



Sikeston Scanner

105 E Center Street, Sikeston, MO 63801 ; Phone 573-471-2512; e-mail cityhall@sikeston.org

Vol. 6, Issue 11

October 2009



Employees Donate Tournament Proceeds

Participants in the annual Sikeston Employee Golf Tournament recently presented their tournament proceeds to VFW Post 3174 Ladies' Auxiliary. \$315 was raised through the sale of mulligans and red tees. The donation will be used by the Auxiliary to purchase items for the U.S. Marine 2nd Light Armored Recon Battalion stationed in Afghanistan

Pictured Left to Right: Doug Shaw, Councilman Mike Conway, VFW Ladies' Auxiliary President Sue Rogers, Lois Cokenour, and Trey Hardy. Not pictured, Tournament Director Jiggs Moore.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

***The October 5th City Council Meeting
Has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items***

COMMUNITY FALL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

REGULAR TRASH PICK-UP DATE	CURBSIDE PICK-UP DATE
Monday & Thursday	October 1
Tuesday & Friday	October 6 & 9

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2009

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Monday, October 5

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
5:00 PM – Oath of Office Ceremony
Boards & Commissions
Appointees

Tuesday, October 6

4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, October 12

5:15 PM – Park Board

**COLUMBUS DAY
CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

Tuesday, October 13

Noon – Housing Authority Commission
4:00 PM – BMU Commission
4:00 PM – Tourism Advisory Board

Thursday, October 15

11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation
Commission

Monday, October 26

7:15 AM – City Council Meeting
11:30 AM – LCRA Commission
4:00 PM – Board of Adjustments

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



Residents Gather for “*Vision*” Update

More than 35 local residents gathered Tuesday morning, September 22 to hear a status report on the implementation of Sikeston’s “*Vision for Tomorrow*” Strategic Plan. “The primary purpose of this meeting,” noted Chairman Roger Sherman “is to establish on-going communication between Sikeston’s residents, the Commission, and the City Council.” The Strategic Plan Implementation Commission, composed of the Mayor Jerry Pullen, Councilmen Kathy Teachout and Tom Hedrick, with citizen representatives Roger Sherman, Megan Looney, Trista Douglas, and Chip Thornton will be holding quarterly meetings at various locations throughout the City to both share and obtain information. Sherman also announced the creation of a Speaker’s Bureau to address local organizations on the long-term strategic plan, and the upcoming release of a re-designed City of Sikeston website.

Commission member Megan Looney briefed the group on the Commission’s meetings with representatives of Sikeston Public Schools, Southeast Missouri State University – Sikeston Campus, and Three Rivers Community College. Looney emphasized the importance of trade and vocational training to Sikeston’s employers.

Commission member Kathy Teachout provided attendees with an overview of Sikeston’s residential housing survey and demand analysis. The survey prepared by the Missouri Housing Commission and PGAV through the City’s DREAM Program, will soon be available on the City’s website. “Based on our findings,” noted Teachout, “two of the primary obstacles facing local homeowners are financial responsibility and proper credit management. The *Vision* Commission is exploring what resources are in the community to help our residents.”

An overview of Sikeston’s long-term economic development goals was presented by Commission member Tom Hedrick. Efforts are currently underway to better utilize the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) in new economic development efforts. “In addition to increasing the number and quality of local jobs,” stated Hedrick, “*VISION* addresses construction of a proposed 4-lane interstate between I-55, I-57 and I-24; collaborating with other political entities to initiate right-to-work by county legislation in Missouri, and consolidating local/county services to provide improved, economically viable services.”

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.

Did you know that grass clippings and tree leaves are considered a source of pollution when washed directly into storm drains?

Any material discharged, swept, or blown into neighborhood streets and curb inlets along our city streets enter our storm drains. The storm drains carry that waste material to our streams and lateral ditches. Too many grass clippings and leaves clog the City drainage system. It also clouds the water and blocks the sunlight that is essential to aquatic life. And, as they decompose, can lower the oxygen content of the water which can also harm fish and other living things.

City Ordinance 12.08.070 prohibits placing or discharging debris onto City streets. You can find this ordinance in the City’s Storm Water program available on our website www.sikeston.org. Help us protect the water quality of area streams and ditches -- bag or compost grass clippings; take advantage of the City’s annual leaf collection services!

COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Wed., Oct. 7: 7:30 - 11:45 AM & 1:00 - 3:30 PM
Saturday, October 24: 8 AM – Noon
Saturday, November 7: 8 AM – Noon

Leaf Collection Program Begins November 16

“*Vision Update*”, Continued

In closing Sherman reminded attendees the “*Vision*” plan addresses long-term goals. “Realistically,” stated Sherman, “these projects may require ten to fifteen years to fully accomplish. The Commission’s role is to work with the City Council to maintain a course of action for the achievement of these goals.”

