

# Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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## SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Mayor**  
Stanley J. Salva

**Aldermen**  
Stanley J. Sagehorn  
Joseph D. Kenney  
Lorcan Doyle  
Robert Ray

**City Marshal**  
Herbert M. Soule

**City Administrator**  
Ron Martinovich

**City Clerk**  
Jana Olivarez-Dickerson

**City Treasurer**  
Linda Martinovich

**Building Official**  
Paul Loving

**Director of  
Public Works**  
Ed Layton

**City Attorney**  
C. Robert Buckley

**Municipal Judge**  
Garry L. Helm

**Municipal Court Clerk**  
Cassie Williams

## Celebrate This Season With Tamburitians

The Sugar Creek Tamburitians Christmas CD will be available soon!

The CD includes a variety of traditional Christmas favorites as well as beautiful Croatian and Slovenian songs. The vocal performances are a combined choir of Sugar Creek's St. Cyril's Choir as well as our friends from Strawberry Hill in Kansas City, Kansas. You will enjoy listening to some of the Christmas songs traditionally played at Midnight Mass as well as some fun Christmas favorites.

If you are interested in purchasing a CD, please contact Debbie Ray by phone at 816-461-4877 or by email at [rayscmo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rayscmo@sbcglobal.net).



## 2013 Budget: Several Financial Challenges

The City's 2013 Budget is now complete, but bringing with it many challenges. Revenue is expected to be \$4 million and the General Operating Expense Budget was initially estimated at \$4.556 million.

It was immediately evident that having to withdraw \$556 thousand from the Operating Reserve was not going to be acceptable. Therefore, at the request of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Department Heads were asked to relook their projections and come up with more reasonable projections.

Some of the results, said Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, were:

- Various equipment purchases are being delayed
- Contractual services for street maintenance has been significantly reduced
- Some staff positions were eliminated through attrition and retirement
- Minor improvements in initial revenue projections

The end result was a bare bones budget, requiring only slightly more than \$50 thousand having to come out of the reserve.

The economy and a resulting decrease in revenue are

to blame, according to Sugar Creek Mayor Stan Salva. The impact on employees, he said, is not fair. For the third year in a row, city employees will not receive pay increases, however a bonus was granted last year. The decision to not give employee wage increases will be reviewed about mid-year by the Board, with the hope that the economy will continue to improve, revenues may increase and windfalls may be realized.

Despite this, the City did not cut services — including police and fire protection, parks and recreation amenities, and infrastructure maintenance — to residents. Insurance rates did go up for employees and the City. Citizens can expect a rate increase for sanitation services — due to cost increases in solid waste disposal and recycling — which have not been adjusted in more than five years. Water rates will also go up, said Martinovich, because the City of Independence — where Sugar Creek gets its water — is raising rates. Sewer rates were adjusted last year.

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— Mayor Stan Salva —



*"The Mayor's Report on Sugar Creek is intended to communicate and inform the citizenry of current Council discussions and actions as well as reporting on recent and upcoming events and meetings that impact the City as well as the entire community. My intentions are to provide the best and most accurate information to all the people of Sugar Creek. This mayor would welcome any suggestions or comments on how to make this report even more valuable."*

— Mayor Stan Salva  
mayor@sugar-creek.mo.us

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS AND EVENTS:

- **City approves 2012-2013 Budget**
- **BP helps City gain \$40,000 on tank sale**
- **City pursues grant for sidewalks to service schools**
- **Funds for entrance to planned Lewis and Clark freeway to be obligated**
- **Wellness Center design to be discussed**
- **City rethinks curbside recycling**

