

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

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City Receives Alliant Energy Trees Forever Grant: Alliant Energy awarded the City of West Branch a \$5,289 tree project grant from the Branching Out partnership with Trees Forever. Thanks to Public Works Director Matt Goodale for writing this successful grant application. Trees will be planted in Beranek Park sometime this spring. We are hopeful to receive trees in time for Earth Day.

Iowa Stormwater Education Partnership (ISWEP): ISWEP provided the following update to members in their February newsletter: “Welcome to ISWEP 2.016 where everything is staying the same except for our name and even that is almost the same where we went from Iowa Stormwater Education **Program** to Iowa Stormwater Education **Partnership**. ISWEP is a member-driven organization working in partnership with one another to protect and improve local water quality while dealing with challenges of state and federal stormwater permit requirements. We will continue the educational program, training and contracted services as we have been for the past 10 years.

With the organizational change, 11-members volunteered to be on an ISWEP Board of Directors. Moving forward there will be committees formed which will require member involvement. One of the first board decisions was hiring Pat Sauer as ISWEP’s first Executive Director as well as contracting with Stacie Johnson as Eastern Iowa program coordinator.

On a national level – a National Municipal Stormwater Association is forming as a new nonprofit to represent MS4s with issues related to federal stormwater permit requirements. Two committees of interest with the National Municipal Stormwater Association include one who will meet with EPA on a regular basis to address MS-4 concerns on proposed stormwater regulatory requirements and another will meet to address a national educational campaign. ISWEP has been involved with organizational development meetings and the 2016 budget included membership dues to support the National organization.

On a state level – time is running out to submit nominations for the 2016 Stormwater Award presented at the Iowa Water Conference in March as well as the photo contest. There is a post conference workshop on March 24 for those working to bring about social change through Education and Outreach. The workshop immediately follows a conference session, which introduces concepts presented more in-depth during the post-conference workshop. We look forward to seeing you in Ames in March.”

Lynch Heights Subdivision: The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend rezoning and acceptance of the Lynch Heights Subdivision preliminary plat with stipulations that stormwater, park space and pedestrian crossing issues are resolved with city staff before this development is presented to the City Council.

Public Safety Update: West Branch officers attended a training that included CPR, operation of AED's and Blood Borne pathogens provided by the West Branch Fire Department earlier this month. As mentioned at the February 16th Special City Council Meeting, Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman, Police Chief Mike Horihan and several West Branch Fire Fighters attended Pipeline Emergency Preparedness Training in Coralville sponsored by the Iowa Pipeline Association on February 11th.

On February 15th, Officer Cathy Steen, Chief Mike Horihan and West Branch Community School District Counselor Carolyn Colbow gave a presentation on social media to all west Branch Middle Students. The class taught students about what is appropriate and what is inappropriate when it comes to texting. Officers provided four, 50-minute programs. The Police Department also made available a class offered to parents later in the day.

Next week, West Branch Police Department officers will attend a three-hour Defensive Tactics Training in Mechanicsville, instructed by Iowa Law Enforcement Instructors. There will also be an after-action review of the response to several automobile crashes that blocked the west bound lanes of I-80 on Valentine's Day. Both Police and Fire did an excellent job in responding to this incident. Representatives from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Cedar County EMA, the Iowa State Patrol and other local agencies are also expect to attend this after-action review.

Public Works Update: With the lack of any significant winter storms, Public Works staff has spent the majority of this winter on organizing, cleaning and maintenance at the Public Works Shop. Nearly all of the mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, generators and vehicles have been serviced to be made ready for the fast approaching construction/mowing season. Public Works has also spent a fair amount of time this winter trimming trees in the parks, cemetery and along the Hoover Trail. Several trees were also removed completely due to safety concerns. Staff has also attended several storm water classes, water and wastewater classes and safety classes, as well as participating in online safety classes available through the Iowa Municipal Workers Compensation Association (IMWCA). Staff recently graded and placed gravel on several alleys in town that were in need of repair and on the parking lot at the Public Works Shop.

Summer League Registration Now Available: The West Branch Park & Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for Summer League. Please see the attached February Park & Recreation Newsletter for more information.

Library Update: The West Branch Public Library has several events occurring with the end of the month. First, the library has another Family Movie Night this Saturday, February 27th at 7pm. The movie is one picked for the whole family with details provided on the library's website at wbpl.org. There are also two events ending with the end of February. The library's community survey is still available at wbpl.org/survey2016 through the end of the month. The more responses received, the better the library can create upcoming plans, so we hope that everyone will take a couple of minutes to complete one. Also, the Winter Adult Reading Month wraps up at the end of February so there is still time to register, finish books, and return your records for a chance to win prizes!

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.

February 25th, 2016

For more information on programs
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West Branch Parks and Recreation



Park and Recreation

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00am SHARP!

