

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

To: City Council  
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator  
Date: May 24, 2013 Weekly Council Update

● **Iowa League of Cities Property Tax Reform Update:** The [property tax compromise](#) passed both chambers earlier this week. The Senate passed the bill Wednesday 46 to 3 and the House passed the bill yesterday 84 to 13. [SF295](#) includes a 10 percent rollback on commercial/industrial property with backfill, a reduction in taxable valuation growth from four to three percent, a new multi-residential property class and an exemption for certain telecommunications equipment. It will take some time to analyze the ramifications of this legislation on future revenues.

● **Summer Reading Program:** The annual Summer Reading Program at the West Branch Public Library begins next week with several events. Signup for reading rewards and prizes begins for all ages on Tuesday, May 28th with actual reading for the event to begin on May 31st. The event kickoff for the children's program is being held Friday, May 31st at 7pm with a featuring magician Rick Eugene Brammer. Events this year will include visits from the Grout Museum, Cedar County Conservation, Blank Park Zoo, and the West Branch Public Works Department. For full details on the programs for all of the different ages, please visit [www.wbpl.org/srp](http://www.wbpl.org/srp).

● **Upcoming Events:**

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| ▪ Friday May 24 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.      | Jazz and Pop – Village Green         |
| ▪ Monday May 27 <sup>th</sup> – All Day         | Memorial Day – City Offices Closed   |
| ▪ Friday May 31 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.      | Summer Reading Kick-Off              |
| ▪ Monday June 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.      | Snack and Stories at the Library     |
| ▪ Tuesday June 4 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.    | Lunch Bunch at Town Hall             |
| ▪ Tuesday June 4 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.     | Park & Recreation Commission Meeting |
| ▪ Wednesday June 5 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  | Teen Program at the Library          |
| ▪ Thursday June 6 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.    | Library Thursday Theater             |
| ▪ Thursday June 6 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.    | Music on the Green                   |
| ▪ Sunday June 9 <sup>th</sup> – All Day         | Harvey Peden Sand Volleyball League  |
| ▪ Monday June 10 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.     | Snack and Stories at the Library     |
| ▪ Monday June 10 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.     | City Council Meeting (Tentative)     |
| ▪ Tuesday June 11 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.   | Lunch Bunch at Town Hall             |
| ▪ Tuesday June 11 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.    | Animal Control Commission Meeting    |
| ▪ Tuesday June 11 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.    | Grout Museum Program at the Library  |
| ▪ Wednesday June 12 <sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. | Teen Program at the Library          |
| ▪ Thursday June 13 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.   | Library Thursday Theater             |
| ▪ Thursday June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.    | Library Board of Trustees Meeting    |
| ▪ Thursday June 13 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.   | Music on the Green                   |
| ▪ Sunday June 16 <sup>th</sup>                  | Harvey Peden Sand Volleyball League  |

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