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## City Council Set to Adopt FY-11 Budget

Following a budget preparation process that started in February, the City Council is scheduled to hold the second reading and adopt bills that will establish the City's FY-11 budget with staffing and compensation levels on June 15. The new budget will go into effect on July 1.

Despite the economic recession that is plaguing the nation, the FY-11 budget has been prepared in keeping with the commitments made to taxpayers upon the passage of the One Cent Sales Tax in 2004 to provide: 1) funding for the expansion of the SEMO University – Sikeston Campus (formerly SAHEC) facilities; 2) funding for Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority operations; and 3) funding for Sikeston Department of Public Safety staffing and operations.

In his budget message, City Manager Doug Friend explained that that FY-11 is the fifth consecutive year the City's sales tax revenues have fallen below the long-term projections made in 2004. This revenue shortfall coupled with higher costs of doing business, and recovery costs associated with the natural disasters Sikeston experienced in 2008 and 2009 have negatively impacted

*(See Budget Message, Page 3)*

## Sikeston Vision for Tomorrow Strategic Plan

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 15 – 7:30 AM**

**Clinton Community Building - 501 Campanella Dr.**

The public is invited to meet with "Vision" Implementation Commission members, elected officials and City Staff to obtain a status on City operations and the foundation being laid for implementation of Sikeston's Strategic Plan.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### JUNE-JULY 2010

*Meeting dates and times are subject to change*

Tuesday, June 8

11:30 AM – DED Executive Board

4:00 PM – BMU Board of Commissioners

Thursday, June 10

11:30 AM – Budget Work Session

Monday, June 14

Noon – Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

5:15 – Park Board

Tuesday, June 15

7:30 AM - Strategic Plan Implementation

Commission Public Meeting

11:30 AM - Special City Council Meeting

Monday, June 28

7:15 AM – Special Council Meeting

11:30 AM – LCRA Commission

Monday, July 5

City Offices Closed - Independence Day

Tuesday, July 6

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Monday, July 12

Noon – Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

4:00 PM – Board of Adjustments

5:15 PM – Park Board

## COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Wed., June 9: 7:30-11:45 AM & 1:00–3:30 PM

Saturday, June 19: 8:00 AM – Noon

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



## Teachout Family Donates Sikeston Centennial Banner

Mrs. Bert Teachout with sons Terry and David Teachout recently presented Mayor Pro Tem Sue Rogers with a Sikeston Centennial Banner. The historic banner is part of a collection of Sikeston memorabilia belonging to the late Bert Teachout.

The Centennial Banner has been made part of the City's permanent Sesquicentennial display, and can be viewed at Sikeston City Hall from 8 AM to 4 PM, weekdays.

