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Depro Files for At-Large Council Position

Bob Depro, a long-time Sikeston resident, has filed for the at-large Council seat being vacated by two-term Councilman Sue Rogers. Eligible residents wishing to serve on the City Council have until Tuesday, November 23, 2010 to file the required forms with City Clerk Carroll Couch at his office in Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street.

To be eligible for the at-large position, candidates must be a qualified voter of Sikeston, and be at least 21-years of age. At-large candidates must have been a resident of Sikeston for at least one year immediately prior to their election.

Planning & Zoning Commission to Discuss 2011 Street Improvement Program

During their Tuesday, November 2 meeting, Sikeston's Planning & Zoning Commission will discuss the City's 2011 Street and Stormwater Drainage Improvement Program. The meeting will be preceded by a driving tour of City streets.

Projects under consideration include: asphalt overlays of Cardinal, North Sixth St., Marian (spot repair), Gladys (Donna to Selma) and Linn (Moore east of alley); concrete repair and drainage improvements at the intersections of Pine & Helen, East & Gladys, Greer & Prairie, and North Ingram at East Malone; spot repairs on Fairfield, Tanner, Southwest, N. Ingram and Malcolm; crack sealing on S. Prairie, S. Ranney, Malcolm; and transition improvements of former railroad crossing at New Madrid at W. Malone and North Ingram at East Malone. Drainage projects include: pipe enlargement on Davis and on N. Ranney/N. Kingshighway; catch basin repairs on Rose Parkway and Smith St. at N. Ingram; and mopping out portions of the Clayton Park Ditch.

Costs associated with completion of the 2011 Street and Stormwater Drainage Program are estimated to be \$660,000. Funding will be provided through the City's Transportation Sales Tax.

The Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendations will be presented to the City Council during their Monday, December 6 regular meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2010

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Monday, November 1
4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 2
4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, November 8
Noon – Housing Authority Meeting
5:15 PM – Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 9
11:30 AM – DED Executive Board
4:00 PM – BMU Commission

Monday, November 15
6:00 PM – DPS Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 16
11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation Commission

Monday, November 22
11:30 AM – LCRA Commission

Thursday/Friday – November 24 & 25
Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed

Monday, November 29
7:15 AM – City Council Meeting

COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 6: 8 AM-Noon
Saturday, November 20: 8 AM-Noon



Bobby Sullivan
DPS Employee of the Quarter



Bill Nance
DPW Employee of the Quarter

Sullivan, Nance Honored

DPS Detective Bobby Sullivan and DPW Skilled Worker Bill Nance were honored as Employees of the Fourth Quarter during the October 4 City Council Meeting.

Sullivan was recognized for his contributions to the Special Operations Unit. This year Sullivan has processed 151 cases, made 87 arrests including 18 on federal charges and served 34 search warrants.

Nance, a 33-year veteran of the Parks Division, was honored for his work ethic and willingness to take on overtime assignments.



Volunteer Opportunities

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Volunteer Intergenerational Center offers many opportunities to serve through the gift of volunteering. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program has been providing volunteer services in Scott County for 37 years (began July 15, 1973). RSVP Volunteers, age 55 years or older, enhance the quality of life as well as enrich our society and/or communities. The Volunteer Intergenerational Center began July 1, 2002 and has sparked a great deal of enthusiasm among various age groups.

Volunteering is a great way to make a positive impact in your community. Many people don't volunteer because they don't know where to go and how to offer their help. Why should you volunteer? Have you ever heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child"? This is a very true statement, and can be applied to many situations. One person cannot do all the work, but one person CAN make a big difference! You may not think that your time will help others, but it will. Please contact RSVP/VIC at 573-471-8584 or e-mail us at rsvpvic@sbcglobal.net. Check out further information on our website at www.vicsvp.org. Volunteer Today - the Sikeston Community needs your HELP!!!

TENTATIVE AGENDA SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:00 PM – 105 East Center Street, Sikeston, Missouri

- A. Award of Domestic Violence Surcharge Funding
- B. 2nd Reading and Consideration of Bill 5827, Regulating the Operation of Golf Carts, Utility and All-Terrain Vehicles on City Streets
- C. 1st Reading of Bill 5830, Regulating the Operation of Motorized Wheelchairs on City Streets.
- D. 2nd Reading and Consideration of Bill 5828, Licensing and Regulating Pawn Shops within the City
- E. Other items as may be determined.

Legislative Update

The laws by which the City operates are known, collectively, as its City Code. Over the past year Staff has been conducting a chapter by chapter review of these laws, many adopted during the 1900's, to ensure their relevance to Sikeston in 2010. This column will review some of the changes being recommended for City Council consideration.

Sikeston's City Charter requires proposed legislation (bills) to be read two times, in open meetings held at least one week apart. Upon Council adoption, the approved legislation (ordinance) goes into effect 30 days following adoption.

