

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

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
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Weekly Council Update

- **New Cedar County Floodplain Maps - Meeting:** FEMA and the Iowa DNR Local Floodplain Programs will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to Noon to present and discuss the new preliminary Cedar County floodplain maps. FEMA issued the preliminary maps on November 22, 2011 to the county and all of the incorporated cities. The purpose of this meeting is to allow local officials the opportunity to review and comment on the preliminary maps. FEMA's mapping contractor will also be on hand to present detailed information regarding how the maps were created and the type of data used in the map production process. FEMA's role will be to discuss the importance of flood insurance and how the maps are used by various entities. The DNR will discuss the state's role in administering the National Flood Insurance Program and the requirements of communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Local officials and citizens are encouraged to attend to review the maps. This meeting will provide you the opportunity to discuss any issues you may have concerning the maps with FEMA and their mapping contractor. The mapping contractor will be soliciting comments on the maps to ensure the maps are accurate as possible. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to Noon at the Cedar County Courthouse in the Basement Meeting Room located at 400 Cedar Street in Tipton.

- **Book Sale Update:** The Friends of the West Branch Public Library book sale last weekend brought in more revenue than any previous book sale. The library and the Friends split the proceeds based on whether the book was a former item of the library's collection and those items donated directly to the Friends. At the end, both groups made about \$125 each and the Friends also took in an additional \$110 in direct donations. This was the first time the sale has been held in the children's area of the main library rather than the community room with much more space available. The change was significantly noticeable and many people at the sale commented on how it was not as difficult to move around as it had been before.
- **Comprehensive Plan Meeting with Council and Planning & Zoning:** A joint meeting of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will be held on Monday December 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Nicole Turpin, Regional Planning Coordinator with the East Central Intergovernmental Association will be on hand to discuss questionnaire results and present a draft community survey for members of the Commission and Council to review.

**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.**