The “*Vision for Tomorrow*” Strategic Plan Implementation Commission meets at 11:30 AM on the third Thursday of each in Council Chambers, 105 E. Center Street. Organizations wishing to take advantage of the *VISION* Speakers Bureau should contact Roger Sherman at 471-5305. The next quarterly update will be held in December.

Sesquicentennial Corner . . .

In 1926 the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce distributed a brochure listing the advantages of living in Sikeston. The statements included: population of 5100; center of the richest agricultural section of the U.S.; largest milling industries in Missouri and the Central West; large banks; located on state highway 16 (which became U.S. Highway 60); hotels are well furnished and the best on the road; pure water; new sanitary sewer system; has more hard roads than any farming section in the United States.... You can purchase land cheaper in Southeast Missouri than any section where there is anything like the conditions that obtain* here in this GARDEN SPOT of the world.

* Not a misspelling--the word used in the brochure

"Land being the basis of all material wealth, it is bound to be high in price again.""If you desire to come here to make your home and live in a city which has MORE FINE HOMES than any city of its size in the State, we will be glad to welcome you."

Contributing Historian: Judy Bowman

City Council Filing Date Opens October 13

Tuesday, October 13 will be the first day candidates may file for the 2010 City Council Election. Three Council positions will be filled by the April 6 General Election. Councilman Michael Harris, who will be completing his second consecutive term as Ward 4 Councilman is ineligible for re-election. At-large Councilman Michael Bohannon is eligible to serve another term, as is Interim Ward I Councilman Mike Conway. (Conway was appointed to the Council following the election of Jerry Pullen as Mayor.)

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. 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.

Should there be more than two candidates for any position a primary election will be conducted on February 2, 2010.

Council Makes Board & Commission Appointments

The Sikeston City Council recently completed action on its 2009 board and commission appointments. Provided below is a listing of each board/commission, its members and meeting date and time.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Meets on an as-needed basis at Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center St. Members include Jessie Redd, George Steck, Ron Galemore, Ellen Brandom, Phil Black, Harvey Cooper, James Miller and William Nace.

BOARD OF APPEALS: Meets on an as-needed basis at Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center St. Members include Scott Jenkins, B. Scott Kiesling, Ron Galemore, Reade Ferguson, Emory McCauley, Jr., Lynelle Luther and Mike Limbaugh.

BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES: Meets at 4:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month at BMU Offices, 138 North Prairie. Members include Steve Taylor, Jeff Sutton, Alan Keenan and Robert Clay.

ENHANCED ENTERPRISE BOARD: Meets on an as-needed basis at Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street. City-appointees include Mike Conway, Ed Dust, Don Newton, Geoff Comer and James Miller.

Boards and Commissions Continued:

HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Meets at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the Housing Authority's Administrative Offices, 400 Allen Blvd. Members include Bill Mitchell, Mike Jensen, Edward Wirth, Larry Tetley and Jeffrey Hay.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA): Meets on an as-needed basis. Members include: Steve McPheeters, Steve Millington, Anna Warf, Matt Wright and Terry Williams.

LAND CLEARANCE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LCRA): Regular meetings held at 11:30 AM on the fourth Monday of every month at City Hall, 105 E Center St.; Work sessions held at 11:30 AM on the second Friday of every month. Meetings are held at Sikeston City Hall. Members include David Ziegenhorn, Bill Mitchell, Herman Gardner, Brian Menz, and Dan Marshall.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Meetings are held at 4:30 PM on the first Monday of each month at the Library, 121 East North Street. Members include Jackie Cowan, Marilyn Barkett, Greg Colwick, Libby Caskey, Larry Braden, Bob Depro, Nancy Settles, Carolyn Tetley and Elizabeth Lorenz.

PARK BOARD: Meetings are held at the Ray Clinton Community Building, 501 Campanella on the second Monday of each month at 5:15 PM. Members include Bobby Tyrone, Jeffrey Hey, Shad Old, Tim Underwood, Scott Jenkins, Phil Black, Bonnie Dyer, Murray Sullivan and David Teachout.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: Meetings are held at 4:00 PM on second Tuesday of month at City Hall, 105 E. Center Street. Members include Emory McCauley, Richard McGill, Edward Miller, Onethia Williams, Harry Howard, Jim McClure, Lorenzo Ware and Gary Ozment.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held at 6 PM on Monday of every other month at City Hall, 105 E Center Street. Members include Matt Tanner, David Sloan, Jim McClure, Michelle Williams, Paul Cohen, David Terrell, David Teachout and Charles Gardner.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION: Meetings are held at Sikeston City Hall at 11:30 AM of every third Thursday of the month. Members include Roger Sherman, Megan Looney, Jerry Pullen, Kathy Teachout, Tom Hedrick, Trista Douglas and Chip Thornton.

