

# 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 Lovingf

### Director of Public Works

Ed Layton

### City Attorney

C. Robert Buckley

### Municipal Judge

Garry L. Helm

### Municipal Court Clerk

Cassie Williams

## Annual BBQ Cook-Off To Be Held April 26

Hometown band Andrea & The NTC Band will perform Friday night during the tenth annual Smokin' in the Creek BBQ Cook-Off.

Hosted by the City of Sugar Creek and sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society, Smokin' in the Creek draws teams from near and far. It will be held at the Mike Onka Memorial Building starting at 4 p.m. Friday, April 26.

Because of construction in the area, attendees will be directed where to park by signs posted along Sterling. A shuttle bus will be available, too. Residents are encouraged to check the city's web site for more specific information closer to the event.

Andrea & The NTC Band will perform under a tent outside the Onka building from 8-10 p.m., Friday.

Smokin' in the Creek will feature an expected 50-plus adult teams smoking their hearts out in one of five categories — including a dessert division.

Though attendees to Smokin' in



the Creek cannot taste any of the registered teams' cooking — that is the job of the judges the next day — there will be a number of food booths offering barbeque and that which goes with it for sale on Friday.

T-shirts will also be sold this year.

The Kids' Q is open to the public, said Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator for the City of

Sugar Creek. There will be two divisions; 6-10 year-olds and 11-15 year-olds. She said registration for the kids is \$10.

In the Kids' Q, the young contestants will be given ground meat to grill. Grills will be provided, but contestants should bring their own grilling tools and condiments. Grilling will begin at 5 p.m. Friday,

— See "Annual BBQ Competition" on page 4

## It's Time To Get Ready For Severe Weather

Now is the time to prepare for Severe Weather.

There are three storm shelters in the City of Sugar Creek.

- Carefree Industrial Park, 1600 N M-291 Hwy go to the guard shack and they will direct you to the shelter, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- City Hall, 103 S Sterling, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

- Sugar Creek Police & Fire Campus, 1001 Heroes Way, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

In the event you cannot make it to a shelter, here are some tips that may help you.

**In a house with a basement:** Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection



(heavy table or work bench), or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag. Know where very heavy ob-

— See "Preparing For Bad Weather" on page 4



*"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:

- **Construction of the entrance to Lewis & Clark Expressway starts March 1st.**
- **City of Independence pays for sewer easement.**
- **City of Independence drives up water rates.**
- **Licensing of dog and cats under investigation.**
- **Department Head Team Meetings a success.**
- **City says good-by to Courtney Ridge's John McConnell, a good friend**

