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Spring Curbside Clean-up Scheduled

The City is once again sponsoring a Curbside Clean-up Campaign. This program gives Sikeston residents an opportunity to dispose of bulky rubbish during their regular solid waste pick-ups. Residents with Monday and Thursday trash collection will have their spring clean-up opportunities on Monday, April 19 and Thursday, April 22. Those with Tuesday and Friday solid waste pick-up will have their spring clean-up collections on Tuesday, April 27 and Friday, April 30.

Residents wishing to take advantage of curbside pick-up should place their bulky items at the curb on their designated collection days while those with alley pick-up will place their bulky items in the alley with their household trash. Absolutely no construction, contractor, commercial or business waste will be taken during this clean-up. Carpeting, drywall, paneling, wood flooring, cabinets, windows, and sewer pipes are considered construction waste and will not be picked up.

Residents will have two opportunities within one week to dispose of bulky items. All items to be discarded must be close together in one area next to the curb or in the alley. Do not place items you do not want disposed of close to rubbish or items to be hauled off as they may be taken by mistake. Sonny's Solid Waste, Inc. will not be responsible for or replace any items taken if they are next to the alley or curb at pick-up locations. 55-gallon barrels must be completely empty when picked up.

All items must be placed on the curb or in the alley the night before the scheduled pick-up dates. There will be no return trips.

Many items are banned from Missouri landfills and must be handled separately by Sonny's Solid Waste (SSW). As a result, a \$10 prepaid fee is charged by SSW to pick up the following items: washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, window air conditioners, gas or electric cook stoves, bathroom commodes, kitchen or bathroom sinks, microwave ovens, household refrigerators, and household trash compactors. Commercial appliances are not included in the above price. Any appliance having a compressor cannot be picked up until the compressor is drained and removed. The compressor will be taken at no extra charge.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL-MAY 2010

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Monday, April 5

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
5:00 PM – FY-11 Budget Hearing and
City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 6

ELECTION DAY

4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Friday, April 9

11:00 AM – Stormwater Advisory Board

Monday, April 12

8:00 AM – Council Reorganization Meeting
Noon – Housing Authority Board
5:15 PM – Park Board

Tuesday, April 13

11:30 AM – DED Executive Board
4:00 PM – BMU Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 15

11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation
Commission Meeting

Monday, April 26

7:15 AM – City Council Meeting
11:30 AM – LCRA Commission

Thursday, April 29

4:00 PM – CVB Advisory Board

Monday, May 3

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
5:00 PM – FY-11 Budget Hearing &
City Council Meeting

2010 Sikeston Spring Curbside Clean-up Schedule

Trash Pick Days

**Monday & Thursday
Tuesday & Friday**

Curbside Pickup Date

**April 19th & 22th
April 27nd & 30th**



Dale Graham
Sikeston Public Works



Frankie Adams
Sikeston Public Safety

Graham, Adams Named Employees of the Quarter

DPW Skilled Worker Dale Graham and DPS Canine Officer Frankie Adams will be honored as the City's Employees of the Second Quarter during the April 5 Sikeston City Council Meeting. Both are being recognized for their outstanding work ethic and contributions to the City.

Over the winter Graham took a lead role in the repair of Downtown's brick streets. As a mower operator, he maintains City right-of-ways, airport property and vacant lots.

Adams, with his partner Police Canine Eros, was able to track suspects in the February 19, 2010 Sonic Drive-In robbery from the scene of the crime to their location on Kathleen near Pine. All three suspects were taken into custody by DPS, and confessed to the robbery.

COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 10 & 24: 8:00 AM – Noon

Wed., May 5: 7:30-11:45 AM & 1:00-3:30 PM

Saturday, May 22: 8:00 AM - Noon

Curbside Pick-up, Continued

Other items for which a fee will be charged include lead acid batteries, \$1.00 per battery fee. Used motor oil will be picked up for a \$1.00 per gallon fee. Used oil must be in a sealed plastic or metal container to avoid spillage. Pickup is limited to no more than 5 gallons per container, per pickup. Absolutely no hazardous waste will be picked up. Addresses of residents requesting used oil pickups will be kept on file at all times to avoid any hazardous waste being included with the used oil.

