

To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
Date: November 20, 2015
Weekly Council Update

Recount Results - Park Vote Passes (Again): The recount on the Park Vote took place earlier today at the Cedar County Courthouse. All of the votes were recounted and it was confirmed that Public Measure K did in fact pass with at least 60% of the vote required for bond referendums. Moving forward, that means that the residents of West Branch have approved the West Branch Park Improvements Project. The first step for City staff will be to determine how this result affects the tax increment financing debt certification, which will be considered by the City Council at their November 30, 2015 Council Meeting. Also included on the November 30, 2015 Council Meeting Agenda will be a discussion item regarding design of the West Branch Park Improvements Project.

Christmas Past Flyer Now Available: Celebrate the holidays with an old-fashioned Christmas in downtown West Branch. Main Street West Branch, along with the National Park Service and the City of West Branch, are sponsoring A Christmas Past on Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th. Come join us for horse-drawn carriage rides, street fireplaces, homemade donuts and much more.

The West Branch Fire Department will be hosting the Gibson's Trains and Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be in town to greet kids. Be sure to visit Town Hall on Friday evening where kids can make crafts while enjoying hot cocoa, cider and baked goodies. And on Saturday, Little Lights Events, located at 102 W. Main Street, will be open from Noon until 7:00 p.m. for an Art Market and Christmas Tree & Wreath silent auction. Don't miss out on the fun! For more information, please see the Christmas Past Flyer attached to this week's Update.

Holiday Trash Schedule: Trash pick-up will be delayed next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday until Saturday November 28th. City Offices, the Park & Recreation Department and the West Branch Public Library will be closed on Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Stormwater BMP Report Now Available: HBK Engineering has completed the City of West Branch Stormwater Best Management Practices Final Report. The report is now available on the "Projects" webpage on the City website at <http://www.westbranchiowa.org/departments/projects>.

Iowa League Special Budget Report Now Available: The Iowa League of Cities has released their annual Budget Special Report for the coming fiscal year. This year's report can be found on the "Projects" webpage on the City Website at <http://www.westbranchiowa.org/departments/projects>. Council members are encouraged to read the report and contact staff with any questions you may have on revenues, expenditures, legislation or other key budget issues. This report is one of the key documents utilized by city staff to prepare the budget proposal for Council review.

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.

2015

FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENTS

Horse-drawn

CARRIAGE RIDES • 5:30 - 8 pm
SPONSORED BY: National Park Service

LIVE *Blacksmithing*

Blacksmith Shop • 5:30 - 8 pm

MARSHMALLOW *Roasting*

SPONSORED BY: Lions Club
Main Street Fireplaces • 5 - 8 pm

Homemade **DONUTS** • 5 - 8 pm

SPONSORED BY: Boy Scouts Troop 156
Heritage Square Gazebo, Main Street

LITTLE *Village* **DISPLAY**

SPONSORED BY: Hoover Foundation
Downtown Storefront Windows

Candlelight **TOURS** at the *Park*

National Park • At Dusk

HERITAGE *Museum*

Five countries represented thru decorated
Christmas Trees • 109 W. Main Street

*Enjoy an old-fashion Christmas,
like the good-ole days!*



Christmas Past

MAIN STREET WEST BRANCH

DECEMBER 4 & 5TH

Downtown West Branch



WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY APP

Make sure to download the **NEW** Main Street West Branch App to keep you up to date on all the Community events, business news in downtown West Branch!

E V E N T S P O N S O R S :



City of
West Branch



www.mainstreetwestbranch.org



Christmas Past

MAIN STREET WEST BRANCH

Support Local Business

Make sure to check out all the wonderful Downtown Shops this holiday season!

Holiday ELF HUNT

Grab your forms at participating shops downtown.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 5-9 pm **GIBSON'S TRAINS • Coffee and Cookies**
West Branch Fire Station, *South 2nd Street*
- 5-9 pm **BON FIRE & FREE HOT DOG ROASTING**
West Branch Fire Department, *South 2nd Street*
- 6 pm **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**
SPONSORED BY: Oasis Electric
Village Green
- 6-9 pm **SANTA & MRS. CLAUS**
Nature's Grace Photography, *102 West Main Street*
Professional Photos or choose to bring your own camera
- 6-9 pm **NORTH POLE OUTLET STORE**
109 East Main Street
Pick out a free gift for your parent, Ages 4 - 9
- 6-9 pm **KIDS CRAFTS**
SPONSORED BY: City Parks, Rec & West Branch Library
Town Hall, *Main Street*
- 7 pm **THE YOUNG FOOTLITERS, "Aesop's Fable-ous Christmas Tree"**
Hoover Museum Auditorium, *210 Parkside Drive*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 9-11 am **22nd ANNUAL COOKIE WALK**
Bethany Lutheran Church, *235 S. 2nd Street*
- 8-Noon **CANDY & CRAFT SERRV SALE**
WB United Methodist Church, *203 North Downey Street*
- 8:30-10:30 **FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**
Friends Church, *116 North Downey Street*
- 9-Noon & 4-8 pm **BAKE SALE, HOMEMADE NOODLES & BAZAAR**
SPONSORED BY: Springdale United Methodist Church
Main Street Office, *111 East Main Street*
- Noon - 7 pm **SILENT AUCTION TREES, WREATHS AND BASKETS BY LOCAL BUSINESS**
Little Lights Events, *102 West Main Street*
- Noon - 7 pm **ART MARKET**
Little Lights Events, *102 West Main Street*
- 2 pm **THE YOUNG FOOTLITERS, "Aesop's Fable-ous Christmas Tree"**
Hoover Museum Auditorium, *210 Parkside Drive*
- 4-9 pm **GIBSON'S TRAINS • Coffee and Cookies**
West Branch Fire Station, *South 2nd Street*
- 4-9 pm **BON FIRE & FREE HOT DOG ROASTING**
West Branch Fire Department, *South Second Street*
- 5 pm **ICE SCULPTOR**
Heritage Square Gazebo, *Main Street*
- 5:30-8 pm **SOUP SUPPER & CRAFT SERRV SALE**
WB United Methodist Church, *203 North Downey*
- 5:30-7:30 **LIVE NATIVITY**
WB United Methodist Church, *203 North Downey*
- 6-9 pm **SANTA & MRS. CLAUS**
Main Street Office, *102 West Main Street*
Professional Photo taken or chose to bring your own
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A Holiday Experience, to not be missed!