

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
Date: September 23, 2016
Weekly Council Update

- **Flooding and Standing Water:** Cedar County EMA contacted city officials yesterday with warnings about potential flooding beginning Saturday and continuing through next week. Police Chief Mike Horihan and Public Works Department Director Matt Goodale attended a Cedar County EMA Flood Briefing this morning in Tipton. Flooding is expected to take place along the Cedar River. The National Weather Service reported that the crest of the flooding at Rochester Bridge is expected to be at 24.5 feet early next week. The Rochester Bridge on 290th Street will be closed starting Monday September 26th.

While this flooding is not expected to affect West Branch at this time, the Public Works Department has loaded trucks with barricades in the event that road closures are necessary. There is also a pallet of sandbags that have been prepared in the case they are needed. With flooding potentially happening along the Cedar River, the West Branch Fire and Police Departments are encouraging community members to be safe around standing water during and after heavy rain events and flooding:

- Do not drive unless your journey is absolutely necessary.
- If you have to drive in a flooded area, take precautions. Only drive through water if you know how deep it is. Many vehicles require only two feet of water before they float.
- Drive slowly and steadily to avoid creating a bow wave.
- Driving fast through standing water is dangerous - tires lose contact with the road and you lose steering control in what's known as 'aquaplaning'. Watch out for standing water, trying to avoid it if you can, and adjust your speed to the conditions. If you do experience aquaplaning, hold the steering wheel lightly and lift off the throttle until the tires regain grip.
- Driving fast through standing water can cause expensive damage - the air intake on many cars is low down at the front of the engine bay and it only takes a small quantity of water sucked into the engine to cause serious damage. All engines are affected but turbo-charged and diesel engines are most vulnerable.
- Do not drive through flood water if a vehicle is travelling in the opposite direction.
- Don't try driving through fast-moving water, such as at a flooded bridge approach - your car could easily be swept away.
- Test your brakes thoroughly after leaving the flood water.

City Wide Cleanup - October 1st: The West Branch City Wide Cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 1st from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Water Street Parking Lot, across from the Fire Station. Residents are encouraged to bring unwanted items, enter the Water Street Parking Lot from 2nd Street by the Fire Station, and exit onto Parkside Drive. There is a \$10.00 charge for household appliances. Items not accepted include any items brought by businesses, commercial appliances, construction debris, household garbage, large metal items, paint or toxic waste, tires, and yard waste. For specific questions regarding the cleanup, please contact Johnson County Refuse at (877) 423-9877 or the West Branch City Office at (319) 643-5888.

4th Street Road Improvements Project Update: Starting Monday, September 26th, residents on Northridge Drive and in Louise Court Condominiums will have to access their homes from the north. Access to the West Branch Animal Clinic will continue to be from the south. Residents are asked to please follow instructions on the traffic control signs and cautioned not to attempt to drive around the barricades. A revised drawing for Phase 5 is attached to this week's *Update*.

Community Park Meeting - October 3rd at 5:00 p.m.: Nate Kaas, with Fehr-Graham Engineering and Environmental, will be presenting the latest design work on the new Park Space in Pedersen Valley on Monday October 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. All are welcome. Residents are encouraged to take a look at the latest design proposals and provide their feedback.

Annual Goal Setting Session Rescheduled for October 3rd: The annual goal setting session for the City Council has been rescheduled for a City Council Work Session immediately following the regular City Council Meeting on October 3rd.

Lions Creek Field Restoration Project Public Meeting #2: Vanessa Fixmer-Oraiz and Brian Boelk with HBK Engineering made a presentation to residents on several options moving forward concerning the restoration project on the creek at Lions Field on Thursday evening September 22nd. City representatives included Mayor Roger Laughlin, Councilperson Mary Beth Stevenson, City Administrator Matt Muckler, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell, Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman and Police Chief Mike Horihan. Several residents also attended and generally expressed that they did not want to move their sheds and that they did not favor a scenario where the City would deed any land over to a homeowner's association or to individual residents. Residents voiced support for a shared maintenance arrangement where they would maintain a portion of the city land behind homes which would be demarcated by a line of white posts.

