



Sikeston Scanner

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Strategic Plan Implementation Commission Public Forum Scheduled for December 15

Sikeston's Strategic Plan Implementation Commission will be conducting a public forum Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 AM at the Clinton Community Building, 501 Campanella Drive. "This meeting is part of our on-going effort to keep residents informed on the implementation process," noted Commission Chairman Roger Sherman, "Since our September meeting, the Commission has formalized recommendations that have been accepted by the City Council. Additionally, standing committees have been formed to address economic development and quality of life issues. The Commission and I look forward to presenting this information at the forum and obtaining citizen feedback. We urge the public to attend."

Primary Election Slated for February 2

Sikeston's Ward 4 voters will be going to the polls on February 2 to select two candidates for the April General Election. Three Ward 4 residents, Maude Harris, Nathan Cole, Sr., and Michael C. Baker have filed for the Council seat being vacated by the current Ward 4 Council Representative Michael Harris. (Harris, who has completed two full terms, is not eligible for a third consecutive City Council term.) The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on February 2 will appear on the April 6 ballot along with Ward I candidate Michel Conway, and at-large candidates Michael Bohannon and David Carnell.

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Northwest & Southwest Sections: November 30-December 11
Northeast & Southeast Sections: December 14-23

COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 5 & 19: 8:00 AM – Noon
Wednesday, January 6: 7:30 - 11:45 AM & 1:00 - 3:30 PM

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2009-JANUARY 2010

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

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

Tuesday, December 8
11:30 AM – DED Executive Board
4:00 PM – BMU Board of Commissioners

Monday, December 14
Noon – Housing Authority Commission

Tuesday, December 15
7:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation
Commission Public Forum

Thursday, December 17
11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation
Commission

Monday, December 21
11:30 AM – LCRA Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 24
Administrative Offices close at Noon

Friday, December 25
Administrative Offices Closed

Monday, December 28
7:15 AM – City Council Meeting

Friday, January 1
Administrative Offices Closed

Monday, January 4
4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
5:00 PM – City Council Meeting



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

City employees (front row) Marie Walton, Rhonda Council, Amanda Groves, (back row) Lois Cokenour, Mary White-Ross, Ashley Brown and Debbie Green display some of the toys collected by the City for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2009 – 5 PM

Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street

- A. Award Bid #10-7, Purchase of One-ton Truck for Park Division
- B. Consideration of the 2010 Street and Stormwater Drainage Improvement Program
- C. Authorization to Renew Employee Health Insurance Program
- D. Second Reading & Consideration of Bill 5802, Amending City Code 13.04.250 Disposal – Hazardous Wastes (Sharps)
- E. 1st and 2nd Reading and Consideration of Emergency Bill 5804, Request to approve South Ridge Estates Subdivision, 15th Addition
- F. Consideration of Resolution 09-12-01, Amendment of Local Vendor Preference Policy
- G. Briefing: Status City Fuel Farm System
- H. Other items as deemed appropriate

Council meeting dates, agendas and approved minutes can be found on www.sikeston.org

Street & Stormwater Drainage Improvement Program under Consideration

During their December 7 meeting Council will consider the 2010 Street and Stormwater Drainage Improvement Program. Estimated to cost \$493,000, projects were selected by the Planning & Zoning Commission following a driving tour of the City and recommendations from residents, City Staff and City's Engineers.

Sikeston's Street and Stormwater Drainage Improvement Program is funded by a one half (1/2) cent sales tax. Since 1990 more than \$15 million dollars has been expended on local transportation and drainage improvement projects.

PROPOSED 2009 STREET & STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

STREET	ESTIMATED COST	STREET	ESTIMATED COST
ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECTS			
Center St. (Kingshighway to Moore)	\$114,000	Complex Parking (4 parking lots)	\$60,000
Airport Apron (Crack seal west side)	9,000	Applegate (Tanner to Smith)	44,000
County Line Road (Andrea to Keystone)	75,000		
CONCRETE PROJECTS			
Crosswalk (Center at N. New Madrid w/drainage)	\$18,000	North Ranney at Hunter (Intersection w/drainage)	\$37,000
Moore (Tanner to Hunter, Spot Repair)	15,000	Winter (Spot Repair)	13,000
Gladys at Warner (Intersection only)	36,000	Elm (Virginia to Courtney, spot repair & crack seal)	50,000
DRAINAGE PROJECTS			
Complex Ditch (Campanella to Clinton Building)			\$22,000
TOAL COST PROPOSED 2010 STREET & STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM			\$493,000
PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS			
Concrete Box Culvert (100 ft. between Linn and Railroad)			\$76,000
Concrete Box Culvert (Lillian to East Side of Dudley Park)			\$500,000

City launches new web site on December 1

The City of Sikeston has redesigned its website, www.sikeston.org, to provide the public easier and quicker access to information. In addition to the new look and feel, the site provides many enhancements including:

- New Homepage with drop-downs for quick navigation, including Visitors, Departments, Business, "How Do I...?" and Links.
- Bread crumbs – quick links on the top of the page to help you get back to where you started.
- City Meetings Calendar and City Council Calendar with links to Agendas & Minutes, and
- Frequently Asked Questions with concise and complete answers or links to the pages you need.

We invite you to visit www.sikeston.org!

Sesquicentennial Corner . . .

Sikeston Herald - October 7, 1943: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) national chapter announced it will 'undertake to provide a seeing-eye dog for every service man blinded from injuries in WWII' The local Kingshighway chapter will participate in this endeavor.

