

**City of West
Branch
Office of the
City Administrator**

To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
Date: October 24, 2014 Weekly Council Update

Point Repairs to Wastewater Infrastructure: The Public Works Department will be working with Lynch's Excavating beginning next week to complete a portion of the Phase II point repairs. The majority of the work for this fall will take place on North Fifth Street and East Orange Street. There are several manholes in this area that have been identified by the city engineer as deficient and in need of repair or replacement. There are also portions of pipe that will be replaced. Upon completion of the subsurface infrastructure repairs, Public Works will be replacing the street surfaces affected by the work. There should be minimal street closures during this time, but residents in this neighborhood may have to temporarily use alternate routes to access their street. These repairs should be completed by late November.

WBPL Update: The West Branch Public Library held a planning day on October 17th. Staffing hours, library space organization, and error prevention were among the topics discussed. Goals were set similarly to how the city council sets goals in a voting process and the resulting high priority items were evaluated and discussed in further detail. Results and recommendations will be provided to the Library Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled meeting on November 13th. Minor changes to improve service are already being implemented.

Hoover Hunger Project: The West Branch Lions Club is looking for volunteers for tomorrow morning, Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to package meals for donation to local and international food banks. Packaging of the meals will take place at West Branch High School, located at 900 West Main Street. For questions about the event, please contact Mike Quinlan at (319) 631-4017 or Greg Humrichouse at (319) 471-0525.

Halloween: Trick or Treat will take place on Friday October 31st, 2014 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Halloween Soup Supper and Costume Contest, hosted by the City of West Branch Parks & Recreation Department in cooperation with the Animal Control Commission and the West Branch Police and Fire Departments, will also take place on Friday, October 31st from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station located at 105 South Second Street. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in the following categories: Infant-6th grade, Family, Pet, Pet and Owner, and Scariest Overall. For more information or questions regarding the event, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell at (319) 930-0393.

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