

**City of West
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Office of the
City
Administrator**

To: Mayor and Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
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Weekly Council Update

- **Public Works Update:** Staff has opened the College Street Bridge to pedestrians after extensive repairs and replacement of the sidewalk and bridge railings. This project not only provides a safer route for pedestrians through this corridor adjacent to the Hoover Trail, but it also adds to the appeal of the new City park space. Thanks to the Public Works staff who did an excellent job on this project! Staff also painted stop bars, parking stalls and crosswalks throughout the City early this morning. On an offbeat note, the Public Works Staff pulled a large snapping turtle, over two feet across and estimated at thirty-five pounds, out of the wastewater lagoon this week. The Iowa DNR had recently encouraged staff to remove these animals from the lagoons if possible.
- **Upcoming Events at the Library:** The West Branch Library has several special events planned for the summer. One of the largest single programs the library holds every year is the Summer Reading Kickoff, this year returning to an outdoor movie and continuing to include the popular snow cones and popcorn that are requested every year. The movie will be held June 1st at 8:30 p.m. on the south side of the library. Several popular weekly events are also returning this year. Snack & Stories, involving what the name implies, is held every Monday afternoon and Thursday Theater, an afternoon movie, will be held weekly. Preschool Storytime also continues on Friday Mornings which includes a few picture books followed by a craft. In addition to these, special events will be provided on Tuesdays by groups including the West Branch Police Department, Grout Museum, Blank Park Zoo, Cedar County Conservation, and the National Park Service. Full schedules of events can be found online at wbpl.org.
- **Joint Meeting of the City Council and School Board:** The City Council will meet again with the West Branch Community School District School Board on Wednesday June 6th at 6:30 p.m. to continue discussions concerning future sidewalk planning.

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