# MAYOR'S REPORT ON SUGAR CREEK

## Regular Council Meeting — January 28, 2013

1. Student of the Month Certificate Presentation was presented to the Family of Jayden Young, youth of the month, 2013.
2. Mayor ProTem Kenney recognized Josko Wrabec in becoming a full time Sugar Creek Police Officer.
3. Heard Mayor's Report:
  - Approved Ord. No. 3684 between the City and Holliday Sand and Gravel Company for the purchase of deicing salt to be used by the Public Works Depart. For use on City streets.
  - Approved Ord. No. 3685 approving the construction Agreement for the Lewis and Clark Expressway between the City and Gunter Construction Company. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, stated this would form an agreement between Gunter Construction Company with a low bid of \$2,044,000 to construct about 1,000 feet of roadway improvements on Sterling that start roughly at the creek crossing and extend through to the north side of the roundabout. There is also a 911 Memorial, a pedestrian bridge with pedestrian improvements and a trail head.
  - Approved Ord. 3679 a Settlement Agreement and Release between Kenneth Maxwell and Linda Jo Maxwell doing business as BSC equipment and the City of Sugar Creek, and approving the M-P-1 Plan as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
  - Approved Ord. 3687 providing for a Municipal General Election to be held in the City of Sugar Creek, MO, on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The offices to be voted on will be Mayor, City Marshal, Alderman Ward 1 and Alderman Ward 2.
  - Approved Ord. 3688 authorizing payment to the City of Independence for expenses related to Christmas in Branson Tour Co-Sponsored by Sugar Creek Parks & Recreation and Independence Parks & Recreation. Connie Halastik, Parks and Recreation, indicated that this was a partnered trip with the Palmer Center.
4. Heard Aldermen Reports:
  - RAY: asked if it was possible once a quarter to do a feature story on a local business in the newsletter. He also asked if anything was to be done with the roads at Carlisle and Norledge. Ed Layton, Public Works, stated they are looking to extend the culvert on Norledge and hope to have funds for that project.
  - SAGEHORN: asked the City Administrator if there would be discussion regarding water rates at the next meeting. Mr. Martinovich stated he had planned on discussing in February.
5. City Administrator Ron Martinovich had sent a note to the Board regarding the possibility of using funding obtained from LaFarge to match federal funds on 291, and the goal was to seek MODOT's concurrence. He knows they are still working on it and has not received a response as of yet. He hopes by next meeting he will have a response from MODOT and would like to send out additional information. Alderman Ray asked if it had something to do when the landfill was first put in and the realigning of the road. Trans System did a traffic analysis which looked at traffic and safety between Courtney and Kentucky and there were four projects that came out of the possibility of five, and they had prioritized each project and it related to that crossover. Mr. Martinovich said the first project was related to extending the east outer roadway back to Courtney. Originally, there was private funding from Allied Waste who had provided \$1.3 million which relieved them in some permit obligations. Those funds were used on a different project. Subsequent to that, the Mayor through Congressman Cleaver had federal funds moved from Lewis and Clark to 291. Mr. Martinovich stated that those funds require a match to build the project and are trying to utilize those federal funds. He realizes there are a lot of priorities and limited funding but he wanted the Board to understand how it came about and what the issues are. One might think a safety issue was related to the amount of traffic that goes to the landfill but he felt that was not the case but instead the large trucks accessing Carefree. Alderman Sagehorn also asked the City Administrator where they were at with Woodman sewer connection. Mr. Martinovich said the Mayor had stated that he was going to get with the Public Works Director to have them connect it.
6. City Clerk Jana Dickerson-Olivarez said they were going to be

7. conducting interviews for the position of Onka Building Monitor. Police Chief Herb Soule stated at the last Council Meeting the Board had indicated an interest in the renaming of Cement City Road. He did not know if he was expected to handle the situation or if it was assigned to someone else. Chief Soule questioned what the name would be and how far the road would go. He felt the simplest would be to rename it Courtney Road from the west side of 291 to the water company; however, there was an interest expressed changing it to Wayne City Road all the way to LaFarge while someone else had mentioned all the way back to Vermont. Mr. Layton indicated that Susan Davis and Steve Kidwell were working together to come up with a mutual agreement. Chief Soule said the problem was that the streets do not end at the highway but ended at the median in the middle of the two lanes and if an accident occurs on one side it is one street and if occurred in the other lane exactly parallel then it would be the other street.
8. Linda Martinovich notified the Board that a check was received in the amount of \$60,000 for the sewer easement from Independence and that tomorrow, 01/29/13, a discussion with Piper to move the advance refunding option forward. City Administrator stated that during budget there were two revenues that were included in the budget: one, \$60,000 payment from the City of Independence for easement and, two, asphalt tanks and he felt that they would receive that check this week from Bettis Asphalt.

