

ANNUAL  
REPORT ON  
MUNICIPAL  
OPERATIONS

2010

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The information provided herein is a compilation of those activities and projects completed by the management and staff of the City of Sikeston during 2010.

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Sikeston, MO

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

*Function: This department is responsible for the development and administration of programs designed to: encourage new business and industry to relocate to Sikeston; retain existing business and industry; and assist in the expansion of existing business and industry.*

The Sikeston Department of Economic Development worked with Unilever officials on a multi-million dollar expansion, which will bring additional jobs to the plant.

Ed Dust took part in Sikeston's Vision for Tomorrow meetings. He serves on the Economic Development Committee and is helping to plan strategies for improving Sikeston's marketability to industry prospects.

Sikeston DED is researching the possible formation of a Sikeston Industrial Development Corporation, as recommended by the Vision for Tomorrow-Economic Development Committee. This non-profit organization would be used to help finance economic development projects.

DED staff helped reorganize the Sikeston Economic Development Corporation. It is currently being used to fund and construct the new public safety building.

Sikeston DED met with city leaders, Senator Rob Mayer and Representative Stephen Tilley regarding the "right-to-work" issue and other economic development issues.

Trade shows and conferences attended this past year include the Delta Regional Authority, Governor's Economic Development Conference, SEMA-AAPEX, ICSC, Southern Economic Development Council, WestPack and the Mississippi Delta Grassroots Caucus.

Local community involvement is important to the DED. Staff attends Historic Midtown Development Group and Chamber of Commerce meetings on a continual basis. Ed is a member of the Kiwanis Club. He also gave several presentations to other civic groups.

The Sikeston DED continues to work with Missouri DED officials to bring industry leads to Sikeston. The DED met with several prospects this past year and gave tours as needed. Lengthy proposals were filled out for prospects. The DED continues to work on new retail leads for Sikeston.

Industry retention is important to the DED. Ed meets regularly with plant managers and maintains a good working relationship with them. The DED generated approximately \$120,000 in lease rent from the Essex Building this past year.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

### **CITY CLERK DIVISION:**

Personnel within the City Clerk's Division are responsible for municipal elections, the recording and retention of all Council actions and documents, personnel and purchasing administration and the preparation and analysis of municipal financial reports.

### **CITY TREASURER DIVISION:**

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The City Treasurer is responsible for all City funds. Personnel within this division oversee municipal investments, make payments on municipal debts and outstanding accounts; oversees the City's risk-loss programs; and assists the Director of Administrative Services with the preparation of financial reports and personnel administration.

## CITY COLLECTOR DIVISION:

Personnel within this division are responsible for the collection and timely deposit of all municipal taxes, licensing, and fees.

## DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES:

*Function: Provides administrative and technical support to the City Council and all municipal departments.*

## CITY MANAGER DIVISION:

In 2010 Sikeston celebrated its Sesquicentennial Anniversary. This year-long celebration was marked by events throughout the community. Governmental Services coordinated with the sponsoring organizations to provide City support for these events.

Noting the importance of the 2010 Census, Governmental Services coordinated a local kick-off event and information campaign with U.S. Census Bureau Representatives.

Sikeston's Vision for Tomorrow Strategic Plan was released in 2009. The goal of improving community-wide communication was one of the key visions of this plan. In support of this goal Governmental Services Staff redesigned the City's website ([www.sikeston.org](http://www.sikeston.org)) to improve content, usability, appearance and structure. The departments of Public Safety and Governmental Services developed a presence on Facebook to provide residents with up-to-date information on significant community issues and events. Likewise, Governmental Services issued the City's monthly E-newsletter, "The Sikeston Scanner" for the seventh consecutive year.

Governmental Services staff provides support for the Strategic Plan Implementation Commission's monthly and quarterly public meetings.

A significant on-going project has been the review and revision of Sikeston's City Code. (The last City Code review was completed in 1983.) The City contracted with Sullivan Publications to perform the legal review which will ensure City Code is current and in compliance with State Statutes. Upon completion of the re-codification, projected for March 2011, Sikeston's City Code will be available on-line. This electronic version will provide the most current information in an easily-accessible, searchable format.

