

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

Lewis & Clark Expressway To See Progress

Further progress on the Lewis & Clark Expressway through Sugar Creek is about to see work soon with the imminent completion of the Little Blue Parkway in Independence.

A project 35 years in the making, The Lewis & Clark Expressway will eventually connect Kansas City, Sugar Creek and Independence from I-70 and I-435 near Front Street to Highway 291.

The focus will now be set to begin at the beginning of March.

According to Ron Martinovich, Sugar Creek City Administrator, part of this phase will be the improvements to Sterling Avenue north through The Bluffs of Sugar Creek, across the railroad tracks to Cement City Road. The cost of the Sterling Ave. extension improvements will total approximately \$18 million. A smaller project set to start in March of this year will remove the roundabout at the north end of Sterling, construct new curbing and roadway, and include pedestrian



Sterling Ave. improvements to include a 9-11 Memorial Park

improvements. This part of the project is totally federally funded to the tune of \$2.44 million.

Another part of this phase of the project will be construction of the 9/11 Memorial, permanently displaying a beam from one of the towers that fell in New York City on that date in 2001. The memorial is located just North of the intersec-

tion of Putnam & Sterling opposite side of the Creek from the Police and Fire Department facility. A trail-head will be created as well, along with pedestrian improvements.

The design of the expressway that will extend between Sterling Ave. and I-435 will continue through

— See "Progress on Expressway" on page 4

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Sugar Creek

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend in Sugar Creek on March 16th.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 a.m.: Sugar Creek's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m.

ST. PAT'S DAY EVENTS

10:00 a.m. Sugar Creek's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

3:30 p.m. Basketball – SC Gym

8:00 p.m. Andrea Welch and the NTC Band at Kross's Lounge

AND...enjoy Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner all day!

On Saturday, March 16th, the parade will line up in the Heritage Center Parking lot beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The parade began in 2009 with Grand Marshalls Earl Casey and Jack O'Renck walking 20 steps across

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"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:

- **Sterling Avenue improvement to start on March 1st.**
- **Mass notification system under review.**
- **Design of Wellness/Community Center to include a kitchenette.**
- **Fire Chief to gather information on new firetruck.**
- **Planning Commission discusses storm water issues at Forest/Gill.**

MAYOR'S REPORT ON SUGAR CREEK

Regular Council Meeting — December 10, 2012

1. Approved Ord. No. 3675 authorizing the transfer of funds from the Bluffs fund to the Certificate of Participation Fund. This was the first of the COP funds for this year and it is \$129,662.
2. Approved Ord. No. 3676 approving a Funding Agreement with BP Products North America relating to removal of the Roundabout and Construction of the Sterling Avenue Extension. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, passed out an agreement and stated that when the Board had approved the Reuse Agreement, the obligation was that BP was required to construct, and after the project was finished that part of it was never completed such as landscaping. After the fact, there were some geometric changes that needed to occur in the intersection. The agreement pays the City \$123,778 in lieu of BP making the improvements.
3. Approved Ord. No. 3677 approving an agreement with BP products North America, Inc. to use the Marketing Fund provided for in the Second amendment of the Reuse Agreement dated November 8, 2007 to pay the Cost of Breakout Design for the South portion of the Sterling Ave. improvement. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, stated the Board is aware that in order to utilize the nearly \$2.5 million of federal funds to build the improvement that they will need to split out the thousand feet of roadway from the current design contract. In order to do that, they had to incur the cost to create a separate set of plans to specification. The City of Kansas City had approved City of Sugar Creek to utilize the current funding because of prior authorization to do the design, but by doing that the City had shorted themselves in completing a project in reaching the goal that had right-of-way plans. So the total cost was \$130,311, and with this agreement allows the City to use \$130,301.00 of the marketing funds currently on-hand to pay for that cost.
4. Approved Ord. 3678 approving an Engagement Agreement between the City of Sugar Creek, MO and Cochran Head Vick & Co., P.C. to provide audit services for the City of Sugar Creek.
5. Approved Ord. 3681 approving an agreement between the City and Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District, to provide for Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal locations for Sugar Creek residents for a one year period ending December 31, 2013.
6. Approved Ord. 3682 approving Amendment No. 1 to Electronic Transaction processing agreement between Official Payments Corporation and the City of Sugar Creek.
7. Approved Ord. 3683 authorizing the Financial Officer of the City to make loan payments to the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Energy Leveraged Loan program of the Missouri MDNR.
8. Heard Mayor's Report:
 - Mayor Salva attended a meeting in Jefferson City this past week with the Department of Economic Development and had discussed the City's retail project possible support from the state. He also met with the lobbyists and had setup a meeting with two State Representatives, Mr. Rizzo and Mr. Mayfield, and also included former representative, Mr. Anders, to talk about Sugar Creek and how they could help the City.

