

VILLAGE OF STRATFORD

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NEWSLETTER



Stratford to be Featured as Channel 7 "Your Town"

Al Lancaster, Vice President and General Manager of WSAW-TV, is excited to announce Stratford for their "Your Town" series, June 9th -15th. Over 30 local businesses will be showcased, with the Thursday and Friday 5:00 p.m. newscasts originating from the Heritage Days grounds. The week will also include special news reports and weather forecasts from Stratford.

Stratford's "Your Town" stories will be streamed live on the Channel 7 website, www.wsaw.com. Be sure to tune in to see *Your Town—Stratford!*

Garbage and Recycling Notes

The Village held its Spring Clean Up Day on May 8th with Veolia Environmental Services collecting 17 tons of additional garbage and almost 40 major appliances. Since this is down from last year's Spring Clean Up, we can assume that residents are handling that accumulation of large discarded items.

At the Tire Recycling event held on May 17th, the Village and surrounding municipalities collected over five tons of tires. This was a cooperative recycling event endorsed by the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources.

Preparing your garden or flower pots for planting? FREE compost is available at the Village's compost site, located on Connor Avenue in the Business/Industrial Park. Please refer to the 2008 Garbage and Recycling calendar for compost site dates and times.

Evenings In The Park



The Stratford Area Historical Society will again host the Evenings In The Park entertainment series at Klemme Park. Wednesday evenings, beginning June 25th, will feature a variety of entertainment, refreshments, and museum displays. Watch the Village website for a detailed list of entertainers and events.

Willkommen!



20th Annual Heritage Days



Welcome!

Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m., the 2008 Heritage Days weekend will kick off with Opening Ceremonies in Klemme Park, marking the 20th anniversary of the event. Honoring Stratford's ethnic ancestry, this annual event provides enjoyment for the entire family!

Heritage Days is sponsored by the local Lions Club, VFW Post #6352, Chamber of Commerce, Firefighters, Economic Development Foundation and the Village of Stratford. This year's celebration specifically salutes our German Heritage.

Carnival rides and games, parade, bed races, car show, fish boil, live entertainment — Heritage Days has it all AND MORE! Complete schedules are available at most local businesses. *See you there!*

Stay Safe During Tornado Season



Recently, Police Chief Korey Schillinger and members of the local fire and emergency medical service worked with representatives from H & S Specialty Services to ensure that all of the emergency sirens are in good working order, ready to alert residents during severe weather.

Residents living in mobile homes or those without safe basements are encouraged to take shelter at the Stratford Community Hall located at the corner of East Larch Street and North 3rd Avenue. The building will be opened by emergency staff when severe weather is determined.

It is a good idea to check on elderly and handicapped neighbors to be sure they are able to make it to a safe shelter.

Housing Funds Still Available

The Village of Stratford was recently awarded nearly \$180,000 for housing rehabilitation by the Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce through a Community Development Block Grant. Several local homeowners have already qualified for grant funds and are currently obtaining contractor bids in anticipation of their home repairs.

Residents who qualify as low-income or very low income are eligible for the remainder of the funds allocated for the Village. If your household income is at or below the following levels, you may qualify for assistance to make necessary home repairs or for down payment funds.

One household member - \$22,000; Two household members - \$25,150; Three household members—\$28,300; Four household members—\$31,450.

For more information, please contact the Housing Grant Administrator at 1-800-552-6330. Application materials are available at the Stratford Municipal Building.

Recycling Sort Requirements

Veolia Environmental is contracted by the Village of Stratford to collect residential garbage and recyclables. The recycling truck is a two-compartment unit, one for “containers”, the other for “papers”.

Following local collection, the truckloads are then taken to a transfer station for further sorting in preparation for shipment to material recyclers. Proper sorting by each household is important, eliminating or reducing the need for hand sorting at the transfer station and keeping our contract costs to a minimum. When recyclables are not properly sorted, the driver will refuse to empty your crates. Following is a reminder of how each household can sort your recyclables for Thursday pickup.

CONTAINERS: Aluminum cans, container glass, plastic bottles and containers (marked with #1 or #2), and tin cans.

PAPERS: Mixed papers (magazines, junk mail, etc.), newspapers, cereal and soda boxes, and corrugated cardboard. Place these items in a paper grocery-style bag inside your recycling crate.

Each household should have two recycling crates as outlined above. Plastic crates are available for purchase at the Municipal Building for \$10 each. Please contact the Village office at 687-4166 if you need a copy of the annual calendar and guidelines.



Child Passenger Safety “Booster Seat Law”

Wisconsin Child Safety Seat Laws require children to be properly restrained when riding in a vehicle. The 2006 law includes the following four-step progression for effective child safety protection:

1. Rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat when a child is less than 1 year old or weighs less than 20 pounds.
2. Forward-facing child safety seat in the back seat when a child is at least 1 year old but less than 4 years old and weighs between 20-40 pounds.
3. Booster seat is required when the child is at least 4 years old but less than 8 years old, weighs between 40-80 pounds, or is less than 57 inches tall.
4. Safety belt is required when the child is 8 years old or older, weighs 80 or more pounds, or is 57 inches tall or taller.

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