Sikeston Standard - December 22, 1943: The Honor Roll Board (WWII) of Sikeston is nearing completion, George Hale Jr. of the Chamber of Commerce stated. Any serviceman whose home mailing address is in Sikeston or on a rural route from Sikeston will be eligible to have his name appear on the board "Since the honor roll is not a social index no preference will be given any service men except those who are heroes, dead or missing." Gold and silver stars beside the names will denote dead or missing. Christmas crowds are clustering around the Honor Roll Board as Richard Ely paints the first names of service men on the large white boards in the park.

Best Practices

Stormwater Management

Falling Leaves Clog Storm Drains

Fall is the time of year when City crews direct efforts toward keeping storm drains free of falling leaves. Leaves in street gutters can clog storm drains, potentially causing flooding of neighborhood streets. If leaves build up in underground catch basins, a poisonous gas (hydrogen sulfide) can occur. This can deplete the oxygen in creeks and streams where fish live, and can even be dangerous to City workers during their efforts to unclog basins. Your help with prompt removal of fallen leaves is appreciated: potential flooding will be reduced; pollution to local streams and ditches will be prevented; and public/environmental health will be increased.

The City of Sikeston's storm drains flow directly to local streams, and eventually into the Mississippi River with no pollution treatment processing. Help keep Sikeston cleaner and safer by not allowing leaves to blow down the gutter and into storm drains. Keep an eye on your neighborhood catch basin. If it is clogging with leaves, clear it with a broom, or shovel and call the Street Dept. at 471-2174.

Please do not blow or rake leaves from your yard into the street! Place leaves with your other Green yard wastes, or start a composting pile. The Department of Public Works operates a leaf collection program from Mid November through the end of December each year. The city is divided into 4 sections for this program and will pick up leaves placed behind the curb. You can find more information regarding our leaf program and dates that the City Compost Site is open, for dropping off leaves at www.sikeston.org

What's happening?

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

December 3 – Sikeston Public Schools Foundation Holiday Party, 6 PM, 103 Goldbrier

The Sikeston Public Schools Foundation's Second Annual Holiday Party will be held from 6-8 PM at the home of The Honorable and Mrs. David Dolan. Tickets - \$25.00. Contact Robin Stoner at 573-472-8833 for more information.

December 4 – Holiday Magic, Downtown Sikeston, Saturday until 5 PM

Sikeston's Downtown Merchants invite you to finish your holiday shopping. Come Downtown to shop, visit Santa and watch the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

December 4 – Civil War Christmas Re-enactment, 6:15 PM, Downtown Sikeston – Legion Square

Local re-enactors portray a Christmas Dinner celebrated by Union and Confederate soldiers.

December 4-6 – Santa at the Depot, Depot Museum, Downtown Sikeston

On Friday night have your picture taken with Santa. While you're there enjoy the songs of local carolers and warm up with free hot chocolate and cookies.

December 6 – Christmas Home Tour, Tickets \$10 each, available at Depot Museum, Downtown Sikeston

Enjoy Christmas spirit and hospitality on the Sikeston Christmas Home Tour. Hosts: Anita & Harry Sharp – 214 Kramer; Irene Saling & Carolyn Rogers – 605 N. Ranney; Geri & George Gilmore – 226 Tanner; and Carolyn & Ken Cox – 210 Lynn (Mini-Farms north of Highway HH). End your tour at the Depot Museum where you can view the Community Christmas Tree while enjoying refreshments and Christmas music.

December 6 – LaToya Robinson-Tate Christmas Concert, 1:30 PM, Hunter Memorial First

Presbyterian Church, Allen Blvd. at Wakefield. Free of Charge. The public is invited.

December 10-13 – A Dickens of a Christmas Musical, Albritton-Mayer Cultural Center, 506 S.

Kingshighway. Sikeston's Children's Little Theatre presents the classic tale of covetous miser Ebenezer Scrooge who is brought to life with music and drama. Tickets are available from Collins Music beginning December 2.

December 11 - YMCA of Southeast Missouri Flick & Float, 511 Taylor, Sikeston. Doors open 6 PM,

Movie begins 6:30 PM.

December 12 – 3rd Annual Christmas Craft Show, 8 AM-2 PM, Sikeston Eagles Lodge, 219 Trotter

Open to the public. Vendors welcome – Contact Paula at 573-931-4299 or Denise at 573-471-6176.

December 25 – Community Christmas Tree, Depot Museum, Downtown Sikeston

The Historic Midtown Development Group is sponsoring a Community Christmas Tree filled with ornaments provided by members of the community. Enjoy the story each one tells.

December 31 – Missouri Delta Medical Center, Sesquicentennial Ball

Contact MO Delta Medical Center Foundation for more information - 573-472-7525.

December 31 – Eagles New Year's Eve Party, 9 PM – 1 AM, Sikeston Eagles Lodge, 219 Trotter.

Tickets \$15 per couple, \$10 for singles. Music provided by Southern Roots.



SESQUICENTENNIAL TEE SHIRTS



**ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO THE
KENNY ROGERS CP TELETHON**



YOUTH Short Sleeve \$10.00 EACH		ADULT Short Sleeve \$15.00 EACH		YOUTH Long Sleeve \$12.00 EACH		ADULT Long Sleeve \$17.00 EACH		
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MEDIUM 10-12	_____	MEDIUM	_____	MEDIUM	_____	MEDIUM	_____	
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Please make check payable to "City of Sikeston". All orders must be pre-paid. Send payment to:
"150th Tee", 105 E. Center Street, Sikeston, MO 63801. Phone 573-471-2512.

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 7, 2009