

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: March 27, 2015 Weekly Council Update

**Casey's Update:** Peld's Engineering, the firm working for Casey's, provided the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) with a set of revised set of plans on Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup>. As you remember, the City Council was notified (on February 26, 2015) that the IDOT completed their initial review of the roadway improvements plan connected with the Caseys' Project and had requested that some additional items be addressed in the plans submitted by Peld's Engineering. Now that these plans have been submitted, we will eagerly await another response from IDOT.

**Summer League Registration Deadline is Tuesday March 31st:** The deadline for Summer League is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms went home in the Friday Folders this week to give everyone one final chance to register. Here are the current number of registrations for each division:

- Kindergarten: 23 children, 1 coach, and 5 assistant coaches
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys: 25 children, 3 coaches, 2 assistants
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls: 14 children, 0 coaches, 0 assistants
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade boys: 27 children, 2 coaches, 5 assistants
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 7 children, 1 coaches, 0 assistant
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 5 children, 0 coaches, 0 assistants

**Cemetery Clean-Up – Starts April 1st:** The City of West Branch will start the annual spring clean-up of the West Branch Municipal Cemetery on Wednesday April 1, 2015. Community members are asked to remove any flowers or decorations that they wish to keep prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Items may be returned after the clean-up is completed.

**Residential Curbside Yard Waste Collection – Starts April 2nd:** The City of West Branch will resume curb side yard waste collection starting on April 2, 2015. The City will then pickup yard waste on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Yard waste includes waste produced during gardening, grass clippings, leaves, flowers, branches and tree limbs. Yard waste must be placed in decomposable bags, reusable containers, or placed in bundles no longer than four feet and less than fifty pounds. The City will not accept any yard waste containing debris that would be picked up during normal trash collection (plastic, cans, bottles, etc.) or anything that is placed in plastic bags. Please contact Public Works Director Matt Goodale at (319) 325-8213 or the City Office at (319) 643-5888 with any questions.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** The Planning & Zoning Commission met on Tuesday evening to discuss the future land use map, new permit application forms and fees, and to review a portion of the zoning regulations in Chapter 165 for potential revisions. Some final tweaks to the future land use map were suggested by Commission Members. City Engineer Dave Schechinger is making final revisions, and the map is expected to be voted on by the Commission at their next meeting.

**Track Practice Starts Tuesday April 7th:** 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade track practice will start on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. This year there are 38 participants. The team will be coached by Kami Poppen, Jon Hinkhouse, and Deb Fiderlein. This year West Branch is hosting a one of the meets on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at the High School Track.

**Easter Egg Hunt – April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.:** West Branch Parks and Recreation will hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. sharp at the Hoover Elementary Playground. There will be approximately 5000 eggs along with small toys and a few “golden eggs” and full size chocolate bunnies for the older children. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance and be available for pictures. This year there will also be a drawing for two Easter baskets. Registration forms for the baskets will be sent home in the Friday folder for parents to complete ahead of time. Children need to bring those to the Easter Egg Hunt and place them in the buckets for the drawing. There will also be drawing forms available at the playground prior to the Easter Egg Hunt for the children that did not receive them in the Friday folder.

**Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting - CANCELLED:** The City Council Meeting that was originally scheduled for Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> and then postponed to Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> has now been cancelled. The City Council chose not to hold a meeting as an election will be held on this day. The next City Council Meeting will take place on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Hydrant Flushing Coming – April 13-24:** The City of West Branch Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants April 13-24 during normal working hours. The City annually flushes hydrants to clean the City Water Supply System and to determine if all hydrants are working properly. The City does not recommend any water activity (such as laundry) during the hours of the flushing program to help minimize any potential problems that could arise with the water system being disrupted. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Matt Goodale at (319) 325-8213, or the City Office at (319) 643-5888.

**Upcoming City Meetings & Events:** Please see the Calendar of Events on the City Website for a complete list of all upcoming events. Only two boards and commissions, the Library Board of Trustees and the Animal Control Commission, are currently scheduled to meet in April. A few highlights for the end of March and April are listed below:

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| ▪ Tuesday March 31st at 6:30 p.m.     | Preservation Commission Meeting                   |
| ▪ Wednesday April 1st                 | West Branch Municipal Cemetery Clean-Up Begins    |
| ▪ Thursday April 2nd                  | Residential Curbside Yard Waste Collection Begins |
| ▪ Saturday April 4th at 10:00 a.m.    | Easter Egg Hunt                                   |
| ▪ Monday April 6th                    | Planning & Zoning Training in Davenport           |
| ▪ Tuesday April 7 <sup>th</sup>       | Election Day                                      |
| ▪ April 13 <sup>th</sup> – April 24th | Hydrant Flushing                                  |
| ▪ Thursday April 9th at 6:30 p.m.     | Library Board of Trustees Meeting                 |
| ▪ Tuesday April 14th at 6:30 p.m.     | Animal Control Commission Meeting                 |
| ▪ Monday April 20th at 7:00 p.m.      | City Council Meeting                              |

**Summer Concert Series Announced:** Please see the attached “Music on the Village Green” flyer for information on this year’s line-up of entertainment. Concerts start every Thursday evening in June at 7:00 p.m. These events are presented by the National Park Service in cooperation with Main Street West Branch and the City of West Branch. The West Branch High School Jazz Band will kick off this year’s festival with a performance at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**The information provided is one-way communication and should not be discussed among you as this would be a violation of the open meeting law.**



# Music On The Village Green

Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 7 p.m.

*Parkside Drive & Main Street, West Branch*

Free concerts return to West Branch in 2015! Ample parking is nearby. Bring a lawn chair or ground blanket.

- May 13 West Branch High School Band (Jazz)
- June 4: Brass Transit Authority (70s Hits)
- June 11: Highway Home (Bluegrass)
- June 18: Las Guitarras de Mexico (Mariachi)
- June 25: Kevin “B.F.” Burt (Blues)

In inclement weather, the performances will move indoors to West Branch Town Hall.



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