

To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
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Tidewater Drive Project: The road improvement project on Tidewater Drive is slightly ahead of schedule due to the great weather that we have enjoyed for the last couple of weeks. Last week, crews replaced the section of 12" water main running from S Downey Street to Division Street along the south edge of Tidewater Drive in preparation for the road improvements. This water main was tested and left disconnected from the system until cleared for use. The Main was connected Thursday which resulted in a boil order for Browns of West Branch, STS Trucking, Oasis Electric, Days Inn, The Family Pet Vet, Kum & Go and McDonalds. The boil order is set to be lifted Sunday December 13th pending clear samples from the U of I Hygienic Lab. The subgrade of Tidewater Drive was prepared early this week and the main stretch of it was poured Wednesday. The intersection of S. Downey and Tidewater Drive was poured Thursday and the south half of the intersection of Tidewater Drive and Division Street is set to be poured today. We had a couple of unfortunate incidents earlier this week, with a traffic control flagger on the project being struck by a vehicle (he survived but apparently sustained some substantial injuries) and an unplanned water service disruption for customers on the west side of S. Downey. Moving forward with the accelerated schedule, Tidewater Drive is set to be completed and reopened towards the end of next week.

2016 Animal 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 2016 are now available at City Offices and on the City Website. When registering your pets, please provide current rabies vaccination papers at the time of registration. The fee for registering pets is \$5.00 per animal. A \$5.00 late penalty fee will be applied on registrations after Jan. 31, 2016.

S. Maple Street Project: Public Works removed and replaced the intersection of South Second Street and South Maple Street this week. The intersection was removed one half at a time to allow traffic flow to be maintained to the residents and businesses on South Maple Street, South 4th Street and Cookson Street. It was replaced with seven inches of M4 concrete to allow for faster cure times in order to complete the project this week.

Water Tower #2: The City has hired Midwest Mobile Washers to clean the exterior of water tower #2. Crews will begin cleaning Saturday December 12th at 9:00 a.m. After cleaning a growth inhibitor and protectant will be applied to the tower to delay the growth of mildew and mold on the exterior paint surface. Cleaning should be complete by the end of the day on Sunday.

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