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City of Branson Announces Start of Hiawatha Heights Neighborhood Improvement Project

(BRANSON, MO, June 18, 2025) The City of Branson is pleased to announce the start of the Hiawatha Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Project. Construction will be led by Radmacher Brothers Excavation Company and is set to begin on July 21, 2025, with an expected completion date of July 2026.

As the first project in Branson’s multi-year Neighborhood Revitalization Program, this \$5.1 million investment in Hiawatha Heights will focus on replacing outdated water mains, improving water pressure, reducing service disruptions, and doubling the number of fire hydrants to enhance fire protection. Once underground work is completed, all public streets will be resurfaced with new asphalt. These upgrades are a key part of the City of Branson’s ongoing commitment and strategic investment of tax dollars into upgrading aging infrastructure, improving service reliability, and enhancing public safety.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program reflects the City’s long-term vision to strengthen and upgrade Branson’s residential areas. With a total project investment of \$70 million, this citywide initiative aims to renew essential infrastructure and improve city services to residents. Following Hiawatha Heights, the next neighborhoods slated for improvements include Lakeview Estates, Lucia Ridge, and Murphy.

“This is a proud moment for our city. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is about more than infrastructure—it’s about investing in our residents, their neighborhoods, and Branson’s future,” said Mayor Larry Milton. “Hiawatha Heights is just the beginning of a citywide transformation that will support our community for generations to come.”

City Administrator Cathy Stepp added, “This project is a shining example of how we are putting tax dollars to work in service to our residents. By investing in critical infrastructure improvements, we are creating more resilient neighborhoods that will deliver lasting benefits to our community. It is exciting to see this vision come to life.”

Initial project timelines were delayed due to easement acquisition. The City is moving forward with construction and will continue working with remaining property owners to finalize outstanding agreements. Construction schedules and timelines will be shared with impacted residents as they are finalized. All timelines are weather-dependent and subject to change. The City of Branson appreciates the patience and cooperation of the Hiawatha Heights neighborhood residents as we work to complete this important infrastructure project.

For any additional questions, contact the City of Branson Utilities Department at 417-243-2731.