## Regular Council Meeting — February 11, 2013

1. Approved Ord. No. 3686 an Agreement Amendment 1 to Design Services Contract between the City and CDM Smith, Inc. for design of Lewis and Clark Expressway Project DP-3400 (408). Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, stated this completes an environmental assessment on the west end of the corridor and the vicinity of Bayer Corporation property.
2. Approved Ord. 3689 approving to count the disadvantage business enterprise cost towards the goal of 12% that needs to be met. He continued that this would formalize the work that was completed in December 2012. The cost will be paid in its entirety with local resources that were provided by BP. Mr. Martinovich said the total cost of the breakout design was \$130,301.99.
3. Approved Ord. 3690 authorizing payment to KC Wireless, Inc. for repairs to the City's radio tower in the amount of \$6,020. Ed Layton, Public Works Director, stated this had to be changed because of governmental requirements with the radio system.
4. Approved Ord. No. 3691 authorizing the City to increase water rates for residential and commercial/industrial users in the City. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, stated that back in October 2012 they were notified that the City of Independence wholesale rate schedule was to change. Alderman Sagehorn felt that since the City's rates are being raised that there is no other choice but to pass it on to the consumer. Mayor Salva questioned how well informed the citizens of Sugar Creek are and wondered if a notice had been published in The Sweet Talk. Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk, said there was a statement included that a rate increase was being considered based upon City of Independence increases but she thought that since it had not been passed that it had not been published in The Sweet Talk. She thought that it could be put into the March issue. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, stated there was ample time because the consumption in March would not be billed until the month of April. Linda Martinovich, City Finance Officer, felt that she could get an insert included with the utility bill. Mayor Salva said that the citizens of Sugar Creek should be notified by March 1 and then the impact would be in April.
5. Heard Mayor's Report:
  - Mayor Salva will be attending an MML Board Meeting in Jefferson City on February 12, 2013 and Alderman Ray will be attending the Legislative Conference also in Jefferson City on February 12, 2013.
  - Mayor Salva stated there is a bill that has been drafted in Jefferson City that dramatically impacts the way Solid Waste Management occurs in the county. Right now, the Solid Waste District consists of a five-county area, which includes Sugar

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Creek, and it is monitored and handled by the Mid America Regional Council at which they get certain fees for monitoring this and it may change. He continued that there are also changes being made in terms of how landfills handle their fees. Mayor Salva was not certain what the impact would be on the City. The Mayor said the MidAmerica Regional Council Solid Waste Unit does a good job in promoting recycling in providing other avenues for waste disposal other than just putting it in a landfill.

6. Heard Aldermen Reports:

- **SAGEHORN:** thought there would be discussion regarding licensing of dogs and cats. Bob Buckley, City Attorney, had drafted an ordinance in 2010 but could not recall why it died, whether due to inattention or apathy. Alderman Sagehorn knew that the people did not want to have the license but the question is - how do you know if the dogs are vaccinated for rabies, etc., if you do not have something that controls it? Captain, Richard Hodges, Captain of Police, said the City had a past ordinance and Linda Cearnal former City Collector asked for it to be taken out of the ordinance book because people were not showing up to get their dogs vaccinated at the Vaccination Day at Harrison Park. The issue is that there are a lot of cats and dogs roaming the City and it is not known if they have been vaccinated or not. Captain Hodges also mentioned that most owners are responsible with their animals and that the City deals with about 10% of the community and the other 90% of the community follows the law. Alderman Sagehorn asked about Heating and Air Conditioning at the police building. He knew at one time there was a proposal given to the Board and asked the status. Paul Loving, Building Official, had met with Herb Soule, Police Chief, and Randy Cheatum with MMC and had gone over the issue along with an explanation of the difficulty that the existing system is causing. Alderman Sagehorn also brought up the issue of the Wellness Center floor plan. He asked if needed approval from the Board to move forward. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, wanted an indication if the Board had approved the floor plan and what was being proposed. Mr. Martinovich stated that if the Board was okay with the floor plan that he would move forward, and Alderman Sagehorn agreed. Mayor Salva asked if the Parks and Recreation Advisory Group had seen the floor plan with the kitchen addition. Connie Halastik, Parks and Recreation, stated they liked the floor plan. Alderman Sagehorn also asked where they stood with Helicopter Group. Connie Halastik, Parks and Recreation, stated she received the application and two recommendation letters. Ron Martinovich, City Administrator, felt there should be some type of an agreement to describe the area, the insurance requirements, what they can and cannot do, etc. Alderman Sagehorn thought that Ed Layton, Public Works, had been contacted to take them on a tour but Mr. Layton had talked to the individual and he knows exactly what his perimeters are. Mr. Layton also talked with the representatives of the Water Company and they have no issue with the security as long as there are no cameras on the machines. Alderman Sagehorn was going to participate in a meeting regarding Village of River Bend Development at the Police Department while representing the City but it had been postponed until March 5th. They want to discuss putting a trash collection facility on the other side of the river around 2,800 feet from the river wells.