Bill 5827: Regulation of Golf Carts, Utility & All Terrain Vehicles Operating on City Streets, Roads and Alleyways

OVERVIEW: The operation of these vehicles on city streets has been of growing concern. Bill 5827 has been drafted for Council consideration and would limit operation of golf carts, utility and ATV vehicles to licensed drivers. Vehicles would only be permitted to operate between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Each vehicle would display a bicycle safety flag extending 7 feet above the ground; the flag would be day-glow colored and triangular in shape. The operator of the vehicle is subject to all traffic codes and speed laws. The number of passengers riding in a golf cart cannot exceed the designated number of seating positions with properly installed seat belts. Utility and all-terrain vehicles may carry a passenger only if specifically designed to do so.

STATUS: First reading completed October 25. Second reading and Council consideration is scheduled for November 1.

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Legislative Update, Continued

Bill 5828: Licensing and Regulating Pawn Shops within the City

OVERVIEW: While pawnshops are currently licensed by the City, they have not been regulated. Upon the recommendation of Sikeston Public Safety, staff is recommending the adoption of language, mirroring State Statute, which would set forth application approval and licensing requirements, notification requirements for pawned goods being shipped out of the City, restrictions on the location of pawnshops, and procedures for recovering misappropriated items.

STATUS: First reading completed October 25. Second reading and Council consideration is scheduled for November 1.

Bill 5829: Moratorium on Licensing of New or Branch Offices of Payday Loan Companies

OVERVIEW: With the country's current economic problems more and more citizens are using payday loans. In 2002 the Missouri Legislature passed laws allowing these lenders to charge fees and interest of up to 75% of the loan amount. Per a Better Business Bureau study this translates into a 1,950% annual percentage rate (APR) – the highest allowed in the 43 states that have either banned payday loan companies or set APR caps. Currently Sikeston has 17 licensed payday loan companies. This compares to 20 such companies in Poplar Bluff and 36 in Cape Girardeau.

STATUS: To allow Sikeston's City Council to thoroughly research this subject and develop appropriate legislation, Bill 5829 was adopted. It establishes a six-month moratorium on the licensing of new or branch payday loan company offices in Sikeston. Due to demonstrated practices of the payday loan industry in other communities, this bill was adopted as an emergency ordinance. (City Charter, Article III, Section 3.12) Bill 5829 was read the first and second times, and adopted on October 25. It became effective upon passage.

Bill 5830: Regulation of Motorized Wheelchairs Operating on City Streets, Roads and Alleyways

OVERVIEW: With the increased use of motorized wheelchairs in the community, Bill 5830 has been drafted to address safety concerns. If adopted, this legislation will require individuals operating a motorized wheelchair on City streets to display a slow-moving equipment emblem and a bicycle safety flag on the rear of the wheelchair. These individuals are required to wear a properly fastened safety helmet and seat belt when traveling on streets/road. Operators of motorized wheelchairs are subject to all traffic codes and speed laws. The carrying of a passenger(s) on a motorized wheelchair is strictly forbidden.

STATUS: Originally part of Bill 5827, Council directed Staff to remove sections dealing with motorized wheelchairs and place them in a separate bill - 5830. The first reading of Bill 5830 is scheduled for November 1. The second reading and Council action is anticipated on November 29.

All bills are subject to change prior to approval by the City Council. Copies of these bills are available from the City Manager's Office, 471-2512. If adopted, the bills will become effective within 30 days of passage.

2010 Leaf Collection Program

Northwest Section

Nov. 15-19 & Nov. 29-Dec. 10

Northeast Section

Nov. 22-16 & Dec. 13-23

Southwest Section

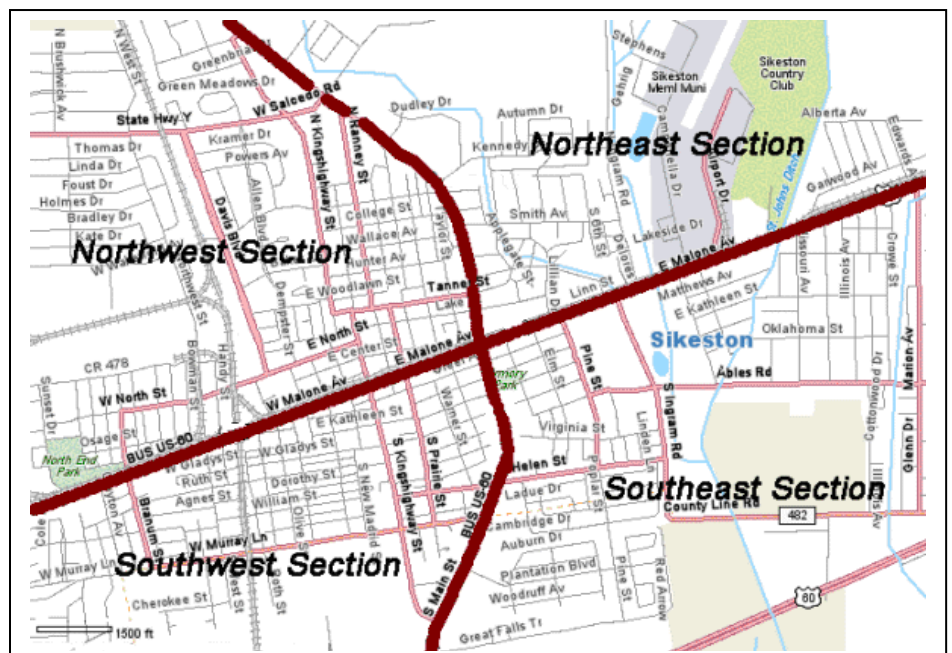
Nov. 15-19 & Nov. 29-Dec. 10

Southeast Section

Nov. 22-16 & Dec. 13-23

Place leaves next to curb, but not in the street.
No limbs or trash should be mixed with leaves.

