

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

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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. Residents are asked to enter the lot from Second Street, drop their items and exit onto Parkside Drive. Representatives from the City's solid waste provider, Johnson County Refuse, will be on hand to accept trash items. Please, no paint, hazardous materials or construction debris. Appliances will be accepted for a fee of \$10 each. For more information, please contact the City Office at (319) 643-5888.

Farmers' Market at Town Hall: The West Branch Farmer's Market will be moving from its Tuesday afternoon outdoor location at the intersection of Main and North Downey Streets to start hosting shoppers indoors on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Interested patrons will also be able to visit the Market again on Saturday, November 8th, 2014 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Market will also have a presence during the first weekend in December for A Christmas Past.

Library Staff Workshop: The West Branch Public Library will be closed on October 17th for a staff workshop. Library staff will be evaluating existing services as well as planning for additional services. Items that are currently listed for specific discussions are service and staffing hours, collection sizes and locations, various topics within youth and adult programming, and eliminating errors in circulation services. October 17th was chose as the day of the week is generally one of the least used and it's far enough in the school year that foot traffic has lowered from warmer temperatures.

Linda McCann to Speak on October 15th: The West Branch Public Library will be welcoming back author Linda McCann to talk about her book, Prohibition in Eastern Iowa, on October 15th. Linda has previously spoken at the library for her book, Lost: Cedar County which covered the disappeared and little known places within the county. She is a very thorough researcher and knows a considerable amount about a number of counties in Eastern Iowa, including Cedar. Please join us to hear Linda discuss prohibition in the area, buy a book, get it signed, and enjoy snacks and refreshments.

COPS Grant: The West Branch Police Department was one of 1,296 departments that recently applied for the COPS Grant. There was an abundance of high-quality applicants, however, the Police Department was not a recipient of funding this year. Only 215 (17%) of the applications were selected to receive funds. The application does remain with the COPS Hiring Program for future pending consideration.

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.