7. City Administrator Ron Martinovich requested the Board to consider a special meeting in regards to the construction engineering contract relating to the Sterling Avenue Project. He had talked to MODOT because he is waiting on their approval. There are about nine items that have been submitted to the engineering firms but they are not doing any work until they get the construction engineering contract in place. Mr. Martinovich said it is 100% fully funded with federal funds.
8. City Clerk Jana Olivarez-Dickerson said there had been a few times the team meetings have been discussed and she wanted the Board as well as the audience to be aware of what the Team Meeting concept is. The team includes the Mayor, all department heads and Deputy City Clerk. The purpose is to meet and go through what each department might have coming up. She stated they are finding it to be very informative and a good way to communicate.
9. Police Chief Herb Soule reported Richard Hodges had a small citizens meeting and one of the things that was brought up was the emergency notification in case of weather, missing children, etc. There are several options, one of which is Code Red which is a company of an annual cost of approximately \$3,800 for the use of their phone system. He said if to have severe weather, tornado threat, etc., that they could go onto the website and put in the radius area in which to notify people of the situation.
10. Public Works Director Ed Layton said that a good friend of about 20 years, John McConnell, Republic, has been promoted to a different job. He wanted to let the Board know that they have had such a good relationship with Mr. McConnell with him always reliable and there and that he will be missed. His replacement is Nick Babcock. Mayor Salva added that Mr. McConnell was very responsible

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# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Public Works

**LARGE ITEM PICK UP WILL BEGIN APRIL 8–** It normally takes 5 to 7 days to cover the entire city so please be patient with our crew. Generally, the first month is very heavy so it usually takes a few extra days.

Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. on April 8, but not more than 72 hours prior to that time.

Yard waste should be placed in Kraft paper bags or containers and should not be mixed with refuse. Large branches/limbs must be at the curb.

Extra refuse is defined as; “items of refuse which are not banned from landfills and are too large to be loaded in the solid waste collection vehicles.”

**YARD WASTE COLLECTION–** On April 4, Public Works will begin the yard waste collection. Place yard waste at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning but no earlier than 24 hours. Limbs and branches with 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 weigh over 65 lb. You can also use paper bags that can be purchased at most hardware stores. For more information please contact the Department of Public Works at 252-4413.

**LANDFILL PERMITS–** Remember a Landfill Permit is issued for the day it is going to be used. Please bring your Sugar Creek utility bill to the Public Works when obtaining a permit. The bill must be current and up to date.

**REFUSE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION–** According to Sugar Creek Code “Section 14-25 Prohibited practices”

(a) Generally, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

(6) To place, or permit to be placed, any solid waste container in a place where it can be seen from the public right-of-way, except when it is set out for pickup, but in such case no sooner than sunset on the day before pickup and no later than sunrise the day after pickup.”

## Friends of Sugar Creek

ANNUAL SPRING

# BENEFIT BARBECUE

Wednesday, May 15th, 2013

From 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Serving

**LUNCH & DINNER \$8.00**

*Serving Smoked  
Pulled Pork and Brisket*

Mike Onka Building

11520 East Putnam Sugar Creek, MO

All proceeds benefit the Sugar Creek Historical Society



## ANNUAL BBQ COMPETITION

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with judging at 6:30 p.m.

Once again, the adult winners of Smokin' in the Creek – which is a state championship contest – will be automatically entered in the American Royal Barbeque in October.

Mikula said there are four divisions in the barbecue contest: chicken, pork ribs, brisket and pork shoulder. Local teams are welcome and there is a hometown division.

For more information and to register – either kids or adult teams – call Mikula, 252-4413, extension 302, by April 19 for the adult teams; April 24 for the Kids' Q competition. She is also looking for volunteers; those interested in volunteering should call the same number.

