

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

- **Park & Rec News:**

Adult Running Group

Next week West Branch Parks and Recreation will start a Running Club. Participants will meet twice a week for a short program and a group run. Participants will be given a log to record their progress. Becky Hosier and Jodi Yeggy have taken the lead on the program. Jodi will be the team lead for the advanced runners, Becky Hosier will lead the intermediate runners, and Park & Rec Director Melissa Russell will lead the beginning runners. More information can be found on the Park & Rec webpage at <http://westbranchiowa.org/departments/parks-and-recreation>

Girls on the Run Program

Our application for the Girls on the Run program has been approved! Melissa has several volunteer coaches lined up and she will serve as the head coach. Coaches training will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment starts August 20<sup>th</sup> and the program will start the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>. The program will need a minimum of 8 participants and will have a maximum of 15. If you would like to learn more about the Girls on the Run Program you can visit their website <http://www.girlsontherun.org/theprogram.html>. The Girls on the Run 5K will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at the University of Iowa. If anyone would like to serve as a running buddy, please let Melissa know.

Swim Bus

Swim lessons have started and are in full force. There are 60 participants signed up to ride the bus and several other participants attend swimming lessons but do not ride the bus. This is the largest group we have ever had for swimming lessons. The Tipton Aquatic Center has added more instructors to accommodate the large class sizes.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch has been very well attended. This week there were 75 participants to enjoy the presentation by the Grout Museum. Next week Nicole Rock will be the presenter. She has various activities planned including scooter races, parachute games, and tumbling activities. Melissa anticipates numbers to level off and slowly decline over the next few weeks. This is very common with summer programming.

- **Park & Rec News (continued):**

Camp Registrations

Summer Day camp has already hit the maximum number of 30 participants. Park and Rec Director Melissa Russell will be seeking additional adult assistance and is confident this will allow more participants to attend. This will be a fun-filled week including trips to Dubuque, Muscatine, Tipton, Cedar Valley Park, Iowa City. Teen Week activities currently have very low registrations. Teen week activities may need to be cancelled if participation numbers do not increase. We will have a better idea of Teen Week participation numbers by the end of June.

- **Library Update:** The Board of Trustees of the West Branch Public Library met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 18th. The trustees met with the library's building consultant, George Lawson, in regards to the library building program project. At the meeting, the board discussed and approved the final revision of the building program, completing the project that began with the public input forums at the beginning of April. The completed forty-five page document from this project compiles input from members of the community who attended the forums, library staff, and library trustees into a document that provides guidelines for architects to complete pre-funding design work and site selection. Details of the report will be presented to community and city council at a council meeting during July. At the June 18th board meeting, approval was also given for the architect and site selection processes. The library will be again looking to Lawson for consulting during these processes.

- **Iowa League of Cities Update:** A PDF of the 2012 New Laws of Interest to Cities special report from the Iowa League of Cities is now available on the City "Projects and Reports" webpage at <http://westbranchiowa.org/departments/projects>

- **Upcoming Events:**

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| ▪ Monday June 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.   | City Council Meeting               |
| ▪ Tuesday June 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.  | Planning & Zoning Commission       |
| ▪ Thursday June 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. | Music on the Green – The Beggarmen |
| ▪ Monday July 2, 2012                 | Council Meeting - Cancelled        |
| ▪ Wednesday July 4, 2012              | City Office Closed for Holiday     |
| ▪ Monday July 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.   | City Council Meeting               |

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