



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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Lonnie Kelchen—
Feb 3rd
- Duane Johnson—
Feb 15th

Mayor & City Council

Dale Fox

Jackie Opperman

Jan Parkin

Norm Rizer

Troy Stover

Al Friederich

February is here and that means only a couple months of winter is left (hopefully). If you have been checking out the streets in other towns, you realize what a good job our city workers do in clearing the snow off our streets.

An Internet reminder to our citizens: Don't forget to check out the *CITY PAPERS* link on the city web site, www.strawberrypoint.com. Council agendas and minutes are posted there. If you want an email notice when they are posted, please send a request to mayor@strawberrypoint.com. On the *CITY RESOURCES* page there are email links to the council members along with other city information. The council has appointed Al Friederich to fill the last two years of the council term I vacated when I became your mayor. A petition was submitted for an election and the county auditor determined it to be invalid. Al Friederich will serve out the remainder of the term on the city council.

Council members and I have attended training at both Waverly and over the ICN in Elkader. In addition to the training provided by the state, these meetings provide a chance to meet council and mayors from other towns.

We will have another session in April. Your city leaders are also working on the budget. The current plan is to have the budget hearing at the first council meeting in March.

On the second Thursday of March and April I will be at city hall from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for citizens to stop in and chat about anything Strawberry Point. My goal is to get your ideas about things we can work on to make Strawberry Point the best it can be. Hopefully I will get suggestions that can make our city strong for the future. If the meetings are productive, they will become a monthly event.

To conclude, I would like citizens to be thinking about the Vision 2004 update I mentioned in January. The vision will need plans for short range (1 to 5 years) and long range (10 to 20 years) goals. Current plans are for a town meeting in early June. Next month, I will give you some details of the Vision 2004 plan. The Vision we develop will need input and support from all of us. Please keep in mind, the goal is to work for what is best for the city of Strawberry Point and not any individual or small group.

Dale Fox, Mayor

City Hall News

Hello from City Hall,

On January 16th the City Council appointed Al Friederich to fill the vacancy created by Dale Fox being elected Mayor.

City Council meetings will still be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of every month, but the meetings will begin at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm.

Another schedule change for February: the 1st meeting will be held on February 5th due to Ash Wednesday being on the 6th.

Check out the City of Strawberry Point web-

site 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.



City Clerk Deanna Dement

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City Clerk/Administrator

Fire Department

The Fire Department has purchased a 2008 Harley Davidson DynaGlide, which they will be raffling off. If you wish to purchase a raffle ticket please contact any member of the Fire Department or contact City Hall and ask for Liz. This is a beautiful Fire Fighter Special



Fire Chief Jeff Robinson

Edition Harley that is Fire Engine Red. It can be seen at various businesses throughout Strawberry over the next few months.

Police

A new officer has been hired in the police department. His name is Matt Moser and is originally from the Guttenberg area. Matt is currently working on getting all of his training completed, but you will see him out in the community very soon.



Police Chief
Bob Pope

Library

Our library has a lot more to offer you than just books and magazines. We have Books on Tape. If you want to use a desktop computer by itself or to surf the Internet, we are the place. You can bring your notebook computer to the library and connect to our wireless network to use the Internet. We have CDs and DVDs you can check out. Want to download a book? Come talk with us.

Maybe you want to be a part of our monthly book discussion group.

If you have not been to our library for a while, it is time for you to return.



563-933-4340

Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 to Noon
2:00 to 8:00

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 2:00 to 6:30

Saturday: 9:00 to Noon

Ambulance

The Ambulance Service would like to congratulate the following people who have started the winter EMT-B class: Anglea Glick, Katie Gomez, and Amber Kleinlein. Duane Johnson has also begun classes training up to the EMT-Intermediate level. Good Luck to All.

As a reminder, during the winter weather, please take some extra time when you are out on the roads during inclement weather. Please heed all



travel restrictions and warnings. Always be sure to wear your seat belts. Also be aware of the snowmobile traffic along the roadways.

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.

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WWW.STRAWBERRYPT.COM

Other Area Information

- Kindergarten round-up at Starmont—
Feb 8th—Contact Julie 933-2238
- Lions Bingo—1st and 3rd Saturday of
each month
- Valentines Day—Feb 14
- Starmont Booster Club Fish Fry—Feb 22
4:30 to 8:00 pm — Adults—\$8.00
Youth 5 to 10—\$4:00
Under 4— FREE
- Contact a fireman for your Harley David-
son raffle ticket
- City Council meets 1st & 3rd Wednes-
days at 6:00 in city hall
- Chamber meeting Feb 19 @ 5:30 in the
Franklin Hotel



Contact Terese Jurgensen 933-4417