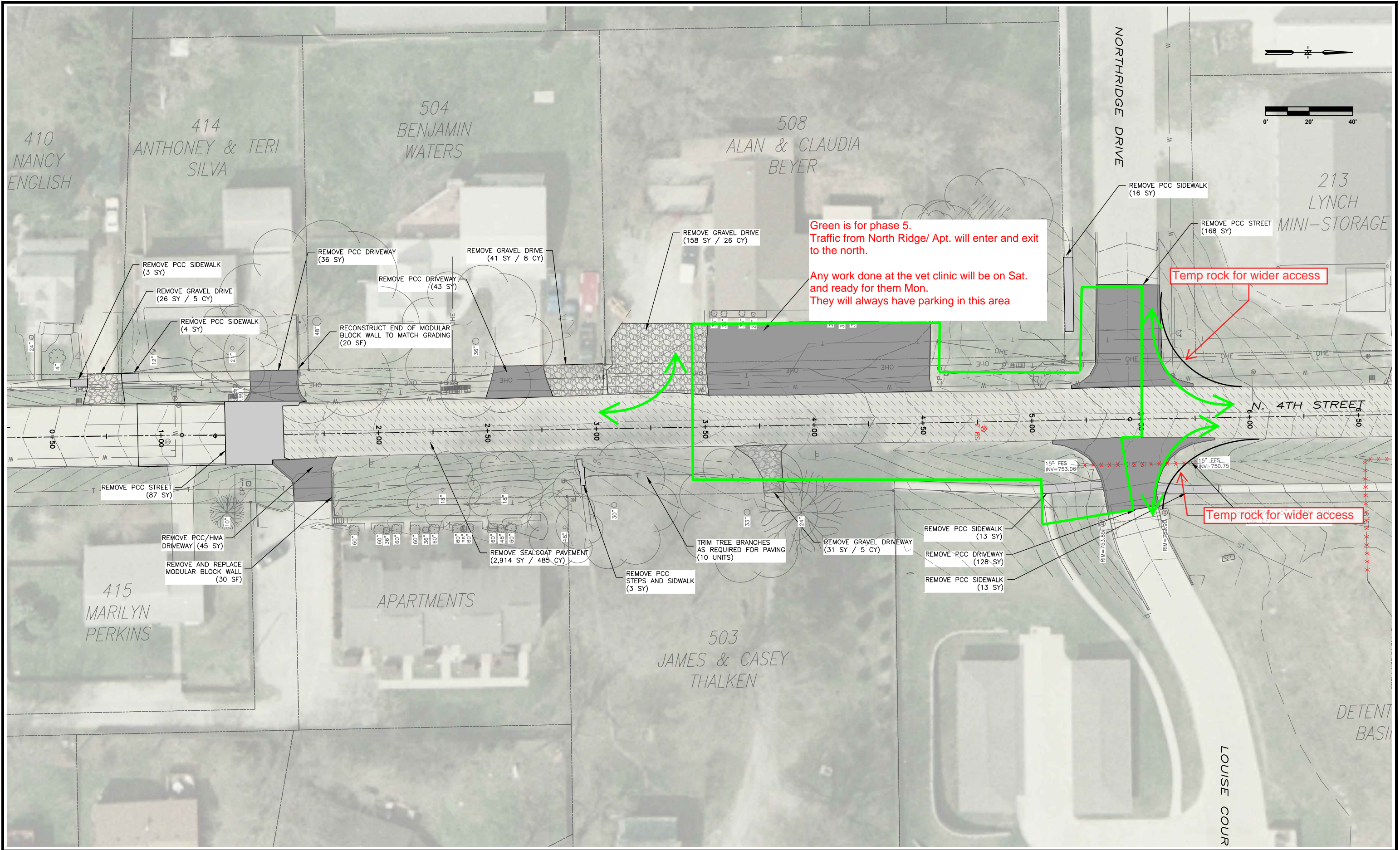
Upcoming City Meetings & Events: Please see the Calendar of Events on the City Website at <http://westbranchiowa.org/home> for a complete list of upcoming events. There are several Council, Board and Commission Meetings and other events currently scheduled:

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| ▪ Tuesday September 27 th at 7:00 p.m. | Planning & Zoning Commission Mtg. |
| ▪ Friday September 30 th at 7:00 p.m. | West Branch vs. Durant at Little Rose Bowl |
| ▪ Sat. October 1 st from 7:00-11:00 a.m. | City Wide Cleanup |
| ▪ Mon. October 3 rd at 5:00 p.m. | Community Meeting on Park Development |
| ▪ Mon. October 3 rd at 6:00 p.m. | Council Work Session at Town Hall |
| ▪ Mon. October 3 rd at 7:00 p.m. | Regular Council Meeting |
| ▪ Mon. October 3 rd after Council | Council Goal Setting Session |
| ▪ Friday October 7 th at 7:00 p.m. | WB vs. North Cedar at Little Rose Bowl |
| ▪ Tuesday October 11 th at 6:30 p.m. | Animal Control Commission Meeting |
| ▪ Thursday October 13 th at 6:30 p.m. | Library Board of Trustees Meeting |
| ▪ Monday October 17 th at 7:00 p.m. | Regular Council Meeting |
| ▪ Monday October 31 st , 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Halloween Trick or Treat |
| ▪ Monday October 31 st , 5:00-7:30 p.m. | Halloween Chili Supper at the Fire Station |
| ▪ Monday October 31 st , 6:00 p.m. | Halloween Costume Contest at Fire Station |

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