

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

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Weekly Council Update

- **Terror Trail Alley Improvements:** Public Works began repairs to the alley on East Main Street commonly known as Terror Trail this week. Trees were trimmed back and brush removed on Wednesday. Public Works then hauled out several truckloads of dirt, tree stumps, bricks and railroad ties from the edges of the alley. The alley was then graded and new gravel placed on the surface. Due to the grade of the alley approach, Public Works was not able to compact the alley with the roller but wheel-compacted all of the new gravel that was placed. Public Works was able to achieve a twelve-foot wide flat driving surface without too much disturbance to the surrounding properties.

- **Leaf Pick-Up and Yard Waste Collection:** The City of West Branch will begin its annual leaf pickup on Monday October 12, 2015 and will continue through December 4, 2015. Public Works will be picking up leaves curbside on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The crews will start on the east side of the city and work west. Residents who live on a street that has curb and gutter are asked to place their leaves in the gutter line. For residents who live on a street that does not have curb and gutter, we ask that leaves be placed as close to the street edge as possible so city crews can reach those leaves. Leaf piles should be free of any foreign debris such as metal, plastic, and sticks. City crews will be unable to collect piles of leaves which contain any foreign debris. The City would like to thank residents for their patience and cooperation during this time of the year. All residents who are able to utilize off street parking during this time are encouraged to do so. In the case that snow fall begins before the cutoff date, leaf pickup will be discontinued for the year.

Public Works will also continue the curbside yard waste collection through Thursday December 3, 2015. Residents utilizing this service are asked to place yard waste in a paper bag or a reusable container which will be dumped and returned curbside, bags will not be returned. Public Works also would ask that all tree limbs be cut to four-foot lengths and stacked neatly curbside. The City will not accept yard waste in plastic bags, tree limbs over four feet in length or any yard waste not in a container. Yard waste collection is the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month with pickup beginning on the east side of town and working west.

- **Road Work Update:** The Cedar County Secondary Road Department has notified the City of West Branch that road work will commence on Garfield Avenue, Cedar Valley Road and 210th Street on Monday October 12th at 6:00 a.m. Midwest Contractors will be patching X40 from 160th Street to 210th Street, F28 from 223rd Street to Tipton, and X40 from the Cedar River to F44. Pilot car and flagging operations will be utilized in the work zones. The work will proceed until further notice.

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.