



# Sikeston Scanner

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## Downtown Beautification Continues

Mueller's Garden Lane and four trainees from their Master Gardener's Program recently planned and installed new plantings in the center court of Downtown's Legion Square. They have committed to maintaining seasonal planning for the next twelve months.

Historic Downtown Sikeston volunteer, Bel St. John has committed to water the bed for the next month. Anyone wishing to participate in the Downtown beautification effort should contact Brandon Kuehn at 380-3801 or Design Committee Chairman Melissa Leible, 471-8080.

## Music at the Malone Returns

Historic Downtown Sikeston's (HMDG) "Music at the Malone" was such a success that it's returning by popular demand. Organizers Steve McPheeters and Megan Looney are currently booking bands for a series of concerts that will be held on Saturday afternoons in September and October from 3-5 PM. The first performance is scheduled to be held Saturday, September 25, in Malone Park (Center Street at Scott Street).

If you would like more information on this music series or would be interested in performing, contact Brandon Kuehn, Executive Director, Historic Downtown Sikeston (HMDG) at 573-380-3801.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2010

*Meeting dates and times are subject to change*

**Monday, September 6 – Labor Day**  
City Offices Closed

**Tuesday, September 7**  
4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees  
5:00 PM – CANCELLED, City Council Meeting

**Thursday, September 9**  
11:30 AM – Joint City Council/BMU Meeting

**Monday, September 13**  
Noon – Housing Authority Board  
5:15 – Park Board

**Tuesday, September 14**  
11:30 AM – DED Executive Board  
4:00 PM – BMU Commission  
4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

**Monday, September 20**  
6:00 PM – DPS Advisory Board

**Monday, September 27**  
7:15 AM – City Council Meeting  
8:00 AM – Boards & Commissions Oath of Office  
11:30 AM – LCRA Commission

**Monday, October 4**  
4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees  
5:00 PM – Boards & Commissions Oath of Office  
5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

**Tuesday, October 5**  
4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

## COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Wed., Sept. 8: 7:30-11:45 AM, 1-3:30 PM  
Sat., Sept. 25: 8 AM – Noon  
Fall Clean-up Program – Sept. 27-30

# Sikeston City Council Sets 2010-2011 Tax Rates

Following a public hearing on Monday, August 30, the Sikeston City Council adopted legislation establishing the City's 2010 tax rates. No changes have been made, allowing citizens to pay the same rates as those in 2009. The value of new construction and improvements within the City for 2009-2010 is \$2,638,138.

<u>City of Sikeston Assessed Evaluation (Scott &amp; New Madrid Counties)</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Real Estate	\$130,274,396	\$134,342,224
Personal	\$ 51,227,174	\$ 51,227,174
Total	\$181,501,570	\$185,569,398
Property Tax Rate (Expressed in cents per \$100 Valuation)	\$ 0.7366	\$ 0.7366
Projected Property Tax Revenue	\$1,336,941	\$1,366,904



## City Launches FACEBOOK Page

During Sikeston's "Vision for Tomorrow" strategic planning process, communication from the City was noted as one of the elements to improving the City's quality of life. In response to this need, the City has been researching and employing new ways of reaching out to citizens. In addition to the use of local newspaper and radio, the City provides information for airing on Sikeston's Public School's TV Channel, posts meetings on the SACC Community Calendar, and has redesigned its website ([www.sikeston.org](http://www.sikeston.org)) to be more informative and user friendly.

Members of the Strategic Plan Implementation Commission recommended the use of the social networking website FACEBOOK that has been steadily gaining worldwide acceptance since its launch in 2004. With security of the City's network and data being of primary concern, City Staff thoroughly researched the use of FACEBOOK and its security settings prior to submitting its recommendation to proceed with the launch of a City of Sikeston page. Following Council's approval, City Administration launched its FACEBOOK page on August 30.

The City invites you to become a "Fan" and receive meeting notifications and updates on current municipal issues. Feedback is welcomed. The address of the FACEBOOK page is [www.facebook.com/SikestonMO](http://www.facebook.com/SikestonMO). Respondents are asked to use the City's email address, [cityhall@sikeston.org](mailto:cityhall@sikeston.org) or call Sikeston City Hall at 471-2512.

## Fall Clean-up Program Scheduled to begin September 27

Dates for the City of Sikeston's Fall Clean-up, which gives residents an opportunity to dispose of bulky rubbish during their regular solid waste pick-ups, have been set for two weeks beginning September 27. Residents with Monday and Thursday trash collection will have their fall clean-up opportunities on Monday, September 27 and Thursday, September 30. Those with Tuesday and Friday solid waste pick-up will have their fall clean-up collections on Tuesday, October 5 and Friday, October 8.

Those with curb side pick-up will 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 along 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 and will not be taken. Anyone having these items must call Sonny's Solid Waste at 471-2869 and pay extra to have these items picked up.

All items 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. (SSW) will not be responsible or replace any items taken if they are next to the alley or curb on pick-up days. All 55-gallon barrels to be thrown away must be completely empty as loaded barrels are too heavy for SSW employees to handle without possible injury.

## Fall Clean-up Program Continued:

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, no exceptions

Many items are now banned from Missouri landfills and must be handled separately by Sonny's Solid Waste. As a result, a \$10 fee must be charged by SSW to pick up the following items: washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, window air conditioners, gas or electric cook stoves, restroom 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. Other items for which a fee will be charged include lead acid batteries with a \$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 with a maximum of 5 gallons allowed per pickup. Addresses of all residents requesting used oil pick-ups will be kept on file at all times to avoid any hazardous waste being included with the used oil. Absolutely no hazardous waste will be picked up.

