

To: City Council
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Weekly Council Update

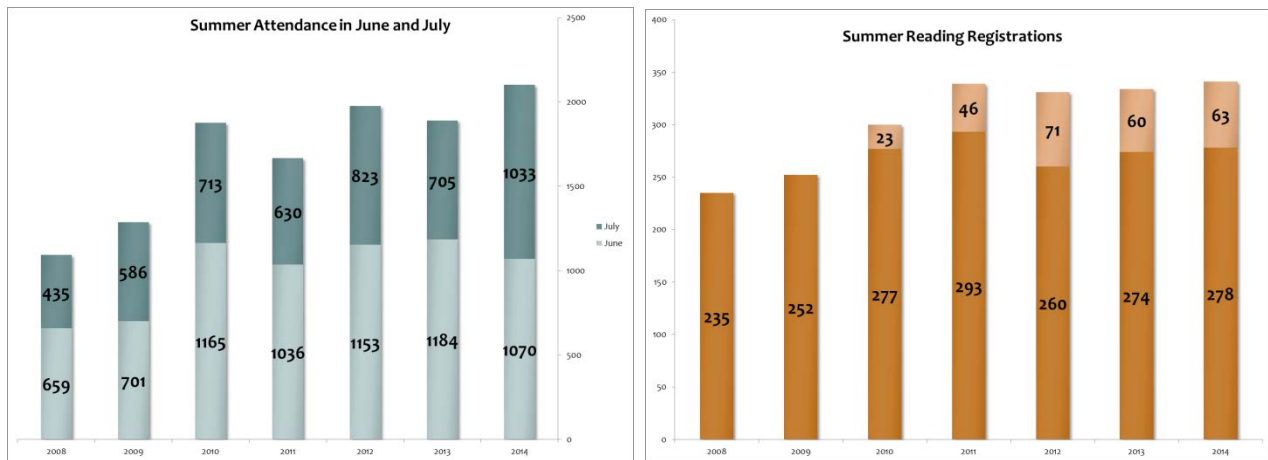
Seal Coat Update: LL Pelling has fallen behind schedule on seal coat jobs due to rain. Our seal coating scheduled for early September looked like it was going to be pushed back to sometime early in October. City Administrator Matt Muckler and Public Works Director Matt Goodale had concerns with the seal coat being applied in these cooler temperatures. As a result, a decision was made this week to direct LL Pelling to complete patching this fall (about \$5,000) and to come back in the late spring/early summer for our full complement of seal coat.

Green Street Project Update: The Green Street Project was completed this week. The approach was redone to provide for a lowered grade. The concrete patch at the corner of 4th and Green will be completed early next week along with all other remaining patches in town.

Vino Van Gogh Event: Main Street West Branch, WB Parks and Recreation, and the WB Public Library are partnering to bring a Vino Van Gogh event to West Branch on Saturday October 18th at 4:00 pm at Town Hall. Using the Vino van Gogh techniques for instruction, instructors make it simple for even someone with no background in art to create their own work-of-art in just one setting. All participants are instructed on the same painting however no two paintings are alike. There is a \$30 registration fee payable to the City of West Branch. Participants can register online at [Vino van Gogh October 18th, 2014](#). Everyone must be 21 or over to participate. Main Street West Branch is working on the advertising for the event.

Public Safety Communications System: A representative with Elert & Associates met with administration, fire and police personnel yesterday. Initial predictions, options and findings on the City's emergency communications system were discussed, as well as rough cost estimates. Elert will be working over the next month to complete a rough draft of their report, which will provide more detail on our options moving forward. A final report is expected to be issued on Nov. 1st.

Summer Reading Program Report: The West Branch Public Library Summer Reading Program wrapped up in August with the distribution of incentive prizes. The program had a lot of successful events with some events drawing 100+ attendees. 140 were recorded for Ben’s Bubble Show in June and 109 for Professor Snape’s Potions Class in July. From the graphs included, you can see that registrations remain large and attendance was strong. This year was also the first year that the library introduced other learning opportunities to earn incentives such as language learning, cooking, gardening, etc. In general, these were not widely used though some did take part in a few. Given that it is the first year, the library staff will be evaluating what went well with the new opportunities and what didn’t so that it may be improved for 2015.



Dog Park Tags Now Available: Tags for the new Dog Park are now available for sale at West Branch City Offices located at 110 North Poplar Street between 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or at The Groom Station, located at 117 West Main Street between 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m.-5:00 pm. on Saturdays.

City-Wide Clean Up: The Fall City-Wide Clean Up will be on Saturday, October 4th 2014. The Clean Up will be from 7:00-10:00 a.m. at the Water Street Parking Lot, across from the Fire Station. For specific questions regarding the cleanup, please contact Johnson County Refuse at 1-877-423-9877.

Free CPR/AED/Choking Class: The West Branch Fire Department is offering a free 30-minute CPR/AED/Choking Class on Saturday, September 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Classes start every half hour, and are free to anyone interested in attending. Classes will take place at the Fire Station, located at 105 S 2nd Street. For questions regarding the class, please contact Medical Officer Sandy Heck at 319-331-5025.

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