



# 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)



If April showers bring May flowers, we will soon see a lot of flowers. A little less rain and some warmer temps would make many people smile.

This summer, we are trying a recreation program for our youth. If it goes well, our hope is to make it permanent. You can get more information at the elementary and middle school offices or at city hall. There will be a \$15 fee to cover some expenses. All participants will get a T-shirt.

Everything Strawberry! That is the theme of Strawberry Days. This year the celebrating will be on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. Sunday will be a day to rest up for returning to work on Monday. To have our best celebration takes a lot of volunteers. If you are willing to be one of those volunteers, please call Amanda at 933-4417 or email her at [econdev@strawberrypoint.com](mailto:econdev@strawberrypoint.com). Describe your talents and we will see where you can be most helpful. Volunteers are needed for preparation before Strawberry Days as well as on the days of our celebration.

I am sure you have heard comments about a new swimming pool. Yes, it is in the initial planning stages. A consulting firm has been selected and will be at the May 4th City Council meeting to assist the council in determining the next step. With all the road construction, the city is at their bonding limit so a big step in the process will be to find funding. My personal feeling is that a majority of the community wants a functioning pool, so we need to take the next couple years to establish and build a special account for funding the \$1.5 to \$2 million project. We will need to be

creative, exploring all sorts of ways to find funding. Know anyone with extra money looking for a good project to support?

Hopefully the May 3rd DOT meeting answered most of the questions with the Elkader Street construction. The plan is to do prep work this Summer so construction can start as soon as possible in the Spring of 2012. The street will not be closed, but construction areas do slow the flow of traffic somewhat. Just keep in mind how much better the road will be when construction is finished.

We will be doing some seal coating of streets. Some have questioned about seal coating Hill Street. The council has decided not to do Hill Street at this time, but rather to determine what needs to be done to Hill Street to get it ready for the process. It is on the list for future repairs and then determining if seal coating or paving, either cement or asphalt, is the best option.

Here is a challenge. Are you ready to a volunteer to help make Strawberry Days 2011 the best ever? If you are, call 933-4417 or email [econdev@strawberrypoint.com](mailto:econdev@strawberrypoint.com) and make us an offer.

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# City Hall News

Meeting dates for May: May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Annual Spring Cleanup will be held Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

The City of Strawberry Point received a conditional award letter from IDED for our Housing Rehabilitation Grant for \$316,000. Once the Federal Government adopts their budget we will receive our final award letter. At that time applications will be accepted again. Look for more information in the Press Journal and at [www.strawberrypoint.com](http://www.strawberrypoint.com).

Have unused latex paint to dispose of? For small amounts of paint, remove lid from container, allow paint to air-dry thoroughly. Throw paint can in regular garbage. For larger amounts of paint, stir in equal amounts of clay-based cat litter to make

the mixture thick. Then it is safe to dispose of in the regular garbage.

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 Fire Department is still in the running for the AFG Grant for a new training trailer.

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 will run from June 15-July 20. Kids ages 3 through those completing 6th grade are welcome to participate. There will be movies on Mondays, programs on Wednesdays and prizes on Fridays.

Writer's group has resumed. All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 5:30.

Beth Brase, Library Director

It is the month of May and that means Strawberry Days is right around the corner! This year's theme is "Everything Strawberry." As you may have heard, the Chamber of Commerce has booked the Candyland Amusements Carnival this year. The carnival should be a lot of fun and will run both Friday and Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Strawberry Days will only be on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> this year as there will not be any Chamber events on Sunday. However, the tractor pull will still kick off at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Campbell Park. We are still looking for volunteers for Strawberry Days. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at 563-933-4417 or [chamber@strawberrypt.com](mailto:chamber@strawberrypt.com).

Also coming up is City-Wide Garage Sales on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Press Journal to make sure your Garage Sale location is listed in the paper.

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## Ambulance

Bob Pope has completed his EMT-Basic Class and testing. Congratulations Bob!

Ellen Meyer has served with The Strawberry Point Ambulance Service since 1986. We congratulate and commend Ellen for the loyalty and dedication she has shown the community for the past 25 years. Ellen has also logged her 1500<sup>th</sup> call this year; quite an accomplishment. Thank you Ellen!

Support our Troops. Please keep the soldiers in your thoughts as they continue their mission "Operation Enduring Freedom".

Theresa Callahan & Duane Johnson—Service Directors

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## May Birthdays



Brad Gilson

Shawn MacTaggart

Beau Timmerman

James Meade

Ron Highland

Tom Munter

Donna Schminke

Roger Shaw

Ron Rummel

Tom Falck

Harvey Sollberger

Earl Stoner

Salena Trey

Henry Johnson

Ralph Werner

Bruce Hamlett

Larry Doerring

Lawrence Sperflage

Lois Cordes

Luke Dement

Kevin Moine

Rena Brandon

Ed Jennings

Donna Shaw

Marv Cumberland

Margaret May



## Police

Once again it is time to clean up around our homes. The Police Department will be looking for nuisances in our community. This includes junk vehicles.

### City Wide Clean up May 14, 2011

City residents may discard large, bulky and excess items. **Appliances and tires require a tag** that can be purchased at City Hall. Appliance tags are \$12 and tire tags are \$5 for car tires, \$7 for trucks, \$15 for tractor tires.

**UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:** yard waste, daily garbage, rocks, concrete, building construction materials, shingles, fencing, motor oil, liquids, explosives, propane tanks, batteries, fire extinguishers, asbestos, paint, and chemicals.

Acceptable appliances (tag required) include: washers, dryers, hot water heaters, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, furnaces, air conditioners, chillers, and microwaves.

Gas powered equipment must be drained of fuel and oil.

**TVs, computer monitors, towers and printers WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**Any thing left at the curb is the owner's responsibility to dispose of. If you have questions, contact city hall at 933-4482.**

**Please be courteous and do not place items out more than a few days in advance.**