

# 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)

The Vision 2020 Plan is almost complete. The goal is to verify the lead groups by the 10th of February. After that, the committee will make needed adjustments, with the plan being presented to the community in early March.

The IDOT has emailed the city that Elkader Street construction is scheduled for the 2012 season. The official word will come in a letter to the city. A concern for emergency services during construction is being investigated, along with other construction considerations.

Our electricity supplier, RPGI, has notified us that the cost of electric to the city will increase about 22% this month. This is something we have no control over, given the current contract in place with RPGI. This contract ends in 2013. The city must give a 24 month notice of possible non-renewal of the contract, which has already been done. Our Electric Study Committee will evaluate our situation and recommend action to the council.

Visit [www.strawberrypoint.com](http://www.strawberrypoint.com) to read council agendas and minutes as well as finding out a number of things about Strawberry Point and our corner of Northeast Iowa. If you don't have access to the internet, visit the

city library and use their computers. If you have suggestions or comments about the website, let us know.

Dale Fox  
Mayor



**Mayor &  
City Council**

*Dale Fox*

*Jackie Opperman*

*Jan Parkin*

*Norm Rizer*

*Troy Stover*

*Al Friederich*

## City Hall News

Vision 2020 Plan will be unveiled to the public in early March. Watch the newspaper and City website for additional information.

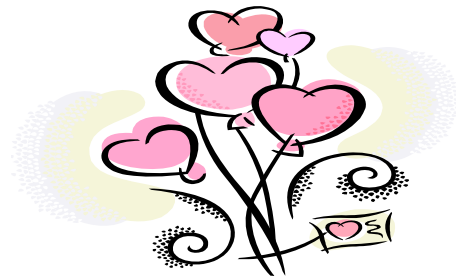
Reminder: No parking on City streets between November 1 and March 30.

Please clear snow and ice from sidewalks in a reasonable time following a winter storm to ensure the safety of all citizens.

Meeting dates for February: Feb 4th and 18th.

The staff at City Hall welcomes any comments and suggestions. Please feel free to stop by City Hall at 111 Commercial Street or call us at 563-933-4482.

Deanna Dement  
City Clerk/Administrator



## Fire Department

No news.



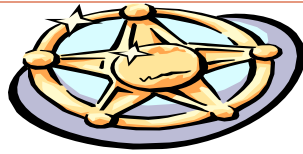
## Library

No news provided.



Beth Brase  
563-933-4340

# Police



Police Chief Bob Pope

Many calls were taken by the Strawberry Point Police Department in 2008. Below is a list of the most frequent calls received:

Administrative—31  
 Non-Reportable Accident—27  
 Animal At Large—22  
 Investigative Follow Up—22  
 Juvenile Matter—22  
 Narcotics Investigation—21  
 Reportable Accident—21  
 Suspicious Activity (Person) - 18  
 Meeting—17  
 Theft (Other) - 17  
 Housekeeping—16  
 Assist Other Agency (Fire/EMS) - 15  
 Training—15  
 Citizen Assist—14  
 Citizen Complaint—14  
 Domestic Non-Arrest—13  
 Unlock Car Keys—13  
 Assist Other Agency (Other) - 12  
 Traffic Contact Arrest—12  
 Traffic Control Funeral—12  
 Animal Control—11  
 Harassment—10

## Ambulance

Our weather remains cold and icy. Remember that cold weather and wind chills can impact your health and safety when you are out and about. Frostbite, slips and falls, exposure and dehydration are real problems during this time of year. Take extra care when you are out of the house.

CPR classes are available through the Ambulance Service for personal and group

*Think  
Spring!!!*

Purposes. You can contact me or Lonnie Kelchen for more information or to schedule a class.

Roland Evans  
Ambulance Service Director

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## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

\*Lonnie Kelchen—Feb 3rd

\*Duane Johnson—Feb 15th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/  
Administrator*

*Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk*

*McKenzie Johnson—Economic  
Development Director*

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## **Other Area Information**

\*Starmont Early Dismissal February 4th

\*Kindergarten Roundup February 6th

\*Regional Invention Convention—February  
17th in Elkader

\*Dollars for Scholars Gold Cards Available

\*Blood Drive, St John Lutheran Church,  
February 7th

