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## ***News Release***

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### **City seeking citizen involvement in creating comprehensive plan**

*Open house Thursday at convention center*

Branson city leaders will be conducting an informational Open House this Thursday, August 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Branson Convention Center to receive citizen input on the city's new comprehensive plan. The meeting will be in the Cooper Creek Room.

City leaders are in the process of creating a comprehensive plan that will guide the development and growth of the city and address future needs of citizens and businesses.

The city's planning and development department will be making presentations during the meeting at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to explain the proposed comprehensive plan.

The public is encouraged to attend Thursday's open house and be directly engaged in the development of the city's comprehensive plan. The open house will allow for constructive discussion of issues such as the development of policies for future land use, community, economic development, the environment and transportation.

"The open house is intended to encourage a community-wide involvement in defining the direction for the future of Branson over the next two decades," said Planning and Development Director Jim Lawson.

The city has also created a website to serve as a resource for the public so it can remain informed about the process and be reminded of upcoming events. The website is located at [www.bransoncompplan.com](http://www.bransoncompplan.com). A link is provided at the top of the city's homepage, [www.bransonmo.gov](http://www.bransonmo.gov).

City officials invite everyone to visit the website often and browse its content. Currently, there is a brief survey that can be filled out as well as an area for the public to leave general comments.

In addition to the website, more information and answers to questions can be obtained by calling Lawson or Joel Hornickel, senior planner, in the Branson Planning and Development Department. The number is 417-337-8549.