*Dates subject to change due to
Severe weather or mechanical difficulties*

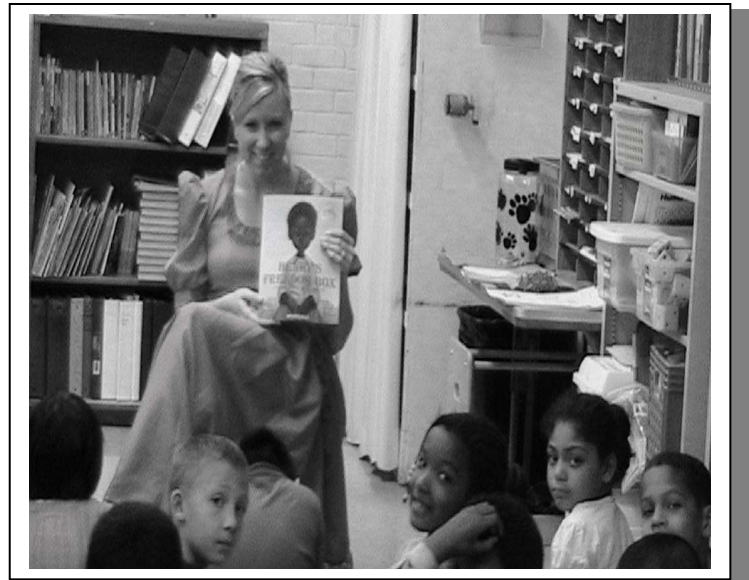
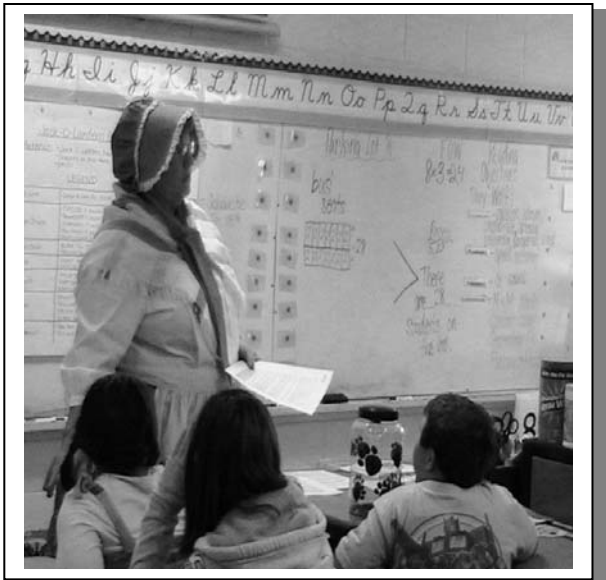


Sesquicentennial Corner...

One-Room Schoolhouse

Mathews Elementary School celebrated Sikeston's Sesquicentennial Anniversary by Recreating a one-room school house

We hope you enjoy the photos submitted by Angela Zorbas.



What's happening?

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

Nov. 5-7

Sikeston Invitational Soccer Tournament

For information contact Amy Hay, systourn@yahoo.com

Nov. 6

Seminar:

UnChristian Generation: Understanding and Solving Christianity

Featured Speaker: David Kinnaman, Christian researcher and author - Cost \$15
1-3 PM, First United Methodist Church, 1307 N. Main Street

Nov. 6

Elvis Concert

Performer: Michael Anthony Smith; MC: Rick Sinclair; Cost \$7 per person
Proceeds benefit Kenny Rogers Children's Center
Doors open 6 PM, Sikeston Eagles #3319, 219 Tanner Street

Nov. 11

Veterans Day Service

Speaker: Major Paul Boyd, Missouri National Guard
9:45 AM, Sikeston High School Field House
Following the service veterans and their families are invited to luncheon sponsored by Sikeston American Legion, 333 South Kingshighway

Nov. 11-13

Sikeston Little Theater presents "To Kill a Mockingbird"

Tickets available from Collins Music beginning November 2
Show times: November 11, 12, & 13 – 7:00 PM; November 14 – 2:00 PM

Nov. 12-13

Downtown Sikeston, Holiday Open House

Sponsored by Historic Downtown Sikeston

Nov. 13

Community Craft Bazaar

8 AM – 5 PM, VFW Post 3174, 709 Smith Street
Exhibitors welcomed. Contact Sue Rogers 472-0012 or Linda Lowes 471-1888

Nov. 14

Annual Senior Appreciation Dinner & Show

Free to seniors 55 and over. No reservations required, Contact 471-5469
4 PM, Tanner Street Church of God, Lake Street Entrance

Nov. 23

Community Thanksgiving Service

7:00 PM, Details to be announced.