

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

2013: A Year for Opportunities, Challenges

"As we exit a chaotic year on the National scene, the City of Sugar Creek looks forward to new opportunities and challenges in 2013. Passing a balanced budget again posed problems. Projected revenues for the 2012/2013 year struggled to match projected expenses, thereby requiring Department Heads to take creative steps to reduce expenses.

I must say that I was well pleased with their collaborated efforts and as a result we were able to pass a budget with minimal impact on

our General Fund reserve. The list below of Major Action and Events during 2012 shows that major accomplishments in 2012, even during weak economic conditions, the City was able to build a solid base for taking on the challenges of 2013.

The major focus in 2013 can best be identified by the major areas that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will need to address during the coming year.

- Retail Center at 24 Highway and Sterling.

- Elementary school on Forest.
- Final Design and Renovation of the former Post Office into the Wellness/Community Center.
- Energy Saving Projects within the City.
- New Revenue Sources
- Networking with Surrounding Communities.
- Solar Projects.
- 911 Memorial Park
- Economic Development

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MAJOR ACTIONS AND EVENTS OF 2012

- North River Blvd. Sewer Project
- Buckeye Purchases BP Terminal
- Over \$5,000 Energy Savings In City Buildings
- New Occupancy Inspection Program
- MODOT Approves Traffic Signal Enforcement
- Former Post Office Purchased for Wellness/Community Center
- City Focused on Property Maintenance
- CDC Receives Praise on Neighborhood Improvements
- Landfill Infringements Threaten Courtney Ridge Revenues
- New School Starts Construction
- City Upgrades Website
- Alderman Onka Retires
- Lorcan Doyle and Robert Ray Elected To the Board of Aldermen
- Jack and Beverly O'Renck Receive Family of the Year
- Don and Mary Puhr Receive State Senior Citizen Award, and Honored by Lt. Governor Kinder
- Krystal Thompson Receives Outstanding Dispatcher Award
- Pat Casey Promoted To Fire Chief
- Eagle Materials Buys LaFarge
- Design of 9-11 Park Approved and Moving Forward
- City Approves Four Year Terms for Mayor and Aldermen
- Sugar Creek School Principal, Dr. Sharon Byrd, Retires
- City Investigates Solar Project
- Congressman Cleaver Attends Ribbon Cutting of New NSP Homes
- Wellness Center Design Approved and Moving Forward
- Unsafe Buildings Addressed
- Chuck Mikulich Receives MML Citizen of the Year Award
- City Hall Security System Installed
- Sugar Creek Shockers Present Trophy To City
- Former Sugar Creek Resident Receives Ms. Czech/Slovak US Title
- Retail Development Agreement Approved With Edwards Management Group
- Former Alderman, Dennis Onka Honored as Truman Heartland Award Recipient
- Mayor Elected to MML Board
- Federal Funding for Lewis and Clark Secured
- City Pursues Sidewalk Grants for Schools
- City Receives Certificate of Achievement In Financial Reporting
- Sales Tax Erroneously Submitted by LaFarge to Independence Recovered For Sugar Creek



"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:

- **John Wiseman receives recognition for CCRC fund raiser**
- **City Christmas parties a success**
- **Developer plans for retail center by end of year**
- **Bids on Sterling Avenue Improvement accepted**
- **Dispatch Supervisor, Peggy Doss, receives appreciation award**
- **City near on updating rental fees**
- **Police Department working with Independence on school safety**

