

To: City Council

From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator

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Weekly Council Update

- **6th & Main Street Project Update:** Aero Saw was in town on Friday to cut the area around the manhole at 6th & Main. Public Works staff will work to reset the manhole tomorrow, Tuesday, August 28th. Main Street will be down to one lane while work is being completed, but both lanes are expected to be open by mid-afternoon.
- **REAP Grant:** The Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant, a grant program offered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, will hold their selection day on September 17th on the second floor of the Wallace Building in Des Moines at 9:30 a.m. There are twenty-five cities with populations ranging from 2,093 to 17,278 competing for \$912,203 in funding. The total amount of grants requested by the twenty-five communities is \$2,129,878.
- **Park & Recreation Update:** The Park and Rec Department is gearing up for fall programs. Registration forms are now available for Flag Football, Volleyball, and the next round of Tough Mother Fitness Classes. Zumba will be starting on Tuesday evenings in late September. Park and Rec will be adding a Toddler time starting October 2nd. This is a program that was done in the past and we are bringing it back by request.

Park and Rec participation numbers have been compiled for 2013. Below, a chart is provided that shows the various programs and participation numbers from 2009-2013. Overall participation continues to increase. There was a slight decline in the number of participants in youth sports, however, fluctuation is normal from year to year. Next year this number will have a large increase due to the fact that West Branch Summer League will become a Park and Recreation program.

The Park and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, August 21st for their regular meeting. They agreed that the regular meeting time will now be the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the West Branch City Council Chambers. The Commission will develop a rating system for the incoming RFQ's and will recommend 5 different firms to the West Branch City Council. The Commission also discussed forming committees, but decided to wait until the Commission is expanded before forming them. Some of the possible committees mentioned were the Building and Grounds Committee, Fundraising Committee, Trails Committee and an Activities Committee.

The information provided is one-way communication and should not be discussed among you as this would be a violation of the open meeting law.

Adult fitness and recreation	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Harvey Peden Sand Volleyball League	80	110	120	140	150
Harvey Peden Sand Volleyball Tournament	60	90	100	120	130
Running Clubs	0	10	0	26	60
Fitness Classes	0	10	257	185	210
Bags League	0	0	0	20	0
Indoor Volleyball	40	0	0	0	0
Total	180	220	477	491	550

Youth Sports	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
PreK-2 nd grade Flag Football	0	44	64	76	84
3 rd -4 th grade Flag Football	0	0	37	39	31
3 rd -4 th grade Girls Volleyball	22	21	33	25	27
5 th -6 th grade Girls Volleyball	28	28	26	46	34
PreK-2 nd Basketball	0	0	0	52	65
PreK-1 st grade soccer	30	36	29	40	38
5 th -6 th grade Track and Field	36	46	32	36	29
Preschool Tball	60	48	63	68	62
Youth Tumbling Class	0	10	0	38	0
Preschool Fall Soccer	24	0	0	0	0
Girls on the run	0	0	0	0	25
Total	200	233	284	420	395

Community/Recreation Events	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Easter Egg Hunt	200	200	200	200	200
Scarecrow Festival	50	Cancelled	75	Cancelled	0
Chili Supper and Costume Contest	0	0	0	200	200
Hometown Days	50	0	0	0	0
Trivia Nights	120	100	100	100	0
Frosty Frenzy	0	133	83	50	0
Swim Lesson Bus	30	30	40	49	57
Summer Camp	0	39	30	49	49
Soap Box Derby	0	0	18	20	0
Teen Activities	95	75	75	0	0
Early Out Activities	20	30	0	0	300
Youth Enrichment classes	37	39	0	0	0
Lunch Bunch	0	60	120	325	495
No School Day	0	0	0	0	30
Big Wheel Race	0	0	0	0	45
Total	602	706	741	993	1376

Category	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Youth Sports	200	233	284	420	395
Community Programs	552	706	741	993	1376
Adult Fitness and Recreation	180	220	477	491	550
Total	932	1392	1502	1904	2321