when they are inside. Rural Iowa is looking good. When Winter snows fall, many of us are not excited to move the snow, but

we find a way to get it moved. In the last two years I have been observing how well other towns get their streets cleared. By 9:00 our streets are plowed and much of the snow has been moved off our main streets. This is not the case in towns around us.

Yes, there are a number of things in our Strawberry Point community that I would like to be better. As mayor, I consider it part of my job to gather suggestions from a variety of sources, then work with the council and citizenry to improve as many as we can. We will never get to all of them.

Our community will never be perfect, but that is the goal we need to work toward. We need to realize it is not a bad thing, just a reality that To Do Lists in both our personal lives and in the city, never get finished.

There will always be someone who has it better than you do. As you celebrate Thanksgiving this month, I ask you to spend a little time thinking about the good things in our community and in your life.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Dale Fox, Mayor
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City Hall News

Meeting dates for November: 3rd and 17th.

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

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.

City Hall will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Reminder: No parking on city streets November 1st through April 1st from 2 am to 6 am for snow removal.

The City is again offering the Holiday Lighting Rebate for Christmas lights. The rebate forms are available at City Hall or on our website at www.strawberryppt.com. New this year, the rebate amount will be \$15.00 instead of \$10.00.

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

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City Clerk/Administrator

Fire Department

The Fire Department is currently looking for 1 new member. If you are interested in volunteering for this service please contact Chief Robinson at 563-419-4983.



Library

Book group has started again at the library. Everyone is welcome to join us, just stop in and pick up a copy of the book. The book for November is *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah and we will meet on November 18th at 7 pm to discuss it.

The library is looking for sponsors for movies at the library. Please contact Beth if you would like to help out. Thanks!!

Beth Brase, Library Director

Economic Development & Tourism

It is hard to believe that November is already here! Pretty soon we will all be busy preparing for the holidays and the New Year. With the holidays coming up, there are plenty of events and activities in Strawberry Point. We want to make a better effort of highlighting community events through Facebook, the new Google Calendar on www.strawberrypoint.com, the weekly radio spot, and the Chamber Newsletter. If you have an event that you would like to highlight please call 933-4417 or email econdev@strawberrypoint.com, or contact Dale Fox of Strawberry Computing at 933-6210 or email dalefox@strawberrycomputing.net.

The Strawberry Point cookbooks titled "A Taste of Strawberry Point" will arrive on November 5th. The cost is \$20 which includes 591 recipes from our community, local attractions, history of Strawberry Point and fun facts about the area throughout the book. The cookbook is in full color! To pick one up, just stop by the Economic Development and Tourism office at 105 W Mission Street or call 933-4417 to reserve a book. Proceeds will benefit development and tourism in our community.

Amanda Whittle

Director of Economic Development and Tourism

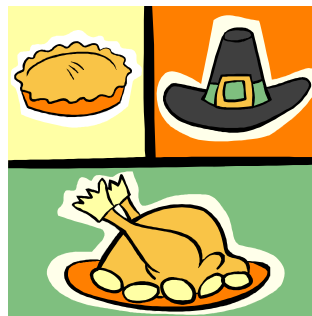
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Ambulance

Remember to take extra precaution with the change of weather. Keep extra supplies and dry clothing in your vehicle during the winter months.

Strawberry Point Ambulance Service offers CPR training for community members and professionals. New Guidelines for Sudden Cardiac Arrest will be taking effect this coming Spring, with anticipated changes comes additional training. Contact Theresa by leaving your contact information at City Hall if you need to schedule a class or an update.

Theresa Callahan & Duane Johnson—Service Directors





November Birthdays

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Rosina Vorwald	Dean Courtnage
Shane Rolfe	Gerald Harvey
Joan Bedient	Ken Kirby
William Venneman	Millie Otdoerfer
Al Recker	Rod Leonard
Bill Goodell	Eric Shilhanek
Shirley Hinde	Taylor Dement
Rozella Green	
Frank Dinatalli	
Kim Anderson	
Mary Ann Bockenstedt	

Police

This past month I have seen a large increase in car burglaries in our community. Here are some safety tips to prevent this.

- *Please remember to lock your vehicles at night.
- *Don't leave your purse or wallet in the vehicle.
- *If you hear something, at least look out the window and see if you can see anyone outside.
- *If you do see suspicious activity, call 911 and report it.
- *If you know that you have been broken into, try not to touch anything and report it to law enforcement.

Reminder: No parking on City Streets Nov 1-Apr 1, 2 am-6 am.

Chief Bob Pope

