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Be Counted! It's in your hands . . .

2010 Census Begins in March

The first U.S. Census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Today, 220 years later, the census not only determines our political representation at the local, state and federal levels, it determines how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is allocated annually.

Unlike the 2000 Census, the 2010 Census questionnaire will only consist of 10 questions that will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information including whether the housing unit is owned or rented

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 1, 2010

Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street

4:00 PM – FY-11 Budget Briefing, Preliminary Budget Requests

5:00 PM – BUSINESS SESSION

- A. Award of 2010 Mowing Contract
- B. Second Reading and Consideration of Bill 5811, Amending City Code 12.08.070 Depositing Debris on City Streets
- C. Interim Appointment to SEMO University – Sikeston Campus Advisory Council
- D. Interim Appointment to Traffic Committee
- E. Interim Appointment to Library Board of Trustees
- F. Other items as may be determined.

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

COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 13 & March 27: 8:00 AM - Noon
Saturday, April 10 & 24: 8:00 AM - Noon

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MARCH-APRIL 2010

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Monday, March 1

- 4:00 PM – City Council Budget Briefing
- 4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
- 5:00 PM – City Council Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 2

- 4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Friday, March 5

- 11:00 AM - Stormwater Advisory Board

Monday, March 8

- Noon – Housing Authority Commission
- 5:15 PM – Park Board

Tuesday, March 9

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

Thursday, March 11

- 7:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation Commission, Quarterly Meeting

Monday, March 15

- 6:00 PM – DPS Advisory Board

Monday, March 22

- 11:30 AM – LCRA Commission Meeting

Monday, March 29

- 7:15 AM – Special City Council Meeting

Monday, April 5

- 4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
- 5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 6

ELECTION DAY

- 4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Prescription Required **Students Approve Bill Restricting Access to Meth Ingredients**

Sikeston High School's Youth in Government Day participants recently addressed a topic that will come before the Sikeston City Council in the very near future – Should the City enact legislation requiring a prescription to acquire drugs containing pseudoephedrine – a key ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Detective Sgt. Jason Grellner of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department detailed how pseudoephedrine is used in the manufacture of meth, and provided statistical evidence detailing the various methods being used in surrounding states to curb the manufacture of meth and their success. He also presented material detailing the hazards of the manufacture and use of meth in the home, particularly its effects on children exposed to the drug and its addicts.

During the mock city council meeting that followed, the measure requiring a physician's prescription to acquire drugs containing pseudoephedrine was adopted.



Detective Sgt. Jason Grellner, Franklin County Sheriff's Office addressing SHS students, City Council members and City Staff on the success of Franklin County's legislation.

Pseudoephedrine is a decongestant that shrinks blood vessels in the nasal passages. The drug is commonly used to treat nasal and sinus congestion. When used in the manufacture of meth (along with hydrochloric acid, battery acid, lye and antifreeze) it stimulates the areas of the brain that create sensations of pleasure. Methamphetamine has a high potential for abuse and dependence. It has an addiction rate of 80%, comparable with that of crack cocaine.

Recognizing the use of meth has a significant impact on local crime (over 90% of property and identity thefts are tied to meth use), child abuse and neglect, fire, explosions and environmental hazards, state and local government are seeking ways to restrict access to its ingredients. In 2005 legislation was passed requiring medications containing pseudoephedrine be placed behind pharmacy counters. Additionally, purchases were restricted in quantity, and required purchasers to produce a photo ID and be more than 18 years of age. Drug addicts found a way to circumvent these restrictions by traveling or "smurfing" from store to store in order to purchase pseudoephedrine medications from multiple pharmacies.

In July 2009 the City of Washington, Missouri passed groundbreaking legislation requiring anyone purchasing medication containing pseudoephedrine to have a prescription written by a physician or physician's assistant licensed by the State of Missouri. By September 2009 pharmaceutical sales of decongestants dropped approximately 93% in Washington. Meth lab busts dropped 85% compared with the three months prior to passage of the local legislation. Based on the success of the local measure, communities around the State are considering similar legislation.

Members of Sikeston's Criminal Investigations Unit surveyed local pharmacies to obtain their feelings on adoption of similar legislation. Of the seven pharmacies responding, four fully supported the measure, two had mixed feelings and one preferred the creation of a statewide database to track pseudoephedrine purchases.

Participating in Youth in Government Day were Ben Priday (Mayor), Ryan Fox (Mayor pro tem & At-Large Councilman), Marissa Renfro (At-Large Councilman), Taylor Barnett (Ward 1), Sydney Davied (Ward 2), Abigail Enax (Ward 3), and David Neal (Ward 4). City staff members included Zac Neal (City Manager), Hannah Uthoff (City Counselor), Ashley Miller (DGS Director), Leslie Harris (DED Director), Dylan Stephens (City Clerk), Lauren Kennard (City Treasurer), Ashley Herring (City Collector), Mary Eifert (Community Redevelopment Coordinator), Richard Justice (Street Superintendent), Jessica Hutchcraft (Parks Director), Will Holifield (DPS Director), Kenneth Moy (DPS Captain), Noah Moyers (DPS Captain), Evan Underwood (DPS Captain) and Katherine Hines (DPS Captain). BMU staff included Chelsea Gayden (Chief Accountant) and Meghan Mothershead (Business Office Manager). Members of the public were Parker Williams, Vance Fisher, Audrey Regenold and Hannah McClellan.