Any resident requesting a pickup of those items for which there is a fee, must contact Sonny's Solid Waste Service, Inc. at 471-2869 before their scheduled pickup. Prior payment will need to be made at the SSW main office, 451 Smith Street, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Employees operating SSW collection trucks will not take special pick up requests or take payments on collection days. These arrangements must be made in advance with the office.

Sonny Solid Waste will not pickup tires as they have been banned from Missouri landfills. All yard waste including limbs, leaves, shrub trimmings, Christmas trees, grass, and garden waste are banned from landfills. Residents needing to dispose of yard waste may contact Sonny's Solid Waste at 471-2869 regarding disposal information, or use the Compost Site on Compress Road.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 5, 2010, 5:00 PM

Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street

PRESENTATIONS:

- Ministerial Alliance
- Employees of the Second Quarter

PUBLIC HEARING:

- FY-2011 Budget Preparation

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Award Skatepark Construction Contract
- Award 2010 Street & Stormwater Improvement Program Contracts
- Second Reading & Consideration of Bill 5812, Regulating the Sale of Ephedrine and Ephedrine Products within the City Limits of Sikeston
- Second Reading & Consideration of Bill 5813, Re-adoption of Ordinance 5085 defining Discriminatory Housing Practices and Creating a Fair Housing Committee.
- Second Reading & Consideration of Bill 5814, LCRA Request to Replat Felker Street (Fairground Addition)
- Second Reading and Consideration of 5815, Request to Rezone Hart Street from R-1 to R-5
- Other items as may be determined.

*A calendar of City Council meetings, their agendas
And approved minutes can be found on www.sikeston.org.*

VOTE APRIL 6

Polls open 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
Airport	1 st Christian Church, 1006 N. Main
Broadway	Eastside Church of the Nazarene, 129 Ralph Ave.
Davis/Salcedo	Trinity Gospel Church, 901 Davis Ave.
Kingshighway	1 st Assembly of God Church, 306 S. Kingshighway
Park	Concordia Lutheran Church, 836 Park Ave.
West Malone	Fire Station #1, North West Street

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City Employees Giving Back to the Community . . .

City employees are active throughout the community participating in numerous programs and events. The City's Kenny Rogers Children's Telethon Panel, above, was manned by DPS Sgt. John Blakely, DPW Administrative Assistant Anne Quick, DED Administrative Assistant Kathy Medley, DPS Administrative Assistant Flora Fuller, DGS Administrative Assistant Rhonda Council and DPS Secretary Kerrie Gilmore. In addition to the Panel's efforts, employees sold T-shirts, and raffled St. Louis Cardinal Baseball tickets to collect a total of \$2,030. Serving on the City's Telethon Committee that directed these efforts were Rhonda Council, Kathy Medley, Kris Greene and Kerrie Gilmore.

New Legislation Effective April 1, 2010

Placement of Dirt and Lawn Debris on City Streets now Prohibited

Gone are the days of blowing dirt, grass clippings, leaves, mulch and other debris on City Streets. With the adoption of Ordinance 5811, Sikeston is taking measures to improve the quality of stormwater run-off, as well as preserving the City's stormwater drainage system.

"Many residents and lawn maintenance contractors don't fully realize the damage that is being done to the City's drainage system when they blow dirt, grass clippings and other debris into our streets," noted Street Superintendent Steve Lee. "This debris is washed into the roadway gutter lines, and accumulates in stormwater catch basins or drainage ditches. It's just a matter of time before the flow of stormwater run-off is reduced or completely blocked. The result is the use of tax dollars and valuable man-hours to alleviate a problem that can be prevented."

"Ordinance 5811 goes into effect April 1, 2010," stated Lee. "Street Division Supervisors will be working closely with Code Enforcement and Public Safety to educate the public and enforce this legislation."

Sesquicentennial Corner

The following story was provided by historians participating in the Battle of Sandy Ridge Re-enactment that was held on March 6 in Sikeston.

Bibles in the South were considered contraband. When the Civil War (War Between the States or War of Northern Aggression) started, Bibles were printed in Boston and points north. Realizing that a Bible in the hands of a combatant would give a sense of comfort, the North banned them from being sent south.

Jefferson Davis, Confederate States of American president, also recognized the security of a Bible in the hands of his soldiers. He vowed to put a Bible in the knapsack of every trooper. A bargain was made with England and the English sent -- free of charge - - 300,000 Bibles. Of course they had to be shipped through the coastal blockade and also on the same ships were guns and ammunition. Naturally, many of the Bibles did not reach the Confederate troops.

