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For the People
A City update from Branson Mayor, Larry Milton
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Hello Friends,

As promised, we are holding informal town hall meetings to really listen to the residents of Branson.

We held our first town hall meeting last week with citizens from Country Bluff to ensure they understand the development project to the west of their area. It was an informative meeting with 34 citizens in attendance. Not only were we able to listen to the residents at this meeting, but we were able to take action and move forward with the many city staff and elected officials who were in attendance and who helped make specific action plans for the residents. Thank you to everyone involved in making this town hall a success. I appreciate all of the positive feedback regarding how this process improves transparency and information sharing. It's clear that our citizens enjoy this type of venue to share information.

We also had our [first of three](#) town hall meetings regarding the proposed changes to the Branson's animal ordinance this week. These meetings will take place in each of Branson's three wards, hosted by the Aldermen of those Wards, to hear resident's input on the proposed changes. Our first one, in Ward III, went great with the Branson Police Department there providing the information and answering questions from residents. As a reminder, the [town hall for Ward I](#) will be held Saturday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Clay Cooper Theatre and the town hall for Ward II will be June 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Branson Community Center. For more information see our news releases on the [city's website](#).

As a reminder, we have a regular Board of Aldermen meeting this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Branson City Hall. Items of Interest include: annexation for 134 Country Bluff, amendment to ordinance regarding RV parking in theater lots, presentation of first quarter financials, zoning for 1487 North State Highway 265, zoning for 631 Shady Drive, and an ordinance regarding the penalty for smoking marijuana in no smoking areas. As always, the [full agenda](#) can be found on the city's website and we hope to see you on Tuesday.

I want to congratulate and applaud the efforts of our Branson High School seniors who graduated this past week! I assess you will be known as the "Class of Resiliency" as you have proven the capacity to recovery quickly from difficulties and have excelled in your endeavors despite working through the trials of the pandemic.

Next Sunday, May 31, is Memorial Day and I would ask everyone to take a moment to honor and remember all of the service men and women who have died while serving in the military. Take a minute to think about how our lives have changed and how America continues to be a beacon of light for the world due to the sacrifices made by the service men and women we have lost. It is important to remember what Ronald Reagan told us on May 31, 1982, at Arlington National Cemetery.

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"The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure and prosper. Their lives remind us that freedom is not bought cheaply. It has a cost; it imposes a burden. And just as they whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too must we—in a less final, less heroic way—be willing to give of ourselves."

For the People,
Mayor Larry Milton
City of Branson