



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

It is time to revise our Vision 2004 Plan. The plan was created in 1994, revised in 1999, and listed things the community wished to have completed by 2004. Many of the Vision 2004 goals were reached, but some fell short. Please go to the city's web site, www.strawberrypoint.com, click on City Papers, click on Vision 2004 Plan, and then read/review the plan. The recommendation for a city's vision plan is for it to be fully updated every 5 years and be reviewed/adjusted annually. My plan is for a community meeting in mid-June or so to start the discussions for updating our plan. If you have suggestions for revisions you would like to see on our discussion list, please email them to mayor@strawberrypoint.com

On March 13, I will be in City Hall from 5-6 pm to hear comments, suggestions, and concerns about Strawberry Point. A similar meeting will be held on April 3. If these meetings are productive, they will become a monthly event.

The town council's next project is to refine the city's Capital Improvement Plan. This is a multi-

year plan for funding city needs. It will be an agenda item for multiple meetings. Citizens are invited to be a part of our council meetings, starting at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month.

Organized, friendly and efficient are some of the words used to describe our ladies in city hall. Citizens have told me they feel welcome when they enter City Hall and they feel their requests will be considered, not just "filed" away. I appreciate the job Dee and Liz are doing in City Hall and other do, too.

Have you bought your raffle ticket yet for the 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle in support of our fire department? Firemen have tickets or you can buy them at City Hall.

Please join in working for what is best for our city of Strawberry Point.

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,

Special Assessments for Franklin and Buffalo are due in City Hall by March 7, 2008.

Meeting dates for March are the 5th and 19th.

We will be updating our Vision 2004 plan this year. Please watch for dates and times for town hall meetings.

Check out the City of Strawberry Point website at www.strawberrypoint.com. Click on City Papers and there you can find the agenda for the next council meeting, minutes from the previous council meeting, the City Code, and

other valuable information.

The staff at City Hall also welcomes any comments and suggestions from you the citizens. Please feel free to stop in or call us at 563-933-4482.

Deanna Dement
City Clerk/Administrator



City Clerk Deanna Dement

Fire Department

Ongoing raffle for 2008 Harley Davidson to support our fire department!!



Fire Chief Jeff Robinson

Police

A recent study suggests that 6% of all people with internet access develop an addiction to it. That figure is even higher for kids and teens. In severe cases of Web addiction, there are reports of:

- Lost jobs
- Destroyed relationships



Police Chief
Bob Pope

- Out-of-control online shopping binges
- Spending excessive time and money
- Online gambling opportunities
- Prostitution
- Other illegal activities

Library

Due to a vacancy, the Library Board is looking for a new Board Member. If you are interested in this position please contact Lois at 933-4340.

The Library Board has hired Beth Brase to be our city Library Director.



563-933-4340

Ambulance

Our three EMT students are continuing to work through their classes and should begin running with the service on an observation basis as soon as next month. We hope to have them working with the service later this summer.

We have done several CPR classes this winter. If your group or organization has a need for CPR and/or First Aid training, we can provide that for you. Give me a call for further

information.

Please be careful if you have to be out and about in the continuing winter weather. We have worked several auto accidents as well as “slip and fall” accidents involving broken bones in the last month or two.

Slow down and watch your step!

Roland Evans
Ambulance Service Director

Think Spring!

Public Works

The public works department has been working diligently to remove snow. Often you will hear them at 3 in the morning working to get our streets clean.

Reminder: Shovel sidewalks on your property within a reasonable time frame—we recommend within 24-72 hours.

Reminder: No parking on city street from November to April. If we are removing snow and your vehicle is found parked on the street, you will be issued a ticket.

NOTICE: Due to weather conditions and the amount of time spent clearing snow, utility meters were not read this month. Your bills are estimated.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Brad Chambers—March 1st
- Chris Palmersheim—March 14th
- Bob Pope—March 20th
- Doug Schmidt—March 23rd
- Dennis Dement—March 30th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/
Administrator*

Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.STRAWBERRYPT.COM

Other Area Information

*Strawberry Point Lions Club Bingo—1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 6 pm. 18 games for \$7.00

*Saturday March 15th, 2-4 pm at Strawberry Point Civic Center—Cruise Presentation by Midwest Travel Agency—Learn everything you need to know about a cruise vacation!!

*Berry Tender Child Care Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, March 2nd—8am to 12:30pm



Contact Terese Jurgensen 933-4417