There is no gate fee for the general public.



## PREPARING FOR BAD WEATHER

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jects rest on the floor above (pianos, refrigerators, waterbeds, etc.) and do not go under them. They may fall down through a weakened floor and crush you. Head protection, such as a helmet, can offer some protection also.

**In a house with no basement, a dorm, or an apartment:** Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands. A bath tub may offer a shell of partial protection. Even in an interior room, you should cover yourself with some sort of thick padding (mattress, blankets, etc.), to protect against falling debris in case the roof and ceiling fail. A helmet can offer some protection against head injury.

## SUGAR CREEK FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2013!

Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 Sugar Creek Family of the Year. If you know of a family that exemplifies the true meaning of family we would love to here who you believe should be honored as the Family of the Year. Please submit your nomination and a brief summary of why they are being nominated and send to City Hall, 103 S. Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO 64054 or you are more than welcome to e-mail the nomination to City Clerk Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, at [jdickerson@sugar-creek.mo.us](mailto:jdickerson@sugar-creek.mo.us) Deadlines for applications will be Friday, April 26, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

## Slavic Festival To Be June 7, 8

The Sugar Creek Slavic Festival is gearing up for its 28th annual event June 7 and 8. Grammy nominee Alex Meixner returns from Florida to headline the event, Festival organizer Debbie Ray said. "Alex is an amazing entertainer," Ray said. "We had great comments from people who caught his shows in the past few years."



This year, the Festival is encouraging people of all ages to do the "Cabbage Roll." The Festival will invite people to submit a video of their version of the "Cabbage Roll" dance, which is being choreographed for the Festival. Ray said the Festival will have details about this exciting contest on the Festival website. "Dancing is an important part of our Slavic heritage and how we share our culture at the Slavic Festival," Ray said. "This year, we're inviting people to join in our love of dance in a fun way. If you can do the Harlem Shake, you can do the 'Cabbage Roll.'"

This year's headlining performer, Meixner will be busy leading up to the Slavic Festival, with performances scheduled in Florida, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Also featured will be local favorites the Sugar Creek Tamburitzans, Kolo Kids and Ethnic Dance Troupe - plus groups from across the metro area. Visitors can once again feast on Slavic meals, witness the madness of the annual sausage-eating contest, browse artifacts in the history exhibit or watch their young ones have fun in the Kids Zone.

The financial success of the festival has made a major impact on Sugar Creek with close to \$200,000 donated to community projects over the years by the Slavic Festival's Fair & Festival Board. It's an effort aided by sponsorships from businesses and individuals as part of the Community Arts Partners program.

The Slavic Festival is held on the Mike Onka Memorial Building grounds, 11520 East Putnam, in Sugar Creek, Mo. Dates and hours are 5 to 11:30 p.m. on Friday, June 7 and 3 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. Admission is \$3 for adults. For more information, visit [www.slavicfest.com](http://www.slavicfest.com).

### Dance Practice Begins May 6

Want to join in the fun? Dance practice for the Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe and Kolo Kids will begin on Monday, May 6 at the Sugar Creek Gym. Practice for children ages 3 and up will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the adult practice for both men and women will begin at 7:30 p.m. No experience is necessary and it's a great chance to have some fun while getting a good work out. Contact Debbie Ray at (816) 461-4877 for more information.

