



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

With the arrival of August, school days are not far behind. This newsletter has some “yet this summer” items for you.

The weather on Thursday, July 22nd created challenges for much of Northeast Iowa. If you had any sewer in your basement and you do not have a back flow valve installed, you may want to consider it. The record rain came so fast that no system would have completely handled it. Hopefully we don't get that much rain in that short period of time again.

Many citizens don't realize this but blowing your grass clippings into the street is against city code. When the rain washes the clippings into the storm sewer, they tend to plug it. Please help us out by keeping clippings in your lawn or bagging them.

People have commented about the Hwy 3/Hwy 410 “dump” just south of town. The area DOT office is checking who is legally responsible for the mess and are going to get it cleaned up. Even though it is outside our town, visitors see it as a part of Strawberry Point.

Strawberry Point has a stray cat problem. I have been told the way to stop this problem is for people to stop feeding the cats or for people to adopt the cats and take them inside. Please help us solve this problem.

The sidewalks along Elkader Street are a discussion point with many people. The City Council decided to wait until the

DOT tells us specific plans for the 2012 reconstruction of Elkader Street. Please be patient, we are waiting on DOT answers.

Our ambulance crew is low on personnel. We really need certified EMTs. If you are willing to be a volunteer for the ambulance service please contact Duane Johnson or Theresa Callahan.

Did you know you can rent the swimming pool for private parties? Time is getting short for this summer, but please keep it in mind for next summer!

Since Strawberry Days, there have been many comments about our celebration. Please realize the Chamber organizes our weekend but it takes many community volunteers to make a successful event. Not all suggestions are within the Chambers capabilities, but if you have one please email it to the Chamber at chamber@strawberrypoint.com

Have a great finish to your summer!!!

Dale Fox
Mayor
mayor@strawberrypoint.com

City Hall News

Meeting dates for August: August 4th and 18th.

Utility Billing Alternative Payment Options: Automatic Payments, Budget Billing, and Credit Card Payments. If interested, please call City Hall.

Reminder: Brush pickup is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please have brush at curb by 7 am. Brush must be bundled, no more than 48 inches long and weigh no more than 50 lbs. Garden waste or grass clippings must be bagged.

Ways to reduce energy use during peak hours:
*Shift household chores and activities away from peak periods.

*Turn the air conditioning thermostat up when you are gone or at night.

*Use the most energy efficient appliances you have.

*When buying a new appliance, look for the ENERGY STAR labels.

The City has an energy rebate program in place. The forms are available at City Hall and at www.strawberrypoint.com.

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

Fire Department



Library

Beth Brase, Library Director

Economic Development & Tourism

Greetings!

My name is Amanda Whittle and I am the new Economic Development and Tourism Director here in Strawberry Point. I recently graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa, with an Interdisciplinary major in Business Management and Communication Studies, along with minors in Writing and Not-for-Profit Management. I grew up on a small dairy farm south of Elkader and still love to help out when I can. In my spare time I enjoy reading, hiking, spending time with friends and family and being outdoors. I look forward to visiting and working with the community in order to make Strawberry Point a great place to live, work and grow. Please feel free to stop by the Economic Development and Tourism office anytime. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please call (563) 933-4417 or through email at econdev@strawberrypoint.com.

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Ambulance

The Strawberry Point Ambulance Service is very proud of those who have served and are serving in our Nation's Military. As local troops get ready to deploy in the upcoming weeks, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

School will be in sessions shortly, please remember to watch out for our little ones. Let us know if you or your organization is in need of CPR certification! Stay Safe!

Theresa Callahan

Duane Johnson

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- *Theresa Callahan—August 6
- *Dennis & Deanna Dement—August 11
- *Amanda Dement—August 13
- *Joan Werner—August 27

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/
Administrator*

Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk

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Police

Chief Bob Pope