# MAYOR'S REPORT ON SUGAR CREEK

## Regular Council Meeting — October 15, 2012

1. Approved Ord. 3643 an Ordinance approving an agreement between the City and Bettis Asphalt & Construction First reading was approved on September 10, 2012. The City Administrator has been working on the sale of above ground assets that are currently located on Page 4 of the Bettis project that involves above ground storage tanks, previously belonging to Koch Industries, small building, some above ground piping and a fuel storage tank. Action had been delayed on the agreement due to ownership issues with the previous owner and those have been resolved to both the purchaser and Bob Buckley's satisfaction. The tanks would have been removed anyway to make space for project that the City of Independence has in progress to store waste water and so this allows the City to sell the tanks, put them in use again and derive \$40,000 in revenue. BP had spent significant dollars, both legal and otherwise, helping with the process and that it would be an understatement to say that BP had stepped up as a strong corporate citizen. BP has helped the City as there is no benefit to BP.
2. Approved Ordinance No. 3645 appropriating from the revenue of the City of Sugar Creek, MO expenditures in accordance with the 2103 Annual Budget of the city of Sugar Creek. The City Administrator brought before the Board the current fund balance sheet that showed a difference between projected revenue and projected expenditures of \$171,550. There were items that were recently discussed and he felt they could be removed without impacting any of the services. If budget approved as-is without making any changes that \$171,550 will be taken from the Reserve Fund. He stated that this would be taking emergency reserves to fund an annual operation. Mayor Salva and the Board were in agreement. Alderman Kenney confirmed if that was done and the \$15,000 and whatever the City can do out of the State Gas Tax to the general flip-flop that they could probably get it down to \$100,000 off. Mr. Martinovich was in agreement and based on discussion a shorter list can be created of what would need to be removed. Alderman Kenney stated that most of the Enterprise Funds are in the red in the budget and asked if the sewer rates were being raised but instead it is the water rates and they are not included in the budget. Alderman Kenney commented that it showed \$85,000 in the red. City Treasurer stated that the City has a problem with the Mill Creek District and that it is not generating enough revenue. It was Mr. Martinovich understands one of the reasons the rates were not adjusted in the past was because they were going to work on connecting Carefree Industrial Park and they have done nothing with rates partly because of that. Alderman Kenney asked if the Water Fund was going to be addressed, which it will be, and the rates are not being raised but just passing through what Independence has passed to the City which will result

in a rate increase. Alderman Sagehorn asked when that would take place and Mr. Martinovich said that it would have been at the last meeting and he did not like the results of the rates where they are going and that was the reason why it had delayed to another meeting. They decided to look at the expenditures to make certain it was correct because of the amount of adjustment being proposed. Alderman Sagehorn asked the Deputy Fire Chief when they plan to purchase a fire truck. Deputy Fire Chief Casey said that the truck is good but are having a few problems with it. They have looked at a truck and could make a payment a year later. After the first year will not be making a payment for two years and would put them at the approximate projected goal of five years. The cost to purchase a truck will be approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 along with a good down payment of \$200,000. Martinovich continued that the only item questionable was salaries and so maybe won't move \$100,000 but it might only move \$50,000 of it. Alderman Kenney felt that it could get down to about \$100,000 in the red. City Administration wanted to try to approach the budget in a way that they can keep the people they have while they build different revenue streams and he also wanted to add \$10,000 for that task. Mayor Salva recommended making the net budget a -\$100,000.

3. Approved Ord. No. 3653 an Ordinance transferring funds from Capitol Improvement Sales Tax Fund to Storm Water Sales Tax Fund for consulting fees. Paul Loving, Building Official, stated this issue is moving money between two restricted funds of \$2,200 spent on evaluation of the storm water control issues at the Independence Elementary School and paid to Ms. Arasmith for storm water study.
4. Approved Ord. 3654 an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3571 to provide for an adjustment for additional expenditures for engineering consulting fees on the Energy Project by appropriating additional funds from the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund.
5. Approved Ord. 3655 authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council for professional administrative services involving a Community Development Project Development Grant. Marilyn Evans, Deputy City Clerk, explained that this will not cost the City monies. The grant will be written up by Molly McGovern and if approved that the grant will be administered by Molly as well. Mayor Salva confirmed that it would be for the walkways between the schools and also along Forest Street. Ms. Evans stated there were two projects and because there are two different schools that they are able to apply for two amounts of money; first being to build sidewalks from the old school to the new school enabling children to walk between the schools without being in the roadway, and second would be from the new school up along Forest Street to 24 Highway which would enable children to use the sidewalks to walk

