



# 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](http://www.strawberrypoint.com)



Summer is almost over. School will be starting soon. Where did the Summer go?

Preparations for next Summer's reconstruction of Elkader Street continues. The trees the state told us had to go, have been removed. Electrical line relocations will be taken care of in the next few days. This Winter, the state will let the bids for this 2012 construction project. The plan is to have all things ready so construction can start as early as possible next Spring and probably take all Summer. The road will not be closed. Traffic will be controlled by lights and, when necessary, flagpeople.

Our pool committee will have their first meeting with Pool Tech on August 10. Pool Tech has been hired to help develop what we need and want in a swimming pool, then give us guidance as to how the pool could be financed. At this time, bonding is not really an option to be considered. The financing for a new pool will take a community effort. You will be kept up to date on the committee's work. If you have suggestions, you can email them to me ([mayor@strawberrypoint.com](mailto:mayor@strawberrypoint.com)) and I will get them to the committee.

If you see construction around the Strawberry, it is to fix a crack that has developed at the base of the berry. The berry will not need to be taken down to be fixed. Repairs should take a couple of days.

We are nearing election time. The election offers you the opportunity to take an active role in resolving issues and setting goals for our community. Candidate papers can

be picked up starting Monday, August 29th and must be returned to city hall before 5:00pm on Thursday, September 22. Strawberry Point citizens will be electing 3 council people (4 yr terms), the mayor (2 yr term), and the city treasurer (2 yr term). To have your name on the ballot, you must live within the city limits, be a citizen of the USA, and be at least 18 years old. You will need to have a minimum of 10 people sign your candidate papers. City council has regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, starting at 6:00. Special meetings are scheduled when needed. If you want more information, stop at city hall and the ladies will assist you.

August 17th marks the start of classes at Starmont. Enjoy the rest of your Summer.

Dale Fox, Mayor

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Mayor &

City Council

*Dale Fox*

*Jackie Opperman*

*Mike Tucker*

*Jacci Meyers*

*Troy Stover*

*Rich Newman*

# City Hall News

Meeting dates for August: August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

The City will be continuing to change out electric meters in August. There may be a 5 minute interruption of electricity. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The City of Strawberry Point has received our final award letter for the CDBG Housing Rehab grant so in the near future housing applications will be accepted again and houses receiving funding will be determined. Watch the Press Journal or [www.strawberrypoint.com](http://www.strawberrypoint.com) for further details.

Anyone interested in finding better alternatives for teens instead of drinking and smoking? Join the Strawberry Point S.A.F.E. Coalition. Call City Hall if interested.

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

The Department has written a Federal grant to implement a Free Smoke Detector Program...more details to come as we hear from the Grant Review Committees.



## Library

This summer we hit a record number of kids for the Summer Reading program. We had 53 register for the program and around 40 regularly attend our events. This year's grand prize winner of a private movie at the library for her and five friends is Katie Meade!! Congratulations Katie!

Book group continues to meet but we would like to help the group to grow! If anyone is interested in joining us just stop in the library for a copy of the book and to double check out meeting time. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Beth Brase, Library Director

## Economic Development and Tourism

Greetings! The Strawberry Point Development Fund along with other sponsors in Clayton and Delaware Counties are hosting an eight week class titled, "How to Really Start Your own Business." This class will start September 28 and run every Wednesday night until November 16<sup>th</sup>. The classes will cover topics such as writing a business plan, marketing, insurance, funding, and much more. This class is perfect for those who are looking into starting a business or those who have just opened a business. For more information, please contact me at 933-4417.

The Chamber of Commerce is once again making plans for their Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a four-person best shot tournament and the cost is \$25 per person. A shotgun kickoff will be at 2:00 and following the tournament will be a pork loin dinner grilled by the Chamber's own Wally Rowcliffe. Walk-ins are welcome, but it is strongly encouraged to register by calling Backbone Golf & Country Club at 563-933-4545 or the Chamber office at 563-933-4417.

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## Ambulance

Theresa Callahan & Duane Johnson—Service Directors

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## August Birthdays



Nancy Swanson	Bruce Hawkins
Theresa Callahan	Tom Banse
Harold Vander Linden	Joan Werner
Alan Bockenstedt	Allen Reed
James Basten	Wayne Bunting
Kevin Markham	
Amanda Dement	
Betty Sheffert	
Glen Bockenstedt	
Harold Wessels	
Dick Willie	
Billie Winter	
Kalie Jaster	
Frank Swanson	
Gordon Faust	
Doug Guilford	
Steve Yokiel	
Dan Paris	



## Police

WANTED:

Information leading to the arrest and conviction of the speed trailer theft during Strawberry Days 2011.

Contact 563-933-2210 or 563-419-2130

Thank you,

Chief Bob Pope