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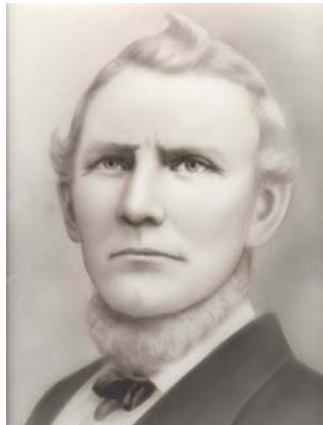
July 2010

Sesquicentennial Question:

Why did Sikeston Founder John Sikes wear his beard in this style?

Answer will be found in

Sikeston History Trail
Malone Park, Saturday, July 17



July 17 Community Birthday Bash Countdown to Celebration Begins

"Come one . . . Come all," is the message being communicated by the organizers of Sikeston's 150th Anniversary Birthday Bash! Scheduled to start at 10:30 AM, Saturday, July 17 in Malone Park (corner of Center Street at Scott) the celebration includes something for everyone. Sikeston's current Mayor and City Council, as well as all former Mayors and Council Members have been invited, as well as elected officials from all levels of government.

Following a brief program, attendees will enjoy 150' of birthday cake with ice cream. (Cakes are being provided by local churches and civic organizations). Should there be cake left over, rumor has it a Cake Eating Contest may follow!

The band "Flashback" will be on hand to entertain guests while they enjoy the classic car show being hosted by Historic Downtown Sikeston (HMDG). For our history-lovers, the Sikeston Depot Museum is sponsoring the "Sikeston History Trail".

Saturday afternoon the Sikeston Kiwanis will announce the winner of their "Longest Beard Contest". Other activities include a dunking booth, face painting, hula hoop contest, and bubble gum blowing contest. Food vendors and other concessions will be on site.

Mark your calendars for this community event! For more information contact Mike Marsh at the Sikeston Depot Museum (481-9967) or Brandon Kuehn (380-3801).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY-AUGUST 2010

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Monday, July 5
City Offices Closed - Independence Day

July City Council Meeting Cancelled
Due to a Lack of Agenda Items

Tuesday, July 6
4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

Thursday, July 8
Noon – Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Monday, July 12
5:15 PM – Park Board

Tuesday, July 13
11:30 AM – DED Executive Board
4:30 PM – BMU Board of Commissioners

Thursday, July 15
11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation
Commission

Monday, July 19
6:00 PM – DPS Advisory Board

Monday, July 26
7:15 AM – Joint Meeting City Council and LCRA
Commission
11:30 AM – LCRA Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 29
4:00 PM – Tourism Advisory Board

COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Wed., July 7: 7:30-11:45 AM & 1:00-3:30 PM
Sat., July 17: 8 AM – Noon
Sat., July 31: 8 AM – Noon

Kennard, Hawkins Honored As Employees of the Third Quarter

Todd Kennard and Dwayne Hawkins have been selected as the City's Employees of the Third Quarter. Kennard is in charge of community service workers assigned to cleaning vacant lots. He also supervises Saturday litter and trash pickup crews from Municipal Court's First Time Offenders Program.

Hawkins, assigned to Fire Division, maintains an extremely high off-duty response rate to both fire and rescue calls. He has also been instrumental in repairs and maintenance to Fire Division vehicles and buildings.



Todd Kennard
Street Division,
Sikeston Public Works



Dwayne Hawkins
Fire Division
Sikeston Public Safety



Stormwater Runoff Management Program

Local Land Disturbance Practices & Permit Requirements Effective July 15

Federal and State mandates seeking to improve the quality of water in our streams, lakes and ponds have resulted in new local legislation which goes into effect July 15. With the passage of Ordinance 5816, Sikeston adopted a new stormwater management program. A multi-faceted program, it prohibits the deposit of debris such as litter, dirt, gravel, and grass clippings in city thoroughfares; establishes "Best Management Practices" for the control of construction site run-off; and requires a city-issued permit when any of the following occur

- Clearing and/or draining of land as an adjunct to construction;
- Clearing and/or draining of land for agricultural purposes;
- Converting agricultural lands to nonagricultural uses;
- Subdividing land into two or more parcels;
- Replatting recorded subdivisions and the development of unrecorded subdivisions;
- Changing the use, arrangement, appearance, intensity or density of structures or land;
- Altering the shoreline or bank of any surface water body;
- Any activities which disturb one acre or more of pervious surface, with the exception of farming activities; and
- Creating and/or increasing pervious surface, either building or parking area, with an area of greater than 2,000 square feet.