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to and from school. Paul Loving, Building Official, had spent time with engineers who stated to be cautious discussing the project. Because of the no gutter situation with the streets and the utilities that exist in the right-of-way because of storm water issues related that they may end up being very restricted on how far they can go with the sidewalks. For example, it would be ideal if could connect the southern corporate limit of Sugar Creek by McDonald's all the way to the new school but when you get down to the neighborhood where Kentucky Avenue hits Forest, there is a storm water drainage area that goes underneath Forest Street and would deplete all funds instantly to cross that storm water drainage. In addition, the engineer that Mr. Loving had met with stated it would be a challenge for one community to get two separate grants. He said that it would not detour from the attempt of getting two grants. He felt this situation should be approached with cautious optimism as far as how much they could accomplish. Mr. Loving will go after both grants and if received would get \$500,000 for sidewalks. Ms. Evans added that the deadline is November 5 to turn the grant in which is a short timeframe. Mayor Salva stated there were no City funds at risk and he agreed with Mr. Loving that they have to have guarded optimism and cannot be telling others that it will be done. There is a chance to get it complete, maybe not everything but he felt that the ordinance needed to be approved so that Molly could get started.

6. Approved Food Day Proclamation.

7. Heard Aldermen Reports:

- **RAY:** The Alderman reported he knew there was a letter sent out regarding the recycle bin and asked if they could build a database to send email blasts. Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk, answered she was sure it could be done through some assistance but wondered about those who do not have email addresses. Alderman Ray wondered if it was even possible, which it is and City Clerk stated that an alert has been posted on the website. Alderman Ray wanted to also be able to send out community events and the newsletter via email to save cost of postage and that would be considered. He was also approached by two young ladies and asked about doing a "remember the pool" event and heard that there was a Facebook page about the pool. There are many people who remember the Sugar Creek swimming pool.

- **KENNEY:** thought the City Administrator did a good job on the budget and felt it would be a good idea if the Board could look at it once a month. They will be in the same position next year and changes have to be made to figure out a solution. City Administrator said they will be worse next year because of the COP payment reserve. Alderman Kenney wants to work toward a big surplus next year.

8. City Administrator Ron Martinovich had made a request for federal fund obligations to federal highways and hoped to receive a quick response and be notified that the funds have been obligated and will bring a contract for construction engineering. On November 19, the designers and the architects will give a presentation to the Board about the improvement that will be constructed on Sterling, the Trail amenities and Trail head and the 9/11 memorial as a part of it. He felt everyone would be impressed with the design. Also on November 19 there will be a study session discussion on the Wellness Center. He stated that a couple of different floor plan options have been viewed and one requires additional square

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## NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

### Public Works

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**— The Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club invites all residents to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Saturday December 8th beginning at 5:00 p.m. at John Wells park (Christmas Tree Park). Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive at 5:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**— Public Works department will be picking up Christmas trees on Thursday, January 10 & 11. To recycle your Christmas tree, please make sure all decorating trim is removed from the tree, and place by the street curb for easy access. Trees must be out by Thursday, January 10.

**YARD WASTE PICK-UP**— Yard waste will be collected in December the dates are December 6 and December 20. Yard waste pickup will resume in April 2013.

**SCATTERED TRASH**— Please use caution when setting out trash with wild animals and domestic animals left to fend for themselves they will tear up trash. Our crews have been seeing this more frequently. Please be aware that our crews cannot rack or pick up scattered trash. Trash bags should be in containers with a lid on them.

### Public Works Department's 12 Days of Christmas

On the first Day of Christmas Ed Layton treated us,  
To a free trip to the gun range on the senior citizens bus.

On the second day of Christmas we took down decorations  
And started to replace them with lots of frustrations.

On the third day of Christmas we noticed the old lights were all  
dim and when we unraveled it, so was the trim.

On the fourth day of Christmas Bill was forlorn  
That UPS didn't bring the part for popcorn.

On the fifth day of Christmas we painted the frames that were rusty,  
We polished and shined them because they were all dusty.

