



Sikeston Scanner

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Candidate Filing Date Closes November 17

Three Sikeston City Council positions will be filled by the April 6 General Election. Michael Bohannon has filed for re-election as an At-Large Council Representative. No candidates have filed for the Ward 1 seat. (Readers may recall that upon the election of Jerry Pullen as Mayor, Mike Conway was appointed to fill Pullen's unexpired term as the Ward 1 Council Representative.) Likewise, no candidates have come forward to represent Ward 4. Michael Harris, two-term Ward 4 Councilman, has reached Sikeston's term limit and is ineligible to file for another term.

To be eligible for election, all candidates must be a qualified voter of Sikeston, and be at least 21-years of age. Ward candidates must be a resident of the ward for which they are filing for a period of at least 1-year immediately prior to the last day to file for election. (Ward maps are available online at www.sikeston.org.) At-large candidates must have been a resident of Sikeston for at least one year immediately prior to their election.

Individuals interested in filing for a Council position should contact City Clerk Carroll Couch at Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street to complete the required forms. A \$15 filing fee is required. Couch can be contacted by phone at 471-2511 or at clcouch@sikeston.org. The last day to file as a candidate for the 2010 Council Election is Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2009 – 5 PM

Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street, Sikeston, MO

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Award, Solid Waste Collection Contract
- B. Award, Purchase of Grant-funded Generators
- C. Award, Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge Funding
- D. Second Reading & Consideration of Bill 5800, Request from Four Corners Development for zoning change from Agricultural Open (AG) to Two-family Residential (R-4) in South Ridge Estates, 15th Addition
- E. Briefing: Renewal of Employee Health Insurance
- F. Other items as may be determined

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2009

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Monday, November 2

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 3

4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning

Monday, November 9

Noon – Housing Authority Commission

5:15 PM – Park Board

Tuesday, November 10

11:30 AM – DED Executive Board

11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation Commission

4:00 PM – BMU Board of Commissioners

4:00 PM – CVB Advisory Board

Monday, November 16

6:00 PM – DPS Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 17

7:30 AM – Sesquicentennial Events Mtg.

Monday, November 23

11:30 AM – LCRA Meeting

4:00 PM – Board of Adjustments

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, November 30

7:15 AM – Special City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 1

4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, December 7

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

5:00 PM – City Council Meeting



Daniel Adams
Sikeston Public Safety



Glen Hoskins
Sikeston Public Works

Employees of the Quarter

Adams, Hoskins to be Recognized

During the November 2 City Council Meeting Daniel Adams and Glen Hoskins will be recognized as the City's Employees of the Fourth Quarter. Adams serves as a DARE Officer with Sikeston Public Safety. Hoskins is a Skilled Worker in the Public Works Street Department. Both men have made exceptional contributions in their respective areas of responsibility.

City Employees collect for Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors

Due to the success of last year's program, Sikeston City Employees will once again be participating in the Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors Program. Per David McDermott, program sponsor, in December 2008 Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors provided 250 families (with a total of 319 children) with a turkey or ham and a 55-pound box of food. Additionally, children, ages newborn to 16 each received at least three Christmas gifts.

"This year we anticipate the need for assistance will be even greater," noted McDermott. "Our focus is to help families living in Scott, New Madrid, Mississippi and Stoddard Counties. Referrals are made by agencies that work directly with families -- schools, the Missouri Department of Social Services, Juvenile Service Offices and the Bootheel Regional Counseling Center. To verify need, family members undergo a background check."

Donations of non-perishable foods and new toys will be accepted through December 1. Collection boxes will be located at Sikeston City Hall, 105 East Center Street and the Clinton Community Building, 501 Campanella Drive.

Sesquicentennial Corner . . .

Excerpts from Honor Code adopted by Sikeston High School May 1953

Parties: When school is in session all parties and social functions should be scheduled for the weekend. If home parties are scheduled for a week night students should be home by 9:30 PM. Chaperoned bunking parties should be conducted only on the weekend.

Chaperons: Adult chaperons should be present at all parties, social functions, and mixed gatherings

Hours: Weekend parties should end by 11:30 PM. Students on dates should be home by 11:00 PM. Students are to be home by 9:30 PM on school nights. When in attendance at special school events, all students should be home by midnight.

Individual Entertainment: Every student should develop some hobby or interest which will enable him to entertain himself alone and with group stimulation

Spiritual Life Every student is encouraged to attend the church of his choice regularly and participate in the activities of that church

Homework: Set a definite time and place each day for the completion of homework. Students should see that their homework is completed before other activity participation

Reading Materials: The reading of cheap or sensational magazines and books should be avoided. Recommended reading materials include Life, Saturday Evening Post, Readers Digest, Seventeen, Sports Afield, Boys Life, Popular Mechanics, American Girl, Popular Science, Time, Miss America, and Calling All Girls.