Residents having any of the chargeable items listed above for pick up during the Fall Clean Up period must pay for these items prior to the scheduled pick up days. Payment and scheduling of pick up for the chargeable items must be made at the SSW main office, 451 Smith Street, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drivers and workers on the SSW collection trucks will not take special pick up requests or take payments for these on collection days. These arrangements must be made in advance with the office. There will be no exceptions to this.

Certain items banned from landfills will not be picked up by Sonny's. Absolutely no hazardous waste will be picked up. Other items that will not be picked up during the Fall Clean Up include tires and yard waste including limbs, leaves, shrub trimmings, grass, Christmas trees, and garden waste. Residents needing to dispose of yard waste may contact Sonny's Solid Waste at 471-2869, or Jiggs Moore with the City of Sikeston at 475-3725.

### **Best Practices . . . .**

## **Stormwater Management**

*All water or fluids not discharged through the City's sanitary sewer system are subject to state and local stormwater regulations. Sikeston is one of over 149 communities across the State that has developed a Stormwater Management Program. The purpose of this program is to educate the public on eliminating potential pollutants from entering our streams and to promote the proper use of stormwater discharge practices.*

## **Swimming Pool/Spa Drainage**

It is the time of year when residents are preparing to drain pools and spas. Discharges from swimming pools result from the backwashing of filters or from the draining of pools either at the end of the swimming season or just for periodic maintenance. It is important to understand this water often contains pool treatment chemicals that can cause damage to the environment. Discharges from residential pools are expected to follow the Best Management Practices outlined below:

- ❖ Stop chlorinating the system 7-10 days before draining pool water. The most common treatment chemical in a pool is chlorine, which can be deadly to fish and other organisms in the environment.
- ❖ Make sure the pH level is between 6.5 and 8.5 before discharging.
- ❖ If your pool is cloudy or contains algae, collect the algae and dispose of properly. Do not discharge pool water directly into a ditch or stream.
- ❖ Direct pool water and backwash over grassy or landscaped areas to help filter discharge before it reaches a storm sewer or stream. Drain pool water where it will not flow directly into a street, gutter, storm sewer system, or someone else's property.
- ❖ Discharge rate should be slow enough that it does not cause erosion of the soil.

Remember, the most important aspect of discharging swimming pool and spa water is proper planning. For information on Sikeston's Stormwater Management Program visit [www.sikeston.org/stormwater.htm](http://www.sikeston.org/stormwater.htm).

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

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

- Sept. 4 & 5      **Return to Sunset Celebration****  
100 Block of Westgate and Luther - Enjoy a variety of vendors, games, a cook-off, health checks, musical entertainment, and special guest speakers. Contact: Harry Howard 573-471-3859.
- Sept. 9-13      **The Vietnam Moving Wall****  
Rotary Park, North end of Industrial Drive, Sikeston. Open 24 hours. A half-scale replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C., this tribute honors our military and fallen heroes. Contact Tom Austin, 573-471-5518.
- Sept. 11      **ACS Car Show/Horsepower Festival****  
Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston - Corner of Scott and Center Streets.
- Sept. 15      **Senior Expo****  
Starts at 8 AM, YMCA of Southeast Missouri, Taylor at Tanner Street.
- Sept. 18      **Hands across Sikeston – Unity Walk Supporting US Veterans****  
Line-up begins 2:30 PM, at the American Flag, Sikeston Recreational Complex, Campanella at Ingram. Walk ends at Veterans Park, Linn at Campanella. T-shirts - \$20. All proceeds benefit State and Local Veterans. Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary - Contact Tammy Barborek 475-9804 or Sue Rogers 472-0012.
- Sept. 18      **Fall in Love with Downtown Sikeston****  
Wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and live music by Caney Creek. 5-8 PM, Center Street, Downtown Sikeston. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets \$15 per person or \$25 per couple (includes keepsake wine glass). Hosted by Historic Downtown Sikeston Tickets available from Charlette Vanover, (380-3801), Kathy Medley (471-2780), Susie's Bake Shoppe or Sam's Fine Jewelry.
- Sept. 20      **SACC Ladies' Golf Outing****  
11:00am-4:00pm This is just for ladies and JUST FOR FUN! Golf lessons and etiquette is scheduled for 11:00am with lunch and 9 holes of golf following. The cost for 9 holes of golf including cart, lunch, door prizes, and pampering is \$50.00. Contact Garth, 471-2498.
- Sept. 25      **Music at the Malone****  
Live local band 3-5 PM, Malone Park, Center at Scott.
- Sept. 28      **American Legion Cotton Carnival****  
Runs through October 2; Sikeston Rodeo Grounds.

# *Sesquicentennial Corner . . .*

1. In what year did running back James Wilder lead the Sikeston Bulldogs to an undefeated football season? *1976*;  
What was his nickname while playing at Mizzou? *The Sikeston Train*
2. What Sikeston-born actress starred in TV episodes of Bonanza, Laramie, Gunsmoke, Mission Impossible, Perry Mason, and the Twilight Zone? *Jacqueline Scott*
3. What Sikeston native has written for the Wall-Street Journal, Kansas City Star, New York Times, Harper's Magazine and worked as a jazz bassist? *Terry Teachout*
4. What Sikeston native is an Olympic track and field athlete? *George Woods was the first Missouri High School athlete to top 60 ft in the shot put event. He took silver in the 1972 Munich Olympics.*
5. Name the former Miami Dolphins safety that was born in Sikeston. *Charlie Babb*
6. Name two Sikeston natives that were picked in the 2004 Major League Baseball Draft. *Blake DeWitt – LA Dodgers and Eric Hurley (born in Sikeston) – Texas Rangers*
7. Name the Sikeston native and former Mizzou all-conference line-backer that went on to play for the Washington Redskins. *Brandon Barnes*
8. Name the Sikeston football player and attorney named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998. *Kenneth Dement*