

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
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**Main Street Closure Sept. 6th-8th:** A Main Street Overlay Project will begin Tuesday, September 6, 2016. The overlay project will begin approximately 50 feet east of the Main/Downey intersection and continue west through the intersection approximately 200 feet. This project will require a complete road closure of Main Street for this area. This closure is being advertised in the West Branch Times and on the City Website. City staff is also walking door-to-door on Main Street to notify business owners. A detour route has been established. Please [click here](#) to view the detour map. The road is expected to be re-opened on Thursday, September 8th. Alternate parking will be available in the Enlow Parking lot and near the City Office on North Poplar Street.

**Annual Goal Setting Session – Sept. 19th:** A staff report will be given at the Sept. 6th City Council Meeting on the upcoming annual goal setting session, which will take place during a Work Session following the regular Council Meeting on Monday Sept. 19th. The September 6th Council Packet contains all of the goals that have been adopted in the last six years. Elected officials are encouraged to contact the City Office with any additional goals that you would like to have considered.

**Labor Day Holiday:** The City Office and the West Branch Public Library will be closed on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. As a result, our next City Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. There will be no changes to the trash or recycling schedule.

**Casey's Update:** Engineers for Casey's have completed revisions for the west side of Downey Street. This will allow paving to move forward on the west side of the street.

**Explore Monarch Bus and Help Plant Pollinator-Friendly Flowers:** Saturday, September 24th is National Public Lands Day, and the National Park Service is hosting Ms. MariPosa, an interactive Monarch Butterfly bus. Starting at 9:00 am, there will be a free, family-friendly program on the life-cycle of the Monarch butterfly. Following the program, participants may volunteer to help National Park Service staff plant seeds of flowers that will attract pollinators to the prairie. The Monarch Bus will be available for the public to walk through from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome. E-mail [heho\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:heho_information@nps.gov) or call (319) 643-2541 if you are interested in participating. If you would like to volunteer to plant seeds, please meet at the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. for an orientation and to get signed up. The Monarch program will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and then planting will be from about 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dress for the weather, and wear comfortable work clothes. Long pants and closed toe shoes are required. Bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, long sleeved shirt, and a snack. The park has work gloves and other required tools.

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