Sikeston Municipal Airport Featured in MoDOT Publication

Since 2006 State and Federal grant funding has been available for aviation projects throughout the State. Following the completion of Sikeston's most recent improvements, our Municipal Airport was featured in the Missouri Department of Transportation's "*ShowMe Flyer*". Excerpts of the article follow:

Dedicated on July 4, 1934 as the "Harvey" Parks Airport, Sikeston Memorial Municipal Airport was the site of the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics. In 1938 General Henry "Haps" Arnold asked Parks to train military pilots and mechanics, thus tripling the school's enrollment. Sikeston became one of five training schools operated by Parks for the U.S. Army Air Corps. By 1944 over 170 planes a day were flying over Sikeston. World War II flying ace Robert S. Johnson was among the many pilots trained at the Sikeston facility. By the end of the war, the Institute had trained more than 24,000 commissioned pilots and thousands of aeronautical mechanics.

In May of 1948 the U.S. Government formally transferred ownership of its land, runway (now 4,300 feet in length and 75 feet in width), barracks, equipment and a \$300,000 warehouse to the City of Sikeston. This was accomplished, primarily, through grants approved by the War Assets Administration. At the time of the transfer, made during the tenure of Mayor Marvin Carroll, airport assets increased to nearly \$1 million.

Additional properties were acquired in 1981 and 1987 to expand approach surfaces. These improvements increased the runway to 5,500 feet in length by 100 feet in width, added a 40 foot wide parallel taxiway, and five connectors. Today, the Sikeston Memorial Municipal Airport, located at an elevation of 315 feet above [mean sea level](#), has a paved asphalt runway, designated 2/20, which measures 5,502 by 100 feet. In 2006 Federal funding obtained through MoDOT Aviation grants provided \$593,931 for the reconstruction of the airport apron. In 2009 work began on a multi-phase airport expansion and improvement project. Approximately \$2 million from Federal Stimulus and Non-Primary Entitlement Funds have enabled the City to relocate 1,200 feet of the taxiway's southern end, relocate a street running parallel to the airport and remove obstructions in the runway object free areas. The runway and connectors have been repaved and new markings applied. Future phases will relocate the parallel taxi way, upgrade runway lighting, and expand the apron.

Annually, Sikeston's Memorial Municipal Airport supports over 10,000 aircraft operations, serving both single and multi-engine aircraft and small jets. Currently, 25 aircraft are based at Sikeston's airport. The largest craft to use Sikeston's facility has been a Boeing 737 operated by the Corps of Engineers. Additionally, the airport serves as a fueling site for military helicopters operating out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Recognizing the Sikeston Memorial Municipal Airport is a valuable tool to economic development, the City has made a commitment to maintain high-quality airport facilities. The improvements already made to the runway, and future taxiway improvements are very important to attracting major industrial prospects to Sikeston and the surrounding area.



Sikeston Municipal Airport, as seen from 5,000 feet.
Aerial photo taken by Kris Greene

What's happening?

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

- April 3** **Easter Extravaganza Egg Hunt**
First Assembly of God, Recreation Complex, 1221 N. Ingram
- April 8** **4th Annual Taste of Sikeston & Silent Auction**
5 PM, Sikeston National Guard Armory
- April 10** **Redneck BBQ (KCBS Sanctioned) Cook-Off**
Competitive Cook-off with children's activities, Redneck Dog Contest
Sikeston JC Rodeo Grounds, 1220 N. Ingram Road
- April 10** **Sikeston JC Crawfish Boil & Music Festival**
Community Event – 2 PM –Midnight, Food, Music and Children's Activities
Sikeston JC Rodeo Grounds, 1220 N. Ingram Road
- April 24** **Sikeston in Bloom**
Crafts, Plants, Concessions, Live Music, Children's Activities and Pony Rides
Legion Square, Downtown Sikeston

COMMUNITY-WIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of an emergency, the City of Sikeston will broadcast information at the top of the hour and 30 minutes after the hour on two Withers Broadcasting Company radio stations. For the latest in emergency updates tune in to:

STAR 107.1 FM

B97.9 FM