MAYOR'S REPORT ON SUGAR CREEK

Regular Council Meeting — December 10, 2012

1. Approved Proclamation for Eagles Home and Family week December 15-22, 2012.
2. Approved Resolution 6-12 honoring John Wiseman.
3. Presentation of Service Award to Steve Bryson for 20 years of volunteer service to the City of Sugar Creek.
4. Approved Ord. No. 3667 an Ordinance approving an agreement between Morgan Jacobs General Contracting LLC and the City for the Construction of a Wall at 11508 Gill Street. Ed Layton, Director of Public Works, stated this was to attempt to fix the wall on Gill Street after a water break.
5. Approved Ord. No. 3668 an Ordinance approving a proposal from Black and Veatch Corporation for a modified Feasibility Study. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, stated that KCP&L had requested information from the City. Also, a figure will be created related to a substation onsite which will be a new substation. BP has authorized the City to use a small amount (\$2,500) of that marketing fund to pay for this.
6. Heard Mayor's Report:
 - Mayor Salva stated there was a fundraiser at Kross's, 12-09-12, for the CCRC. This was the project of John Wiseman, a non-resident, who spends a lot of time helping in the City. He said a resolution was presented to John Wiseman and the Mayor had never met anyone who was so thankful for receiving the resolution.
 - Mayor Salva felt that the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday night had a record crowd and a big success. Mayor Salva continued that there were many good reports on the Employee Holiday party. He asked Jana Olivarez-Dickerson to voice some of the comments that were made. Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk, felt the people had expressed that it was very nice to focus on the employees and that it was very relaxing and enjoyable. All the employees were able to receive door prizes and a wonderful meal. She said there were many positive comments.
 - Mayor Salva said there will be a party for all of the volunteer's noon on 12-11 and will be presenting Certificates of Appreciation totaling approximately 95 volunteers. He is expecting a large turnout. He had thanked Connie and her crew for the wonderful job they had done in preparation of both events
 - Mayor Salva stated that two signs with the CEAH logo will be put up on the corner of 24 Highway and Sterling that will notify there will be a retail center and grocery store. It is projected for the end of next year.
7. Heard Aldermen Reports:
 - RAY: stated that the City decorations were beautiful. As far as the email blast, he has been working with Mark and Dan from Salva O'Renack who have a couple of programs that can help with this project. Mark and Dan can setup a link in the City Newsletter and also put a link on the webpage.
 - DOYLE: stated the employee holiday party was nice

and it seemed like everyone had an enjoyable time. He also thought the Christmas tree lighting was nice and it was a good crowd. The fundraiser was also very good. He commented that John Wiseman does a lot for the City of Sugar Creek and was glad that he was recognized.

- KENNEY: He had the opportunity to talk to a couple of the City employees, dispatchers and a few police officers and they commented how they liked the employee holiday party. He felt that everyone liked the gift card rather than the ham or turkey this year. He stated that the fundraiser at Kross's had made a little over \$1,500 for CCRC within the 4-hour period.
8. City Administrator Ron Martinovich opened bids on the Sterling Avenue Improvement on November 26, 2012. There were four bidders: Gunther Construction, Mega Industries, Wil-Pav, Inc. and V. F. Anderson. Gunther Construction is the apparent low bid and had submitted their bid as well as the second lowest bid to MODOT to ask for their concurrence to award a contract. He stated the bid amount was \$2,044,360 which included all of the alternates A through E, and is within budget.
 9. City Clerk Jana Olivarez-Dickerson announced that the volunteer retiree and former elected official luncheon will be December 11, 2012 at noon. Also on December 20, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers there will be new evidence Public Hearings and Council Meeting.
 10. Police Chief Herb Soule had a letter from the Mid America Regional Council, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation, to Peggy Doss, Sugar Creek Dispatch Supervisor. Chief Soule thanked Peggy for her efforts in making the map and addressing data for 911 for Sugar Creek and River Bend as accurate as possible and provided the Certificate of Appreciation to her.
 11. Public Works Director Ed Layton had met with a D&R representative to get a judgment on the Best Buy Auto Dealership situation. Mr. Layton received a call that they notified MODOT and that it is MODOT's pipe that goes under 24 Highway and apparently they will fix the problem. He thinks that it was something in the past on that private property that did cause the problem but it was not MODOT. It is causing a problem now blocking the water from coming through and a repair will need to be made.
 12. Building Official Paul Loving indicated after a recent conversation with the Mayor and City Administrator he would be providing information to the Board on a regular basis pertaining to the Planning Commission. He informed them that he will send the agenda for the monthly meetings. There are two items on the agenda: Public Hearings for the final plat for the school district and Creeker's Pizza site plan proposal.
 13. Parks and Recreation Supervisor Connie Halastik discussed the 2013 Mike Onka Memorial Hall Rental Fees and Park Rental Fees. Alderman Doyle saw the plan that included questions regarding different fees with the Hall. Alderman Ray was in favor of raising

