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Dear Branson Community,

I want to thank everyone involved in our 72nd annual Adoration Parade and Lighting Ceremony. The City of Branson is known for "keeping Christ in Christmas" and this event has become one of our most cherished traditions shared with many who come year after year.

If your kids are looking for something fun to do and improve a life skill (cooking); check out "Kids Cooking with Carlie" next Friday, December 18, at 6:30 Live on the Branson Parks & Recreation's Facebook page (@Branson.RecPlex). For all the details, visit the [Branson Parks & Recreation's website](#). Our Parks Department is also offering the 2020 Winter Break Camp for children who are in Kindergarten through sixth grades on December 23, 28-31 and January 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, go to the [Park & Recreation's website](#).

The Taney County Health Department in coordination with the Missouri Disaster Medical Assistance Team is conducting COVID tests weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through December 23. For more information call the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544 ext 590.

Taney County continues their preparation to take over recycling operations which will likely occur shortly after the start of 2021. We continue to track the usage rate after two months of having the recycle center opened temporarily. On a daily average the recycle center sees 12 Branson citizens and 35 people from surrounding cities and counties.

The Branson Community and Senior Center is conducting a fun "Candy Cane Lane" drive through event for area senior citizens on December 18 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Seniors, put on your Santa hat and stop by the Senior Center for a cup of hot chocolate or coffee and receive a candy cane and gift. More information can be found in this month's [Senior Center newsletter](#). I hope you have a blessed time.

The Branson Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a canned goods donation program at the RecPlex called "Philup Our Cart." Take some canned goods or non-perishable items to the RecPlex and receive a free t-shirt (while supplies last) when you donate an item. Donations will benefit our local food pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

Our city, county, state, and Nation need your prayers. Thank you to those who pray. Please stay positive and look to the future.

Thank you for letting me serve you.

Mayor Edd Akers