Throughout the year members of the Governmental Services Department have assisted other City Departments with special projects. These include completion and submission of the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan -- an eligibility requirement for U.S. Department of Justice Grants; revision and codification of the new Stormwater Drainage Program; development and implementation of the Land Disturbance Permit Program; development and implementation of an automated billing system that transfers Code Enforcement demolition and property maintenance liens to the City's real estate tax bills; review and modification of the City's Personnel Policy; revision of the City's Record Retention Manual; and modification of the City's published Emergency Response Plan Operations Manual.

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In 2009 Governmental Services staff members wrote and received an \$110,000 Community Development Block Grant to fund Historic Downtown Sikeston's revitalization efforts. DGS is administering this two-year grant. The DGS Director represents the City on the Historic Downtown Sikeston Board of Directors, and has worked with the City's Street Superintendent to access funding through the Transportation Enhancement Grant Program for additional Downtown improvements.

The Department of Governmental Services, through the City Manager's Office, continues to support Council operations -- be it research, meeting coordination or agenda preparation.

Governmental Services Staff members remain actively involved in the community, serving on various committees and participating in events such as the Redneck BBQ and Annual SACC Banquet. The Department hosted the kick-off session of the Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Sikeston" program and conducted, in conjunction with the Sikeston Optimist Club and Sikeston High School, Youth in Government Day. DGS staff members spearheaded the City Employee's fund-raising campaign for the Kenny Rogers Children's Center raising more than \$2,030. Together with members of other City departments, they have also raised funds for the House of Refuge and other charitable organizations serving the community.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT:

Members of Governmental Services' Information Technology (IT) Unit work closely with all departments to provide technical support for computer hardware and specialized software. These efforts include support of Public Safety's 911/Dispatch Center, camera system and Emergency Mobile Command Center operations, Court's INCODE system, and the City-wide MUNIS software program. IT Staff is also responsible for the maintenance and operation of the City's local and wide-area networks.

## MUNICIPAL COURT DIVISION:

Sikeston Municipal Court, a Division of Governmental Services, coordinates with Sikeston Public Safety and Code Enforcement in the adjudication of municipal offenses. During 2010 more than 3,590 cases were filed in Municipal Court with 2,870 cases being completed. 643 municipal warrants were issued and 600 cleared. A total of \$402,094 in fines, fees and restitution was collected during calendar year 2010.

## CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:

The Convention and Visitors Bureau, also a Division of Governmental Services, seeks to develop and expand tourism-related revenues and sales tax within the community. Per the 2008 University of Missouri Tourism Economics Research Initiative (released April 2010) tourism related taxable sales revenues in Scott County were \$41,345,884 generating 14.5% of the County's total sales tax revenue.

During 2010, the CVB participated in the Missouri Division of Tourism's Cooperative Marketing Program acquiring \$25,000 for print media, billboard and Internet based marketing programs. These marketing efforts coupled with a newly created web site have generated more than 20,000 email information requests from interested travelers and more than 7,000 hits to the CVB website over the past 11 months. It should be noted the CVB web design and site construction were completed in-house by Governmental Services staff. New this year was the creation of a full-color tourism hospitality map which has been provided at no charge to area motels, restaurants and other tourism destinations. CVB Staff sold advertising to fund this new project which has been very well received by the local tourism industry and visitors.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

### ADMINISTRATION/DETENTION DIVISION:

*FUNCTION: This division maintains all departmental records; manages the City's detention facility; manages the department's news media relations; and coordinates emergency management functions.*

