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Dear Branson Community,

October is almost gone and I am looking forward to a busy, productive, and thankful November starting with the lighting of Christmas decorations around the city, national elections on the 3rd, Veterans Homecoming Week 5th-11th, and Thanksgiving on the 26th. I love this time of the year.

May we all welcome the 2020 Branson Crappie Expo & Mr. Crappie Classic Tournament to Branson this weekend. This should be a great event in the Branson Convention Center and Table Rock Lake State Park. For additional information on this event, see the [Branson Chamber of Commerce website](#).

We conducted a regular Board of Aldermen Meeting this past Tuesday. It was a very productive meeting. As always, you can see the agenda for that meeting as well as watch a replay of that meeting in the "Agendas & Minutes" section on the City's website, www.bransonmo.gov.

I would like to congratulate [Elevate Branson](#) for receiving a new Tiny Home sponsorship this week. In a nice ceremony on Wednesday, it celebrated the sponsorship in honor of a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran.

As we ramp up for Veterans Homecoming Week, I would also like to congratulate the newly activated Branson Veterans of America 913. This group is the former Branson Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 913. In a meeting last month, they went through the formal process to increase their focus on Veterans from all eras of service with the goal of sustaining a history of service to the community, Veterans, and their families. We wish you great success and growth.

The City is continuing to prepare to move its recycling equipment to Taney County. Recent work at the Taney County Transfer Station includes modification of the dock and electrical work for the new center. While Taney continues its work, we have had our center temporarily reopened for a month now and in that time we average 46 users a day with 26% of the users being City of Branson residents and 74% coming from the surrounding cities, counties, and states.

I ask that we all emphasize traffic safety this time of the year. With all the tourists and guests in town, construction projects, and potential slippery weather, it is important for us to stay even more focused on the pedestrian and vehicular traffic on our city streets. Speaking of streets, our Public Works & Engineering Department does an outstanding job of maintaining our 255 lane miles of roads and right of ways and keeps them as safe as possible. They also maintain approximately 4,000 signs throughout town and maintain our street signals.

For those who pray, please continue to pray for City staff and the Board of Aldermen. Please stay positive and be thankful for living in the best city in America. Thank you for letting me serve you,

Mayor Edd Akers