

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

Date: October 23, 2015 Weekly Council Update

- **West Branch Fall Festival:** The West Branch Fall Festival is taking place this weekend. The event will take place today from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and tomorrow, Saturday October 24th from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Did you know that there are five brand new businesses in downtown West Branch? This is a great way to meet the owners and welcome them to West Branch. The event will spotlight three grand openings: Heritage Merchants, It's New Once Again and Little Lights Weddings & Events. There will also be pumpkins and painting, hayrack rides, fall food and fun, and a shop-hop give away.
- **Satellite Voting Information:** Satellite voting for the Tuesday, November 3, 2015 election starts this weekend. Voters can cast their ballots between 11:00-5:00 p.m. at West Branch High School on Sunday October 25, 2015. Another opportunity for satellite voting comes on Saturday October 31, 2015 at the West Branch Fire Station from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The polls will also be open for the General Election on Tuesday November 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 205 E. Main Street.
- **Halloween Soup Supper & Costume Contest:** Trick or Treat will take place on Saturday October 31st from 5:00-8:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to view the Halloween Soup Supper and Costume Contest hosted by the City of West Branch Parks & Recreation Department in cooperation with the Animal Control Commission and the West Branch Police and Fire Departments. Food will be served on Saturday, October 31st, 2015 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station located at 105 South Second Street. The costume contest starts promptly at 8:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in various age categories, as well as Best Family Costume, Best Pet Costume, Best Pet and Owner Costume, and Scariest Overall Costume. For more information or questions regarding the event, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell at 319-930-0393.
- **Well #4:** One of the City wells was found to have bacteria. Well #4 is in the West Branch Municipal Cemetery. Northway Well & Pump has been out to disinfect the well on three occasions. The pump and motor for the well were rebuilt. This is not our Jordan well, which provides a high quantity and lower quality supply of water. Well #4 is a Silurian well, which produces about 230 gallons/minute (our third highest producing well). Public Works Staff has run water out of the well in an attempt to flush out the bacteria. We will continue to flush and sample this well on Monday in an attempt to get it back on line.
- **College Street Bridge Replacement Project Update:** Five engineering firms have submitted statements of qualifications for the design of the College Street Bridge. The consultant selection committee (approved by Resolution 1376) will rate the five firms on the basis of the RFP (approved by Resolution 1382). A selection is expected to occur on Tuesday November 3rd.

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.