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES, 2010 AND 2009

ENTITY	TOTAL POPULATION	POPULATION OVER 16
City of Sikeston	17,043	12,917
Scott County	40,855	31,557
New Madrid County	17,480	13,699
INCIDENT	2010 STATISTICS	2009 STATISTICS
Calls for Service	24,507	18,351
Arrests	1,855	2,416
Vehicle Stops	3,739	5,425
Traffic Citations	2,276	3,624
Pedestrian Checks	398	368
Homicide	1	3
Rape	7	10
Robbery	29	37
Burglary	228	184
Theft	680	644
Vehicle Theft	28	42
Arson	7	6
Assaults	937	908
Domestic Violence	607	505
Motor Vehicle Accidents	797	1,079
Disturbance Calls	1,102	1,178
Large Gathering	10	14
Loud Music Calls	198	228
Littering	13	7
Mental Health Transports	81	89
Alarm Calls	1,058	1,322
Escorts	1,244	954
Missing Person Reports	75	101
Juvenile Violations	160	147
Liquor Violations	35	26
Driving While Intoxicated	53	67
Identity Theft	25	40
Weapons Violations	108	95
Vehicle Pursuit	8	3
Foot Pursuit	14	5
Business Walk-Through	61	51
Value of Property Stolen	\$1,165,595	\$928,068

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Value of Property Recovered	\$192,746	\$313,768
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**PATROL DIVISION:**

*Function: Responsible for the operation of Public Safety communications, and all law enforcement and crime prevention functions.*

**FIELD TRAINING OFFICER (FTO) TRAINING FOR PATROL DIVISION:** In 2010, Officers Eftink, Kimball, Nichols, and Dunn completed their 12 week Field Training in the Patrol Division by Field Training Officers in patrol. All Officers are performing to department standards. Presently, the Patrol Division has no Officers involved in our Field Training Program.

**SPECIAL DETAILS:** In 2010, Sikeston DPS worked a variety of community-based details including, but not limited to, the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sikeston Jaycee Rodeo</li> <li>Jaycee Rodeo 5K Run</li> <li>Sikeston Cotton Carnival Parade</li> <li>July 4<sup>th</sup> Detail</li> <li>Red Pepper Rally</li> <li>Return to Sunset</li> <li>Downtown Wine Tasting Event</li> <li>Law Enforcement Memorial Day</li> <li>Vietnam Moving Wall</li> <li>Return to School Detail</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sikeston Jaycee Rodeo Parade</li> <li>Sikeston Cotton Carnival</li> <li>Halloween Detail</li> <li>Springfest</li> <li>High School Graduation</li> <li>Cape County Fair Mobile Command</li> <li>Cotton Ramble Bicycle Detail</li> <li>Martin Luther King Parade</li> <li>Sesquicentennial Celebration</li> <li>Battle of Sand Ridge</li> </ul> |
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**DPS HONOR GUARD:** Sikeston Public Safety's Honor Guard participated in the following events this year:

- Kiwanis Nation Day of Prayer
- Chief Arthur Bruce's Funeral
- Sesquicentennial Celebration at Malone Park
- Funeral for West Memphis Officers slain in the line of duty
- Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
- Kenny Rogers Children's Center Telethon
- Officer's Memorial in Cape Girardeau
- VFW Auxiliary Hands across Sikeston Unity Chain
- Vietnam Moving Wall
- Trooper Schuengel's Funeral in St. Louis

During fiscal year 2010, Sikeston's DPS Honor Guard purchased no equipment upgrades. In fiscal year 2008, new flags, hats, badges, lapel insignias and leather gear were purchased.

**NEW VEHICLES:** Sikeston's Patrol Division in 2010 purchased 3 (three) used Missouri Highway Patrol vehicles, which were specifically assigned to patrol as front line emergency response vehicles. New equipment associated with the purchase of these vehicles includes emergency lights, radios, prisoner cages, window bars and painting. Patrol vehicles were also keyed alike. (In 2010, four patrol vehicles were surplus.)

**FIREARMS TRAINING:** Sikeston Public Safety conducted three (quarterly) field firearms qualifications at the Missouri Department of Corrections Center in Charleston, Missouri. A total of 50 (non-tactical team) patrol Officers participated in this training for their quarterly

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qualifications. A total of 300 hours of firearms training was accumulated during these three (3) separate qualifications. Officer's firearms training included qualifications on the Glock Pistol, Remington 870 Shotgun, the M-4 Patrol Rifle, and Off Duty Handguns.