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the fees and include putting down a bigger damage deposit and make it cash only. Alderman Sagehorn stated that it will go up from \$150 to \$500. Alderman Ray wants it to be at least a \$500 deposit. Alderman Sagehorn asked Bob Buckley, City Attorney, if he looked over the City of Sugar Creek Building Rental Agreement. Mr. Buckley thought the agreement was fine which stated one would pay a fee and be responsible for any damage. Alderman Ray felt that the person who rents the building would need to be present during and after the event. Ms. Halastik indicated that on the application the residents must show a paid personal property tax receipt instead of showing a utility bill. Mr. Buckley said there was nothing wrong requiring some sort of proof such as personal property tax receipt. Mayor Salva felt that they should receive a current utility bill. The Board was in agreement. Ms. Halastik said the new proposal and agreement included having a monitor at the event part-time. Alderman Sagehorn asked if the police department will be the ones monitoring the events. Someone separate from the police department was going to be the monitor during the actual event but not during setup. The police department will be present if alcohol was going to be on the premise while being paid \$25 per hour by the patron.

14. **NEW BUSINESS:** Alderman Kenney made motion and moved that the Board approve a 1.5% increase to all part-time and full-time employees beginning the first payroll in January, 2013. Motion was approved.

City Council and Public Hearings — December 20, 2012

1. **NEW EVIDENCE PUBLIC HEARING I** – This hearing was to consider new evidence regarding the submission of the Sugar Creek “West Elementary” Final Plat by the Independence School District. The School is located at 709 N. Forest Sugar Creek, MO 64050. No New Evidence was presented and Hearing was closed.
2. **NEW EVIDENCE PUBLIC HEARING II** – This hearing was to consider new evidence regarding a development Site Plan for property located at 11224 E. US 24 Highway, Sugar Creek, Missouri. This property is zoned C3P (Highway Commercial - Planned) and the hearing is a requirement of Section 6 of the Sugar Creek Zoning Ordinance. No new evidence was presented and hearing was closed.

Regular Council Meeting — December 20, 2012

1. Approved Ord. 3669 approving consent to sanitary sewer easement conveyance between the City of Independence and BP Products North America, Inc.
2. Approved Ord. 3670 an Ordinance approving a Cooperative Agreement for Reciprocal Sewer Service between the City and the City of Independence, MO, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
3. Approved Ord. 3671 approving a final plat for a subdivision to be known as Mallinson Elementary School Center.
4. Approved Ord. 3672 approving a C3-P plan for Billy and Cheri Tharp as owners of 11224 E. US Highway 24.
5. Approved Ord. 3673 approving an addendum to the agreement between VF Anderson Builders LLC and the City of Sugar Creek, MO Bill No. 07-67-12 Ordinance No. 3624 authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, for a Cost not to exceed \$4,635.00.

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NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

MEMORIAL BRICKS FOR SALE– Sugar Creek is selling memorial bricks. These bricks can be purchased to memorialize a family member, close friend, or family pet. The brick will be displayed for the community to view in Wells Park at Sterling Ave and Gill St. The first set of bricks has been installed. The order form can be found at city hall or public works. A 4” x 8” brick is \$75.00. For any questions please contact Sue Mikula at 252-4413 ext. 302

2013 BULKY ITEM PICKUPS– Dates for bulky item pickup in 2013 will be April 8, July 8 and October 7.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION– Yard waste pickup will resume on April 4, 2013 and continue weekly through November. Additional dates will be announced at a later time.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION– ALL REFUSE AND RECYCLING FOR PICK UP MUST BE PLACED IN THE PROPER PICK UP AREA (curbside) BY 7:00 A.M. ON YOUR DESIGNATED DAY. It must be visible, and not beside or behind vehicles, stacks of wood, fences, trees, or anything that could block the view of our driver and refuse workers.

LANDFILL PERMIT PROCEDURES– Landfill permit procedures are as follows:

- Must be a resident of Sugar Creek and all city refuse charges are current and up to date.
- City utility bill must be presented at the time of obtaining a permit.
- Maximum number of daily permits shall be twelve (12) in a calendar year. Additional permits may be issued at the discretion of the public works director.
- Residents using haulers other than themselves must call ahead to approve hauler to pick up permit.
- All waste material being hauled to the landfill must be in compliance with the regulations that govern what items may be placed into a sanitary landfill as determined by state law. NO batteries, white goods, appliances, paint, or hazardous materials. For the full list contact Courtney Ridge Landfill.
- Permits for the landfill are only issued to property that is located in city limits of Sugar Creek.

