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Dear Branson Community,

I'd like to thank the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District for the use of their "Burn Trailer." Our Branson Fire & Rescue Department used it last week for live fire simulation training. This is a great tool to give our Fire and Rescue personnel the opportunity to work together using their gear with actual fire and smoke in a trailer designed to simulate a kitchen, basement, bedroom, and family room.

I made a few Mayoral Proclamations this week. I declared October 20, 2020, Arbor Day in Branson and we celebrated by planting a new memorial tree near the Dog Park inside Stockstill Park. I also made a proclamation for "Lights on Afterschool Day" on October 22, 2020. This is a nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities.

The Captain's Table participated in our Planning Department's "Open for Business" process this week. Open for Business is a free service the City offers to encourage, facilitate, and help new businesses open in Branson. The Captain's Table will be a new center focused on providing culinary skills to veterans. We wish you great success in this endeavor. Go to the City's website for more on [Open for Business](#).

We had a good Study Session this week with the Board of Aldermen. The Study Sessions are used as a forum for informal discussion between City Staff and the Board of Aldermen but no formal action is taken. In this particular session, we discussed the Branson Landing Transportation Development District and received a presentation on the Tourism Tax Renewal process. Study sessions are held on an as-needed basis, when the Board of Aldermen need clarification on an issue or subject. You can get alerts sent straight to your phone when study sessions are scheduled and get alerted when the agendas are posted by signing up for [E-notifications on the City's website](#).

Don't forget we have some Halloween Events Planned at the Branson RecPlex next week. The Branson Parks & Recreation Department will host a Halloween Hayride and a Haunted Barn nightly, beginning Tuesday, October 27, 2020, through Friday, October 30, 2020. Our Branson Senior Center will also host a drive through ice cream social from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm on October 30, 2020. More details on all these events are [on the City's website](#).

If you are looking for ways to get involved with the City, we have a few volunteer positions available. The Industrial Development Authority has two open position to fill the term until December 2026 and the Board of Adjustment has one alternate position open to fill the term until April 2025. [Visit the City's website for a description of these boards, what they do, and how to apply.](#)

Thank you to those who continue to pray for our city. Please stay positive and be thankful for living in the best city in America. Thank you for letting me serve you,

Mayor Edd Akers