

To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
Date: December 26, 2014 Weekly Council Update

Major Grant Received for College Street Bridge Replacement: The Iowa Department of Transportation notified the City this week that the College Street Bridge was approved for replacement funding with either Federal or State funds. Federally-funded projects can receive up to 80% reimbursement for all eligible costs, up to \$1 million. State grants also can receive up to 80% reimbursement. A resolution will appear on the January 5th Council Agenda that would allow the Council the opportunity to approve a letter accepting this funding. In doing so, the Council would be agreeing to fund the remaining 20% of the project. This project is a part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan with funding planned to be available in the third year of the plan (fiscal year 2017-2018). Eligible project costs include engineering services, construction, right-of-way acquisition and roadway approach construction that is approved in advance by the IDOT. We can thank City Engineer Dave Schechinger for facilitating this process and ensuring that the College Street Bridge received this funding. Dave is working on cost projections and will have additional information for the Council at the January 5th Council Meeting.

Snowshoe through the Park: Join a Park Ranger in the National Historic Site for a one-hour snowshoe hike through the park's tallgrass prairie. Hikes will be offered Saturdays January 10th & 24th and Sundays January 11th and 25th. Participants are encouraged to meet at the Presidential Library. Each hike will cover less than one mile and is weather dependent. Participants must have sturdy boots, dress appropriately for the weather and bring water. The park has some snowshoes to lend. Call (319) 643-2541 to reserve a pair. The hike is suitable for ages 5 and up.

Geology of the National Parks – January 28th at 7:00 p.m.: Dr. Richard Baker continues his series of lectures on Wednesday January 28th at 7:00 p.m. about geology in our National Parks with a presentation on Isle Royale and Voyagers. The lecture is free and lasts about one hour.

2015 Pet Tags Now Available: All cats and dogs over four months of age residing within the city limits must be registered annually with the City of West Branch. Registrations and tags for 2015 are now available at City Offices located at 110 North Poplar Street. Current rabies vaccination papers are required at the time of registration. The fee for registering pets is \$5.00 per animal. A \$5.00 late penalty fee will be applied if an animal is registered after Jan. 31, 2015.

Holiday Trash Schedule Reminder: Trash pick-up will be delayed due to the Christmas and New Years' Holidays until Saturday December 27th and Saturday January 3rd. City Offices, the Park & Rec Department and the West Branch Public Library will be closed on Thursday January 1st.

January 5th Budget Work Session: A Council Work Session will be held immediately following the regular Council Meeting on January 5th. Deputy City Clerk Dawn Brandt, Park & Rec Director Melissa Russell, Police Chief Mike Horihan and Library Director Nick Shimmin will present information to the Council concerning various aspects of the fiscal year 2015-2016 annual budget.

● **Upcoming Events:** Please see the Calendar of Events on the City Website at <http://westbranchiowa.org/home> for a complete list of all upcoming events. As usual, there is a full list of events in the coming month:

- Saturday December 27th
- Tuesday December 30th at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday December 30th at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday January 1st - New Year's Day
- Friday January 2nd
- Saturday January 3rd
- **Monday January 5th at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday January 5th (after Council Mtg.)**
- Tuesday January 6th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday January 6th at 6:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday January 6th at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday January 7th at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday January 7th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday January 8th at 6:30 p.m.**
- Thursday January 8th at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday January 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday January 13th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday January 13th at 6:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday January 13th at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday January 14th at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday January 14th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday January 15th at 6:30 p.m.**
- Thursday January 15th at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday January 16th at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday January 19th – MLK Day
- Monday January 19th – Time TBD
- Tuesday January 20th at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday January 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday January 20th at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday January 20th (after Council Mtg.)**
- Wednesday January 21st at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday January 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday January 22nd at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday January 23rd at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday January 27th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday January 27th at 6:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday January 27th at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday January 28th at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday January 29th at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday January 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Trash/Recycling Pick-Up
Yoga with Michele England
Pajama Storytime at WBPL
Holiday - City Offices Closed
No Preschool Storytime today at WBPL
Trash/Recycling Pick-Up
City Council Meeting
City Council Work Session
Yoga with Michele England
Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting.
Pajama Storytime at WBPL
After School Programming at WBPL
Indoor Walking at the Hoover Gym
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Pilates
Preschool Storytime at WBPL
Yoga with Michele England
Animal Control Commission Meeting
Pajama Storytime at WBPL
After School Programming at WBPL
Indoor Walking at the Hoover Gym
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
Pilates
Preschool Storytime at WBPL
Holiday – City Offices Closed
MLK Day Event at Town Hall
Yoga with Michele England
Pajama Storytime at WBPL
City Council Meeting
City Council Work Session
After School Programming at WBPL
Indoor Walking at the Hoover Gym
Pilates
Preschool Storytime at WBPL
Yoga with Michele England
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
Pajama Storytime at WBPL
After School Programming at WBPL
Pilates
Preschool Storytime at WBPL

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.