

City of West  
Branch  
Office of the  
City Administrator

To: City Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
Date: May 15, 2015 Weekly Council Update

**College Street Bridge Project Update:** Deputy City Clerk Leslie Brick submitted a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) this morning for the College Street Bridge Project. After this agreement is reviewed and approved by the IDOT Civil Rights Compliance Officer, the City of West Branch will receive our federal funding agreement for the College Street Bridge Project. Our next step will be to go through the process of consultant selection and negotiation. This process, estimated by IDOT to take twelve weeks, begins with the decision to hire a consultant and ends with the execution of a consultant agreement.

**West Branch High School Parking & Site Improvements – Phase 2:** HBK Engineering, LLC submitted a site plan this afternoon on behalf of the West Branch Community School District for Phase 2 Parking Improvements at the High School. The project is scheduled to be considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission on May 26<sup>th</sup> and will be placed on the City Council Agenda for the first meeting in June. The project would add forty-nine parking spaces to the east parking lot, to be located to the east and north of the new gymnasium.

**Summer Library Programs:** Summer Library Programs begin soon at the West Branch Public Library. The library offers programs for people of all ages, from newborn through adult. This year's themes involve heroes with the titles "Every Hero Has a Story" for children, "Unmask" for teens, and "Escape the Ordinary" for adults. As always, there are prizes and incentives for reading and other learning activities throughout the summer. Special events include visits from the McBride Raptor Project, Blank Park Zoo, and musician Duke Otherwise. For full details, please visit <http://www.westbranch.lib.ia.us/programs-and-services/summer-reading>.

**Park & Rec Summer Newsletter:** The West Branch Parks and Recreation Department will be offering two weeks of summer camp this year. The first week will take place during the last week of July and features a bus trip to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. The second week will take place the week before school starts, from August 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and features a trip to the Iowa State Fair. Swim lessons in Tipton between July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>. Outdoor games and crafts, a running club, Blast Ball, rookie t-ball, and tumbling classes will also be offered. Please see the attached newsletter for more information on swim lessons, day camps, and all of the other summer program offerings.

**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.**

May 10th, 2015

# West Branch Parks and Recreation

## West Branch Park & Recreation Island Adventure Day Camp

It will be an island themed week of camp activities intended for children entering 1st-6th grade. Camp is \$135 for the week, or pay a daily fee. Volunteers are welcomed. Registration is limited!

Monday July 27th-Castaway  
Tuesday July 28th-Shipwrecked  
Wednesday July 29th-Survival Skills  
Thursday July 30th-Aquatic Adventures  
Friday July 31st-Island Life

*"You can learn more about a man in an hour of play than in a lifetime of conversation." Plato*

## West Branch Park & Recreation Day Camp

It will be another action packed week of camp activities for children entering 1st-6th grade. Each day will have a different theme so there is a little something for everyone. Volunteers are welcomed. Registration is limited!

Monday August 17th-Science Capers  
Tuesday August 18th- Best of the best  
Wednesday August 19th-Cooking up adventure  
Thursday August 20th- Fun at the Iowa State Fair  
Friday August 21st-A Frog's Life



## SWIM LESSONS JULY 6TH-JULY 17TH 9:25 AM LESSON AT JAMES KENNEDY AQUATIC CENTER

### Swim Lesson Registration

Please register your child with the James Kennedy Family Aquatic Center. **Questions regarding the following levels can be directed to James Kennedy Family Aquatic Center at 563-886-2271.**

Level 1- Into in Water Skills

Level 2- Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Level 3- Stroke Development

Level 4- Stoke Improvement

Level 5- Stoke Refinement

Level 6-Swimming and Skill Proficiency

**\$40 registration fee is payable to JKFAC at the time of lesson registration.**

### Swim Bus Registration

- ◆ Bus will begin loading at the West Branch Public Library at 8:45am and return around 10:45am
- ◆ Swim lessons will take place Monday-Friday from July 6th-July 17th
- ◆ The bus fee is \$20 per person or \$30 family rate payable to the City of West Branch.
- ◆ Child is responsible for getting themselves ready in the locker room.
- ◆ You must also register for swim lessons with Tipton Aquatic Center. There is a \$40 fee for swim lessons.



