

City of West
Branch
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Administrator

To: City Council and Mayor

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: November 23, 2016 Weekly Council Update

- **West Branch Elementary School Rallies around Police Department:** After Police Officer Justin Scott Martin of the Urbandale Police Department and Sergeant Anthony David Beminio of the Des Moines Police Department were killed in the line of duty on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, the staff of Hoover Elementary School presented a care package to West Branch Police Officers to show their appreciation for the dedicated service of West Branch Officers. In response to the increased violence against law enforcement in recent weeks, third grade students also raised donations (about five dollars) and provided those donations to School Resource Officer Cathy Steen. All of our officers visited 3rd graders at Hoover elementary to thank the students for their support. Officers purchased a book with the donations and also purchased three more books that came in the series. Officers presented the students with these books at school yesterday.



- **Next City Council Meeting – November 28th:** As a reminder, the regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.

- **Trash Pick-Up on Saturday this Week:** Trash pick-up will be delayed next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday until Saturday November 26th. Residents are asked to have their trash and recycling at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning November 26th. City Offices, the Park & Recreation Department and the West Branch Public Library will be closed on Thursday November 24th and Friday November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- **S. Downey Now Open:** The contractor pulled traffic control from South Downey in front of Casey's, Kum N Go and McDonalds's yesterday afternoon around 3:00 pm. All American Concrete will return next week to seal the joints in the driveways and the widened section of roadway on the west side of S. Downey. The contractor will also be installing a stop sign and street sign at Industrial Drive and Downey. A temporary stop sign has been placed in that location in the meantime. Seeding will be done as soon as we get past the rain and the surface can be prepared for seeding. Rough grading is completed and topsoil has been placed.
- **One More Week of Leaf Collection:** Leaf collection begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. on the east side of town every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The City asks that leaves be raked to the curb for pickup and be free of tree limbs, sticks, grass clippings and garbage. The City's Public Works department will continue leaf collection until December 2nd. After that time residents can haul yard waste to the City collection site located a half mile east of S. Downey Street on Fawcett Drive. The City does not accept yard waste in plastic bags, any kind of construction material, garbage, dirt or rock in this area. Please direct any questions on either of these programs to the City Office at (319) 643-5888 or Public Works Director Matt Goodale at (319)325-8213.

Also as a reminder, the City's final curbside yard waste collection of 2016 will take place on Thursday, December 1st. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, wastes common in gardening or landscaping, clippings from bushes or shrubs, sticks and tree limbs. All limbs too large for a container must be cut to under 4 foot lengths and placed in bundles at the curbside. Other yard waste should be bagged or placed in a container weighing less than 50 pounds at the curbside. All bags used for yard waste must be decomposable bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.

- **Christmas Past:** Celebrate the holidays with an old-fashioned Christmas celebration in downtown West Branch. West Branch CDG is sponsoring Christmas Past on December 2nd and 3rd. Join them for horse-drawn rides, street fireplaces, homemade donuts on the fire, Gibson Trains at the West Branch Fire Department, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and Christmas Crafts and Treats at Town Hall on Friday evening December 2nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact CDG at (319) 643-7100.
- **Pet Registration Now Open for 2017:** All cats and dogs over four months of age residing within the city limits must be registered annually with the City of West Branch. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Annual Pet Registration form. Registrations and tags for 2017 are also available at City Offices located at 110 North Poplar Street. When registering your pets, please provide current rabies vaccination papers at the time of registration. The fee for registering pets is \$5.00 per animal. A \$5.00 late penalty fee will be applied if an animal is registered after Jan. 31, 2017.

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