During 2010, the qualification courses were enhanced with the following adoptions. The first qualification was a standard POST approved 50 round course and the remaining quarter qualifications were modified to a tactical type course. These qualifying periods were conducted throughout the year, primarily in low light conditions and varying temperature ranges.

An additional training session was conducted in the first quarter with 15 Officers. These 15 Officers attended the Active Shooter Training Course conducted by DPS Instructors. The 15 Officers were not in attendance when the Active Shooter Course was conducted in 2009. The total training accumulated in this training event was 120 hours.

The total accumulated firearms training conducted for DPS in 2010 was 420 hours, not including tactical team Officers.

During 2010, Captain Ken Dicus, Lieutenant Rick Rapert and Sergeant Keith Brown attended the Remington 870 Armor's Course conducted in St. Louis, Missouri. This course of instruction was a 16 hour P.O.S.T. approved armor certification class. Upon completion of the class, Lt. Rapert and Sgt. Brown conducted inspections on all department owned 870 Shotguns. Deficiencies were replaced and upgraded to bring all weapons (870 shotguns) into factory compliance. Slings and side saddle ammo carriers for the 870 were also purchased to enhance Officer usage and safety.

STOP STICK TRAINING: Stop Stick Training for fiscal year 2010 was conducted by each individual squad. A total of 60 Public Safety Officers were trained. The training consisted of a review of department policy and video review of Stop Stick procedures and hands on training with a training aid provided. Each session lasted one (1) hour and a total of sixty (60) in-house hours of training was accumulated.

HOSTAGE INTERVENTION AND NEGOTIATION TRAINING: In 2010, Sikeston Public Safety's Hostage Negotiation Team was deployed one (1) time for service. This deployment was cancelled upon team's deployment to scene because of suspect surrender to Officers at incident scene. DPS Negotiation Team accumulated a total of 30.5 hours of in-house training where equipment was deployed and inspected for usage and safety. During this training it has become very apparent that our negotiating consoles are becoming unreliable because of down time with repair. We are presently addressing this equipment upgrade issue and will hopefully resolve this problem in fiscal year 2011. Our Negotiation Team has inspected (hands on) a hostage equipment upgrade at Alton, Illinois Police Department and at ETGI (equipment manufacturer) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In the summer of 2010, the DPS Negotiation Team accepted the resignation of Officer Dan Hinton as a team member and selected Officer Daniel Kimball as his replacement. During Officer Kimball's assignment to the Negotiations Team he has been trained in-house, but in February 2011, he will attend Hostage Negotiation Training in Columbia, Missouri for certification.

TASER TRAINING: This year all DPS Officers received Taser Re-certification. There were no new Taser purchases for this fiscal year. The Special Operation Group was trained on the X-12

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Taser Shotgun. Sergeant James McMillen attended a Risk Management and Legal Strategies Seminar in Columbia, Missouri to enhance his teaching and training abilities as an instructor.

DCS & ASP: In 2010, DPS Instructors recertified the entire department in defensive control tactics. During this certification training, six (6) DPS Officers were also certified as new DCS Instructors to teach this course of instruction to our Officers. Also, during this course of instruction all Officers were additionally recertified on the ASP Baton.

OC SPRAY: DPS did no training on OC Spray during the fiscal year of 2010. Presently we have no instructors currently trained to teach this course of instruction.

BA CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION: For fiscal year 2010, 32 Officers received their new Type III permits for the Intoxilyzer 5000. This recertification was due to the new Driving While Intoxicated legislation that went into effect in August 2010.

Officer Ash attended the Type II Supervisor Instructor Course and Officers Mullin and Riddle became Field Sobriety Instructors for the department in this fiscal year. Officers Adams, Riddle, and Ash are the department's Type II Instructors.

LIVESCAN (electronic fingerprinting): All DPS Officers have been certified on Livescan with the exception of Command Staff and Officers designated as Firefighters only. A recertification is due in 2011 and an exam is required.

