

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

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Weekly Council Update

- **NPS Exhibit Grand Opening – Tomorrow Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.:**

Members of Council are encouraged to attend two events at the NPS Visitors Center on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>. As President, Herbert Hoover's administration created a number of new national parks and monuments, including Arches, Isle Royale, George Washington Birthplace, and Sunset Crater Volcano. Join a park ranger at 2:00 p.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup> to learn about some of these special places. Immediately following this presentation, please stay for the Grand Opening for the new permanent exhibit in the NPS Visitors Center. New permanent exhibits will tell the stories of President Hoover's childhood in West Branch and how he later helped develop this park which commemorates his life. Refreshments will be offered.

- **Over 400 Park & Rec Surveys Received:** There was a great response to the Park & Rec Survey. Over 350 online surveys were received and over 70 community members filled out a paper copy. HBK Engineering is currently compiling the data received in the surveys and will provide a report on survey results at a Park & Rec Steering Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

- **Stormwater Utility Update:** City Engineer Dave Schechinger and city staff continue to prepare background information on the development of a stormwater utility. While originally scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>, the City Council presentation by Dave Schechinger has been postponed to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting to allow for more time in developing the policy recommendation.

- **Presidents Day Holiday:** City Offices, the West Branch Public Library, and the Park & Recreation Department will be closed Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday. As a result, our regular Council Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Register for Fitness Classes Now:** All of our fitness classes, Zumba, Pilates and Tough Mother are wrapping up their current sessions this week. The Park & Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the next session of all of these fitness classes starting next week. Information can be found on the Park & Rec website and by contacting Park & Rec Director Melissa Russell at (319) 930-0393 or via email at [melissa@westbranchiowa.org](mailto:melissa@westbranchiowa.org).

- **Iowa League of Cities Update:** Last week, Waterloo was the latest community in Iowa to identify emerald ash borers within their city. The city has identified more than 4,500 ash trees on public property and estimates the cost of removal at over \$2 million. As this pest further pervades the state – the insect has been found as far west as Creston – the League will look for opportunities to advocate that the state dedicate more resources to the issue. A subcommittee was held on Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> for [SF2013](#), which is one bill that could assist in cities disposing of the infested trees. The bill allows sanitary landfills to accept trees that are infested with emerald ash borer. The League supports the bill.

● **Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m.
- Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> – All Day
- Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
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- Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
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- Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.
- Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.
- Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
- Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 a.m.
- Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
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- Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.
- Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.
- Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
- Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 a.m.
- Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

- Pilates Class
- NPS Visitors Center Presentation/Open House
- Presidents Day – City Holiday
- Tough Mother Fitness Class
- Zumba Class
- City Council Work Session #1
- City Council Meeting
- City Council Work Session #2
- Pajama Storytime at WBPL
- Book Discussion at WBPL
- Wednesday Roundup (Tot Time)
- After School Programming at WBPL
- Pilates
- Indoor Walking at Hoover Gym
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- Iowa Gym-Nest Tumbling Program
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- Tough Mother Fitness Class at Town Hall
- Park & Rec Commission Meeting
- Park Planning Steering Commission Meeting
- Preschool Story Time at WBPL
- Tough Mother Fitness Class
- Pilates Class
- Tough Mother Fitness Class
- Zumba
- Pajama Storytime at WBPL
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