

# **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

Following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Ozark Mountain Media Group in Branson, MO, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 7/1/20 to 9/30/20. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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7/2/20 (1)

## **Information Released on COVID-19 Cases at SDC, KK**

Information has been released today about COVID-19 Cases at attractions and facilities in the Lakes Region:

Silver Dollar City releases a statement on Thursday with information on some park employees that have tested positive for the COVID-19 Virus.

The release states that employees have tested positive since the reopening of the park on June 13 and that park officials are working closely with area Health Departments to follow all required and recommended protocols.

The Safety Team at Silver Dollar City has completed an investigation of the cases and determined additional employees that were in direct contact with the COVID-19 positive cases. All employees involved have been quarantined in accordance with the guidelines established through the CDC.

The complete statement can be found with this story at [HTDN.com](http://HTDN.com).

In the meantime, the Stone County Health Department releases information about its investigation into a COVID-19 Outbreak at Kanakuk's K-2 Camp in Lampe.

Kanakuk officials has shut the camp down for this term as they work with the Health Department to identify the exposed individuals and quarantine if necessary.

The release also states that at this time, the outbreak appears to be limited to the K-2 Camp only and has not affected any of the other five Kanakuk facilities in the region.

More information on this can be found on the Stone County Health Department Facebook Page with a link with this story at HTDN.com.

Program: Daily Newscast On-Line

Time: New Story :60, On-Line All Day

7/2/20 (5)

### **Mo. Job Center Branson Location Re-Opens**

The Missouri Job Center in Branson re-opened and made modifications to plans and rules.

All hiring events, workshops and job fairs are suspended until further notice by the center.

Every employee will be required to wear a mask will use keyboards wrapped in plastic to speed up the disinfecting process.

Those who are receiving unemployment can now go to the building to track their claim and get assistance completing their job search requirements.

Kelly Fender, the Branson Job Center supervisor, explained the changes made to make things safer for their customers.

Monday was the job center's first day back and Fender says they helped over 20 customers.

Program: Local Newscast, On-Line

Time: Newscast :30, On-Line All Day

7/7/20 (4)

## **Branson Summer School Re-Opens**

Branson Public Schools reopened their doors to students for the first time Monday since closing due to COVID-19 concerns in March for their summer school session.

The district has added different safety precautions for students and parents for their summer session, including:

Cleaning with COVID-19 and EPA-approved products to clean and disinfect frequently. Hand sanitizer dispensers are available throughout the buildings. Class sizes will, in most cases, be smaller than usual to support social distancing.

Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom or in the cafeteria at a reduced capacity. No lunch guests, visitors, or volunteers will be allowed during summer school.

No in-person parent pick-ups will be allowed.

Superintendent of Branson Public Schools, Dr. Brad Swofford, says delaying summer school gave his district the opportunity to learn more about what safety precautions are needed.

(Brad Swofford SS Audio Clip)

More on the Branson Summer School Session from the Ozarks First Feature can be found at [HTDN.com](http://HTDN.com).

Program: Local Newscast, On-Line

Time: Newscast :60, On-Line All Day

7/14/20 (2)

## **MODOT Holding Online Meeting on 86 Bridge Project**

The public is invited to the virtual (online) public meeting to view the design plans for replacing the Long Creek bridge over Table Rock Lake on Missouri Route 86 at the Taney/Stone county line.

The meeting will run for two weeks from Monday, July 13, until Monday, July 27, and can be accessed here.

Following an in-person meeting in February 2019, MoDOT made the decision to locate the new bridge south of the existing bridge. To keep the community informed and to continue gathering feedback, the online meeting will allow attendees to view the bridge plans and ask questions or make comments.

By locating the new bridge south of the existing span, the bridge will remain open for much of the year-long construction of the new structure.

Those unable to access the online meeting are encouraged to contact MoDOT's Southwest District Office at 417.895.7600 and accommodations will be made to share the information and gather feedback.

The Long Creek bridge project's estimated total cost is \$36 million.

Construction of the new bridge could start as early as 2022.

Program: Local Newscast, On-Line

Time: Newscast :30, On-Line All Day

8/3/20 (3)

## **Stone, Taney Counties Prepare for Primary Elections**

While this Tuesday's Primary Election will look more like Elections pre-COVID-19, there are still some options and changes due to the ongoing pandemic.

In Stone County, while all regular Polling Places will be open, there will be an option for Curbside Voting as County Clerk Cindy Elmore explains in an interview for KRZK's "At Your Service" Program.

Cindy Elmore Curbside (Audio Clip)

Meanwhile in Taney County, after doing Drive-Thru Voting for the Municipal Election in June, most voters will return to their normal voting places though some changes did have to be made according to what Donna Neely stated in a May interview on "At Your Service."