Nothing kills a program faster than last minute registrations.

For more information on programs please contact

Park and Recreation Director Melissa Russell

319.643.4212 or 319.930.0393

[melissa@westbranchiowa.org](mailto:melissa@westbranchiowa.org)

**Registration forms and**

**Community Calendar are available at**

<http://www.westbranchiowa.org/>

## WBPR Get Moving This Summer

Take summer to a new level of exploration and excitement with the Get Moving This Summer program, hosted by West Branch Parks and Recreation. This summer-long challenge is designed to help keep residents fit and moving with 80 daily activities to span the summer break. Many activities are free family-friendly activities.

- **Ages:** All ages
- **Cost:** Many activities are free or low cost
- **Program Dates:** June 1st-August 31st
- **Times:** Varied
- Registration must be completed by June 19th!
- Registration is available at [www.westbranchiowa.org](http://www.westbranchiowa.org).
- Program participants who complete at least 30 of the 80 selections will earn a free t-shirt and will be eligible to win prizes.
- There will be a weekly prizes for those that do at least 2 different activities each week.

*Recreation's purpose is not to kill time, but to make life, not to keep a person occupied, but to keep them refreshed; not to offer an escape from life, but to provide a discovery of life.*  
Author Unknown

## Iowa Gymnest Mobile Tumbling

**When:** Thursdays June 4th-August 6th

**Time:** 10:15am\*\*\*

**Age:** Must be at least 2 years old.

**Cost:** \$80.00 Payable to Iowa Gym-nest Registration is available at [www.westbranchiowa.org](http://www.westbranchiowa.org).

**Where:** West Branch Town Hall or Beranek Park

**Registration deadline:** May 27th, 2015

\*\*\*Times are subject to change based on registration numbers\*\*

## Future dates:

- ◇ June 1st- IC Kickers Soccer Priority Registration
- ◇ July 17th- WBPR Fall Program Registration opens
- ◇ August 8th & 9th- Hoover's Hometown Days
- ◇ August 26th-WBPR fall registrations due
- ◇ August 26th-WBPR coaches meeting



## Blast Ball

**When:** Saturday June 6th- June 27th 9:00 am-9:30am

**Age:** 3&4 year olds

**Where:** Lions Field

**Cost** \$35 or \$20 if you already have a West Branch Parks and Recreation reversible jersey

## Rookie Tball

**When:** Saturday June 6th- June 27th 9:45am-10:15am

**Age:** 4&5 year olds

**Where:** Lions Field

**Cost** \$35 or \$20 if you already have a West Branch Parks and Recreation reversible jersey

Registration Deadline Extended to May 22nd.

## Making Strides June 16th-August 7th

The West Branch Parks and Recreation **Making Strides** is open to boys and girls entering in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Children will prepare for a 5K on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in West Branch by a variety of activities: bike riding, games, fitness activities; and running.



**Where:** West Branch Town Hall

**Cost:** \$35.00

**When:** Tuesdays 12:00pm-1:30pm and Fridays 9:30am-11:00am\*\*

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday May 26th, 2015. Registration is available at [www.westbranchiowa.org](http://www.westbranchiowa.org).

\*\*Dates and times are subject to change based on other community activities, weather and participation numbers.

## Park Play

Each week there will be park supervision and activities for children of all ages. West Branch Park and Recreation will provide outdoor games and crafts. A small snack will be available. Children are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles.

**Where:** Beranek Park Shelter

**Cost:** Free

**When:** Wednesday June 3rd-August 12th(except July 29th)

**Time:** 12:00pm-2:00pm

**Registration:** Drop in activity

For more information please contact Melissa Russell at 319-930-0393.