SNOW REMOVAL– Things citizens can do to help improve snow removal operations are:

- Make sure to have the proper snow or all weather tires on your vehicle to prevent you from getting stuck.
- Park off street if possible.
- Shovel the snow to the RIGHT side of the driveway as you face the street. This will lessen the amount of snow at the mouth of the driveway when the snowplow comes by.
- DO NOT place refuse/recycling containers in the street. This will hinder the snow plows.

PLEASE NOTE: The annual charge for the Water Primacy Fee and Sewer Connect Fee are on the bill with a billing date of February 28, 2013. The City remits these fees to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Water primacy fee’s are used to insure safe drinking water and the sewer connect fee’s are used for pollution control.



Scout Flag Disposal

The Sugar Creek Police Department will assist a cub pack of the Boy Scouts of America in a Flag Disposal Ceremony. Anyone having an American Flag that is no longer suitable for display and would like to see it properly disposed of is invited to drop them off at the Sugar Creek Public Safety Building, 1001 Heroes way.

Since we are a 24/7 operation, flags may be dropped off to the dispatcher at any time of the day or night, or weekend.

In the event you would like to witness the ceremony, it will be scheduled a little later on and notice will be placed in the Sweet Talk and on the City's Electronic Billboard at Kentucky and Sterling.



2013: A YEAR OF CHALLENGES

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- Expressway Project From Sterling to I 435
- New homes under the NSP grant process
- Annexation
- Upgrades for Building Codes and Zoning Ordinances.
- Casino Mixed Use Development.
- Debt Service Requirements.
- Parks and Recreation.
- Sales Tax Recovery

The challenges of 2013 may seem substantial, but all residents of Sugar Creek should feel confident that much can be accomplished with our staff of competent Department Heads and a Mayor and Board of Aldermen that are committed to that end."

— Mayor Stan Salva

SUGAR CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

415 N. Sterling Ave., Sugar Creek, MO 64054 | 816-246-5793

Pastor Bonnie Menough | herbjr341@att.net

Join us for fellowship in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Worship service begins at 10:45 a.m.

ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

11231 Chicago St., Sugar Creek, MO 64054

(816) 252-9564 | 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.

Second and Fourth Sundays stay for coffee, donuts and Bible Study after 9 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.

THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON SUGAR CREEK

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6. Approved Ord. 3674 authorizing the purchase of one 2013 Ford Explorer from Metro Ford, Independence, MO.
7. Heard Mayor's Report:
 - The Luncheon for Volunteers was held on December 11, 2012, certificates were awarded. Mayor Salva stated that there would be special recognition at an upcoming meeting for the CCRC volunteers. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, the volunteers for the CCRC really worked hard and went out of their way to make sure everyone has a good Christmas.
8. Police Chief Herb Soule participated in a press conference with the Independence Police Department regarding school security. Dr. Hinson was present from Independence along with representatives from all police departments in an attempt to reassure the public. He said that three Wal-Marts were threatened recently by an individual who currently resides in the Independence jail. Also there were a couple of schools that were threatened and it looked as if it was getting out of hand but assured that the police departments are working together with the Director of Security of the Independence Schools.
9. Public Works Director Ed Layton reported that Alderman Ray asked if he had heard anything regarding the sink hole from the state. Mr. Layton is in contact with the responsible party, MODOT.
10. Building Official Paul Loving had inquiries regarding 206 S. Willow, which is a rental property owned by a real estate company. The individual that is renting the property is from St. Louis. The individual claimed he had looked at the City's website. Mr. Loving had a brief talk in a recent team meeting about Brad Risinger returning to the City for assistance with the City website. He felt that he should meet with Brad as soon as possible so that they could transfer building department requirements and forms to the website so that when others refer to the website they would know that a permit is required.



St. Cyril's Church FAT SATURDAY

Fundraiser Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 9th 6:30 p.m.
Mike Onka Hall, Sugar Creek, MO



Music by the Sugar Creek
Tamburitzans



Raffle, auction & fun!!



