

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Missouri House of Representatives continues debate on the budget this morning. Earlier in the week Representative Richey (Dist. 39, Excelsior Springs) presented an amendment to each budget bill that reads, "No funds shall be expended for staffing, vendors, consultants, or programs associated with "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion" or "Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging"…" <u>Click here for amendment.</u> **Amendment approved in House.** 

The Missouri Senate voted on a number of bills before returning to their districts for the weekend. Items of interest this week include: Retirement – SB 247 (Brown, Dist. 16, Rolla) modifies provisions related to retirement: Property Tax Credit, ESOP Income Tax Deduction, Retirement Benefits Income Tax Deduction, Retirement Allowance Multiplier, Working After Retirement, Same-Sex Domestic Partnership Pop-Up Provisions. <u>Click here for bill</u> <u>summary.</u> Passed Senate.

Income Taxes – SB 133 (Moon, Dist. 29, Lawrence County) creates an income tax deduction for certain dependents. **Passed Senate.** 

Property Taxes – SJR 35 (Schroer, Dist. 2, St. Charles County) Currently, counties are required to levy a

replacement tax on all real property that is not residential, agricultural or horticultural, and allows the levy to be decreased if approved by voters in the county. If this Constitutional Amendment were to be approved by voters, it also authorizes such levy to be decreased by the elected governing body of the county. **Passed Senate.** 

Eviction Proceedings – SB 222 (Trent, Dist. 20, Springfield) modifies provisions relating to landlord-tenant actions, including moratoriums on eviction proceedings and filings for transfers of title of real property with outstanding collectible judgements. **Passed Senate.** 

Show MO Act – HB 675 (Gregory, Dist. 51, Marshall)**Perfected in the House.** 

Employment Programs for Persons with a Disability – HBs 970/971 (Stinnett, Dist. 133, Springfield) establishes the "Missouri Employment First Act". **Passed House.** 

Taxation – HB 356 (McGirl, Dist. 118, Potosi) amends the definition of "business income" to include the total combined profit as properly reported to the IRS on each Schedule F form, as well as the total combined profit as properly reported to the IRS on each Form 4835. Also increases an individual's income tax adjustments related to private pensions. <u>Click here for bill summary</u>. Passed House.

Cave Inspection Fees – HB 774 (Gragg, Dist. 140, Christian County) includes electrical installations in the list of items inspected prior to a cave being open to the public and increases the annual cave inspection fees from the current amount of \$35 to \$100. Fees have not increased since the 1960s and do not cover the cost of performing the inspection. **Perfected in the House.** 

# **GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Tuesday, April 4 is municipal election day in Missouri. Click the links below for Stone and Taney County sample ballots.

STONE COUNTY BALLOT

TANEY COUNTY BALLOT



# COMMUNITY MARKETING PRESENTATION IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

The Annual Community Marketing Presentation will take place Wednesday, April 5, 9:00am to 11:00am. We invite you to learn about our current creative campaign and marketing initiatives, connect in-person with agency representatives, and engage with the supporting team at Explore Branson. This year, the presentation will be more structured than last year's open house campaign kickoff. Please plan to attend the presentations in full to get a complete picture of the results of the campaign and a look ahead at how it will continue to evolve. Coffee and donuts will be available to all guests. Click the link below to RSVP.

Wednesday, April 5 | 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Branson Chamber & CVB 4100 Gretna Road Branson, MO 65616

**RSVP HERE** 



SESSIONS FOR SUCCESS

TANEY COUNTY WORKFORCE SUMMIT APRIL 13 7:30AM-1:00PM BRANSON CHAMBER BUILDING

# **TANEY COUNTY WORKFORCE SUMMIT**

You won't want to miss the 2023 Taney County Workforce Summit on Thursday, April 13, with networking starting at 7:30 a.m. and the program starting at 8:30 a.m. Great information will be presented throughout the morning and registration is now open. The theme of this year's summit is much-needed Housing, and more specifically, Obtainable Housing. Housing plays a critical role in the ever-changing landscape of workforce development for Taney County and for addressing labor needs/challenges both regionally and throughout the nation.

- Residential real estate data provided by the Tri-Lakes Board of Realtors and Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

- Summary of the 2023 Housing Study update by Amy Haase with RDg Planning and Design

- Our lunch keynote speaker is Wayne Crawford on "Affordable Housing, A Dialogue on the Current Crisis and Shared Solutions"

April 13 | 7:30AM-1:00PM Branson Chamber and CVB 4100 Gretna Road Branson, MO 65616

**REGISTER HERE** 





# **APRIL MORNING BREW CREW**

Join us for morning Brew Crew, a casual hour to chat about business. Brew Crew events are a way for the community to connect in a convenient location while showcasing a local business's unique brews. Start your Friday with a cup of coffee and conversation. Swing by the Branson Chamber of Commerce and CVB for our free event, free from agenda. This month's brew is provided by Branson Bean. To RSVP, click the link below!

Friday, April 14 | 8:30-9:30 am Branson Chamber and CVB 4100 Gretna Road Branson, MO 65616

**RSVP HERE** 



# **NEW BRANSONCHAMBER.COM NOW LIVE**

The newly redesigned BransonChamber.com is now live. The website has a number of complimentary features exclusively for chamber members, including an updated chamber and community events calendar, "Member Marketplace", "Member News", program information, and easy access to your account information. Please take a moment to browse the new site, ensure your business listing information is updated (with pictures). Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions at info@bransonchamber.com

# **BRICKTOWN BREWERY SOFT OPENING BENEFITING BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Bricktown Brewery, a new restaurant coming to the Branson Landing, will be having a soft opening March 30-April 1. All proceeds from this event will benefit Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks. For the soft opening, 1 ticket is \$20.00 and covers 2 people (limit 4 people per table). Your ticket includes an appetizer to share, an entree for 2 people, and a soft drink for each. After you've purchased your ticket(s), they will be sent via the email address provided. Please arrive to the soft opening on the date and time that is shown on your ticket, and present your ticket to the host to be seated. Click the link below to purchase tickets.

Bricktown Brewery Branson will be open to the public on Monday, April 3rd at 11:00 AM.



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**BRICKTOWN BREWERY** BRANSON SOFT OPENING BENEFITING



Thursday, March 30th through Saturday, April 1st

Tickets available at www.ticketstorm.com

**BUY TICKETS** 

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**Classix Vintage Auto Rentals** 673 Hwy 165 Suite 22 Branson, MO 65616 (760) 608-1868

# **RENEWED MEMBERS**

#1 Hits of The 60s Branson Timeshares - Sell My Timeshare Now Country Ridge Residences **Daniel O'Donnell Show** HCW, LLC Jordan Valley Community Health Center Optimum

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### RIBBON CUTTINGS

Friday, March 31 | 12:00 PM Christian Action Ministries 2400 St Hwy 165 (across from Point Royale) Branson, MO 65616

> Thursday, April 6 | 10:00 AM King's Chapel 1839 W 76 Country Blvd Branson, MO 65616

Monday, April 3 | 10:30 AM Bricktown Brewery 1221 Branson Landing Blvd (formerly Garfield's) Branson MO 65616

> Friday, April 7 | 1:00 PM The Hits & On Fire Copeland Theater at the Meadows 4230 Gretna Road Branson MO 65616



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