

VILLAGE OF STRATFORD

September 2010

NEWSLETTER

And the Survey Says...

Last month, the Village Board of Trustees mailed a Community Survey to residents to identify needs and priorities and to help direct the annual budget and long-term planning processes.

692 surveys were mailed with over 20% of households responding either by mail or completing the survey online. The survey responses are currently being tallied and will be reported in future Newsletters. A wide variety of comments and suggestions were also received. These comments will be reviewed by the appropriate board committee depending on the topic or issue involved. The results and responses will be used during the 2011 budget process which will begin during the September committee meetings.

Residents who provided their name on the completed survey were entered into a random drawing for a prize valued at nearly \$50.00. Brian Lasee, a homeowner on South Ridge Drive, is the winner of a recycling crate filled with a variety of recycled paper products and a package of compact fluorescent light bulbs. Also included in the prize is a 2011 calendar made from 100% post-consumer waste and printed with vegetable-based inks. *Congratulations Brian!*

A report of the community survey results will be available at the Village office and on the website by late September. The Village Board values the opinions of all Village residents and wishes to thank those who gave serious consideration in completing the survey.

Mark Your Calendars



- SEPT. 6..... Labor Day
- 11..... Patriot Day
- 14..... Primary Election Day
- 17..... Stratford Chamber 5th Quarter
at VFW Hall
- OCT. 2..... Hazardous Waste & Electronics
Recycling Event
- 14..... Fall Clean Up Day
- 19..... Energy Services visits Stratford
- 21..... Energy Services visits Stratford
- 31..... Trick or Treat 5:30—7:30 p.m.
- NOV. 2..... General Election Day

Elections



The Fall election season is upon us. The Partisan Primary to be held on Tuesday, September 14th will narrow the candidate field in many federal, state, and county races. The General Election will be held on November 2nd.

Eligible voters residing in the Village may vote at the Community Hall, 300 East Larch Street, from 7:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m. If you are newly-eligible (recently turned 18 years old) or not currently registered to vote in the Village, you may register in advance at the municipal office OR on election day at the Community Hall. Please bring your valid Wisconsin Drivers License when registering.

You can verify your voter status and view a sample ballot at the Voter Public Access website: vpa.wi.gov



Park & Facilities Rentals



The Village of Stratford is proud to have quality parks and facilities available for public use. Along with the variety of community groups who use the Community Hall and Village parks for regular meetings, there are also many private events held throughout the year. Family reunions, class reunions and graduation parties fill the summer calendar, with baby showers, bridal showers and holiday gatherings rounding out the year.

Village residents may rent the facilities for a rental fee of just \$25 per day. (Non-Resident rental fee is \$50.) A \$25 deposit is also collected when the reservation is confirmed. The 2011 calendar is already filling up. If you are hoping to schedule an event, please contact the Village office at 715-687-4166 to check for available dates. The rental agreement can be found at: www.stratfordwi.com/documents/RentalAgreement2007.pdf



Home Heating Financial Assistance Available

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides financial assistance, based on household income levels, to aid in bill payment during the winter heating season. Crisis assistance may also be available in a heating emergency (no heat, disconnect notice, etc.). Available funding each year is limited. Be sure to apply early if you feel you qualify. Representatives from Marathon County Energy Services will be in Stratford to help residents apply for benefits as follows.

Stratford Community Hall, 300 E. Larch St.

October 19th & November 11th 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Appointments are required.

Call Energy Services at 1-800-922-2393.

Garbage Cart Switches, 2011 Rates, Special Collection Events, Etc.

The Village of Stratford contracts for residential collection of garbage and recyclables with Veolia Environmental Services. All homes are required to participate in the garbage and recycling program. Services are billed as a special charge on the annual property tax bill. Households are required to use the wheeled garbage cart provided by the hauler, but you may choose the size of cart that best fits your needs. Three cart sizes are available as follows:

Cart Size	Capacity	2011 Annual Charge
Small	35 gallon	\$ 87.00
Medium	65 gallon	\$114.00
Large	95 gallon	\$141.00

Village residents will also be charged \$48.00 for 2011 recycling collection services. With more diligent recycling efforts, many households are able to save money by reducing the size of their garbage cart.

Anyone wishing to change the size of your garbage cart must make that request by contacting the Village Clerk 's Office by November 1st! (phone: 715-687-4166 or email: stratfordclerk@fibernetcc.com) This is the one time each year residents are allowed to make such a change. Changes in garbage carts will take place toward the end of December or early January. The new amount will be charged on the tax bill you receive in December.

Keep in mind that weekly garbage must fit inside your cart. Stickers for excess garbage bags are available at the Village Clerk 's Office at a cost of \$1.50 per sticker.



ELECTRONICS & HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, October 2nd

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Stratford Area Fire Station, 513 S. Weber Ave.

The Village of Stratford has teamed with the Towns of Cleveland and Day to again coordinate a recycling and disposal drive for computers, electronics, and hazardous wastes. Computer components (including laptops and printers), televisions, copiers, fax machines and micro-waves will be accepted. Disposal fees of just 25 cents per pound will be charged.

The Hazardous Waste Disposal Team from Veolia Environmental will also be on site. Items such as paint and paint thinner, old gasoline or oil, auto repair products, kitchen and bath aerosol products, fungicides, herbicides, fertilizers and glues are some of the items you may bring in for proper disposal.



FALL CLEAN UP DAY Thursday, October 14th

The Fall Clean Up will be held along with our regular garbage and recycling collection day. Household items — appliances, furniture, computers, carpet, mattresses, televisions, appliances and excess garbage — will be collected. Residents should place all items to be discarded at the curb along with your regular garbage and recyclables.

Be aware that Veolia uses several trucks for this collection, " pre-sorting " items as they are collected so the trucks can take specific items to the various processing facilities. Don't be alarmed if you notice some of your items collected while other items remain behind. Also, depending on the volume of clean-up required, Veolia may need to extend the collection process into Friday.

Keep in mind that this is a service for Village of Stratford residential customers only! These special collection days are an additional charge in the Village 's contract with Veolia, based on an estimated volume, and billed to households with your tax payments. When the clean-up day volume is increased by allowing non-residents to bring their discarded items to your curb, **our local costs will also increase.**

Please, NO waste oil, tires, or construction materials.

* CHANGE IN BATTERY DISPOSAL GUIDELINES *

The Marathon County Solid Waste Department recently reviewed their policy for disposal of small batteries. Effective immediately, all alkaline, carbon zinc, and reusable alkaline manganese batteries can be placed in the trash. Such batteries are commonly used in flashlights, calculators, toys, clocks, remote controls, smoke detectors, etc. These batteries are considered non-hazardous waste and have little value as a recyclable/salvage product. **Batteries that should continue to be recycled** include button-type (watches), sealed lead acid (power tools), nickel cadmium, (cell phones), silver oxide (hearing aids), and lithium (cameras).

A collection box is located at the Village office.

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Department	Contact Info *
Clerk / Treasurer	phone: 715-687-4166 email: stratfordclerk
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Water & Electric Dept. (billing)	phone: 715-687-4166 email: stratfordutility
Water & Electric and Public Works Shop	phone: 715-687-4118 email: stratfordpubworks

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