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NEWS RELEASE

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BRANSON FLOODING UPDATE

Flooding conditions have stabilized in the residential and commercial areas along Lake Taneycomo in Branson. The Corp of Engineers has notified the City they expect to lower the gates at 5:00 p.m. today reducing flows from an estimated 72,645 cubic feet per second to 47,000.

“We are hopeful this change will allow the water on Lake Taneycomo to recede to a level allowing water to evacuate from homes and city streets that have been closed,” stated Fire Chief Ted Martin. Several residential areas in the City including homes in the Lakewood Estates Subdivision and in the areas of Sunset and Alexander Parks near Canal Street remain evacuated due to impassable roads or flooded homes.

The shelter located at the Salvation Army Church operated in partnership with the American Red Cross will close at 5:00 p.m. tonight with staff on-call to re-open the shelter if necessary. The shelter is expected to be demobilized tomorrow. “The Salvation Army reports the remaining flood victims needing assistance have been placed in a local motel,” stated Chief Martin

The City’s Recycle Center re-opened today as the access road became accessible to the public. The City Parks including Stockstill, Sunset and Alexander will remain closed until further notice. The City Campground remains closed and Parks employees will open spaces as water recedes and areas can be made ready for campers. The Branson Community Center and Senior Center will make a decision Thursday morning if they will open to provide services including the lunch meal program for seniors.

A reception center has been opened at the Faith Lutheran Church located at 221 Malone Street near the Lakewood Estates Subdivision. “This site has been established as central point of contact for city services and to learn more about resources such as electrical service restoration and water restoration companies for flooded homes,” stated Martin. The reception center will be open until 6:00 p.m. today and on Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City staff will work to keep current road closures and information pertaining to the flooding on the city web site at www.bransonmo.gov. Branson Emergency Management may be contacted at (417) 337-8584 or by emailing BransonEMA@bransonmo.gov.

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