Mr. Anders has no responsibility for this region but has offered to get involved because he feels that he still has a vested interest in Sugar Creek. This meeting will take place within the next two to three weeks.

9. Heard Aldermen Reports:

- RAY: brought up a subject from the last meeting regarding business license for landlords. Basically, there will be a \$5,002 fee for the first \$25,000 of income and .29 cents on every thousand after that and hope to have more control of the situation. Alderman Kenney asked if the City would need a vote from the public to establish the new fee. There was discussion if it would be regulatory but Alderman Kenney stated that it was not regulatory and that the occupational license is strictly revenue producing and he was certain that to establish a fee there would need a vote. Alderman Ray asked if anything was happening with Courtney and Cement City Road such as a name change. Paul Loving, Building Official, answered that the issue was brought up as a result of MODOT's request. He said that Susan Davis had an interest in it and spoke to the Board. Mr. Loving continued that MODOT wanted to create a situation that would not be as confusing. The Board has never made a decision on it and Mr. Loving has not been given any instructions. Alderman Doyle thought it was approved to Wayne City. Mr. Loving thought it was a discussion but was not approved by the Board. If that is the case, the City needs to check with the City of Independence Water Company whether they want to be included out of respect. He said that Lilly Mann is the owner of that property. Mayor Salva asked if they had heard from MODOT. MODOT has made a request but has not contacted the City. Mayor Salva felt this was something that needed an answer and requested it be put on the Study Session next month and to invite the interested parties. Mayor Salva would like to have this issue discussed in the February Study Session. Alderman Ray wondered what was going on with the hole by the Best Buy Auto lot that was filled in. It was done with the knowledge of MODOT. Ed Layton, Public Works, said the hole is just filled in but will be a disaster if it rains hard. There was discussion that Best Buy Auto could have put electric tape around the pipes without filling the hole. MODOT is aware of what is going on but with a heavy rain that there will be a lot of flooding. Mayor Salva said that the City will offer assistance but it is not the City's responsibility.

- DOYLE: stated that it was brought to his attention that the post office lot was being cleared of snow by someone else. The Board had no knowledge of that. Regarding recycling, Alderman Doyle says that it is receiving a lot of tires. He knows that tire places charge to take the tires and asked if the City should be charging. He is worried that someone else is making money on it and dumping it on City's property. Ed Layton, Public Works, stated when the bin is taken out that the City does not pay anything. Mayor Salva thought it would be better for the tires to be taken there rather than throwing them out on the roads. Alderman Sagehorn mentioned an incident where someone was throwing furniture out over the track which is a violation of federal law because it interferes with interstate travel.

- KENNEY: stated that it has been three or four months when Paul Loving, Building Official, mentioned receiving

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a little more money from the energy project. Mr. Loving was notified that they would receive a grant totally \$104,000. Alderman Kenney asked if it would make the payments less or if it would go somewhere else. The grant money goes wherever the Board decides to put it but have not yet received the grant. An invoice has been sent.