Saturday March 26, 2016

Hoover Elementary Playground



Youth Sports Foundation 5th/6th Grade Track and Field

The purpose of this program is to introduce youth to the beginning fundamentals of track & field. Emphasis will be placed on proper warm-ups and conditioning, followed by training techniques in running and field events (shot put and long jump). Teams will work on baton exchanges and understand the concepts of the track area and composition of relays.

YSF Co-ed Track & Field is a 6 week program beginning the week of April 11th. Teams will practice 2 times a week(TBD). There are 4 Sunday afternoon meets:

- April 24th 1:00pm Wilton
- May 1st 1:00pm Muscatine
- May 15th 1:00pm West Liberty
- May 22nd 2:00pm Tipton

Registration deadline is March 21st. There is a \$40 registration fee payable to YSF.



Harvey Peden Adult Coed Sand Volleyball League

When: Sunday June 5th-August 7th

Cost: \$75 (league only) \$100(league and tournament)

Registration: March 1, 2016- April 29, 2016***

All Day Tournament August 13th

Registration is limited. Registration is accepted on a first come basis!



Preschool Soccer



April 4th-May 2nd

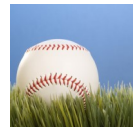
This is a parent coached introductory program.

- Participants must be at least 3 years old to participate.
- The April 4th will be practice only. April 11th, April 18th, and April 25th will be scrimmages. May 2nd is a make up day only.
- Preschool soccer will meet and play games on Monday evenings at 6:00.
- Cost: \$35 per child or \$20 if you already have a Park and Recreation reversible jersey.
- Schedule and location is subject to change based on the number of participants and weather.
- Games will be played at Lions Field.

We will need parent volunteers to coach!

West Branch Summer League

- **Registration deadline:** March 31, 2016
- **Grades:** Kindergarten Tball), 1st/2nd grade girls (coach pitch softball), 1st/2nd grade boys (coach pitch baseball), 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade girls (softball), 3rd/4th grade boys (baseball)
- **Fee:** \$35
- Volunteer coaches are needed for all programs.
- Parents will be asked to volunteer at least once in the concession stand.
- K-2nd grade games will be in West Branch.
- 3rd-6th grade games will be played in West Branch, Wilton, Tipton, Stanwood, Clarence, and West Liberty.
- Practice days and times are determined by the coaches.



Registration forms

are available at

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

Summer 2016 Events

Active Adventures

Program Details:

- ◇ Activities are designed for children 9-11 years old.
- ◇ Each session is \$50.
- ◇ Registration is limited to a first come basis.
- ◇ Participants do not need to attend each day(but please let director know the days your child will not be present).
- ◇ Activities are subject to change.

Session 1

- Tuesday May 31st 12:30-4:00** Lake McBride
- Thursday June 2nd 11am-12pm** Bike ride on the Hoover Nature Trail
- Tuesday June 7th 8:00am-4:00pm** Galena Alpine Slides
- Thursday June 9th 11am-12pm** West Branch Activities
- Tuesday June 14th 8:00am-4:00pm** Starved Rock Hike
- Thursday June 16th 11am-12pm** West Branch Activities
- Tuesday June 21st 12:30-4:00** Outdoor swimming
- Thursday June 23rd 11am-12pm** West Branch Activities

Session 2

- Tuesday June 28th 12:30pm-4pm** Kent Park
- Thursday June 30th 11am-12pm** West Branch Activities
- Tuesday July 5th 8:00 am-4pm** Maquoketa Caves Hike
- Thursday July 7th 11am-12pm** Bike ride on Hoover Nature Trail
- Tuesday July 19th 12:30-4:00** Outdoor swimming
- Wednesday July 20th 11am-12pm** West Branch (Archery)
- Monday July 25th 11:00am-4:00pm** Kernels Game CR
- Thursday July 28th 11am-12pm** West Branch Activities



SWIM LESSONS JUNE 20-JULY 1 (MONDAY-FRIDAY)
9:25 AM LESSON
JAMES KENNEDY AQUATIC CENTER

Park and Recreation Day Camp **July 11th-July 15**

Join WBPR for a week of activities including swimming, hiking, and a trip to Fun City. Register for a few days or for the whole week! Registration opens April 1st. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants. More camp details will be available before April 1st.

- K(Completed)-6th grade
- \$135 a week or daily rates available
- Early check in and late check out options are available for a minimal fee.

Park and Recreation Day Camp **August 15-August 19**

Join us for a week of activities including a trip to the Iowa State Fair. Register for a few days or for the whole week! Registration opens April 1st. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants. More camp details will be available before April 1st.

- K(Completed)-6th grade
- \$135 a week or daily rates available
- Early check in and late check out options are available for a minimal fee.

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