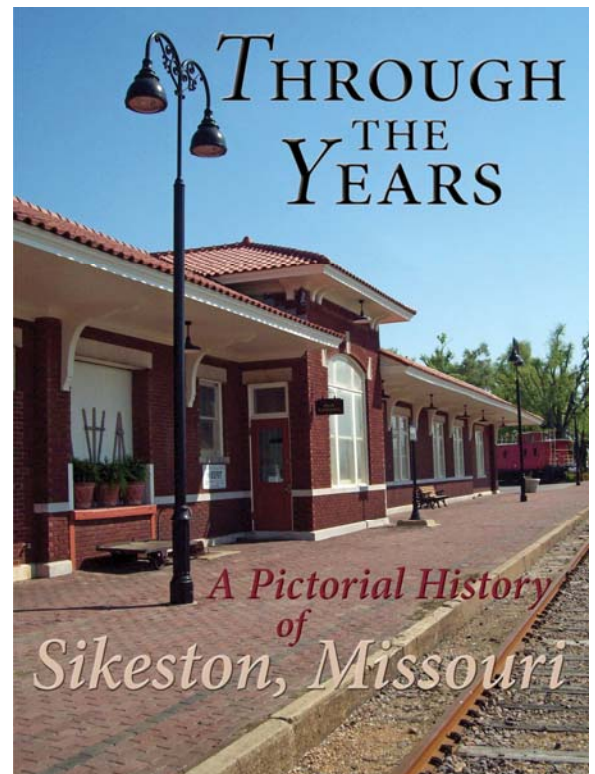
*Through the Years . . .*

## Pictorial History of Sikeston Available June 25<sup>th</sup>

In celebration of Sikeston 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the Sikeston Depot Museum will soon be releasing their 152-page book featuring hundreds of captioned photos highlighting the City's past, present, and future. The Early Years, Sports, Churches, Businesses, and World War II are just some of the chapters included. Each section begins with a written forward from such Sikeston notables as Terry Teachout, Ned Matthews, Mike Jensen, and Judy Bowman.

A special unveiling celebration, free and open to the public, will be held at the Sikeston Depot Museum, 116 West Malone Avenue, Friday, June 25, from 5-8 p.m. Local and state dignitaries will be on hand, as well as contributing writers. Refreshments will be served.

The reception will be the first opportunity for the public to view and purchase "Through the Years". Pre-ordered books may be picked up at the reception. Contact the Sikeston Depot at 573-481-9967 to purchase a copy. Cost is \$35 each.



## Sesquicentennial Celebration

### Community Birthday Party Set for July 17

On Saturday, July 17 Sikeston residents, both past and present, are invited to celebrate the City's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with a community party being held Downtown. Hosts for the event include Historic Downtown Sikeston (HMDG), the Sikeston Depot Museum, and the City.

Festivities will be held at the Depot and in Malone Park. The program is slated to begin at 10:30 AM with the Mayor's welcome and presentation of the Sesquicentennial Resolution. Residents are invited to join in the fun that will include a 50's Car Show, music by the live band "Flashback", a 150-ballon release, hula hoop contest, bubble gum chewing contest and face painting. The Kiwanis will announce the winner of their beard-growing contest. In addition to concessions, attendees will enjoy 150 feet of birthday cake (being provided by local churches) and ice cream.

For more information contact Mike Marsh at the Sikeston Depot Museum (481-9967) or Brandon Kuehn (380-3801).



### *Sesquicentennial Corner*

## **A crowded lunch scene at Lambert's "Little Man's" Café**

Remember the "Original" home of the throwed roll, located at the corner of Main at Malone? This is just one of hundreds of images in "Through the Years...A Pictorial History of Sikeston, Mo." produced by the Sikeston Depot Museum.

### **BUDGET MESSAGE**, *Continued from Page 1*

the City's financial reserves. Recognizing local and nation economic recovery may take longer than originally anticipated, the City has taken significant steps to reduce spending and balance the City's budget.

Foremost in this effort is the refinancing of the Sikeston Area Higher Education Center's Loan. The annual note payment of \$245,000 has been reduced to approximately \$70,000. The LCRA, which has received more than \$1.75 million in municipal funding since 2004, is nearing the point where acquired properties can be marketed. Operational funding for LCRA, while reduced, continues in FY-11. The LCRA summer mowing program has been down-sized from \$168,000 to \$75,000. Through a cooperative effort with the Board of Municipal Utilities, supplemental funding has been obtained for economic development efforts. The City's general maintenance and operating expenditures have been cut. A hiring freeze has been implemented, and as in the prior budget year no cost of living increases will be paid to City employees.

Department of Public Safety staffing levels remain unchanged, as replacement of DPS capital equipment continues. \$493,000 has been earmarked for street and stormwater drainage improvements in FY-11. City Staff will continue to monitor federal and state programs to identify and acquire grant monies for projects the City is unable to fund through local tax revenues.

In closing, every effort is being made to maximize the use of tax dollars, while maintaining appropriate levels of service for Sikeston's residents. It is the City's goal that as economic conditions improve, the City will accumulate financial reserves to facilitate the undertaking of high-impact projects, and to mitigate less than favorable economic conditions or disaster/recovery situations as they occur.





