

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Klemme Reserve will be the site of our new Community Gardens! In cooperation with the Stratford High School FFA, the Village of Stratford Community Gardens Program will provide spaces for gardening, along with educational programs designed to teach and extend information to encourage wellness. The mission of community gardens is to increase the awareness of good health and nutrition through growing one's own food, practicing sustainable gardening, and strengthening neighborhood participation.

Village residents may apply for a 4' x 8' garden plot for the 2016 growing season. Plots are available at no charge and on a first come first serve basis. The Community Gardens Program is under the jurisdiction of the Village's Public Works Committee and is, therefore, under the governance of municipal codes. A pre-planting visit with an FFA garden consultant is also offered. Plot Registration Forms and Gardener's Agreements are available at the village office or on the village's website, www.stratfordwi.com, and click the 'Forms, Applications, Maps' link from the homepage. Start planning now for the 2016 growing season!

DOG LICENSING

State law requires that all dogs are licensed. 2016 Dog Licenses are available for Village of Stratford owners and/or keepers of dogs at the Municipal Building. Before a license can be issued, you must furnish a current rabies vaccination certificate. Licensing fees will increase after April 1st. Also, a Village Ordinance Citation with a minimum fine of \$170.00 per dog for "failure to license your dog(s)" will be issued.



CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION



To better serve "You" - please verify that your mailing address is correct on your utility bill! Make necessary changes on the tear off stub and return with your payment! We would also appreciate receiving your current phone number(s).

The utility attempts to notify customers when a water or power outage is planned or if we notice an unusually high meter reading. You can email stratfordutility@stratfordwi.com or call 715-687-4166 with this information.

VOTING 2016

The Presidential Preference and Spring Election scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th, will also include two referendum questions for the Stratford School District.



Voters are reminded that you must be registered to vote, and you must show an acceptable photo ID before you will be provided a ballot. Eligible voters who are not yet registered may do so at the Village office during business hours. You may also register by mail or at the polling place on Election Day. If your address has changed, you need to complete a new registration form. Remember, to be eligible to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States and at least 18 years old on Election Day.

You may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you by submitting an application so that it is received by the Village Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st. In-person absentee voting will be available at the Village office from March 21 - April 1, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours. More information on the upcoming election, as well as a sample ballot, can be found online at myvote.wi.gov.

DAVE POSPYHALLA

Thank you for 16 years of service! Good luck in your new position with the Village of McFarland in Dane County.

TREE CITY USA



With the help of a DNR grant in 2015, the Village has implemented a sustainable community tree program. The \$5,000 grant in 2015 allowed us to properly prune trees in Klemme Park, plant new trees in the Sunset Ridge Subdivision Park, and to remove several older terrace trees that posed a risk to neighboring properties. Additionally, two

public works employees attended a workshop on proper tree pruning techniques.

The DNR grant has been renewed for 2016 so the Village's urban tree efforts will continue! A natural next step is for the Village to work toward attaining TREE CITY USA status. Part of that process is to establish a Tree Advisory Board, hold an Arbor Day Celebration, and to spend a defined amount on community tree maintenance each year. Members of the new Tree Advisory Board could be Village residents, a local arborist, village staff, an elected official, etc.

General responsibilities of tree board members are to serve in an advisory capacity to the village board for planning and conducting annual Arbor Day activities, assisting in education efforts, and participating in special projects such as tree plantings. A key criteria for being a contributing member are enthusiasm and dedication, not technical expertise. If you would like to be considered for appointment to the Village's Tree Advisory Board -- whether it is simply an interest in trees or expertise in a particular subject -- and have the time and energy to dedicate toward this effort, please contact Village Clerk June Krueger.

WHAT ARE ALL THE ROADWAY MARKINGS AROUND TOWN?

There will be numerous improvements beginning in 2016 for the Village.

- Water and sewer mains will be replaced on North 2nd and North 3rd Avenues, from Hwy 153 to Larch Street. This will include street and sidewalk reconstruction in those areas.
 - Water and sewer mains will also be replaced on the 500 block of East Elm Street.
 - A water main loop will be created from the end of East Elm Street to East Larch Street near St. Joseph's cemetery.
- 2018 WI D.O.T. Hwy 97 Project includes:**
- Asphalt from South Street to Highway 29 will be milled and overlaid.
 - ADA compliance of sidewalk ramps, and traffic lights at the Hwy 97 and 153 intersection.

SNOW REMOVAL

When removing snow and ice from private property, it cannot be deposited onto any public street, alley, sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use.



RUMMAGING AROUND STRATFORD

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 5th -- Saturday, May 7th**

The sign up forms are available online at www.stratfordwi.com, at local businesses, and at the Village office. For more information contact: Maria at 715-389-8362 or Diedra at 715-687-9213.

The deadline for signing up is **Friday, April 8th.**

We appreciate the time and effort of the volunteers who coordinate this popular annual event for our community.



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Police Dept. (non-emergency)	715-687-3131	stratfordpolice
(in emergencies)	Dial 911	
Water & Electric Dept. (billing)	715-687-4166	stratfordutility
Shop (public works & utilities)	715-687-4118	stratfordpubworks

*Email addresses end in: @stratfordwi.com
Village Ordinances online: <http://www.ecode360.com/ST2150>

For after hours utility emergencies, please call 715-687-4118.
Listen to the message for the staff's "on call" phone number.