

# 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)

Our warm weather has arrived so it is now “officially” summer. Summer brings activities. Strawberry Days was a success and our Chamber is making plans for Strawberry Days 2010. The Chamber is also selling Vacation Raffle tickets and is bringing a circus to town on August 14. Remember, Chamber membership is open to both individuals and businesses. Contact Dana at 933-2081 or McKenzie at 933-4417 to join.

July brings construction to Westwood Avenue. People using Westwood will have some challenges for a while, in order for the improvements to happen. Thanks for being understanding.

In late July or early August, the city will conduct a housing survey to gather data for a grant. Soon you will be hearing more about the 2010 US Census. We need everyone contacted to complete forms so Strawberry Point's information is accurate. This information is used when your tax dollars are distributed to cities by our government and the information is used in qualifying for grants. If you could volunteer for either of these, please call city hall (933-4482).

Did you notice the potted flowers around our businesses? Thanks to the businesses in funding this beautification project and thanks to the Peppy Pointers 4-H Club for help in keeping them watered. The 4-H Club also works with the plantings at City Hall.

If you have been in City Hall lately, you noticed the large glass windows have become smaller. Much of the space was walled in. This will improve the energy efficiency in City Hall. You probably also noticed the freshly painted walls.

Have you been thinking about our Vision 2020 plan lately? If you are a member of one of the groups taking a lead roll for one or more of the goals, I hope you have. Near the end of the summer, we will be reporting progress on the goals to the community. The plan can be found on the city web site, [www.strawberrypoint.com](http://www.strawberrypoint.com), or visit city hall if you want a paper copy.

Are you taking advantage of the fresh produce at the Farmers Market? It is held on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 in Inger Park. While you are putting things on your list, don't forget the Blue Grass Festival on July 24, 25, and 26.

Have a great July!

Dale Fox  
Mayor

**Mayor &  
City Council**

*Dale Fox*

*Jackie Opperman*

*Jan Parkin*

*Norm Rizer*

*Troy Stover*

*Al Friederich*



# City Hall News

Greetings from City Hall.

## Have a fun and safe 4th of July!!

Meeting dates for July: July 1 and July 16. The 2nd meeting date is Thursday instead of Wednesday due to City Clerk/Administrator being at clerk school.

The City Clerk/Administrator and Deputy City Clerk will be attending the Municipal Professional Institute in Ames the weeks of July 13th and 20th. The Economic Development Director will be answering the phones at City Hall.

The Westwood Drive Street Project will be starting July 6th.

Reminder: Lawns must be maintained and grass clippings are not allowed in the City Streets.

Remember to support our local merchants this summer!!



## Fire Department

Thank you to all who came out and supported the Fire Department at the Strawberry Days Street Dance. We are hoping for better weather next year!!



## Library

The Library has added a new staff member, Lori Robinson. Stop in and meet Lori or just say hi!

Summer reading has kicked off at the Library! This summer's theme is Be Creative @ Your Library.

Movies on Monday continue throughout the summer. All are welcome to attend the movies, which start at 3:00 every Monday. Please call the library

to find out what movie will be playing.

Monthly drawings continue in celebration of the library's 75th anniversary. The winner of the May drawing was Neva Fisher. Congrats Neva!!

The Library will hold an open house to celebrate 75 years of service to Strawberry Point. The open house will be July 28. Watch the Press Journal for more details.



Win a trip to any destination of your choice!!

Value **\$3500**

Purchase your ticket now for just \$20

Drawing will be held Aug. 30, 2009 at the Chamber Golf Outing at Backbone Golf & Country Club. Only 500 Chances will be sold!

This is a Chamber of Commerce Fundraiser. Profits will be used to support Strawberry Days, Vision 2020 goals, promote business, industry and tourism in Strawberry Point area. Chamber Members are eligible to win, but Board Members are not eligible to win. Participants must be 18 years or older. Winner need not be present to win.

## Ambulance

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!

The Ambulance Service will be participating in the Boy Scout's Day Camp at Osborne on Saturday, July 11th from 12-3 pm. This will be a celebration of the "Everyday Heroes".

The National Guard will have their climbing wall on site. The canine unit from



Manchester Police Dept will also be there along with other areas services.

If you have the chance, come out and say hi.

Roland Evans  
Ambulance Service Director

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

\*Marci Neal—July 19th



*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/  
Administrator*

*Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk*

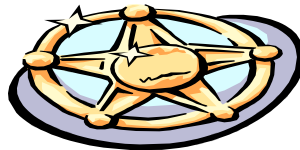
*McKenzie Johnson—Economic  
Development Director*

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## Police



Police Chief Bob Pope

Due to the number of burglaries in our area please take the following precautions:

- \*Lock your doors when you are away from your home or vehicle.
- \*Install security lights
- \*If you hear a noise look outside
- \*If you see anything unusual call 911
- \*Let Police know if you will be away for an

extended period of time. We will do house checks if we are called.

\*Write down license plate numbers of unusual activity involving an automobile.

Police Non-Emergency # 563-933-2210