Ticket includes:

Dinner, beer, wine, set-ups
\$25.00 per person (\$30.00 at the door)
Children age 6 – 12 \$12.00

for tickets call

Debbie Ray 816-461-4877

Join us before the party at
St. Cyril's Church for 5:00 Mass

Single Stream Recycling has arrived in Sugar Creek!

It means that you and your neighbors no longer have to sort newspaper, magazines and metal within your recycling container.

JUST MIX EVERYTHING TOGETHER! –it will be sorted once it's delivered to the recycling center.



REMEMBER; DROP-OFF RECYCLING IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY AT THE OLD POOL PARKING LOT AT KENTUCKY AVE AND RICK SUTCLIFFE DR. THE AREA IS LIGHTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

PLASTIC

MILK - WATER - JUICE JUGS
(Uncolored HDPE code #2 rinse and flatten)

CLEAR #1 PLASTIC

Soda and Food Containers only
* See bottom for code

COLORED HDPE PLASTIC #1 through #7

(Neck is smaller than body) Detergent, Bleach, some shampoo, vegetable and yogurt containers.
*See bottom for code.

(Rinse)

METAL CANS AND LIDS - ALUMINUM CANS

(Clean)

PAPER PRODUCTS

FLATTENED BOXES

PAPER BAGS

SHREDDED PAPER

- Newspaper • Magazines • Junk Mail
- Office Paper • Catalogs • Flyers
- Chip and Paper Board
- Telephone Books
- Egg Cartons
- Cereal Boxes

(please remove plastic inserts)

2013 Recycling City of Sugar Creek

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Your day for collection will be the same as your regular refuse. - Except Holidays.

All collections are CURBSIDE. To discourage theft, it is recommended that you mark your address on your gray box.

Crew will start collection at 7:00 a.m. Please assure that your recycle box is at the curb in time for collection.

There will be NO return trips by the crews. Remember...your recycled products MUST BE CLEAN in order to keep the cost to a minimum.

Antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, brush and leaves can be recycled at the HHW facility, call for informatin.

Thank You for your effort. Your help will aid in preserving our natural resources and keeping Sugar Creek's solid waste costs to a minimum.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Newspapers & Inserts
Magazines/ Brochures
Cardboard
Paper Bags
Paperboard Boxes (cereal/egg)
Junk Mail
Phone Books/Catalogs

White and Color Paper
Envelopes (plastic window OK)
File Folders
School Paper
Shredded Paper

YES

Tin Cans
Aluminum Cans

Juice & Milk Cartons
Plastic Milk Jugs
Plastic Soda Bottles
Detergent Bottles
All Plastics #1 to #7

PLEASE RINSE ALL CONTAINERS
NO FOOD WASTE ALLOWED

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Needles or Syringes
Hazardous or Biohazard Waste
Trash or Bagged Material
Food Waste in any Containers
PVC Foam Cups

NO

Drinking Glasses
Plate Glass
Glass
Mirrors

Broken Glass
Motor Oil

All Other Non-recyclable Items
Foam Packing Material
Tempered Glass
Ceramics



NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Spor Will Be Missed

John Joseph Spor, 94, of Sugar Creek, passed away Monday, December 31, 2012.

John was born September 9, 1918 to Joseph and Mary (Brant) Spor. He had worked as a pipefitter for Ford Motor Company until his retirement in 1984. John was a proud veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard/Navy, serving on the USS Dickman APA-13, and was part of the invasions of Agrica, Sicily, Southern France, Normandy and Okinawa.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel (Warren) Spor; and six siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Dorris (Warden) Spor; five daughters, Bettie Jean Cipolla, Marie Hennigh, Linda Collectt (Carl), Dianna Ethington (Bobby), Karen Jarrett (Dave); one sister, Margaret Deemer (Adam); and three stepsons, Jim (Nancy), Joe and Jeremy (Sussanne) Coker; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; and 21 step great-grandchildren.

CITIZENS MEETING

The Sugar Creek Police and Fire Departments will host a citizens meeting at Onka Hall on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Items to discuss include recent school security issues, mass notification system, animal issues, property conditions, etc.