For more information or to apply for a permit contact Sikeston Code Enforcement at 573-471-2512. Information and applications forms are also available on-line at www.sikeston.org.

Boards & Commissions Appointments Slated for September

Citizen's Resource Bank Applications Accepted

The Sikeston City Council is accepting Citizen Resource Bank Applications from residents seeking to participate in the City's governing process. More than 100 volunteers currently serve on the City's 17 boards and commissions. Residents seeking appointment to a board or commission position are asked to complete and submit a Resource Bank Application. Applications can be accessed and filed electronically from the City's website, www.sikeston.org. Forms are also available at Sikeston City Hall and the Sikeston Public Library. Applications received by the August 23 deadline will be submitted to the City Council during their August 30 Special Meeting. (Applicants should have no outstanding taxes or unpaid fines.) Applications received after that date will remain on file for 24 months.

This year 39 boards and commissions terms will expire. Of these terms, 20 new appointments will be under consideration. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of Adjustments, Board of Appeals, Board of Municipal Utilities Commission, Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board, Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Industrial Development Authority, LCRA Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Park Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Public Safety Advisory Board, Rental Ordinance Appeals Board, Strategic Plan Implementation Commission, Tax Increment Finance Commission, Traffic Committee and SEMO University - Sikeston Campus Advisory Council.

A brief description of the City's boards and commissions with their terms, areas of responsibility and meeting date/time, follows:

Board of Adjustments: 5-year term. The Board of Adjustments is a quasi-judicial body created by State Statute and City Ordinance. Its purpose is to make rulings on appeals resulting from decisions made by a zoning officer and to grant relief from the literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance in certain hardship situations. The Council, other than by appointment, does not interact with the Board of Adjustments. The decisions of the Board can only be appealed to state courts. The Board meets on an as-needed at 4:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Members must be a citizen of Sikeston.

Board of Appeals: 3-year term. The International Property Maintenance Code, as adopted by the City of Sikeston, establishes minimum requirements and standards for all existing premises, structures and buildings, and fixes the responsibility of owners, operators and occupants. The Board of Appeals hears all appeals relative to the enforcement of this code. It meets on an as-needed basis. Members are required to be either a registered architect or registered engineer, or be from the following professions: licensed general contractor, electrical supplier, licensed heating and cooling contractor, plumbing supplier, licensed plumber, building supplier, licensed electrician or licensed real estate broker. (Should qualified candidates not be available from these professions, Council may duplicate or substitute a field.)

Board of Municipal Utilities Commission: 4-year term. Members of the BMU Commission oversee general operations of the City's Board of Municipal Utilities. Issues they address include employment of the Director of Utilities; adoption and general administration of the BMU's' operating budget; general oversight of electric generation and distribution, water supply, treatment and distribution, operation of sanitary sewer systems and waste water treatment. Additionally the BMU Commission submits recommendations for utility rate changes. All utility rates are established by the Board and approved by the City Council. The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 PM.

Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board: 5-year term This board advises Council on designation of enhanced enterprise zones and any other advisory duties as determined by the City Council. After designation of an enhanced enterprise zone the board reviews and assesses zone activities, and submits reports as required by law to the State of Missouri. It meets on an as-needed basis.

Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: 4-year term The Sikeston Housing Authority is a Municipal Corporation operating under State Law with Federal Contracts to provide decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxurious housing at an affordable cost to low income families and individuals. Its Board of Commissioners oversees general Housing Authority operations, approves the Authority's operating budget and staffing levels and establishes local policy and regulations for all property owned, operated or managed by the Authority. The Commission meets at noon on the second Monday of each month.

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Boards & Commissions Continued

Industrial Development Authority (IDA): 6-year term. Organized under Chapter 349 of State Statutes, the IDA is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes and solicits industrial and economic development projects. Members must be taxpayers who have resided within Sikeston for five years prior to their appointment. No director shall be an officer of the county or city. The IDA meets on an as-needed basis.

