

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

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: March 29, 2013 Weekly Council Update

- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday March 30th at 10:00 a.m.:** The West Branch Parks and Recreation Department will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. SHARP on Saturday March 30th at the Hoover Elementary School Playground. Kids will receive a special visit from the Easter Bunny and parents are encouraged to bring a camera. Children will be placed in groups by four age categories: 2 and under, 3-4 year olds, 5-6 year olds, and 7-9 year olds. For more information, please contact Park & Rec Director Melissa Russell at (319) 643-4212 or via e-mail at recdirector@westbranchiowa.org.

- **Street Sweeper:** The new street sweeper was put into service this week. It does an excellent job of picking up the heavy sand from this winter's snow removal efforts. There are still some adjustments to be made to the main broom and side broom in order for it to work at its maximum level. These adjustments will be made during the first couple sweepings and will be adjusted as needed after that. Cemetery clean-up is Monday, April 1 and hydrant flushing will be done April 15-19.

- **Cable Access/Animal Control Commission Update:** The Animal Control Commission voted at their last meeting to televise their next six commission meetings. The Commission intends to revisit the issue and decide whether to continue televising meetings after talking to community members and determining if there is interest from the community to view the meetings on the cable access channel. Commission members felt that broadcasting their meetings on the cable access station might be an additional way that they could get the word out on the importance of animal registrations and keep the community up-to-date on the development of the new dog park.

- **ILEAD USA:** West Branch Public Library director Nick Shimmin began participation in ILEAD USA on March 25th, with a three day workshop held in Ames. ILEAD USA is a project provided by a grant from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and contains participants from Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Colorado, and Utah. The goal of the project will be to provide training in project management, response to community needs, and development for participatory technologies. The project takes place throughout the year will include two more sessions at Ames in June and October as well as ongoing project development.

- **Upcoming Events:**

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| ▪ Saturday March 30 th at 10:00 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt |
| ▪ Monday April 1 st at 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| ▪ Tuesday April 2 nd at 7:00 p.m. | Park & Recreation Commission Meeting |
| ▪ Tuesday April 9 th at 6:30 p.m. | Animal Control Commission Meeting |
| ▪ Thursday April 11 th at 6:30 p.m. | Library Board of Trustees Meeting |
| ▪ Monday April 15 th at 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting |
| ▪ Monday April 18 th at 6:30 p.m. | Preservation Commission Meeting (Tentative) |
| ▪ Monday April 22 nd - all day | Earth Day Tree Planting Event |

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