

VILLAGE OF STRATFORD

May 2010

NEWSLETTER

Heritage Trail Update



Construction is underway for Stratford's Heritage Trail! Janke General Contractors of Athens was the contract award winner for Phase One of the project. With cooperative weather conditions, Janke anticipates completion by the end of August. Phase One of this non-motorized trail will run from the SHS athletic fields and the school forest, to the industrial park, winding through the wetlands area south of the industrial park, and out to Hwy 97 near the fire station. The main trail will be a crushed rock surface with boardwalks through the wetlands.

The Marathon County Board recently approved a \$50,000 contribution to the Heritage Trail from the American Transmission Company's reparations fund. This is a huge boost to the local funding required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources matching funds grants. We are very thankful to Marathon County Board Member **Bob Wiesman** for his diligence in guiding the funding request through the county's channels to a very successful result. *Thanks Bob!*

Every dollar raised locally for this project is matched by WDNR's Local Parks and Recreational Trail Acts Programs. Donations received since our last publication include:

FRIEND LEVEL (\$100-\$499)

Sharon Theobald
Kent & Mary Lyn Kretchmar
Ken & Jean Swenson
Rembs Funeral Home
Greg Hesch/Slumberland

ENTHUSIAST LEVEL (\$500-\$999)

Central Wisconsin Cooperative
(In-kind donation)

SPONSOR LEVEL (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Allie & Diane Knoll
Stratford Building Supply
(In-kind donation)

Do you want to contribute to the Heritage Trail success?

Make a donation to the project, become a "Friend of the Trail" for future upkeep and maintenance, or just learn more about it by visiting the Village/Chamber website at www.stratfordwi.com (click the TRAIL link on the left side of the home page). You can view the trail map at the Village office during business hours.

Hydrant and Water Main Flushing

The Water Utility crew will be flushing hydrants and water mains from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the week of May 17th to May 21st.

This process stirs up sediment in the mains. Using water in your home, while hydrants and mains are flushed, does not allow the sediment time to settle in the mains. You will draw this sediment into your lateral and then into your home's plumbing system. You should delay using water for approximately 30 minutes only when you notice the crew working in your area.

Customers may experience very low pressure during the flushing process. You may also notice some temporary air in your lines when turning on a faucet after the crew has completed flushing your area.



Call 715-687-4118
if you have any
questions.



Spring Clean Up Day ~ May 13 ~

This Spring's Clean Up Day will be held on **Thursday, May 13th**, our regular 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.

Getting to Know Our Veolia Route Drivers



Hi, my name is Jerry Bruggeman.

I have been Stratford's trash collector for Veolia Environmental Services for 2-1/2 years. My wife, Christi, and I have been married for 25 years and we have two children, Carmen and Bob, who attend college and I love very much.

Before working for Veolia, I owned and operated my own business of 17 years, which I purchased from Ronald Domres Sr., who along with his wife Ann are Stratford residents and great friends of mine. When I decided to shut down my business in 2006, Jim Staats at Veolia ES gave me a chance and I will forever be indebted to him. It was a move I would make again in a heartbeat. As big as this company is, it is still run small enough that you have a name and are not just a number.

My routes consist of the Towns of Green Valley, Emmet, Cleveland, Wien and Day on Monday and Tuesday. The City of Thorp takes all day on Wednesday, Village of Stratford on Thursday, and Town of McMillan on Friday. I enjoy all of my routes but the Village of Stratford is my favorite. There is just something in the air when you hit Stratford that makes you feel good. The friendliness of the people, always a wave and a smile...from the man by the ball diamond who gives his friendly wave...to the young gal on the corner of 97 and Larch. The people of Stratford do so much to make my job easier, which I really appreciate. You should be proud of yourselves and proud to live in such a great community.



My name is Ed Marsh. I've been Stratford's recycling driver for about a year, having been with Veolia for two years. My wife, Tracy, and I were married last September and are expecting our first child in June. I spent 11 years living near Stratford while I was growing up, completed two years at Stratford High, and graduated from SHS in 1997. Even though we all currently live in Marshfield, we still maintain many friends here. I still feel a strong connection to your community and proudly serve you and your recycling needs.



CENSUS 2010 How it Affects You

An accurate count of the United States population forms the basis for many important but often overlooked political, economic, and social decisions that end up affecting our daily lives.

That's why it's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the number of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use the census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, local pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for our community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other public works projects
- Emergency Services

Nationally, as of April 27th, 72% of households have returned their census forms. Local participation rates are:

Wisconsin	80%
Marathon County	83%
Village of Stratford	82%

On May 1st, census takers will begin going door-to-door to households that did not mail back their forms. If you did not receive a census form by mail, please open your door to the local census worker. They will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form and are sworn to confidentiality. If you are not home when the census worker visits, a "Notice of Visit" will be left in your doorway, along with a phone number to schedule an appointment.

Please participate and make a difference for our community!

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Water & Electric Dept. (billing)	715-687-4166	stratfordutility
Water & Electric and Public Works Shop	715-687-4118	stratfordpubworks

*All email addresses end in: @fibernetcc.com

Mark Your Calendars



May 1 ... Compost Site opens for the season

9:00 a.m. to Noon (Please refer to your 2010 Garbage and Recycling Schedule for Compost Site details.)

June 10—13 ... Heritage Days

Evenings in the Park, sponsored by the Stratford Area Historical Society, will be held Wednesday evenings at Klemme Park, July 7 through August 11. This year's entertainment schedule will be announced soon!