

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

To: Mayor and Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: November 2, 2012

Weekly Council Update

- **Police Department Update:** The Police Department is recommending the hire of Alex Koch for the full-time police department position. Information was distributed in the November 5th Council Packet concerning the costs of this hire. On October 16th, the PD fitted bike helmets for Cub Scouts and their families. The fitting was completed at the Fire Department with assistance from West Branch Firefighters. On November 1st, Chief Horihan met with a group of local church leaders on how to best help the people in need in West Branch, including transients. In cooperation with the West Branch Fire Department, the Police Department will be assisting with the Healthy Lifestyle Festival at Town Hall on Saturday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The PD will fit residents with bike helmets, provide internet safety handouts and information on car seats. Residents will also be able to make appointments with the Police Department for car seat inspections.
- **Halloween Party:** The second annual Halloween Party was held Wednesday night at the West Branch Fire Department and involved collaboration among the Fire Department, Police Department, Library, Parks & Rec, and Main Street. Between 4:45 and 8:00 p.m., over 150 West Branch residents ate hot dogs, chili, soup, cookies, and rolls. Candy was given out to children who attended. The costume contest judging took place at 7:30. Medals were awarded for age-group winners. Overall attendance at the event was estimated between 180 and 200 participants.
- **Healthy Lifestyle Festival:** Main Street West Branch invites you to join them on Saturday November 3rd at Town Hall from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. for the First Annual Healthy Lifestyle Festival. The first twenty-five participants will receive a free pedometer and there will be more fun door prizes. This inaugural festival incorporates all of the facets of healthy living, from learning about healthy snacks to learning about the benefits of massage to how color can affect your mood. All displays will be interactive, 3-D models. The event is free and fun for all ages. The festival will conclude with a 3:00 p.m. guided walk through the National Historic Site Prairie. For more information, please contact Main Street West Branch at (319) 643-7100.

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