By the fifth day of Christmas Kathy was not happy and  
Bill behind the counter wanted his nappy.

On the sixth day of Christmas Kacy talked all day long  
and Bob without warning started singing a song.

On the seventh day of Christmas Mitch got in a hurry  
And wanted it all done before the snow began to flurry.

On the eighth day of Christmas the lighting ceremony was nigh  
If they didn't get it done the Board of Aldermen would surely die.

On the ninth day of Christmas the ceremony was here  
The decorations were hung and oh how the people did cheer!

On the tenth day of Christmas it was Santa all the way  
but the Public Workers were tired so they called it a day.

On the 11th day of Christmas Public Works was closed  
And Santa's little helpers all went home to dose.

On the 12th day of Christmas I heard them say as they drove out of sight,  
"tell the Mayor not to worry, we'll come take them down tomorrow night!"



# Filing for Election Opens In December

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Clerk of Sugar Creek, Missouri, will accept Declarations of Candidacy for the Municipal General Election to be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

Filing for offices commences at 8:00 a. m., Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 103 South Sterling, and closes at 5:00 p. m., Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

The offices to be voted on at said election and the fees for filing are as follows:

OFFICE	FILING FEE
Mayor	\$60.00
City Marshal	\$45.00
Alderman, First Ward	\$40.00
Alderman, Second Ward	\$40.00

All candidates filing for the above offices will be listed on the Municipal General Election ballot April 2, 2013.

**A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS:**  
 City Ordinance Chapter 14, Article II, Sec 14-17, Sec 14-18, and Sec 14-19 prohibits containers larger than 35 gallons to be used for storing residential household refuse. Containers shall not exceed more than 65 lbs., and shall have handles as a LIFTING DEVICE.

**ST. CYRIL'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 11231 Chicago Street  
 Sugar Creek, MO 64054  
 (816) 252-9564 | [stcyrilparish.com](http://stcyrilparish.com)  
 Pastor Fr. Matthew Bartulica

*Please join us for Holy Mass Sundays at 9:00 a.m or 5:00 p.m. (only evening Sunday Mass in eastern Jackson County). Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.*

*Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us at the Christmas "Midnight" Mass at 11:00 p.m. Music starting at 10:30 p.m.*

*Second and Fourth Sundays stay for coffee and donuts and Bible Study after 9:00 a.m. Mass!*

*If you have considered converting to the Catholic Faith or have any questions about the Faith, please call the rectory or visit our website for more information.*

