



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

Thanks to the Chamber and all the others who worked to make Strawberry Days a success. Even the Saturday afternoon shower couldn't dampen the celebration.

I have been asked when the council packet is posted on the website. The goal is the Saturday morning before a Wednesday meeting, but sometimes things happen that it does not get posted at that specific time. To help meet this goal, all requests to be on the agenda need to be in by the end of the day on Thursday or they will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The 2nd council meeting in July will be on the 23rd, as both city hall ladies will be attending schooling in Ames, July 14-18. Noretia Kramer will be answering the City Hall phones that week. The agenda packet will be posted on Monday, July 21st.

Thanks to everyone who was part of our first Community Meeting for the Vision 2020 plan. If you were unable to attend, please go to www.strawberrypoint.com and click on the link or stop by City Hall and pick up a sheet to give us your ideas. These ideas are needed before July 14th.

The strategic planning team will work with the UNI Institute for Decision

Making to organize the ideas over the next couple of months. Once the strategic planning team feels ready, a community meeting will be held for refinement of the plan. After the meeting, the committee will put the finishing touches on the plan. When the committee has completed this task, a community meeting will be held to reveal the finalized plan and we can begin achieving our community goals. We will need volunteers to donate their time and talents to reach the community goals. Updates on the process will be in the paper and on the city website.

Just so you know, a number of city people have been taking NIMS training over the Internet to be better prepared in an emergency. This training is also a requirement for some federal funding.

Are you going to be a part of the 2008 Blue Grass Festival on July 25, 26, & 27? Details are on the city website.

What have you done lately to help citizens and visitors learn about the good things about our community?

Dale Fox
Strawberry Point Mayor

**Mayor &
City Council**

Dale Fox

Jackie Opperman

Jan Parkin

Norm Rizer

Troy Stover

Al Friederich

City Hall News

CITY HALL SUMMER HOURS: 7:00am to 5:30pm

Hazard Mitigation planning will hold its first meeting on July 9th at City Hall. This plan will assist the City in getting FEMA funds in the event of a disaster.

Meeting dates for July: July 2nd and July 23rd.

City Hall will be open 8 am to 4 pm from July 14th through July 18th, due to the City Administrator and Deputy City Clerk attending Clerk School.



Deanna Dement
City Clerk/Administrator

Vision 2020 Surveys are available at City Hall and online at www.strawberrypoint.com.

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

Fire Department

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

Strawberry Days Firemen's Dance was a great success!!! Thanks for coming out and enjoying Bad Habits and a lot of fun with us!



Library

The library will be adding 4 new large print books to our collection each month.

Summer reading programs kick off through the month of July. Some of the programs will be done by Mr. Nick (balloon artist), Clayton County Pork Queen, and Osborne.



Beth Brase
563-933-4340

The theme this year is Catch the Reading Bug and all kids 3 years old through 4th grade are welcome to join us!!

Check out the library's website at strawberrypoint.lib.ia.us for up-to-date information.

Police



Police Chief Bob

Total Contacts	Citations	Warnings
OWI*	2	1
Seat Belts	1	4
Child Restraints		1
Stop Sign Violation		2
Speed	9	12
Driving without license	2	
Suspended or Revoked	1	
Registration	1	
Open Container	1	
.02 Violation*		1
Dark Windows		1
Narcotics Arrest		
Other traffic violations	2	2
Equipment Violations		12
No proof of insurance		1
Totals	19	37
Other Contacts	Property Damage/ Injury/ Fatality	
Accidents Investigated	3	/ /
Motorists assist		4
Arrest Warrants served		1



*OWI & .02 Violation: Citations = OWI arrests; warnings = tests given

Seat Belt Surveys

Pre Wave Survey 90%

Post Wave Survey 91%

Next Wave is July 3rd—July 6th, 2008

Ambulance

Thank you to all who contributed to the continuing fund raising effort for our vehicle replacement campaign this past month. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Summer time is a great time to get your CPR skills up to par. There are new techniques being taught including one that involves no mouth to mouth contact with the victim.



If you or your family need re-certification or do not have CPR, the ambulance service has American Heart Association trained personnel available for classes. Contact me for information.

Roland Evans
Ambulance Service Director

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Adam Fette—July 1st

*Doug & Liz Jaster—July 5th Anniversary

*Marci Farmer—July 19th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/
Administrator*

Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk

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WWW.STRAWBERRYPT.COM

Other Area Information

*July 20th—Paul Olinger Benefit



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