



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



With Summer, we all have our list of things to be done outside. The city is the same way. In addition to normal maintenance, some sewer lines will be lined to help control the infiltration into our system. Some lining is done each year. This Summer's preparation for Elkader Street construction has the tree preparation complete and the moving of electrical lines will take place before Fall. The plan is to start construction as early as weather permits in 2012. Elkader Street will not be closed to traffic. By using lights and flagmen (when necessary) we will be able to keep traffic moving.

The council is working to get parking more consistent around town by getting signage to reflect reality. You may see some added signs and some may come down. Just check out the signs before you park and things will be fine.

We have some buildings around town that need improvement. In late May, Police Chief Bob Pope and I attended a state-sponsored meeting in Fayette to learn how we might get the owners of these buildings to fix them up or remove them. We will be working on that process over the next few months.

Strawberry Days was the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground equipment in Inger Park. The 2010-2011 Starmont 3rd graders assisted the city in selecting the equipment. They made some good choices.

We are taking the next step toward a new pool. A committee will work to determine what we think we want/need in a pool. If you have suggestions, please get them to a committee member. The members are Vickie

Rettinger, Michelle Carnicle-Maille, Jackie Opperman, Dee Dement, and myself. We are open to all suggestions offered on our quest to figure out what would be best in a new pool for Strawberry Point. Please keep in mind we can't incorporate every suggestion. Once the committee is ready to make a recommendation, there will be a community meeting. Then we start the job of coming up with the financing for the pool. At this point, it looks like we either need to find a few people with the funds to finance most of the pool costs or we will need to get creative in our funding. We will probably need to get creative. This is a multi-year project and the more support we get, the quicker it will happen. Pool Tech out of Cedar Rapids will assist the Pool Committee in the process.

We are almost ready to celebrate July 4th. After that, it seems like Summer Vacation for our students is almost over. Soon we will start to see those Back-to-School specials and wonder where the Summer went. Enjoy it while you can.

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City Council

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Jackie Opperman

Mike Tucker

Jacci Meyers

Troy Stover

Rich Newman

City Hall News

Meeting dates for July: July 6th and 20th.

The City will be changing out electric meters in July. There may be a 5 minute interruption of electricity. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

A reminder to residents, lawns need to be maintained. If lawns are not maintained, the City will mow the lawn and bill the resident \$100 each time. Grass clippings are NOT to be blown into the City streets.

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

Summer Reading Program is underway! 40 kids attended our first program!

Book group meets the 4th Thursday of the month. This month's book is Handle With Care by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is welcome to join us, just stop in for a copy of the book.

Book sale continues. Books are 25 cents, VHS movies 50 cents, and magazines \$1 a bundle.

Beth Brase, Library Director

Economic Development and Tourism

Summer has officially arrived and that means it is time for yard work and repairs. The Chamber of Commerce is launching their first ever "Nominate Your Neighbor" yard contest. If you have a neighbor that goes above and beyond to make their yard look nice, then give me a call at 563-933-4417. The Chamber will take nominees until July 22. The winner will receive chamber bucks. The Chamber will have this contest all year long so we will take nominations continually, but the first winner will be announced July 22nd! The Backbone Bluegrass Festival is set for July 29-31st. Please save these dates as it is their 30th anniversary of the festival and it is sure to be a great time. Strawberry Point's Ridiculous Days is July 29th-30th.

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Ambulance

Congratulations to Sheryl Sargent for passing her national certification exam for EMT-Basic. We would also like to welcome Becky Hickson as a member of the ambulance service.

Iowa troops will soon be returning home, HOOAH! We are thankful for their safe return and remind everyone, although the Iowa troops are going to be returning, others are still being deployed and deserve our ongoing support.

Happy Independence Day America!

Theresa Callahan & Duane Johnson—Service Directors

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July Birthdays



Ivanelle Palmer

Sandi Brown

Jean Kuehl

Kevin Rhoades

David Alderson

Doug Kuehl

Val Peterson

Theresa Bromley

DD Prussel

Tony Miell

Virginia DeShaw

Allan Johnson

Cody Kruger

Linda Trettin

Marci Farmer

Bill Green

Tena Duart

Nancy Davis

James Hutchinson

Bryan Rubner

Jeanne Nicholson

Lois Morarend

Harold Rankin

Ruth Easton

Duane Borrett

Tina Sheckles

Francis Houska

Ken Crane

Maxine Johnson

Wilma Puffett



Police