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- footage that the City does not have but would like to sort through them and get the Board's direction so they can proceed with the design.
- Public Works Director Ed Layton has a concern with trash recycling and realizes the funds are limited. He believes that the fees could be renegotiated with the landfill because they had provided them with a long-term contract of places to put the trash and felt the landfill could come up with a better program for the City of Sugar Creek. In his opinion, he felt the landfill should step-up for the City of Sugar Creek because of what they have allowed the landfill to do in the community. Alderman Kenney asked if there was something in the landfill agreement that a Recycling Center would be placed. City Administrator said the landfill was required to have a material recovery facility and when the Board amended the permit two or three years ago that the provision was removed. Mr. Loving wondered if guided by State law on how much to charge for a special lease permit for a truck. There is an ordinance that establishes the fee but the fee is based on actual cost and if there is a timeline that could be put together as far as what that cost is that he thought they could adjust it. Alderman Sagehorn asked the City Treasurer how she would feel if Allied did the billing. He thought that was something she would want to look at and get back to the Board. He attended their last Open House and he found out that they do the billing. City Treasurer thought that if they bill and collect and if someone does not pay that it would be their problem rather than the City's. Mr. Layton's thought they would require the residents to a certain trash service or let competition prevail and get out of the billing and collecting. Mayor Salva warned they have to be careful or they will have the same problem as Blue Springs which is out of control. City Administrator said they could contract it and prioritize it and let it go. Those on refuse pick up are on a task-based job that means they are off about 12 hours a day total between the 3 of the people. Mr. Layton felt that it has to start with Allied giving a better break because it's the City of Sugar Creek. Alderman Sagehorn said that Allied is supportive but I was discussing this issue with them and wanted to bring before the Board. City Administrator stated that the rates need to be adjusted since it has not been adjusted since 2006-2007 Mr. Layton wants to get the residents off of curbside recycling because it is an extremely difficult task for Public Works to do. Mayor Salva confirmed that Mr. Layton was not saying to do away with it but that there may be a better way of doing it. Alderman Sagehorn agreed but also stated that there are better ways to pick up the trash and suggested looking this issue over again in a few meetings.
  - City Finance Officer/City Treasurer Ms. Martinovich said the 6-month financial report would be in The Examiner approximately last weekend of October. Also Red Bags donations have been allowed at the Mike Onka Memorial building and wanted to know if it could be used this year and then next year could be phased out and give a year notice for the organization to find another facility.
  - Building Official Mr. Loving reported that he met with the Mayor and Public Works and felt there are significant savings potentially available in HVAC and are looking into the possibility of a preventing maintenance contract. There is a fairly substantial amount of money in the budget related to contractual services based on historical spending and we could set up a preventative maintenance contract that would address regular maintenance issues but also provide reports on the state of the equipment, etc. He wanted everyone to be aware that they are pursuing that and the likelihood the contract would cost approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000 and would not take care of repairs but it would go a long way toward preventing emergency or necessity of repairs.
  - Parks & Recreation Supervisor Connie Halastik had invited Mr. Kyle Lang from Score Rewards about the possibility of getting a new scoreboard for Kaw field at no cost. She asked him to attend a future meeting and explain it to the Board. Alderman Sagehorn asked what to do on charging Mike Onka Hall rentals and if that would have to be addressed at the next meeting. Jana Olivarez-Dickerson stated that the application and fees were being worked on. Mayor Salva stated there was a lot of work that went into that and felt it needed to be approved. Alderman Sagehorn was concerned about the rate.

# SUGAR TALK

## December 2012 Calendar

City Hall Offices  
Public Works  
Parks & Recreation

252-4400  
252-4413  
252-4400, ext. 137

Police or Fire Emergencies  
Non Emergencies  
[www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City\\_News.html](http://www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City_News.html)

911  
252-7058

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

### RESIDENTS! BE SURE TO REMEMBER...

- CLUB WALK: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9-10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym
- ZUMBA CLASS: Every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym
- TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS: Bus service to residents, 60 years or older

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
CHRISTMAS EVE City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	CHRISTMAS EVE City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	CHRISTMAS DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	
30	31					
NEW YEAR'S EVE City Hall and Public Works Close at 12:00 p.m.						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3 6:30 p.m. B & C Club Gilpin Town	Yardwaste Pickup		
5:30 p.m. Sugar Creek Mamas Delinquent date for utilities						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3		Casino Day Trip	Christmas Mystery Day Trip
6 p.m. Study Session 7 p.m. Council Meeting	8 A.M. ELECTION FILING OPENS	12 p.m. Potluck Honoring Volunteers and Former Elected Officials and Retirees 6:30 p.m. Municipal Court				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup	12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Employee Holiday Lunch - City Hall/ Public Works Offices Closed	5:00 p.m. Mayor's Tree Lighting - Wells Park
		<b>CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON</b>				

Past due notification date

# MAYOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club and the City of Sugar Creek invites all residents to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on

Saturday December 8 at Wells Park, Sterling Ave and Gill St...

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive at 5:45 p.m..

There will be hot dogs and hot beverages, Christmas carols, sleigh rides and lots of Christmas and community spirit.

5:00 P.M.

WELLS PARK  
STERLING & GILL

The CCRC will be accepting donations of can or dry food products.

Special containers will be available.

Special thanks for the support of the City of Sugar Creek, the Business and Civic club, and all who help make this event possible

For more information call  
252-4413 ext. 302

## PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 2012

■ **SUGAR CREEK SUGAR MAMAS:** will meet the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Please pre-register for this. Open to all women who just want to get out and have a good time. No hats required. Times and dates are subject to change.

