

March 2008

VILLAGE OF STRATFORD

NEWSLETTER

Water Treatment Facility Nears Completion

Construction began on the Village's new water treatment facility last August, and is now nearing completion. The facility, located just off of the old railroad right-of-way behind the Sunset Ridge subdivision, will treat the Village's water supply for a variety of impurities including iron, manganese, and radon before distributing the water for consumption.



Stratford's water system currently has three active wells. A fourth well is available for use only during periods of dry weather. The current water project includes construction of an additional well, with capacity for another in the future.

Project costs include a construction contract totaling \$1,416,916 with Staab Construction of Marshfield and a contract with MSA Professional Services for grant administration and engineering of approximately \$280,000. Partnering with several businesses in the local industrial park, the Village qualified for a Community Development Block Grant of \$413,600 from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. The balance will be financed through a Safe Drinking Water Loan administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The State's loan of just over \$1.4 million was finalized last week at an interest rate of 2.365%.

Facility testing began this week, with plans for the plant to be fully operational by mid-March. Local public works employees have received extensive training to maintain the new filtration system. The new well and water treatment facility will enhance Stratford's water quality and quantity.

Focus on Energy Rebates

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Stratford Water & Electric customers are eligible for cash-back rewards when purchasing qualified energy efficient lighting and certain household appliances. The Wisconsin Energy Star Homes Program offers discounts and cash-back rewards for adhering to building standards that are more specific to Wisconsin extreme weather.

By changing five of the most frequently used light bulbs in your home to Energy Star qualified bulbs, you could save about \$35 per year in energy costs. Rebate forms and more information are available online at www.focusonenergy.com or by calling 1-800-762-7077.

Introducing the Village Newsletter

The Trustees of the Village of Stratford are pleased to present this first edition of the **Village Newsletter**. It is our hope that you'll find the information useful and timely, whether you are new to the Village or are a long-time resident.

We anticipate distributing the **Newsletter** on a quarterly basis. Your input, including ideas for articles and publication frequency, is welcome.



Village Board Members:
(Front row, left to right) Jeff Dennee, Debbie Schoenfuss, Bud Suckow, Village President.
(Back row) Wesley Manecke, Travis Hauke, Jeremy Schafer, Dale Heil.

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Village Board and Committee Meetings

- Meetings are open to the public.
- Agendas are posted in advance of each meeting at the Stratford State Bank, Davel's One-Stop, and the Municipal Building.
- Meetings are held at the Municipal Building at 265 North 3rd Avenue.
- Water & Electric Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
- Village Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Works Committee meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Other standing committees meet as needed:
 - Public Safety Committee
 - Housing Commission
 - Personnel Committee
 - Plan Commission
 - Finance Committee
 - Solid Waste Committee

Rummaging Around Stratford

Friday, May 2 Saturday, May 3
8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

To participate in *Rummaging Around Stratford*, sign-up forms are available at the Village office and at local businesses. The \$12.00 fee covers advertising, signage, and maps. For more information contact Diedra at 687-9213 or Maria at 389-8362.

Mark Your Calendar



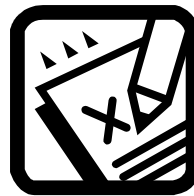
May 8— Residential Clean Up Day

Plan now to clean out your basement and garage! The Village's garbage hauler, Veolia Environmental, will collect discarded household items, such as appliances, mattresses, carpet, furniture, etc., placed curbside with your weekly trash. No waste oil, tires, or construction materials.

June 12-15 — Heritage Days

Stratford's 20th annual celebration of ethnic ancestry providing enjoyment for the entire family.

Are You Registered to Vote??



Spring Election * April 1st
Partisan Primary * September 9th
General Election * November 4th

Village of Stratford voters may register at the Stratford Municipal Building during business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. You will need to present your Wisconsin driver's license or state ID card.

Wisconsin voters will still be able to register at the polls on election days with proper documentation. It is the voter's responsibility to be pre-registered in order to ensure your eligibility to participate in the election process.

The State of Wisconsin has a Voter Public Access website available to registered voters to look up your voter record and status, polling place location, and to view a sample ballot prior to an election.

<http://vpa.wi.gov>

Contact Clerk June Krueger at 687-4166 if you have any questions about voter registration.