- SAGEHORN: said he was listening to the scanner on December 31, 2012 which had referenced a group home. He asked Herb Soule, Police Chief, to explain. Mr. Soule said these group homes are for either physically handicapped, mentally handicapped or a division of aging group. Alderman Sagehorn wondered if they could be limited as to the number of group homes within the City. Pat Casey, Fire Chief, felt that it is run as a group home that they should be able to get an occupational license on it and a fire inspection. He felt something should be done to gather more information. The Police Chief had hosted a meeting of police chiefs of Eastern Jackson County last week and he had asked them if they were having similar problems. Most of them were very surprised by the news that this was going on except Grandview who has been fighting it for a few years and they are finding out that group homes are there whenever receiving calls for citizen service. He felt that maybe the City could work with the City of Grandview to see if they are ahead on the problem. Alderman Sagehorn feels that the people may be taken care of but was more concerned with First Responders to know who and what they are dealing with.
- 10. Mayor Salva stated that he had failed to report information from BP in the Study Session. He has a copy of a letter dated January 7, 2013 to Mr. Robert Ashton at EPA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with a copy to Christine Mitchell with MDNR which basically was a progress report of BP products. He feels people sometimes forget that there are a lot of things going on down there such as BP continues operations on various systems including vacuum trucks, hydraulic control pump, interception trans recovery wells, etc. There is still a lot of activity that BP has to do in terms to meet the commitments from EPA and also MDNR.
- 11. City Administrator, Ron Martinovich stated since March 2012 he had talked to the Board a few times regarding federal funds that are allocated to M-291 Highway. There is \$1.6 million of 80/20 match fund. This past week, MODOT had contacted him and said the Federal Highway Administration wants to recover those funds in February. If the Board recalls, Mr. Martinovich had written to LaFarge in November 2012 that included a matched amount for that project as well as River Boulevard where improvements are needed due to truck traffic, and will soon lose the roundabout. He would like to discuss this issue again with the Board. The project is estimated by MODOT to cost \$1.6 million to build and that does include \$129,000 for a right-of-way acquisition which he does not believe the City would need to pay. The City would be responsible for all the construction costs and MODOT would be responsible for finishing the design, contract administration and project inspection. In order to move this forward, there would need a match amount that would range between \$308,000 to \$328,000 based upon this estimate.
- 12. City Clerk Jana Olivarez-Dickerson mentioned the Onka Building monitor position is in the newsletter and will be taking applications until Friday. Also Alderman Ray had requested looking at email blasts to residents along with talking with Salva O'Renck. To move forward with this, February 1 former firefighter, Brad Risinger, who is retiring effective February 1 will contract with the City to work hourly as the City's website monitor.
- 13. Mayor Salva would like to have a front page article in The Sweet Talk regarding the issue with the March 1 date associated with the Lewis and Clark expressway to inform the citizens of Sugar Creek what is going on in the City.

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NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

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

To use this collection, place yardwaste out by 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings, but not more than 24 hours before. Limbs and twigs should be cut in 4-foot sections and tied into bundles with string or twine, NO WIRE. If placing in a container, the container cannot be over 65 lb. or use paper bags, these can be purchased at most hardware stores. Collection normally takes 1-½ working days to finish the entire City depending on the amount of yardwaste in the City.

LARGE ITEM PICK UP— Large item/bulky pick up dates are; April 8, July 8 and October 7, 2013. Watch for more information in the next newsletter. Or call public works for more information.

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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— Sugar Creek Public Works is accepting applications for a limited number of part-time positions for summer work, including mowing, park maintenance, etc. Please submit applications at the Sugar Creek City Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ANNUAL BBQ STATE CHAMPION CONTEST— Announcing the 10th Annual "Smokin' In the Creek" BBQ Cook-Off. This is a Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned event with all KCBS rules applicable. A Kid's Que will be held on Friday April 26 for children 5 to 14, this is open to the public for participation. For more information or for an official application, contact Sue Mikula at 103 South Sterling Sugar Creek, MO 64054. You may also reach her by phone at (816) 252-4413 ext. 302, or via email at smikula@sugar-creek.mo.us.

WATER UTILITY INCREASE

The City of Independence recently advised the City of Sugar Creek that their wholesale water rates will increase for (4) four subsequent years beginning October 1, 2012. The last Base rate change was effective in March 2009 and the commodity charge was last changed in October 2011.

The Board of Alderman on February 11, 2013 approved Ordinance No. 3691 which will adjust the City of Sugar Creek retail rates to be consistent with the increases that Independence has in place now. The base rate for a 5/8" residential meter will increase from \$7.84 to \$9.60 a month. The increase will be in effect on the billing date of 3-31-13. That bill will be due in April 2013.

The rates will change again on October 31, 2013 bill date and each subsequent year on the October 31 billing date thru 2016. The new rate schedule coincides with the City of Independence rate increases that will range from 5.43% to 8.09%. As a reminder the base rate is the cost the City has determined to different per meter sizes because of capacity of volume per minute since larger meters provide higher flows. As an example, a customer with a water consumption of 4,000 gallons of water would have a water bill of \$22.70, which includes the base charge of \$9.60.

There are approximately 700 residential accounts that are served by the City of Independence and their customer's retail water rates also changed on October 1, 2012.



