

CITY OF WEST BRANCH
COMMUNITY INFO

DECEMBER 2011

WINTER WEATHER

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The City of West Branch is preparing for the upcoming winter season. A few **reminders** from the City:

SNOW EMERGENCIES: These will be issued when snowfall is 2 inches or more and it is determined that cars need to be removed from City streets to help with snow removal. During a Snow Emergency on-street parking is not allowed. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate parking spots before the first snow fall so that you have a place to park. Violators can be ticketed or towed.

SIDEWALKS: Sidewalks must be cleared of all snow and ice accumulations within **24 hours** after the end of a snow or ice event. If sidewalks are not cleared, the City will clear the sidewalks and bill the owner at a rate of \$50/sidewalk plus a \$40 administration fee. We encourage residents to have a sturdy snow shovel and a supply of ice melt on hand. Also, please remember that snow from sidewalks or driveways **may not** be pushed into or across City streets. Please note that when staff plows the streets some snow may be pushed back into the bottom of your driveway but this snow should be cleared to the side, not pushed back into the street.

MAILBOXES AND FIRE HYDRANTS: As a courtesy we encourage residents to clear snow away from immediately in front of your mailboxes. This allows carriers to deliver your mail in a safe fashion. We also ask that residents please help keep snow from piling around fire hydrants. This is an important safety measure in case a fire occurs and the Fire Department needs to make a connection to a hydrant.



LAST DAY FOR LEAF PICKUP IS DECEMBER 2ND!

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Don Kessler

Council Members:

Mark Worrell

David Johnson

Bobby Sexton

Jim Oaks


Dan O'Neil

\$\$\$ SAVE BIG \$\$\$

What better time to think about saving money than the holiday season. Sign up for EASY PAY today and never pay a late fee again! Automatic withdraw is now available for your utility account.

Customers continue to receive their bills stating the amount to be withdrawn on the 20th of the month. Forms are available online at www.westbranchiowa.org or at the City Office.

Call 643-5888 or email ashley@westbranchiowa.org for more information.



All dogs and cats residing within the West Branch City limits must be registered annually with the City of West Branch. Registrations and tags for the 2012 period will be available for sale starting in December at the City Office 110 N Poplar St.

Please provide current rabies vaccination papers at the time of registration.

The cost for the license is: \$5.00 if the pet is Spayed or Neutered. If not the fee is \$10.00. A \$5.00 late penalty fee will be applied if registered after Jan. 31, 2012.