Land Clearance Development Authority (LCRA) Commission: 4-year term. Authorized by Sikeston's voters in 2001, the LCRA Commission is charged with identifying "blighted" areas within Sikeston, developing, and implementing a plan to provide well-organized residential neighborhoods of decent homes. Following development of the urban renewal plan, the Commission acquires properties within the development district, based on the condition of the structures acquired they will either be sold for rehabilitation or removed. Lots ready for new construction are sold to home developers. The LCRA Commission meets at 11:30 AM on the fourth Monday of each month.

Library Board of Trustees: 3-year term. Trustees serve as a liaison between the Library and the community, and have oversight responsibility of Library operations. Members must be citizens of Sikeston. The board meets at 4:30 PM on the first Monday of each month

Park Board: 3-year term This Board advises City Council on issues related to park services, facilities and necessary funding. It meets at 5:15 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Clinton Community Building.

Planning & Zoning Commission: 4-year term. Advisory in nature, the Planning & Zoning Commission is charged with developing and adopting the City's comprehensive plan – a plan for the City's physical development that includes recommendations for the use of land, general location of streets, public grounds and public utilities. The Commission develops and submits recommendations for the City's annual street and stormwater improvement program, provides recommendations related to all zoning issues and recommends approval of subdivisions within the City. It meets at 4:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month. This meeting time is subject to change to accommodate scheduling of public hearings.

Public Safety Advisory Board: 3-year term. Advisory in nature, the board recommends programs to enhance public cooperation and acceptance of DPS. Applicants must be a registered voter of Sikeston. The Board meets at 7 PM on the third Monday of every other month.

Rental Ordinance Appeals Board: 3-year term. This Board was created to help preserve the quality of Sikeston's housing inventory and to protect its neighborhoods from neglect and deterioration. The Appeals Board is charged with hearing and making a determination on appeals resulting from the application of Sikeston's Rental Property Standards as outlined in the Section 8 Guidelines for Housing Quality Standards. Members must be a resident for one year prior to their appointment. Members consist of landlords, tenants, construction trade professionals and citizens at-large. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

Strategic Plan Implementation Commission: 3-year term. In March 2009 the "Vision for Tomorrow" Strategic Plan was released. The Strategic Plan Implementation Commission was established to promote the findings and goals of that effort. The Commission makes recommendation to the City Council on prioritization of municipal projects, assists with implementation and troubleshooting that may be associated with implementation of the strategic plan, and communicates the plan's progress to the community. The Commission meets at 11:30 AM on the third Thursday of each month.

Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Commission: 4-year term. Advisory in nature, the TIF Commission is convened to study the economic viability of proposed development projects seeking to use tax increment financing. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

Tourism Advisory Board: 3-year term. The Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) was established to promote and market the tourism industry. The CVB is an operational division of the City of Sikeston. Community input is provided by its Advisory Board on strategic marketing. Dedicated funding for CVB operations is provided by the City of Sikeston's four percent (4%) lodging tax. The Board meets quarterly.

Traffic Committee: 3-year term. The Committee hears requests and makes recommendation to Council on traffic-related matters. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

Boards & Commissions Continued:

SEMO University – Sikeston Campus Advisory Council: 3- year terms commence on January 1. The Advisory Council provides input to the SEMO Board of Regents on curriculum at the Sikeston Campus. Meetings are held at 10:30 AM on the last Wednesday of each quarter.

Questions regarding the City's boards and commissions may be directed to Linda Lowes, Director of Governmental Services at 471-2512 or lllowes@sikeston.org.

What's happening?

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

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| Friday, July 2 | Christian Music Series, 7 PM, Life Church, Main at Stalcup, Free to the Public |
| Saturday, July 3 | Elks Fishing Derby, 8 AM, Recreational Complex |
| Sunday, July 4 | 4th of July Fireworks Display, Sunset, Recreational Complex |
| Monday, July 5 | T.E. A. Party, 8 AM-5 PM, Legion Square, Downtown Sikeston |
| Thursday, July 8 | Rep. Ellen Brandom Golf Tournament, Sikeston Country Club,
11 AM, RSVP by July 6 |
| Saturday, July 17 | Back to the 50's Car Show, 8 AM-3 PM, Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston |
| Saturday, July 17 | Community Birthday Party – Sikeston's 150th Anniversary
10:30 AM, Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston |
| Saturday, July 17 | Sesquicentennial Quilt Show, 10 AM-4 PM, First Assembly of God Church,
306 South Kingshighway, Sikeston |