■ **COMMUNITY POTLUCK - DECEMBER 11:** 12:00 p.m. Held at Mike Onka Hall 11520 Putnam. We will provide Sarma (Cabbage rolls) please bring a side dish or desert. This will be a special event which will include honoring our former elected officials, retirees and volunteers for the City of Sugar Creek.

■ **CASINO DAY TRIP - DECEMBER 14:** Travel with us to a local casino for the day! You need to pre-register. Cost: \$5.00 per person.

■ **DANCE CLASSES FOR ADULTS & YOUTH:** Classes will be held on Tuesdays at the Sugar Creek Gym. Youth classes are from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. They will cover tap, hip hop, and ballet. Adult classes will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. They will be for tap and jazz.

■ **CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON - DECEMBER 4-6:** Shows, driving lights tour, and Christmas shopping! Call for brochure and pricing.

■ **CHRISTMAS MYSTERY DAY TRIP - DECEMBER 15:** We can't tell you about the trip except the cost will be \$68.00 per person and will be an all day event. Price includes transportation, one full meal, admissions and driver gratuity. Pre-register before November 23, no late registration will be taken.

**FOR INFORMATION: CONNIE HALASTIK, 103 S. STERLING, SUGAR CREEK, MO 64054**  
phone: 816-252-4400 EXT 137 | email: [chalastik@sugar-creek.mo.us](mailto:chalastik@sugar-creek.mo.us)

## SUGAR CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

10800 Kentucky, Sugar Creek, MO 64054  
816-461-8721 | Minister: Troy Leland

Please join us in worship to our God and study of His word. Each Sunday: 9 a.m.; Bible Classes; 9:50am Worship; 11am Bible Class; Each Wednesday: 7pm Bible Classes followed by a Devotional

## RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS CHURCH

215 N. Sterling Avenue, Sugar Creek, MO  
Pastor Larry Kuhl 816-716-8755

"Rivers of Living Water" Church welcomes you to worship with us. We are a local church located in downtown Sugar Creek, 215 Sterling. We offer nursery, Sunday School, and Jr Church for children. Sunday School for adults and children start at 9:30, worship service at 10:45. We also have Bible Study every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Come as you are to enter this wonderful time of year that we celebrate our Savior's birth. Any questions, contact Pastor Larry Kuhl, at 816-716-8755 Merry Christmas!

# BENEFIT FUND RAISER

*For the Sugar Creek Citizens  
Civic Relief Commission*

Sunday, December 9, 2012

Kross/Ernie's (Sugar Creek, MO)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Smoked Ribs & Chicken Leg Quarters

Free will donations accepted for the food while it lasts.  
All donations will go to Citizens Civic Relief Commission.



## At the library...

DECEMBER 2012

### ■ computer classes

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 6 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

**Internet Basics**– Tuesday, Dec. 11 and Thursday, Dec. 13 at 11:00 a.m. Learn what the Internet and your Internet browser can do for you! This class concentrates on the basics of online searches.

**E-Mail Basics**– Tuesday, Dec. 18 and Thursday, Dec. 20 at 11:00 a.m. Sign up for a free e-mail account and follow along this tutorial teaches the ins and outs of sending and receiving email, as well as how to organize your messages.

**Facebook Basics**– Thursday, Dec. 27 at 11:00 a.m. What on earth is a Facebook and what am I supposed to do with it? Come to this class and find out! Facebook is a popular social networking site that allows you to connect with everyone. Join us and see if it is right for you.

### ■ crafts

**Quilting For The People**– Saturday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 22 at 1:00 p.m. This bi-weekly class at Sugar Creek offers many options for all levels of quilters. Bring a project, start a project, or come to learn something new. Class is every other Saturday at the Sugar Creek Library. Call Nancy at 816-252-3344 for more information.

### ■ activities

**After Lunch Book Club**– Thursday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 20 at 1:30 p.m. Join us for an After Lunch Book Club as we read and discuss great books. We will meet every other week, each month at the Sugar Creek Branch Library.