PROGRESS ON EXPRESSWAY

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2013. Thus far the City has utilized approximately \$8 million of funds obtained from the partner cities and federal funds in order to complete design and the first piece of construction. Later this year design of the expressway will reach a design level of 65% strengthening the City's position to attract additional funding that will some day allow a much more efficient route of travel for motorist and business.



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Sterling Avenue. Since then the parade has grown every year. There were so many participating in 2012 that the parade route had to be lengthened to 2 full blocks to allow the parade to turn around.

Anyone is invited to join in the fun just wear your green!!!

Team Hollywood Streetballers game at 3 p.m.:

Team Hollywood streetballers are former NBA Players, Players from the Harlem Globetrotters, and other celebrities traveling around the world visiting a variety of organizations to help spread the word to stop bullying and to help kids see the positive things in life and keep them away from drugs and gangs.

They will be playing against players from the area and residents of the Sugar Creek including some of Sugar Creek's Police and Fire Department employees. St. Cyril's Catholic Church is organizing this event, donations will be accepted.

The next day Sunday March 17, St. Patrick's Day, everyone is welcome to attend Mass with Team Hollywood at St. Cyril's at 9:00 a.m., which will be followed by a brunch.

For more information contact Fr. Matthew Bartulica at 816-252-9564.

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.

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Jayden Young



Jayden attends Plaza Heights Christian Academy. He is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade.

He has volunteered with 'Friends of the Shelter' since 2009. Helping with several fundraisers and adoptions events for the animals at the Independence Animal Shelter. Jayden, along with his parents, adopted their dog Max at an adoption event. Other family members have also adopted dogs from locale events that he has volunteered at.

Jayden played T-ball with the Sugar Creek Parks & Recreation Department for the past 3 years. He enjoys being apart of his cub scout troop. For the past 6 years, Jayden with the help of his family have volunteered and donated toys for a holiday party for children with special needs for E.F.E.C.T (Encourage Families with Exceptional Children Together); a non-profit group. Jayden is very close with his family and enjoys volunteering to help others, whether it be animals or people.

Jayden, son of Ben and Nichole Young, Grandson of Larry and Tracy Wheaton.

If you know someone like Jayden who is under the age of 18, nominations are being accepted at City Hall, Attn: Connie Halastik

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14. Police Chief Herb Soule did not understand the email blast. Because of citizen input, Mr. Soule has proposals on mass notification systems that could take place by zones either by phone or email. So if the police department is on pursuit of a criminal in a particular zone that the citizens in that zone area could be notified.
15. Public Works Director Ed Layton handed out a flyer that will be included in the February issue of The Sweet Talk. The other two pages included is a list of what had been done regarding trash in the last year. It is an idea of what Public Works has done as far as the recycling program. He said it has been a lot easier since they started using the truck having the single stream and it is easier on the worker. He mentioned that Alderman Doyle was upset about people making a business out of tires. Alderman Doyle corrected Mr. Layton that he was upset of a business getting paid \$2.00 a tire. Mr. Layton directed attention to the totals for Sugar Creek vehicles and residential voters on Page 2. There is no way that Sugar Creek residents could have that much solid waste after the City takes that much with their trucks. Residents do bring stuff in because it is a system that does not punish someone for having more trash. Mr. Martinovich confirmed that the residents haul 1,200 tons in addition to what the City hauls off. It is hard to regulate people if they will not abide by the rules, and luckily it is free. The landfill is flexible in how the landfill permits are written. Mr. Martinovich wondered what the actual cost of disposal would be for a ton. Mr. Layton felt there needed to be a Study Session in the future as Mayor Salva agreed.
16. City Treasurer/Finance Officer Linda Martinovich said the auditors are working on 2012 audit which will be completed by March 31, 2013. She also reminded that next month the residents will be billed an annual fee for water primacy and sewer connection. Mayor Salva asked if this issue was included in The Sweet Talk. Ms. Martinovich thought it could be included in next month's issue.
17. Building Official Paul Loving stated the Planning Commission had met on January

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SUGAR CREEK

March 2013 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

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

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5:30 p.m. SC Sugar Mamas
Delinquent date for utilities

6 p.m. Study Session
7 p.m. Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. Municipal Court
Police and Fire Bldg.

6 p.m. Study Session
7 p.m. Council Meeting

12 p.m. Poduck Lunch
Mike Onka Hall
6:30 p.m. Municipal Court
Police and Fire Bldg.

