

**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

- **Hoover's Hometown Days:** Hoover's Hometown Days 2012 kicks off Friday Night with Swing Crew at the Fire Station. Also on Friday evening, we will have the Lions Club Kids Tractor Pull and the Soap Box Derby. On Saturday night, Lonesome Road will perform at the Fire Station. In addition to food and entertainment at the Fire Station, we are bringing back even more of the free rides for kids on the Village Green including Jurassic Survivor, Screamer Slide, Mutiny on the Bouncer, Velcro Wall, a rock climbing wall, Dodgeball Defender, Lil Builders Toddler Zone, Tiger Bouncer, and Eurobungy Jumper. The City of West Branch is very grateful for the generous donations from Acciona Windpower and the National Park Service that will enable the City to yet again offer kids these rides free of charge. We will have over a hundred vendors that will be located on the Hoover Complex. The Celebration of Life Ceremony will take place at 11:45 a.m. Concerts in the Hoover Park will include the Iowa Military Veterans Band, Tonic Sol-Fa, and the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band. We will wrap up the event with a Laser Light Show by the Hoover Library. Many more events will be taking place throughout the day including the Boy Scout Troop 156 Silent Auction in Town Hall, Rage Theatrics, Water Ball Fights, the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theater, Street Sports, a Civil War Encampment, the Mayor's Parade, Hoover Ball Championships, and much, much more.
- **Library Update:** Over the past two weeks, the West Branch Public Library has been wrapping up summer reading program events. One featured event was a visit from nocturnal animals from the Blank Park Zoo including alligators, owls, and armadillos. The teens ended their program with a camping outing at the house of youth librarian, Becky Knoche, as requested by the teens during the 2011 summer events. In the two months so far, the library has had over 1,800 attendees at summer events. The Friends of the West Branch Public Library also held their annual appreciation dinner for library staff, trustees, and volunteers on the evening of Saturday, July 21st. In addition to being a nice event to thank those who support the library, it is one of the best opportunities for these groups who normally never meet to get to know others who work to improve the library and its services.
- **Police Department Update:** After receiving applications from 51 applicants, the Police Department has selected seven finalists for the police officer position. Interviews were conducted this week and the Police Chief hopes to have a recommendation for the Council in the near future.

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