

**City of West
Branch
Office of the
City
Administrator**

To: Mayor and Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
Date: October 7, 2011
Weekly Council Update

- **Comp Plan Public Input Meeting:** A Public Input Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Update will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 12th in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to receive public input on long and short-term goals and objectives for West Branch. This input will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan Update. The meeting format will be an open house where residents are welcome to provide their input and come and go as they please.
- **Safe Routes to School:** AECOM is currently in the process of completing their proposal for preliminary engineering services for the Safe Routes to School Project. The proposal is expected to be received early next week and will be placed on the October 17th Agenda for Council consideration. Kathy Ridnour, with the Iowa Department of Transportation Safe Routes for Schools Program has clarified that the City would be required to start construction on the project prior to January 2013. Kathy assured staff that the City is currently on track to meet project deadlines.
- **Bags League:** Parks and Recreation has started taking registrations for a Bags League that will run December-March. The season will finish with an end of the season tournament. This league is for adults only. Agave has agreed to let us use their back room on Sunday afternoons and evenings for the duration of the league. There will not be a fee for the room as long as participants agree to purchase all food and drink from Agave. The entry fee for the league is \$30 a team for residents or \$35 for nonresidents. Becky Hosier from the Park and Recreation Commission will be assisting with the league. Registration forms are available on the City Website.
- **Session 2 of Fitness Classes Underway:** The next session of fitness classes kicked off with 3-2-1 last Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the Hoover Elementary School Gym. Class sizes are smaller than last year; however we anticipate classes to grow as winter sets in. Currently, two instructors offer fitness classes: Holly Carpenter, who teaches 3-2-1, Boot camp, and Zumba, and Angela Herren, who instructs Pilates. We have also had requests for senior or beginner classes as well as a kickboxing class. Holly Carpenter is certified to instruct both of those additional classes and Park & Recreation is considering the addition of these classes starting in January.

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.