### *Adopt-A-Road Program*

## **SHS Students Adopt Ables Road**

The Student Chamber of Commerce and the Bulldog Financial Center of Sikeston Senior High School/ Sikeston Career and Technology Center recently joined the Sikeston Adopt-A-Road Program. The students, under the direction of Pat Davault, are joining forces to remove litter from Ables Road and new sidewalks completed through the Safe-Route-To-School Program.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Road Project, contact Jiggs Moore, Sikeston Park & Recreation Director at 475-3725.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, June 16  
1:00 – 6:00 PM

**Hunter Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
Allen Blvd at Wakefield

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## **Sikeston Public Safety Recognizes National Police Week 2010**

Established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, National Police Week provides citizens an opportunity to remember police officers, both locally and nationally, for their service and to honor those who put their lives on the line to protect their communities. On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 53 hours. Since the first known line of duty death in 1792, nearly 19,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

On May 14, representatives from Sikeston DPS joined area law enforcement officers at the annual memorial held by Seniors and Lawmen Together (S.A.L.T.) at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus Nature Center. During the ceremony SALT revealed its new black granite memorial recognizing the 48 officers from Southeast Missouri who have died in the line. Among those honored on the memorial is Sikeston native and Missouri State Highway Patrolman John "Jay" Sampietro Jr., who died August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## **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**

# ***What's happening?***

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

## ***Thursday, June 3***

- **Ladies Night Out to Benefit the House of Refuge, 5-8 PM**, 6 Oak Meadows

## ***Friday, June 4***

- **Music at the Malone, 6-8 PM**, Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston – Bluegrass Revival, Free to the Public
- **Christian Music Series, 7 PM**, Life Church, Main at Stalcup, Free to the Public

## ***Saturday, June 5***

- **Stride & Ride for MDA, 9 AM**, Sikeston Recreational Complex, Contact Kyla Evans, 573-335-4400

## ***Sunday, June 6***

- **1965 Sikeston High School Class Reunion**, Sikeston Elks Club

## ***Monday, June 7***

- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mary Margaret Story Yarbrough Golf Tournament, 11:30 AM** Sikeston Country Club, 3-person scramble. All proceeds go to the Mary Margaret Story Yarbrough Scholarship Fund. Contact Ponder Funeral Home for details.

## ***Friday, June 11***

- **Music at the Malone, 6-8 PM**, Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston – Josh Monroe Band, Free to the Public
- **Christian Music Series, 7 PM**, Life Church, Main at Stalcup, Free to the Public
- **Lincoln University Alumni Assoc. Founders Day Social, 7 PM**, Clinton Community Bldg. 501 Campanella Dr., Contact Mary White-Ross for more information

## ***Saturday, June 12***

- **Concordia Lutheran Youth & School Indoor Garage Sale, 8 AM-Noon**, Concordia Lutheran Family Life Center, 836 Park

## ***Wednesday, June 16***

- **City of Sikeston Blood Drive, 1-6 PM**, Hunter Memorial Presbyterian Church

## ***Friday, June 18***

- **Music at the Malone, 6-8 PM**, Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston – Echo 3 (Rock), Free to the Public
- **Christian Music Series, 7 PM**, Life Church, Main at Stalcup, Free to the Public

## ***Saturday, June 19***

- **1985 Sikeston Class Reunion**, Clinton Community Bldg., Contact Jeff Lester or Lisa Burden-Webb

## ***Monday, June 21***

- **FOCUS Bank Golf Tournament, Noon**, Sikeston Country Club, 3-person scramble. Proceeds benefit the MDMC Foundation and YMCA of Southeast Missouri.

## ***Friday, June 25***

- **Sikeston Depot Museum Book Release Party, 5-8 PM**, Depot Museum, 116 W. Malone Ave.
- **Music at the Malone, 6-8 PM**, Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston – Cross Ties (Christian), Free to the Public
- **Christian Music Series, 7 PM**, Life Church, Main at Stalcup, Free to the Public