DPS IN-SERVICE & OUT-SERVICE TRAINING: Sikeston DPS in-service and out-service training for 2010 totaled 2,652.5 hours. In-service training accounted for 1,579 hours and out-services training accounted for 1,073.5 hours. The primary areas of training emphasized were interpersonal, legal, technical, skill and firearms.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS: In fiscal year 2010, this Commander conducted 14 Internal Affairs Investigations. These investigations were a result of alleged misconduct, negligence, and performance complaints. The findings of these 14 investigations and recommendations are as follows:

- 7 complaints were exonerated
- 5 complaints were sustained and formal discipline was recommended
- 2 complaints (minor infraction) a Captain's Counseling was awarded

CONCLUSION: In 2010, DPS paid special attention in getting our own DPS Instructors certified to teach our Officers in specialized areas of enforcement. These Instructor Certifications for in-service training and P.O.S.T. hours, has been a significant savings to DPS in time and money.

As in 2010 and in the new fiscal year of 2011, the Patrol Division will continue to adapt to the changes and challenges of a fast changing world and society and provide the best emergency care and service humanly possible.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT:

*Function: This unit is responsible for all specialized services such as criminal investigations, school resource officers, the DARE program, the special operations group, and the bomb squad.*

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Criminal Investigations: A total of 1,554 cases were investigated as of December 27, 2010. 1,089 of these cases have been cleared at the time of this report giving a clearance rate of 70%. General detectives were assigned 957 of these cases and cleared 668, for a rate of 70%. Narcotics detectives investigated 597 cases and cleared 421 for a 71% clearance rate.

Of particular note is the single homicide in 2010, which has been cleared with an arrest. 54 search warrants were served and \$17,390 in cash was seized. One remaining concern is the latest three robberies. They are currently under investigation and hopefully will be solved soon.

Power Squad: The Power Squad maintained their high standards as they accounted for 252 arrests, the issuance of 560 tickets, and confiscation of a cache of various drugs throughout 2010. Along with that the Canine Handler Officer Frankie Adams and Eros were called for assistance a total of 23 times in 2010 by a variety of agencies in Southeast Missouri, including the Charleston prison which we visited twice.

School Resource Officer/Public Housing Officer Units: These Officers also had an impressive year with 131 calls for service within the school system. There were 205 calls where reports were taken in Public Housing, and 293 calls in which reports were taken in Section 8 Housing during 2010.

In closing, this unit has contributed to the effective and efficient operations of DPS throughout 2010. While the statistics are down in all areas of responsibility, this can be attributed to the proactive response of the officers assigned within this division.

## FIRE DIVISION:

*Function: Responsible for the development and implementation of fire prevention programs and activities, fire suppression, and hazardous materials planning and response.*

### Highlights:

- Experienced no fire fatalities in 2010
- Replaced the new cascade system in Station 1
- Received and placed in service back up power generators at Station 2 and Station 3
- Received and placed in service two 80KW mobile generators
- Provided fire education for approximately 2087 children in the public and private school systems in and around Sikeston
- Sikeston Fire Division again placed first among fire departments located in Southeast Missouri collecting \$14,458.00 for the MDA telethon. This was the sixth year in a row we have finished first.

Calls for Service: As of December 28, 2010 there were 803 calls for service. They break down as follows.

- 74 Structure Fires
- 99 Motor vehicle accidents with injuries
- 128 Alarm activations, no fire
- 21 Vehicle Fires
- 100 Coal Train Arrivals or Departures
- 46 Grass / Mulch / Brush fires
- 41 Helicopter Arrivals

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- 283 Other calls for service

## New Equipment:

- Installed 150 kW fixed generators at Station #2 and Station #3. All three Fire Stations now have full back up power (Grant purchase)
- Installed two 100 kw towable portable generators, allowing mobile emergency power to be available in the city and region (Grant purchase)
- Purchased new breathing air compressor, replacing the old compressor at Station #1 (Grant purchase)
- Installed new Honda motor on Rescue #1's portable pump (Paid for by the Sikeston Rescue Squad)
- Replaced portable pumps, ordered for Tanker #1 and Rescue #1 (Paid for by the Sikeston Fire District)
- Replaced the fire marshals vehicle with used highway patrol vehicle
- Purchased 15-foot Zodiac inflatable boat with a 40hp Evinrude motor. (Grant funding provided by US Coast Guard). Additional water rescue equipment was provided by the grant.

