

VILLAGE OF STRATFORD

May 2011

NEWSLETTER

SAFD TO HOST THE WAUSAU FIREFIGHTERS RIDE FOR MDA Saturday, May 21st

The Wausau Firefighters coordinate an annual two-day motorcycle ride to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year's event will include Stratford as the Saturday lunch stop for the group of approximately 1,000 motorcycle riders.

The group ride begins in Wausau, traveling an escorted scenic route on Hwy XX from Wausau, and through Rozellville on Highway C. Around noon, the group will roll into Stratford from Highway 97 South for a pig roast lunch at the Stratford Fire Station. The Wausau Firefighter's "road captains" will coordinate the parking of the cycles along South Street, Hemlock Street, Brandt Drive and City View Drive, with overflow parking in the Stratford Homes lots if necessary. The road captains will be sure to leave driveways open to residents and to not impede vehicle flow on these residential streets. Following the lunch break, the riders will continue to various Fun Run stops before returning to Wausau for evening music and prizes.

This event has successfully traveled various routes throughout Central Wisconsin, raising over \$200,000 for MDA over the past seven years. The local route and parking details were reviewed in advance by Police Chief Korey Schillinger and approved by the Village Board. Stratford's EMS Coordinator, Tonia Ochoa, is organizing additional lunch options for the riders as well as a raffle and other events to support the local firefighters and various community groups.



SPRING CLEAN UP DAY Thursday, May 12th

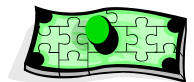
The Spring Clean Up will be held along with our regular garbage and recycling collection day. Household items — appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, appliances and excess garbage — will be collected. Residents should place all items to be discarded at the curb along with your regular garbage and 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. 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 electronics (computers, televisions, etc.), waste oil, tires, or construction materials. A special collection for electronics will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011.

2011 Budget Notes



Each Fall, the Village Board and the various board committees spend many hours reviewing the local budget for the subsequent year. The Village's budget for 2011 was set back in November 2010 at the public budget hearing. Following are some of the highlights and upcoming projects included in the 2011 budget.

- The public works capital equipment schedule called for replacing the ditch cutter and the purchase of a compact tractor.
- The roof will be replaced at the Community Hall this year. Half of the approximate \$20,000 expense was budgeted in 2010 to spread this capital expense over two budget years.
- The parks budget includes a resurface to the tennis courts at Connor Park and the replacement of two decorative lamp posts in Klemme Park.
- Preliminary engineering work will take place for Frontage Road with construction planned for 2012.
- Two small construction debts from 2002 and 2003 will be retired, with final payments being made in 2011.
- Anticipating cuts in state funding due to the Governor's proposed Budget Repair Bill, the Finance and Personnel Committee continue to analyze the full impact on the local budget. Declining state funding may result in increases to local fees, project delays and/or reduced services.

Mark Your Calendars



MAY	..... 6-7	Rummaging Around Stratford	Over 80 sales registered. Maps and address lists available at local businesses or at www.stratfordwi.com .
	..... 7	Clean Up Day at Heritage Trail	9:00 a.m.
	..... 12	Spring Clean Up Day	<i>For residential Veolia customers only!</i>
	..... 30	Memorial Day	(Village office / shop closed)
JUNE	.... 9-12	Heritage Days	

Heritage Trail News

Construction is nearly complete on Stratford 's Heritage Trail! Janke General Contractors of Athens have just a few minor items to finish and the trail will be fully open.

A Trail Clean-Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in walking the trail to pick up trash and debris should meet at the parking lot at Wisconsin Avenue and Parkview Drive in the Business/Industrial Park. Garbage bags will be provided, but you may want to wear gloves and bring along a rake.

The **3k/5k Run Walk** to benefit Heritage Trail will take place during Heritage Days on Saturday, June 11th. Registration forms are available at the Village office and local businesses or online at www.stratfordwi.com. Though you may register on the morning of the race, the pre-registration deadline is May 20th to guarantee a race shirt in your size.

Heritage Trail is a great place to walk your dog. This is a reminder, however, that pets are not allowed to run loose and must be on a leash no more than ten feet long. In no way should a pet pose a threat or harm to other trail users or wildlife. " Droppings " must be immediately cleaned up and properly disposed of.

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 links on the left side of the home page to obtain the information brochure or a copy of the trail map. *Thank you to the following recent donors!*

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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 9th to May 13th.

This process stirs up sediment in the mains. Using water in your home, while the hydrants and mains are flushed, does not allow the sediments time to settle in the mains. You will draw this sediment into your lateral and then into your homes ' 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 in your area. Contact 715-687-4118 if you have any questions.

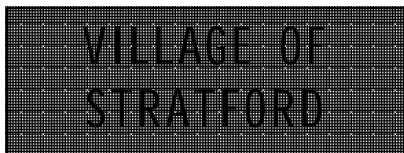
Compost Site Open for the Season

The Village compost site, located on Connor Avenue in the Business/Industrial Park, will be open for the season beginning May 1st. In response to the 2010 Community Survey, the site will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The compost site is available for residents to drop off your grass clippings, leaves, garden materials, tree brush, etc., at your convenience. Signs will direct residents where to place their compost materials. Bags, boxes and containers must be emptied and taken home with you.

Free compost and wood chips are available while supplies last.

The site was previously open on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings, with an attendant present to monitor the items being dropped off. This "open access " will be on a **trial basis** for 2011 and will be video-monitored for compliance. Anyone dumping trash or items that are not compostable will be ticketed for littering and invoiced for the disposal fees.



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Water & Electric and Public Works Shop	715-687-4118	stratfordpubworks

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