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News Release

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City Council to Meet with Branson Board of Aldermen

The Branson Board of Aldermen and the Springfield City Council will hold a combined meeting, in Branson, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2013 to discuss issues that both communities are facing. Topics will include Public Safety, Compliance with Storm Water Regulations, Legislative Priorities, Economic Development and more. "The challenges we face as communities are very often regional in nature," stated Springfield City Manager Greg Burris. "As we work through these challenges, it's important for our Council to share our experience, as well as take in the lessons learned from around the region."

The meeting will be held in the Fall Creek Room of the Branson Convention Center, 200 Sycamore St. in Branson. The attendees will gather for a meal at 6:30 p.m. with the formal discussion to begin at 7:30 p.m.

It is anticipated that a majority of both public bodies will attend, so this will be posted as an official meeting, where roll will be called and minutes will be kept. However, no voting or official action will be taken by either board. "This is an opportunity for us to continue a dialogue and cooperation between our communities," said Branson City Administrator Dean Kruithof. "This evening will be the first time, but not the last time we meet together like this."

About the Springfield City Council

Springfield City government is based on the Council/Manager system. By Charter, the City has eight Council members who are each elected for a four-year term on a non-partisan basis, and a Mayor who is elected for a two-year term. The presiding officer at Council meetings is the Mayor. The Mayor of Springfield is Bob Stephens, who is completing his first year as Mayor in May. Greg Burris has served as the City Manager since 2008.

About the Branson Board of Aldermen

Branson City government is based on the Board of Aldermen/City Administrator system. The Board consists of six Aldermen, which are elected from three Wards within the City. Two Aldermen serve from each Ward, and are elected on a non-partisan basis for two-year terms. The Mayor, who presides at the Board of Aldermen meetings, is also elected for a two-year term. The Mayor of Branson is Raeanne Presley, who is completing her sixth year of service as Mayor in April. Dean Kruithof has served as the City Administrator since 2008.

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