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Best Practices

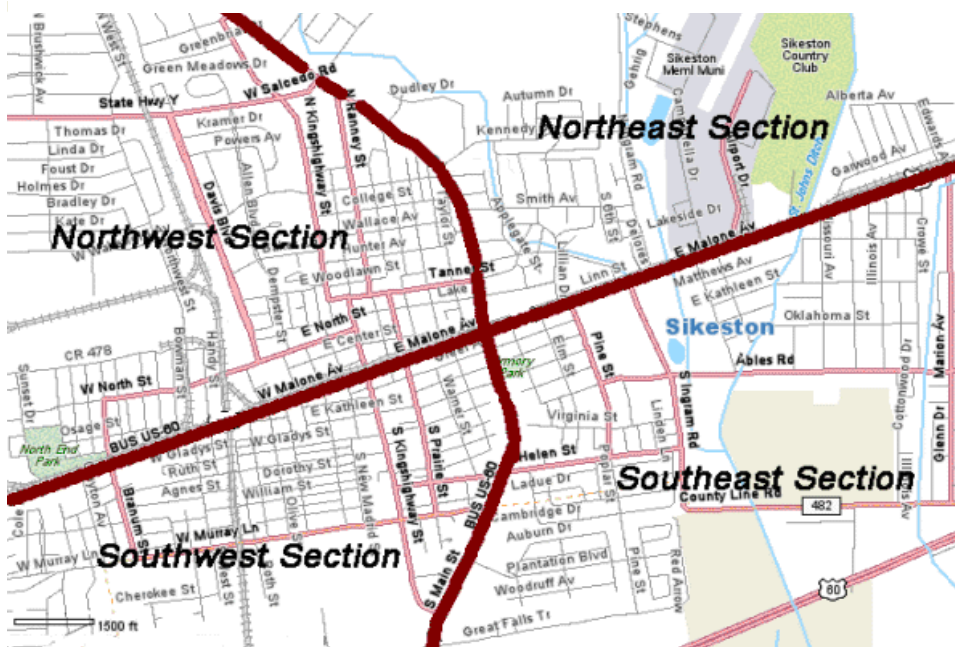
Stormwater Management

All water or fluids not discharged through the City's sanitary sewer system are subject to state and local stormwater regulations. Sikeston is one of over 149 communities across the State that has developed a Stormwater Management Program. The purpose of this program is to educate the public on eliminating potential pollutants from entering our streams and to promote the proper use of stormwater discharge practices.

Sikeston Leaf Collection Schedule Released

The 2009 Leaf Collection Program will begin November 16 and continue through December 23. To facilitate collection, the City has been divided into four sections with each sector having two collection periods. (See schedule below.) Participating residents should place their leaves in the City's right-of-way that is located between the curb and the resident's yard. Leaves should be placed no further than 4 feet from the curb. No limbs or trash should be mixed with the leaves.

"Citizens are reminded that grass and leaves should never be placed on the street or in the curb line," stated Street Superintendent Steve Lee. "This practice blocks the natural run-off of rainwater (including snow and ice), clogs stormwater drains, and can result in local flooding."



2009 Leaf Collection Schedule

Northwest Section:
Nov. 16-20 & Nov. 30-Dec. 11

Southwest Section:
Nov. 16-20 & Nov. 30-Dec. 11

Northeast Section:
Nov. 23-25 & Dec. 14-23

Southeast Section:
Nov. 23-25 and Dec. 14-23

All dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or mechanical difficulties.

Don't rake . . . don't burn . . . Mulch!

Don't want to rake those leaves? Consider mulching! Recent university studies have confirmed that this is a useful practice. Rather than raking, bagging leaves or building a compost pile, disposing of leaves on the lawn is a timesaving and beneficial strategy. Studies at Michigan State University, Purdue University and Cornell University have determined that mulching leaves with the mower improves soil and adds nutrients to the lawn. The studies showed that mulching leaves into the lawn had no effect on the grass's visual quality or color, growth, thatch depth, soil pH, nutrient availability or weed infestation. The benefits outweigh any negatives.

Leaf Mulching Tips

- Keep your mower blade sharp or convert your mower to a mulching mower by purchasing a mulching blade retro kit, available from local hardware stores or garden centers.
- Set your mower blade to 2.5 inches high.
- Mow leaves when dry to prevent clumping.
- Push lawnmower slowly to give mower time to chop up leaves.
- Mow leaves when there is no more than 1 inch of leaf litter.
- When adding mulch to gardens, do not put mulch right up to the base of the plant or tree. Make the mulch no deeper than 2 to 3 inches.

Planning & Zoning Starts Work On 2010 Street Improvement Program

Sikeston's streets and stormwater drainage system will be the main topic of discussion during the Sikeston Planning & Zoning Commission's Tuesday, November 3 meeting. Tuesday's meeting will begin with a driving tour of the City to provide Commission members an opportunity to examine problem areas and start the evaluation process. City Staff and City Engineers will work closely with the Commission as they obtain public comment and prepare their final recommendations.

The public is invited to attend the November 3 meeting. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to take formal action on the 2010 Street and Drainage improvement Program during their December 7 regular meeting.

Sesquicentennial Planning Meeting Scheduled for November 17

Planning for Sikeston's sesquicentennial celebrations continue as representatives from local churches, civic and social organizations will meet at 7:30 AM, Tuesday, November 17 at the Clinton Community Building. "The purpose of this meeting is to coordinate all of the year's events," stated SACC Executive Director Missy Marshall. "We also want to confirm we have scheduled all of the traditional contests and events normally associated with a celebration of this sort," noted City Manager Doug Friend. "With our official kick-off on New Year's Eve rapidly approaching, we wanted to have one final planning meeting."

Anyone interested in Sikeston's Sesquicentennial Celebration is invited to attend.

What's happening?

Looking for something to do? Here are upcoming events that may be of interest!

November 1-30

St. Louis Science Center Native American Display

Sikeston Depot Museum, Downtown Sikeston

November 6

YMCA Kids Night Out

YMCA of Southeast Missouri - 5:30-8:30 PM

November 6-8

Holiday Open House

Sikeston Downtown Merchants - Carriage rides, holiday music and shopping

November 11-12

Sikeston Rotary Club – Annual Auction

Clinton Community Building, 501 Campanella

November 21

O' Christmas Tree Dinner & Auction

Altrusa International - Contact Melissa Eakins at 573-472-1034

November 24

Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Service

7:00 PM, Miner Baptist Church

SIKESTON COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 8: 8:00 AM – Noon
Saturday, November 21: 8:00 AM – Noon

Saturday, December 5: 8:00 AM – Noon
Saturday, December 19: 8:00 AM - Noon