Donna Neely Polling

In the end, the one polling location that had to be merged were for voters Kisse Mills and Taneyville that will vote at New Vision Church on Church Camp Road. Two other new voting locations according to the Taney County Clerk's Website are at Tantone Industries for voters in Mount Branson while voters in Walnut Shade will now go to the Brookside Church in Merriam Woods.

Neely also advises to watch for signs because so locations of voting inside their normal locations may change.

Polls will be open from 6 am-7 pm Tuesday for voting in the Missouri Primary Election.

Program: Local Newscast, At Your Service, On-Line

Time: Newscast :60, AYS 15:00, On-Line All Day

8/4/20, 8/12/20 (1)

## **TCHD Devoting Most Resources to COVID-19**

The Taney County Health Department has devoted the majority of its resources to the investigation into the continuing growing number of COVID-19 Cases in the region.

Health Department Director Lisa Marshall, in an interview with Ozarks First, says that they are trying to maintain their normal services, but it's been nearly impossible due to the number of COVID-19 Cases needed to be investigated. Marshall says that they have outsourced some of that work to try and help with the backlog.

Marshall also says they have discontinued releasing information about Community Spread due to the large number of cases and the time it takes to investigate them.

Lisa Marshall Backlog (Audio Clip)

The complete feature from Ozarks First can be found with this story at HTDN.com. (A follow-up interview on this topic was aired on KRZK's "At Your Service" Program.

Program: Local Newscast, At Your Service, On-Line  
Time: Newscast :60, AYS 15:00, On-Line All Day

8/13 (4)

## **FBC Branson Back to School Bash Drive-Thru**

The 14th Annual Branson Back-to-School Bash this year will be a drive-thru experience.

On Sunday from 2 to 4 pm, people will come to the Branson Rec Plex park baseball parking lot for a drive-thru version of the Back-to-School Bash. First Baptist Branson has gathered donations from over 20 area-businesses and individuals to provide new backpacks and school supplies for kids in Taney and Stone county.

There will be 1400 backpacks and school supplies to be given away at the Bash drive-thru line. Everyone stays in their car and items are carefully handed through the window at 2 stops. Kids must be present for the free backpacks. OMMG is a sponsor. More info at [HTDN.com](http://HTDN.com).

Program: Local Newscast, MY 100.1 Morning Show, On-Line  
Time: Newscast :30, MY 100.1 MS 15:00, On-Line All Day

8/28/20, 8/31/20 (3)

## **King Ready for Challenges Serving on Branson Board**

Branson's newest member of the Board of Alderman, Julia King, stopped by "The Upside with Josh and Russ" on KRZK Friday to talk about her getting appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy.

King does discuss her being the first Black Person on the Board Alderman and while she doesn't shy away from its importance, she also stressed the other qualifications she brings to the board with her background working for Healthcare Performance Group as a project manager.

Julia King Ward 3 (Audio Clip)

King will fill the Ward 3 Position until next April.

Go to the Facebook Page for "The Upside with Josh and Russ" for the complete interview with Julia King. The link is with this story at HTDN.com.

Program: Local Newscast, The Up-Side, On-Line

Time: Newscast :30, Up-Side 20:00, On-Line All Day

9/3/20 (5)

**Branson Aldermen Hold Study Session on Face Mask Mandate**

The Branson Board of Aldermen discusses an extension of Branson's mask mandate at a Study Session Thursday.

A study by Jerry Henry on the Branson Masking Ordinance, set to expire next Tuesday, states the number of cases rose in Taney County while the tourism in Branson declined.

These numbers, according to Henry, are similar throughout the country.

Taney County Health Department Director Lisa Marshall said new county cases of COVID-19 have been declining for roughly the last two weeks.

Marshall says the downward trend is primarily thanks to the Masking Ordinance.

The Aldermen will be meeting next Tuesday, to decide if they will extend the Face Mask Ordinance. The upcoming meeting will be live streamed on the city's YouTube channel. A link to that stream plus the complete recording of the Study Session can be found with this story at [HTDN.com](http://HTDN.com).

Program: Local Newscast, On-Line

Time: Newscast :30, On-Line All Day

9/7/20 (2)

### **Census 2020 Deadline Approaching**

It is now just under four weeks before the deadline to have the 2020 Census Form filled out.

According to information from the U. S. Census Bureau, just under 65% of Missouri Residents have responded either via internet, phone, or mail-in while in Arkansas that number is just under 60%. According to data as of late last week, the percentage of people that have self-reported to the Census in area counties include in Missouri, Taney at 50%, Stone 46.8%, Barry 47.4 %, Ozark 40.2%, and Christian 78.8%. In Arkansas area counties include Boone 64.7%, Carroll at 57.6%, Newton 31.5%, Searcy 45.7%, Marion 44.9% and Madison 45.4%

Census officials have begun going door to door to get census information, but people can still go online, call, or mail in Census Information. Go to this story at [HTDN.com](http://HTDN.com) for more information.

Program: Local Newscast, On-Line

Time: Newscast :30, On-Line All Day