6:30 p.m. Garden Club
Meeting - Sugar Creek Gym
7 p.m. Planning/Zoning
Commission Mtg. - City Hall

10 a.m. St. Pat's Day Parade
3:30 p.m. Team Holywood
Basketball Sugar Creek Gym

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Optimist Club Easter Hunt
Harrison Park

SPRING MYSTERY TRIP

New Dinner Theater

Past due notification date

EASTER SUNDAY
31

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Spring
Craft Fair Mike Onka Hall

CITIZENS OPINIONS ARE NEEDED!

Your input is very important! The City's Wellness Center design team is requesting your help with selecting the architecture for the new Wellness Center to be located at Thompson and Sterling Ave. To provide us your feedback, please log on to the site shown below and follow the prompts.

The site will be open between the dates of March 11 to the close of business on March 18. Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have questions, please contact Connie Halastik at 816 252-4400 ext. 137

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Smokin' In The Creek



Mike Onka
Memorial Building
11520 Putnam
Sugar Creek MO

April 26, 2013
Music starts at 8:00 p.m.
10th Annual state champion
BBQ Cook-Off

Shuttle Parking starts 5:00 p.m.
Sterling Ave and Evans
Watch for signs.



Team Contact
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smikula@sugar-creek.mo.us

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10, 2013 and at the encouragement of several of the commissioners they had discussed storm water issues on the east side of Forest at Gill Street and Mallinson Road. The commission had felt that it was important for the Board to be notified that with the school opening this fall that they are concerned with heavy rainfalls which might impact traffic northbound or southbound on Forest or Gill Street and Mallinson Road. In fact, the Commission formulated a motion to consider how to approach the storm water issues so it will not create a safety hazard if a heavy rainfall occurs.

18. Mayor Salva stated a concern of the supervisor on the final design of the Wellness/Community Center. The design the Board had approved did not have a facility in regard to food in the building. After reflecting on that, he had talked to Connie and asked the Board to consider a small-like kitchenette to be included. He knows that it might cost a little more but he would like to go back and talk to the architect to see if there would be an easy way to incorporate a kitchenette into the building. Mayor Salva asked how the Board felt about the issue. The Board was in agreement. Mayor Salva asked to find out information to include a kitchenette.
19. Fire Chief Pat Casey stated the 2012 Run Summary was not included in the packets. It was just runs for last year and the most fires was approximately 550 and thought they are at 610 calls for last year. If the heat stayed longer that they would have had more but it had tapered off after the heat died down. Casey wanted the Board's approval to get a bid on a fire truck to get a hard number of the cost. He had talked to others and found out about "creative financing" with a bank in Manhattan. If put out a bid and received a truck by end of 2013 that it would be another year before making payments which would be looking at a late 2014 budget or possibly 2015 budget depending on amount of money that had been put back. They have been having a lot of trouble with E1. Pumper 2 is a '77 and would go as a reserve truck and the one being used every day would go to a second reserve truck. Mayor Salva did not feel there was a problem.

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...

MARCH 2013

■ **computer classes**

Computer Basics– Tuesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 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, March 12 and Thursday, March 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.

Twitter Basics– Tuesday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m. What is Twitter and what am I supposed to do with it? Come to this class and find out! Twitter is a popular social networking product that allows you to share and update your friends quickly. Join us and see if it is right for you.

Facebook Basics– Thursday, March 28 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– Saturdays, March 2, March 16 and March 30 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– Thursdays, March 14 and March 28 at 1:30 p.m. Come join our After Lunch Book Club to read and discuss great books. We will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Sugar Creek Branch Library.

Teen Creek After Hours– Friday, March 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– Wednesdays, March 13 and March 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.

Family Story Time– Wednesdays, March 13 and March 27 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

Teen Creek Book Club– Monday, March 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.

———— SUGAR CREEK LIBRARY HOURS ————

Monday – Thursday	12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED



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Sugar Creek, MO 64054

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PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - MARCH 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 – MARCH 12:** 12:00 p.m., held at Mike Onka Hall, 1520 Putnam. Theme for this will be Breakfast for Lunch; we will provide a breakfast casserole.

■ **CASINO DAY TRIP– MARCH 8:** 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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **AMANA COLONIES AND PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL – APRIL 30 TO MAY 3:** Join us as we travel to Iowa for a tour of Amana Colonies and the annual Pella Iowa Tulip Festival. If interested, call for pricing and brochure.

■ **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 incliment weather, decisions will be made on a day to day basis for activities call before event time.

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