Training: Sikeston Fire Division personnel participated in over 2,200 hours of training during the year. These classes include:

- Fire Fighter 1 & 2 and classes associated the program
- Ignitable Liquids and Class B Foam
- Chemical Suicide
- Intro to Technical Rescue
- Confined Space Rescue
- Building Collapse Rescue
- Trench Collapse Rescue
- Rope Rescue

Instructors for the Fire Division assisted the community conducting training for several businesses.

- Fire Extinguisher
- Emergency Decontamination
- Fire Prevention

During Fire Prevention Week classes were presented to 14 schools and day care centers. We contacted approximately 2,087 children teaching them to take fire prevention to their home.

2010 was a successful year for Fire Division. The City benefited with several high dollar items which were purchased from grant monies. With the addition of the stationary generators, all of the Fire Stations within the City have back-up power. Our department, with the additional equipment and training, is better prepared to assist the citizens in specialized types of emergencies. As always, Officers and Supervisors assigned to Fire Division are ready to assist the Citizens of Sikeston

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### STREET DIVISION:

*Function: Maintains more than 100 miles of City streets and alleys with their associated stormwater drainage and rights-of-way; provides upkeep and maintenance to City-owned buildings; and maintains the City's fleet of cars, trucks and motorized equipment.*

In addition to routine operations, the following projects were undertaken in 2010:

Spring Clean-up Program: Over a period of 9 days this City-wide program removed an estimated 48 tons of trash, limbs and leaves from the community. More than 447 residents participated with DPW crews supervising the off-loading of 494 truck and 240 trailer loads of debris. This service is free to residents.

Compost Program: The Compost Site is operated approximately 12 hours per month throughout the year. During 2010, 606 individuals deposited 110 bags, 537 truck and 244 trailer loads of debris at the site. This service is free to residents.

Mosquito Abatement Program: Public Works crews operate this abatement program 5 days per week from May through September of each year. Two fogging machines apply approximately 600 gallons of chemical to control local mosquito populations.

Leaf Collection Program: For six weeks each fall the City provides a free leaf collection service to residents. Public Works crews cover a 14 square mile area, collecting approximately 1,400 cubic yards of leaves.

Sikeston Municipal Airport Maintenance: Street Division personnel oversaw the completion of a crack seal project of the Airport's apron area.

Community Service Program: Due to the labor-intensive nature of DPW programs, additional manpower is obtained through the Community Service Work Program of Sikeston Municipal Court. During 2010 DPW utilized 1,680 hours of community service labor for Street Division maintenance operations. Additionally, the Court's First Time Traffic Offender Community Service Program operates one full day per month, providing manpower for litter removal in City Parks and on vacant lots.

Street & Stormwater Drainage Improvement Program: In 1990, voters approved the Transportation Sales Tax. The proceeds from which are restricted to providing financial support for the construction, re-construction, repair and maintenance of streets, street drainage, roads, and equipment. Since 1990 more than \$15 million has been expended on local transportation and stormwater drainage improvements. During the current year \$524,832.21 was expended on asphalt street overlays, concrete street re-construction, street extensions, curb and gutter replacement, and drainage improvements.

Stormwater Management Program: During 2010 the Street Superintendent working in conjunction with the City Engineer, and representatives from the BMU and all City departments completed a comprehensive review of the City's formal stormwater management program. From this process the program was amended to comply with Department of Natural Resources requirements. These changes included the development of a Land Disturbance Permit Program and implementation of construction site runoff controls.

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Downtown Enhancement Projects: Since 2008 the City has partnered with Historic Downtown Sikeston to bring streetscape improvements to Downtown Sikeston. In 2010 this continued as concrete crosswalks were installed at the intersection of Center Street and South New Madrid Street. Additionally, green space areas were created adjacent to the City's parking lot north of the Depot, and also in the City's parking lot on South Kingshighway.