Youth in Government Day is sponsored by the City of Sikeston, Sikeston Public Schools and the Sikeston Optimist Club. Financial sponsors were the Standard Democrat and Dr. & Mrs. David Morris.

Law Enforcement - Fire Service

SEMO U Scholarship Offered

The City of Sikeston is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified minority student graduating from Sikeston High School, with a sincere interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement and fire service, and who desires a position with the Sikeston Department of Public Safety upon graduation from Southeast Missouri State University.

Information packets and scholarship applications are available from Kim Thornbrough, Senior Guidance Counselor, Sikeston Senior High School. Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 5, 2010.



QUARTERLY MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 AM

CLINTON COMMUNITY BUILDING
501 Campanella, Sikeston

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the address of the residence, and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

During a recent Census meeting Mayor Jerry Pullen noted, "Many of the goals identified in Sikeston's Vision for Tomorrow Long-term Strategic Plan are directly dependent upon local population growth. Other goals identified in the plan will require federal and state funding assistance. The 2010 Census presents us with a tool that can help improve our quality of life and achieve the goals identified in our long-term strategic plan."

Should Sikeston's residents fail to respond to the Census, there is a very real possibility that existing Federal and State funding levels will be reduced. Programs that could be affected include the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs, WIC, Head Start, Special Education, Adult and Vocational Education, Unemployment Insurance, Medicaid, Law Enforcement Grant Funding, Community Development Block Grant Funding, and Federal Transit/Highway Planning and Construction.

Local participation in the 2010 Census is vital to the future of our community. An accurate count of our residents affects the amount of federal funding Sikeston receives for schools, highways, health care, economic development and many other essential public needs. Regardless of whom you are or where you live – everyone should be counted!

Best Practices

Stormwater Management



Help Sikeston Protect its Watershed Report Construction Run-off

Sediment runoff from active construction sites is one of the nation's leading water resource pollutants. Sediment and other pollutants, such as cement, paint, fuel, and oil, from construction sites can cause physical, chemical, and biological harm to our nation's water. Polluted storm water runoff from construction sites flow into the storm drain system and is discharged into our local rivers and streams. In coming months the City of Sikeston will be requiring all construction sites to install and maintain erosion controls such as **silt fencing** to keep sediment on the site.



silt fence

If you know of a construction site that may be contributing sediment to a road, street, or waterway (drainage ditch, stream, pond, or lake), report it by calling (573) 471-2511.

What to look for:

- Muddy water flowing down/in street from construction site
- Tracking of mud in road from construction site
- Silt fences falling down
- Trash, litter, and construction debris not cleaned up daily
- Concrete waste

REMEMBER TO VOTE – APRIL 6

Polls open 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

| PRECINCT | POLLING PLACE |
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| 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 |

Sesquicentennial Corner

Why was this area originally known as "Big Prairie"?

When early explorers first came to the area it was prairie land. Mississippian Indians would do a controlled burn on the ridge to create land on which to farm and live.

What town was located south of Sikeston, approximately where Wal-Mart is now located?

Winchester – At one time, following the New Madrid Earthquake, it served as the New Madrid County Seat.

What's happening?

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

- March 5-7** **Sikeston Little Theatre – "Little Shop of Horrors"**
Performances: March 5 & 6 - 7 PM; March 7 – 2 PM
- March 5-7** **Battle of Sandy Ridge Civil War Re-enactment & Downtown Raid**
Sikeston Depot Museum, Downtown Sikeston (Contact Rick Justice, 573-471-2566)
- March 5** **House of Refuge Trivia Night**
6 PM, 1st Baptist Church, 1101 N. Main St., Sikeston
- March 6** **World View Saturday**
Speakers: Rep. JoAnn Emerson, Bill Federer, Dr. John Stormer and Joyce Morrison
Clinton Community Bldg., 501 Campanella
- March 13** **Christian Academy Indoor Carnival**
10:00 AM, Tanner St. Church of God
- March 14** **Concordia Lutheran Church Chicken & Dumplings Dinner**
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Concordia Lutheran Church, 836 Park
- March 16** **Kiwanis Club Pancake Day**
6:00 AM-7:00 PM, Elks Lodge, 349 Dona St.
- March 20-21** **Kenny Rogers Children's Center Telethon**
Sikeston Field House, For more information contact 573-472-0397
- March 27** **HMDG – Easter Egg Hunt**
Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston
- April 3** **Easter Extravaganza Egg Hunt**
First Assembly of God, Recreation Complex, 1221 N. Ingram

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