



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

The revision of Strawberry Point's Vision 2004 Plan has started. The new Vision Plan will define the goals of the Strawberry Point area for the next 10-20 years. If you would like to see a copy of the 2004 plan we will be revising, you can find it on the city website. Use the City Papers link to view or print a copy.

As was done with the 2004 plan, the city council decided to enlist the assistance of the Institute for Decision Making from UNI. The two gentlemen who will be working with our town are William Wood and Andrew Conrad. They are the same people who assisted with the 2004 plan. An initial meeting was held on April 30th. A group met with Dr. Wood and Dr. Conrad to discuss what community groups would make the best representation for our steering committee. These groups will select their representative for the steering committee. The membership of the steering committee and meeting summaries will be published in the Press Journal and posted on the city website.

meet 3-4 times with Dr. Wood and Dr. Conrad. The committee will gather input for our plan informally and through at least one community meeting. Citizens may offer their ideas by emailing a committee member or city hall. The final plan will be presented at a community meeting. The goal is to have a plan and start working on some goals by the end of this summer.

To start, we will establish what parts of the Vision 2004 Plan have been completed, which need to be a part of our new plan, and additional items that should be put into the new plan. Deciding how to attain these goals and which community group will be responsible for keeping the city on track to reach each goal is the next step. Although a group will be responsible for each goal, all Strawberry Point citizens need to work together to reach the community's goals. All citizens will be kept informed of the progress in the Press Journal and on the city website.

Dale Fox
Mayor

Mayor & City Council

Dale Fox

Jackie Opperman

Jan Parkin

Norm Rizer

Troy Stover

Al Friederich

The steering committee will

City Hall News

POOL OPENS FOR THE SEASON MAY 24 WITH FREE SWIMMING ON MAY 24, 25, & 26.

Pool passes purchased before June 2nd are \$80 for a family pass, \$40 single pass, and \$35 for sitter/companion pass. After June 2nd the prices will go back to \$100 family pass, \$60 single pass, and \$40 sitter/companion pass.

Meeting dates for May: May 7th and 21st.

Open burning dates are April 18th through May 10th.

Spring Clean-Up Day will be May 10th. Details are available at City Hall.

Remember building permits are required for certain home repair and improvement projects. The application can be obtained on our website at www.strawberryp.com or at City Hall.



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

Fire Department

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



Police

In 2008, National Police Week will run from May 11th to May 17th. May 15th is National Police Officer Memorial Day. The number of line-of-duty deaths in 2007 was very close to 200. This drastic increase in deaths has presented a major concern for law enforcement officials. National Police Week is held to honor police officers



Police Chief
Bob Pope

throughout our nation for the service that they do.

Officer Matt Moser graduated from Hawkeye Community College on April 25th with his basic training in law enforcement, making him a certified police officer. Please take time to welcome him into our community.

Library

Dan Wardell from IPTV's PBS Kids will be at the Strawberry Point Library on Thursday, May 8th for two shows: 9:30 am and 10:30 am.

Writer's Group—Each Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

Reader's Group—Last Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm.

The library has many new books in their inventory, which include:

- Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright
- The Whole Truth by David Baldacci

- Winds of Destiny by Jayne Bullock (an Iowa author)
Be sure to look for more information of free audio-book downloads coming soon!



Beth Brase
Library Director

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Ambulance

Welcome to Spring (?). With the warmer weather coming, please be aware that there are more people out and about. Kids on their bikes, adults on their motorcycles. Time to shift out of our "winter weather" driving habits and increase your awareness of the other vehicles out sharing the roads.

National EMS week is this month, May 18th through the 24th. A good time to think about and

thank those people that provide your emergency services, specifically EMS.

Lots of changes happening with CPR. Are you and your family CPR certified??? Talk to one of the EMTs if you are interested in taking a class.

Have a great month!!

Roland Evans

Service Director
St Pt Ambulance Service

Think Spring!

Public Works

Currently the Public Works department is working on converting some older water meters to Touch Read meters. You will be contacted if your meter will be changed.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Tom Munter—May 4th
- Luke Dement—May 17th
- Renae Brandon—May 25th

*Deanna Dement—City Clerk/
Administrator*

Liz Jaster—Deputy City Clerk

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

Other Area Information

*May 3rd—City Wide Garage Sales

*May 10th—City Spring Clean Up Day



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