### ■ teen activities

**Teen Creek Book Club**– Monday, Dec. 17 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly book club meeting and bring any book that you have read recently! We have free snacks, and copies of the current month's book are available at the desk. Your opinion + time = FREE BOOKS.

### ■ kids activities

**Family Story Time**– Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

**Tween Book Club**– Thursday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Do you like to read? What about hanging out with friends? Would you like to meet other kids that like to read, too? If you answered YES to any of these questions, join us for the Tween Book Club at the Sugar Creek Branch (this book club is for kids ages 9-12).

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* The Sugar Creek Branch will be closing early on Monday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m. and will be closed all day on Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. The library will also be closing early on Monday, Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve.**

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103 South Sterling Ave.  
Sugar Creek, MO 64054

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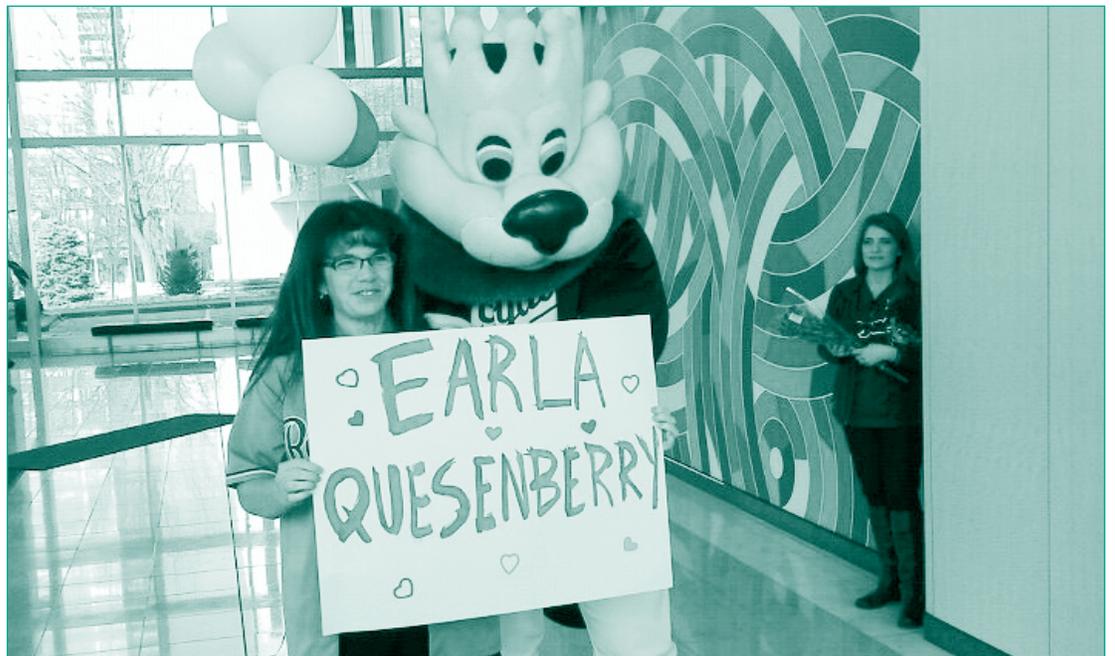
## Sugar Creek Resident Helps Those Who Are In Need

Sugar Creek citizen, Earla Quesenberry, has been doing her part to help out the needy in our area for the last five years.

Out of the kindness of her own heart and the money from her own pocket, she donates food and gifts to families in need.

With the help and support of her husband Roger, this year Earla has adopted fourteen families for Thanksgiving. While she does give them all of the ingredients and essentials to make the meal, she does not prepare it for them because she believes cooking the food as a family gives them a more active part in the holiday.

Earla also provides needy families with help during Christmastime. The families she adopts for Christmas are given the opportunity to pick out gifts for their children and clothes for their family, as well as food to make a Christmas meal.



Earla has been living in Sugar Creek for four years. She works as a legal secretary at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in downtown Kansas

City. She is actively involved at her church. In her spare time she enjoys fishing, reading, spending time with her grandchildren, and

supporting the Royals and Chiefs.

Sugar Creek is proud to have you as a citizen, Earla!