

TORNADO AWARENESS & PROPER RESPONSE

With the arrival of the summer heat, the threat of severe weather increases. When weather threatens, area spotters take up positions within the approaching path of a storm. While we depend on the National Weather Service for advisories, we also heavily rely on our local trained weather spotters.

Stratford has four early warning sirens located throughout the village which can be activated in several ways. Police Chief Korey Schillinger states, "If we feel the weather threat warrants sounding the sirens, they will be set off." He continued, "When you hear the sirens, don't run outside and look up! Take the warning seriously and head to your basement."

The early warning sirens will sound off for three minutes. There is no "all clear" signal. You are responsible to take proper actions when the sirens are triggered and following a weather alert. The sirens are not activated for every severe weather warning; instead they are only sounded when we feel an imminent threat is upon us or heading directly at the Village.

We hope to give residents several minutes of advanced warning. This is, however, not always

possible. The sirens positioned throughout the Village are designed as outside warning sirens and may not be heard within your residence. It is an individual's responsibility to stay apprised of threatening weather conditions, paying attention to local radio and television coverage.

For those residents who do not have access to a basement, we will open the Community Hall located at 300 East Larch Street for use as a storm shelter. The Village Municipal Building, 265 North 3rd Avenue, can also be opened and available for safety during a storm.

We strive to always provide safety to our residents. Chief Schillinger concludes, if everyone uses common sense, stays aware of changing weather patterns and works together, we can provide the coverage our residents deserve.

Bottom line — If you hear the sirens, take them seriously!



Something to think about from...



Reducing the Cost of Staying Cool

Residents often face a dilemma as they head into the cooling season. They want to keep their homes comfortable without breaking the bank. It is possible to achieve that goal.

MAINTENANCE — The first thing to do is ensure your air conditioning system is prepared for the season. Normal wear-and-tear can hinder performance and increase the energy needed to operate. A qualified technician can take care of annual maintenance and check the system for other problems.

UPGRADE — If your cooling system is more than ten years old, it might be wise to purchase a new system. Today's models feature high-efficiency motors and advanced compressors, both requiring less energy. Look for ENERGY STAR rated units to save up to 40% on cooling costs.

ACCESSORIES — Use a programmable thermostat to control the hours your cooling system runs throughout the day. Ceiling fans can also improve your indoor air conditions by increasing circulation.

★ Thank you! ★ ★

The Stratford area is fortunate to have individuals dedicated to building the skills of our future leaders through scouting activities.

Steve Carey recently completed his Boy Scout Eagle project benefiting the Stratford Area Historical Society by installing a handicap-accessible ramp at the Museum in Klemme Park. Steve is the son of Mike & Lisa Thompson. Nationally, only 5% of all Boy Scouts achieve their Eagle badge.

Amanda Becher, daughter of Tony & Ruth Becher, constructed park benches to attain her Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest rank a Girl Scout can achieve. The benches have been placed around the fire pit at Klemme Reserve.

Thank you, Amanda and Steve, for your contributions to the Village facilities and congratulations on your scouting success!

Recreational Trail System - Fund Raising Update

The Recreational Trail System Committee has been working hard in their fund raising efforts for what is now officially dubbed "Heritage Trail". Trail information was distributed during Heritage Days at an information booth, and during the 3k/5k race and Sunday parade. We are thrilled to share the following list of businesses and individuals who have already contributed at least \$100 and will be recognized at the donor levels indicated.

BUILDER	\$10,000—\$24,999	Stratford State Bank
SPONSOR	\$1,000—\$4,999	Central City Credit Union
		Alan & Linda Rock
ENTHUSIAST	\$500—\$999	Doug Jannusch
		Duane Pupp
		John & Betty Southworth
FRIEND	\$100—\$499	Cynthia Alf
		Dave & Diane Austin Family
		Chris & Jenny Chapel
		Rod & Brenda Huther
		Eric Pupp Estate
		Rummaging Around Stratford
		George & Kristin Sandul



To learn more about Heritage Trail, contact the Village office or any of the Trail Committee members.

Committee Chair—Jeremy Schafer
Trustee — Tom Bornbach
Members — Diane Austin, June Krueger, Duane & Lynette Pupp, Alan Rock, John Southworth, and Scott Winch.

Information and donation forms are also available at the Village office or by visiting the Village/Chamber website and clicking the TRAIL link on the left side of the home page.

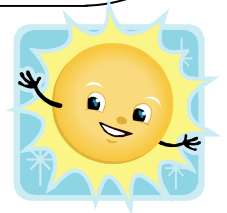
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and Public Works Shop687-4118

Summer Reminders



- ⇒ It is a violation of Village Ordinance to blow grass clippings onto the sidewalk or street, or onto your neighbor's property.
- ⇒ Pets, when not confined to the owner's property, must be leashed and not allowed to run loose. When walking your pet, their droppings must be immediately cleaned up and properly disposed of.
- ⇒ If you have not already registered your backyard fire pit with the Village's Fire Commissioner, you should contact Dale Heil at 687-2110 to receive the guidelines for bon fire pits.
- ⇒ When walking or biking during the evening hours, be sure to wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials. Carrying a flashlight also makes you more visible to motorists.

Clip & Save

Stratford Area
Historical Society

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 p.m. Klemme Park
(Scheduled entertainment is subject to change)



EVENING
IN THE PARK

June 24.... Stratford High School Vocal Music Dept. – A variety of local young talent
July 1 Let Freedom Ring – VFW & Bucky Drexler
July 8 CRUZ – Athens pop/rock group featuring hits from the 1960's to present
July 15 Sacred Steel – Emmanuel Lutheran Church Steel Drums
July 22 A Gal & 2 Guys – Gospel/Country Sing-a-long
July 29 Don Frodl Orchestra – Old Time Polka Music
Aug. 5 Crosswinds – Gospel & hits from the 1950's & 60's
Aug. 12 Old Timer's Band – Visiting from Athens

Entertainment

Museum Exhibit
"Fashions of the Past"

Refreshments