Sikeston Business, Education and Technology Park: The Department of Public Works maintains the irrigation system in Sikeston's Technology Park. This year several sprinkler heads, and backflow valves were replaced.

## PARK DIVISION:

*Function: Maintains more than 275 acres of parkland including all playground equipment, baseball and soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, picnic shelters, concession stands and restroom facilities. Parks Division also operates the Clinton Community Building, and assists the Streets Division with Compost Site operations and snow removal.*

## Construction Projects

- A new picnic shelter (#2) was constructed in the Recreation Complex replacing one of the original shelters donated by the Kiwanis Club. The civic club made donations toward the replacement cost of the new shelter.
- Four new dugouts were constructed on the north quad of ball fields in the Recreation Complex – specifically new dugouts were installed on the Junior Babe Ruth baseball field and the high school girls' softball field. The new dugouts have schedule 40 pipe frames, chain link enclosures, metal roofs, and aluminum benches. The roofing material on the girls' field dugouts is red and black school colors.
- A skatepark was added to the Recreation Complex in June after several years of planning and earmarking funds for the project. The City purchased the equipment. The concrete pad on which it is installed was funded by the Skatepark Committee.
- Two chat parking lots - one on the west side of the north ball fields in the Recreation Complex, and one on the west side of the south ball fields in the Complex - were paved and striped. In addition, the chat parking lot next to the Little League football field was enlarged to accommodate spectators who previously parked along Ingram Road.
- Design work was completed and bids sought for two major projects in 2010 including the walking trail linking the Complex to Veterans' Park, and the new neighborhood park on North Street to be funded with grant money to the LCRA from the NSP.

## Special Projects:

- The Park Board elected Frank Marshall and Mike Vaught to the Honors Board in March in recognition of their contributions to youth soccer, swimming, bowling, baseball and softball. With his installation in May, Vaught joined his father Paul on the Honors Board as a second generation honoree.
- A survey of the trees in the City's 14 parks was completed with grant assistance from the Missouri Department of Conservation

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- With assistance from Pullen Brothers, Inc., the Park Division collected and shipped a tractor/trailer load of Christmas trees to the Corps of Engineers at Lake Wappapello for use as fish shelters. This has been an annual conservation/recycling effort by the Park Division for a number of years

## Community Events:

- The Park Division coordinated the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Sikeston Corporate Games. Events were staged over four weekends and three weeks in June with 14 local businesses participating.
- Park Division personnel provided weekend support for special youth sporting events including the annual invitational soccer tournament in November (120+ teams), and the youth baseball post-season tournaments in July. Park employees kept restrooms cleaned and trash barrels emptied during these events.
- The Park Division was instrumental in presenting the second annual Cotton Ramble Bike Ride. Approximately 215 riders participated in the bike ride, an increase of about 75 over the prior year. A third “100 kilometer” route (65 miles) was added to the 2010 event.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION:

*Function: Responsible for the visual inspection of new and existing structures to ensure compliance with City and State building codes; monitors zoning and flood plain compliance; responsible for the enforcement of municipal codes for junk and trash, tall grass, unsafe or unsanitary living conditions and assists with animal control. Additionally, personnel in this division coordinate with the Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority on the removal of derelict buildings.*

The Code Division collected over \$17,000.00 in building fees in 2010, reflecting all construction projects in Sikeston totaling just under six million dollars. These numbers include new construction and alterations of existing buildings, along with the over 2,000 property associated inspections performed by code officers.

During the enforcement of city ordinances code officers dealt with 500 residential issues and over 750 issues in reference to Sikeston’s “Zero Tolerance” ordinances. Of the residential issues, well over half have been abated while the remainders are still pending.

During 2010, Sikeston’s four code officers have responded to 875 animal calls.

Questions regarding municipal operations or other municipal issues may be directed to City Manager Doug Friend at 573-471-2512 or by email at [cityhall@sikeston.org](mailto:cityhall@sikeston.org).