RENTAL ORDINANCE APPEALS BOARD: Meets on an as-needed basis. Members included David Ziegenhorn, Maude Harris, Bobby Tyrone, Scott Jenkins, Dan Marshall, Carolyn Tetley, B. Scott Kiesling, Marian Jones, Chester Yarber, Bart Grant and Anderson Walker.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE COMMISSION: Meets on an as-needed basis at Sikeston City Hall. City appointees include Bart Grant, Steve Matthews, Matt Marshall, Rik LaPlant, Terry Bryant and Missy Marshall.

TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD: Meets at Sikeston City Hall at 4:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Members include Cindy Friend, Mike Marsh, Sam Thomas, John Tarter and Rick Justice.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: Meets on an as-needed basis at Sikeston City Hall. Members include Lynelle Luther, Emory McCauley, Greg Walker, Anna Warf, Paul Cohen, Larry Tetley, Larry Braden, Maude Harris and Mike Ziegenhorn.

SEMO UNIVERSITY – SIKESTON CAMPUS, ADVISORY COUNCIL: Meets at 10:30 AM on the last Wednesday of each quarter in Rooms 112-113 at the Sikeston Campus (Highway 61 North). Sikeston appointees include Kathy Anglin, Jackie Cowan, Frieda Cardwell, Rick Justice, Felecia Blanton, Terry Williams, Murray Sullivan, Elizabeth Lorenz, Carolyn Harris, Libby Caskey, Julie Ann Palmer, David Jenkins, Linda Boyd, Larry Braden and Rik LaPlant.

Contact Linda Lowes, Director of Governmental Services (471-2512 or cityhall@sikeston.org) with questions regarding Sikeston's Boards and Commissions. Residents seeking appointment to the City's boards and commissions should submit a Resource Bank Application, available on-line at www.sikeston.org or at Sikeston City Hall. Applications remain active for a period of twenty-four months after submission and will be presented to Council when board or commission vacancies occur.

What's happening?

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

Sept. 29 – October 3

Cotton Carnival

Sikeston Rodeo Grounds

Tuesday: Wristband night
Wednesday: 7 PM, Little Mr. & Mrs. Cotton Carnival Contest
Thursday: 8 PM, Jr. Miss Sikeston Contest
Friday: Wristband night
Saturday: 10:00 AM, Carnival Parade;
12:30 PM, Miss Cotton Carnival Contest
7:00 PM, Miss Sikeston Contest

October 3

Downtown Cotton Festival

10AM – 2 PM

**American Legion Square
Downtown Sikeston**

Follow the Cotton Carnival Parade to Downtown Sikeston . . .

- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Fall Flower & Plant Sale
- Musical Entertainment
- Concessions
- Children's Activities, Sikeston Library's Story Time
- Sikeston Depot's – Find Yourself Photo Collection

October 10

Cotton Ramble Bike Ride

**Starting 9 AM, Sikeston Depot
Downtown Sikeston**

Enjoy a leisure October day riding through the Sikeston country-side. See working cotton fields and gins. Riders choose from 13 mile and 26 mile routes. Rest areas along the route provide water, snacks, and toilet facilities. SAG wagons will patrol route to assist cyclists, as needed.

Pre-registration deadline is September 10. Fees: \$15 for riders over age 15; \$7.50 for riders 14 and under; same day registration, \$20. Registration forms available at Sikeston City Hall, Clinton Building and SACC Office.

October 24

Fall Family Fun Day

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Malone Park
(North Street at Scott)
Downtown Sikeston**

Come Downtown and celebrate Fall with fun for the whole family. Crafts, concessions, face painting, hayrides and Sikeston Public Library's Story Time.

11:30 AM – Pet Costume Contest
12:30 AM – Children's Halloween Costume Contest

Games: Pumpkin Toss, Witches Hat Toss, Ghost Saver and the Great Pumpkin Toss

October 24

Thrill the World

7:30 PM

Sikeston YMCA

Be a part of a global event as "zombies" recreate one of the world's spookiest music videos – "Thriller"! Locally, more than 40 people have already signed up to take part in the worldwide simultaneous "Thriller" dance. The local event is sponsoring a food drive with all proceeds going to the SEMO Food Bank (Sikeston Food Pantry). Registration forms are available online at <http://Sikestontw.com>. Contact Kris Greene at 573-475-3704 or 573-472-6302 for more information.