

# 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)

Spring has returned to Northeast Iowa! The calendar as well as the “old ways” agree. Hopefully, Mother Nature is thinking Spring.

Many citizens are concerned about our electric rates. Our rates are based on the rate charged by our supplier. The current contract goes until 2013 and allows our supplier to raise rates with very short notice. We must give a 2 year notice of intent not to renew, which we have already done. When the rate to the city goes up, it takes about 2 months for the city to adjust rates to cover the increase. This last rate change took about \$45,000 out of the city funds before rates could be adjusted. Breaking the contract would not be economical for the city.

What has the city been working on? Reading this newsletter, the Press Journal, and visiting [www.strawberrypoint.com](http://www.strawberrypoint.com) will keep you up to date. Three things are (1) making needed improvements to the civic center, (2) getting improvements made to Westwood this summer, and (3) city representatives have been participating in NIMS training—training that is strongly recommended for the city be ready in case of a disaster and it helps in qualifying for FEMA funds.

Mark Thursday, April 2 on your calendar. The Vision 2020 Plan will be presented to the community in an “open house” event from 4:30 to 6:30 at City Hall. Committee members have spent almost a year putting this plan together. Many volunteers will be needed to reach the goals. You are invited to come view the plan, express your thoughts, and volunteer to assist with some of the goals. A copy of the Vision 2020 Plan is on the city’s website.

Remember it is the responsibility of all the people in the Strawberry Point community to be eyes for the city. If you see an item in need or something going the right way, let us know. Call City Hall 933-4482, email [spectyhl@netel.net](mailto:spectyhl@netel.net) or talk with me or a council member.

Dale Fox  
Mayor

**Mayor &  
City Council**

*Dale Fox*

*Jackie Opperman*

*Jan Parkin*

*Norm Rizer*

*Troy Stover*

*Al Friederich*



# City Hall News

Hello from City Hall.

Spring is here!!

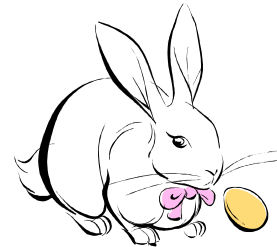
Meeting dates for April: April 1 and April 15.

Open Burning dates are March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Cleanup day will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details.

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 recently purchased a new chassis for a rescue vehicle. A grant through Dubuque Racing Association has been applied for to assist with funding for the rescue truck box to go along with the chassis.



## Library

We will be having our annual Family Fun Night on Thursday April 23 at 6:00 pm.

The library held a birthday party for The Very Hungry Caterpillar's 40th birthday on Saturday March 21st. Seventeen kids and their parents came and enjoyed reading the book, watching the movie, painting butterflies, and decorating cupcakes.

The library has purchased a Movie Licensing public performance license, look for dates of upcoming movies.

We have lots of new books, magazines, and DVDs. Come in and "check it out".

# Police



Police Chief Bob Pope

No News

## Ambulance

Sure signs of Spring are in the air. The grass is starting to get green (under the recent snows), taxes are due, Easter is only a couple of weeks away.

Now is also the time to think about renewal of your skills regarding CPR and First Aide.

Are you and your family prepared for an emergency in your home?

*Have a*

*Great*

*April!!!*

The Ambulance Service can provide training for you and your family and group. Contact one of the EMTs for additional information!!

Roland Evans  
Ambulance Service Director

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- \*Jeff Robinson—Apr 1st
- \*Elizabeth Bottelman—Apr 2nd
- \*Aaron Opperman—Apr 3rd
- \*Deanna Dement—Apr 4th
- \*Ellen Meyer—Apr 12th
- \*Dale Fox—Apr 15th
- \*Rich Newman—Apr 23rd
- \*Roland Evans—Apr 25th

## Other Area Information

A colorful, stylized graphic of the words "Happy Easter" in a bold, bubbly font. The letters are filled with a gradient of colors including yellow, orange, and red, and have a dark purple outline. The text is slanted slightly to the right.