

City of West
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To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
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Weekly Council Update

- **Back to School Preparations:** We encourage all residents to drive safely in the coming week as school will be back in session. Our roads around school buildings will be busier and students will be going to and from school and various activities. The Public Works Department has been putting the finishing touches on the N. Maple Street Project and painting crosswalks around town. Public Works and the Police Department are also working on posting speed limit signs in various locations to remind drivers to travel safely. Library Director Nick Shimmin has the flashing lights on Main Street programmed and ready to go.
- **Police Department News:** In addition to their regular duties, members of the Police Department have been busy with several meetings and training events. Officer Alex Koch attended the Cedar County Disaster Mitigation Meeting in Tipton on August 5th. On the same evening, Chief Mike Horihan assisted the West Branch Community School District with their Emergency Response Procedures, which also included representatives from pipeline companies. Chief Horihan and Sergeant Kory Hanna also completed active shooter response training for the West Branch Community School District on August 15th, which included a live simulation and demonstration for all staff in attendance.
- **Upcoming Council Meetings & Work Sessions Schedule:** Please make note of the upcoming Council Meeting schedule. Our next meeting is Monday August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following the regular meeting, a CIP Work Session will be held. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will be joining us on Tuesday September 2nd for a joint meeting. September 15th will feature another CIP Work Session after the regular Council Meeting, and on October 6th, we will be welcoming Pat Sauer with the Iowa Stormwater Education Project to present at a Work Session following the regular Council Meeting.
- **Yogi Bear:** The National Park Service invites everyone to the Village Green next Friday night, August 22nd at 8:00 p.m. for a free showing of “Yogi Bear” the movie. Kids are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag, blankets and/or pillows to compete in the “Best Nest” contest.

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