

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



Mayor & City Council

Dale Fox

Jackie Opperman

Jan Parkin

Norm Rizer

Troy Stover

Wally Rowcliffe

I would like to welcome a new business to Strawberry Point. The Body Shop Fitness & Rehab Center, located in the basement of City Hall. For details you can call 563-586-2287.

One of the most important days in November is the 11th. Did you remember it is Veterans Day? Please remember to thank veterans for their service.

Some people have expressed concerns about the condition of Elkader Street. It is in poor condition, it is a state highway so the state decides when it will be repaired and it is scheduled for major work in the summer of 2012. When the state is replacing the road, the city will be doing updates to our utilities. There will be challenges during construction. The DOT has had one very preliminary meeting with the city about Elkader Street. As more is learned it will be shared with you.

Sidewalks on Elkader Street may need to be worked on when the DOT does the street work. Every property owner should remember that they are responsible for the condition of their sidewalk. Some property owners have been informed their sidewalks do not meet city code. It is to your advantage to keep your sidewalk in good repair.

The updated city code is on the website, with a link provided on the home page. Currently the city council is holding hearings to approve the code. Once it is officially approved, a table of contents will be added and the online code will be updated. Once the code is approved, the intent is to do updates every 6 months. In addition to being online, a printed copy may be checked out from city hall.

When I attended the Iowa League of Cities convention, it was recommended that all cities use many ways to communicate with citizens. We already have the city website and we are on Facebook. The email address strawberry-vine@mchsi.com has been created as a send only source to email short messages to email addresses and cell phones. If you are interested in this option the form is on the website or can be picked up at city hall. Contact me with any questions.

Don't forget to make plans for celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends!!

Dale Fox
Mayor
mayor@strawberrypoint.com

City Hall News

City Election will be held November 3rd. Please remember to vote. Mayor Dale Fox is seeking re-election for Mayor and Thomas Munter is seeking re-election for City Treasurer. There were 4 people who filed nomination papers for the 2 open council positions. The 4 people are Jon Schack, Jacci Meyers, Lisa Pope, and Richard Newman.

Meeting dates for November: Nov 4 & 18.

Amount of water used for everyday activities:

- Laundry: 20-45 gallons per load
- Shower: 20-30 gallons per shower
- Bath: 30-40 gallons per bath
- Dishwasher: 15-30 gallons per load
- Toilet: 3.5-7 gallons per flush

Garbage Disposal: 5 gallons per min of use
Car Washing: 5 gallons per min of use
Drinking Water: 1-2 qts per day per person

2010 Census: Census forms will be mailed in April 2010 please complete your census form and mail back to the Census Bureau since we all benefit from the information obtained.

The staff at city hall also welcomes any comments and suggestions. Please feel free to stop by!

Deanna Dement
City Clerk/Administrator



Fire Department

Thank you to the firemen who went around to schools, daycares and other locations in October for Fire Prevention Week!!



Library

The library will be having a Recipe Swap on Nov 4th at 7 pm. This event is open to everyone and in order to participate just make a dish to share and bring a copy of the recipe. Everyone who attends will be able to taste the dishes and take home a recipe booklet. Pre-registration is not required, but if you know you plan to attend please call the library so we can plan.

November 11 there will be a beginning knitting

class at the library. Please call the library for a list of supplies that will be needed. Some supplies will be available for purchase for a small fee.

The library provides home bound service to anyone who calls and asks us to deliver books. Especially with winter coming up, don't be afraid to call and ask!

Beth Brase, Library Director

Economic Development & Tourism

Become a fan of Strawberry Point, Iowa on Facebook! Once a fan you'll have the opportunity to network with Strawberry Point residents, visitors to our community, and those who grew up here years ago! It is a great place to share stories and ask questions about the community or relatives. Our Facebook Fan Page will also post items such as snow emergencies this winter and upcoming events in the community.

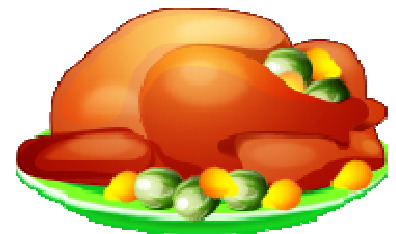
During the month of October Strawberry Point competed against several other communities in Northeast Iowa in the "Fan Challenge". All communities with a Facebook page had the opportunity to win \$150, by seeing who could gain the most fans. Strawberry Point was in the lead October 15th, official results will be announced October 31st. Check the Strawberry Point, Iowa Fan Page to see who won! Starting again in November, we will have a photo contest on our Fan Page, simply post your guess for "Where In Strawberry?" and you'll be entered in to win \$10 chamber bucks if you have the correct answer!

To become a fan, search Strawberry Point, Iowa on Facebook, click "Become a Fan"! If you have any questions regarding the Strawberry Point Iowa Fan Page or have something you would like to see on the page please contact McKenzie at 563-933-4417 or econdev@strawberrypoint.com.



McKenzie Johnson
Director of Economic Development & Tourism

Thanksgiving



Ambulance

Fall is officially here and that means cooler weather and eventually snow and really colder weather! Now is the time to prepare yourself for the colder conditions and be mindful of the slips and falls and exposure problems that the cold and windy weather brings.

The new ambulance is here and in service!!
THANK YOU AGAIN!!! To all that

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contributed to the replacement fund. Please be on the lookout for the new unit when we are out in the community during the home football games and at Heritage Days in October. We would love to give you an up close look!!

Roland Evans -Service Director

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Taylor Dement—November 4th

*Dean Courtnage—November 24th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/
Administrator*

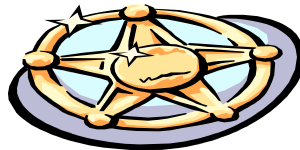
Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk

*McKenzie Johnson—Economic
Development Director*

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



Police



Police Chief Bob Pope

City Code 32.13

NO PARKING:

There shall be no parking on any city street or alley from November 1st of any year to April 1st of any year between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am. This is a \$25 fine.

Please remember to keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice.



Remember our
**Veterans on
November
11th.**

Daylight Savings Time starts
November 1st at 2:00 am.