

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

To: Mayor and Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: November 16, 2012

Weekly Council Update

- **Library Update:** The West Branch Public Library has a large string of events over November and December. This past Wednesday, the library hosted its monthly scheduled teen program. This month, the meeting had a Thanksgiving theme. Of course, much of the activities were centered around food - creating cornucopias out of snack mix and waffle cones and dipping apples in caramel to name a couple. This Saturday evening, the library will be hosting a family movie night. We'll have popcorn, drinks, and a movie that is great for the whole family. The library will host an event the Friday evening of Christmas Past. It will feature a couple crafts, some amazing food, and new this year, a booksale in the library's community room.
- **Girls on the Run:** The Girls on the Run Program is wrapping up final week of the ten-week program. On Monday, the girls and coaches spent their time together completing their community project. The group cleaned the paint off of the downtown businesses windows. The girls brought the supplies and did a wonderful job despite the cold. On Wednesday, we celebrated our last practice by running and making a healthy trail mix snack. Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>, the coaches, girls, running buddies and families are getting together for a pre-race potluck. The Girls on the Run 5K will conclude on Saturday morning at the University of Iowa Cross country course. The girls are meeting at the Hawkeye Tennis Center for pre-race festivities such face painting, temporary tattoos, and hair glitter around 8:30am. There will be around 300 participants at the run. Supporters are welcome to attend and cheer the girls on! The race starts at 10:00 am.
- **Trash Pick-Up:** Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, trash and recycling will be picked up in West Branch on Saturday November 24, 2012. All recycling and garbage should be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning the 24th. Please note that Saturday trash pick-ups will also be in effect for the weeks of Christmas and New Years. For those weeks, trash and recycling will be picked up on Saturday December 29th and Saturday January 5th.

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