



West Branch City Council
City Administrator's Report
10/16/17

Pending Action Items:

The Wastewater Task Group had a strong start with its first meeting October 13th. The purpose of the task-group is to review our current state of operations, research new processes / infrastructure in order to meet state water quality standards; and have a process recommendation to the City Council in January of 2018. Processes / facilities with Reuse, Ecological Benefits(s), and revenue generating potential will be highly desired and examined. The task-group will be expected to serve in an advisory role throughout the design, finance, and construction phases of the project. The task-group will be reviewing several technologies including mechanical and non-mechanical: *"Living Machine" a non-mechanical process* was discussed at the last task-group meeting. We also have several field trips in the process of being scheduled.

F44 290th St. Concrete Resurfacing

290th Street is open for local access and emergencies from West Branch to 334 290th Street. The road is closed from just east of 334 290th Street to east of 360 290th Street (west of the bridge). Access to the residents in this area is along the shoulder from the east on the appropriate side. Be aware of the paving equipment east of the bridge. The contractor will start work again Monday. No paving over the weekend due to the forecast.

Contact
Cedar County Road Department
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Report from the Desk of the City Administrator:

- **Governor Reynolds visited us last week** to check out project of sustainability on the Scattergood Campus. Scattergood Officials invited City Council members to share in the Governor's visit and tour of the organic farm and school. Students got the opportunity to present their new water distribution system that carries water from the rain barrel to the high tunnel where crops are being irrigated and soils analyzed. We also enjoyed a farm-grown lunch.



- West Branch, Iowa (October 16, 2017) – The City of West Branch has experienced a rash of thefts or attempted thefts of unlocked cars (maybe as many as forty). This appears to have occurred early Sunday morning between the 12:00am to 1:30 am. It also appears to have resulted in at least two stolen cars and many other stolen personal items. With the assistance of the North Liberty Police Department, two suspects have been detained in relation to the stolen car from this rash of events. They are juveniles and may have connections to the other crimes that transpired yesterday. Apparently, these types of crimes have been occurring more frequently among small communities. The term “car shopping” has been used to describe this trend. Groups of juveniles hit small communities looking in the windows for valuables that they can sell or somebody is asking them to find. It almost always focuses on property that is unlocked or open; commonly referred to as “crimes of opportunity”. For this reason: citizens are reminded to lock doors to their cars and homes.

Follow up / Reminder Items:

Community Workshops

October 23rd
5:30 pm
 Lowden, IA
 City Hall - Council Room
 501 Main Street, Lowden, IA

October 24th
5:30 pm
 Stanwood, IA
 Stanwood Park Shelter
 105 N. Maple Street, Stanwood, IA

October 25th
6:30 pm
 Durant, IA
 Community Center - East Room
 606 5th Ave, Durant, IA

November 1st
6:00 pm
 Bennett, IA
 Bennett Ambulance Shelter
 145 Main St, Bennett, IA

November 2nd
6:30 pm
 Tipton, IA
 County Courthouse - Basement
 400 Cedar St, Tipton, IA

- The Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in coordination with the School of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa, would like to invite the public to participate in the Cedar County Comprehensive and Iowa Great Places Vision Plan planning process.

About the Plans:

The comprehensive and Iowa Great Places vision plan will help determine future community goals and objectives that will enhance the lives of current and future Cedar County residents over the next twenty years. The comprehensive plan will address quality of life factors to guide consistent and efficient development in Cedar County.

The Iowa Great Places vision plan, support the County’s Iowa Great Places Grant Application. It will also highlight Cedar County’s unique and identify opportunities that will continue to strengthen in its communities.

Set Goal Setting Date:

(This is the process of identifying what the City Organization wants to accomplish, establish measures, timeframes and budget goals).

- Monday, November 13th
- Saturday, November 18th
- Monday, November 27th

Events / Scheduled Meetings:

- International City / County Manager Association (ICMA) October 22-25
- The City Administrator will be the guest speaker for the November 1, 2017 Lions Club meeting held at the Community State Bank on Herbert Hoover Highway. The City Administrator is expected share information on his background and early thoughts / plans for the city organization.