We will have a K-9 drug dog demonstration and self defense safety tips. Please bring any suggestions or questions you have. Please RSVP at 816-252-7058. Snacks will be available.

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!



At the library... FEBRUARY 2013

computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, Feb. 5 and Thursday, Feb. 7 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, Feb. 12 and Thursday, Feb. 14 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, Feb. 19 and Thursday, Feb. 21 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— Tuesday, Feb. 26 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.

iPad Basics— Thursday, Feb. 28 at 11:00 a.m. Still trying to figure out how to operate your new iPad? Join us for this introductory class on using the Apple iPad.

crafts

Quilting For The People— Saturday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 16 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.

Make & Take: Valentine Craft— Friday, Feb. 15 at 3:00 p.m. Looking for an easy and fun Valentine craft? Need to make an extra or belated Valentine card? Swing by the Sugar Creek Branch Library and join us in making some easy Valentine's crafts, or take a project home with you! This craft project is open to all kids and teens.

activities

After Lunch Book Club— Thursday, Feb. 14 and Thursday, Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m. Come join our After Lunch Book Club to read and discuss great books. This month we will be reading *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker. We will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Sugar Creek Branch Library.

Teen Creek After Hours— Friday, Feb. 1, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be creative. Be loud. Be here! The Sugar Creek Library stays open late for Teens only on the first Friday of every month. Come and hang out – play on the computers, watch a movie, or just meet up with friends. Food and noise allowed!

Fairmount Community Center Book Group— Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 12:15 p.m. Join us on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Fairmount Community Center, located at 217 S. Cedar Ave in Independence, MO 64053. Books provided by the Sugar Creek Branch Library, with discussions moderated by Megan Garrett. In February the book club will be reading *Kansas City Noir*, edited by Steve Paul. *The book group will also be welcoming special guest author Linda Rodriguez on February 27.*

Family Story Time— Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

Teen Creek Book Club— Monday, Feb. 25 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. This month we will be reading *Sharp Teeth* by Toby Barlow.



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Sugar Creek, MO 64054

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PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY 2013

■ **SUGAR CREEK SUGAR MAMAS:** will meet the third Monday of each month at 5:30pm call for more information and for location This is open to all women who just want to get out and have a good time.

■ **COMMUNITY POTLUCK – FEBRUARY 12:** 12:00 p.m. Held at Mike Onka Hall 11520 Putnam. Theme for this will be Heart & Soul We will provide Fried Chicken.

■ **CASINO DAY TRIP – FEBRUARY 1:** Travel with us to a local casino for the day! You need to pre-register. Cost: \$5.00 per person.

■ **NEW DINNER THEATRE – MARCH 20:** \$38.00 per person, price includes transportation, lunch, and the production of *On Golden Pond* starring Mike Farrell from M*A*S*H. We have reserved seats for this production. Register by February 20.

■ **CLUB WALK:** Every Monday through Friday, held at the Sugar Creek Gym from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the community and walk for health.

■ **GARDEN CLUB:** We will hold our next meeting March 14. The meeting will be held at Sugar Creek Gym 6:30 p.m. We will be making bird houses; cost for the supplies will be \$5.00 per house. Please reserve your project by March 8.

■ **ONCE UPON A TIME PRINCESS BALL – FEBRUARY 16:** Calling

all princesses in the land! All girls up to 10 years old get your tickets! \$12.00 per couple, space is limited. No ticket sales at the door. Reservation deadline February 5.

■ **SPRING MYSTERY TRIP – MARCH 20-22:** We can't tell you where we are going, but we can send you some information on pricing. Call for more details.

■ **SPRING CRAFT FAIR – MARCH 30:** Mike Onka Hall, 11520 Putnam. Isles of handmade goods and baked items. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

■ **TOUR OF THE SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS BY TRAIN:** June 14-22, this will be a 9-day tour, so come on and hop aboard the train and travel with us! Call for full brochure and pricing.

■ **TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS:** Sugar Creek Senior Bus Service provides transportation to residents, 60 years of age or older or disabled. Reservations must be made at least one working day in advance. Fee: \$5.00 per person other services by appointment.

■ **YOUTH OF THE MONTH:** Open to all youth residents of sugar creek ages kindergarten-18. Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: During inclement weather, decisions will be made on a day to day basis for activities call before event time.

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