

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

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
Date: November 4, 2011  
Weekly Council Update

- **November 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting - 6:30 pm:** With West Branch hosting a home football playoff game on November 7<sup>th</sup>, three report items that were scheduled for this meeting have been postponed until the November 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting. Those three items are: 1) the Parks & Rec Winter Programming Update, 2) the Library Annual Report and 3) the Inflow & Infiltration Study Phase I Report. Our regular meeting will still take place starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- **Blue Zones Update:** The Statement of Interest for the Blue Zone project has been submitted. We will find out by November 23<sup>rd</sup> if we are allowed to fill out an application. One challenge facing our potential participation in the project is the relatively high percentage of West Branch residents who work outside of West Branch. The Blue Zone Project has stated that they would prefer communities where a large number of residents work in the community and that this is one consideration in their selection process.
- **Public Works Update:** Public Works staff has completed the reshaping of the ditches on East Green Street and a small portion of East College Street. The ditches had filled in over the years and were not allowing rain water to flow correctly. There are others in town that could use some attention and will be addressed at a later date. The televising of storm sewer on Main Street was also completed this week. During the televising it was discovered that a storm sewer pipe has settled considerably and is in need of repair. Staff is working on estimates for the project and will update the council when those are available. In the coming weeks we will be working on installing snow fence and winterizing the Cookson Building.
- **Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball:** The West Branch Parks and Recreation Basketball Program is for children preschool (4 years old)-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. There will be two divisions, Preschool/Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Registration forms are available on the City Website at [www.westbranchiowa.org](http://www.westbranchiowa.org) and should be turned in by November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Park & Rec Director Melissa Russell at (319) 643-4212 or Park & Rec Commission Member Tim Shields at [timssc@msn.com](mailto:timssc@msn.com) for more information.

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