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- getting his company to make donations to the City through buying tables at different events and contributing the Concert Fund, etc. The Mayor thought to issue a letter thanking John McConnell and wishing him the best and have the entire Board sign it.
11. City Treasurer/Finance Officer Linda Martinovich said that they are trying to streamline the payroll processing and she had enlisted Public Safety assistance in trying not to have quite as much paper and to use the server. In the future, they may be asking for a timesheet model and software which may be approximately \$2,000 so departments could enter their time.
  12. Building Official Paul Loving said that they did not receive funding on either of the applications for funding the school sidewalks. Mayor Salva reiterated that they did not receive funding but are on the alternate list. The alternate list will be considered if more money is available.
  13. Parks and Recreation Supervisor Connie Halastik stated the Mike Onka Building fees have been approved but Cari had been receiving a number of calls as to people wanting to come in a day before to setup. She asked if an extra fee should be charged for those hours of usage or for the whole day. Alderman Sagehorn asked for a suggested charge. Ms. Halastik answered \$50 an hour for the extra time. Alderman Doyle agreed because it would be an extra day. Alderman Sagehorn felt being a resident should have a lower charge. Ms. Halastik asked if that was something that should be included in the ordinance. Bob Buckley, City Attorney, said the rate was passed by motion not an ordinance. Mayor Salva said that they did not need an ordinance but could add to the existing policy and can make a motion. A vote was taken and the motion did not pass. The fee will remain \$50.00.s

# SUGAR CREEK SWEET TALK

## April 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](http://www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City_News.html)

911  
252-7058

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 Refuse Route 1	2 Refuse Route 2 MUNICIPAL ELECTION	3 Refuse Route 3	4 Yardwaste Pickup	5	6 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Money Smart Fair Lanard Hall
7	8 Refuse Route 1 Bulky Item Pickup	9 Refuse Route 2 12 p.m. Poduck Lunch Mike Onka Hall 6:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg.	10 Refuse Route 3	11 Yardwaste Pickup 7 p.m. Planning/Zoning Commission Mtg. - City Hall	12	13
14	15 Refuse Route 1 6 p.m. Study Session 7 p.m. Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. SC Sugar Mamas	16 Refuse Route 2	17 Refuse Route 3	18 Yardwaste Pickup Delinquent date for utilities	19	20
21	22 Refuse Route 1	23 Refuse Route 2 6:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg.	24 Refuse Route 3	25 Yardwaste Pickup	26 8:00 p.m. BPO Concert Mike Onka Building	27
28	29 Refuse Route 1 6 p.m. Study Session 7 p.m. Council Meeting Past due notification date	30 Refuse Route 2	05/01 Refuse Route 3	05/02 Yardwaste Pickup		

### REMEMBER...

**CLUB WALK:** Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9-10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym  
**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS:** Every Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym - \$5.00 per class

# FREE MONEY SMART FAIR



Saturday, April 6, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Do you want to learn more about  
Investments, Budgeting, Banking, & Taxes  
but not sure where to look?

Come check out the local businesses that  
will be at the Money Smart Fair to help  
answer all of your questions for FREE!

Get helpful tips on job searching from the  
H&R Block Career Center!

The Money Smart Fair will be at  
Lanard Hall (*Behind the Sugar Creek Library!*)  
located at 106 S Sterling Avenue, Sugar Creek, MO



For more information

call the Sugar Creek Library at 816-701-3489

# Smokin' In The Creek

FREE CONCERT

ANDREA AND THE NTC BAND

FRIDAY APRIL 26 8:00 P.M.



Mike Onka  
Memorial Building  
11520 Putnam  
Sugar Creek MO

Sugar Creek MO  
10th Annual state champion  
BBQ Cook-Off

Kid's Q is open to the public, please  
contact Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext 302

WATCH FOR SATELLITE  
PARKING LOCATIONS.  
SHUTTLE BEGINS AT 5 P.M.



Team Contact

Sue Mikula 816-252-4413 ext. 302

smikula@sugar-creek.mo.us

# NEIGHBORLY NEWS

## Eskridge Will Be Missed

Jack Eskridge, 89 of Valley Falls, Kan., passed away Monday, February 11, 2013, at Centerpoint Medical Center. Jack was a former resident of Sugar Creek. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.speakschapel.com](http://www.speakschapel.com).

## CCRC Says "Thank You!"

The Citizens Civic Relief Commission, (CCRC) Food Pantry, want to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors here in Sugar Creek for your generous sharing and support during our monthly collections of food items, and our 2012 fund drive.

In this same calendar year, 2012 we recorded helping the following number of families within our community:

<b>Persons Assisted</b> .....	<b>1,205</b>
<b>Families</b> .....	<b>477</b>
<b>Adults</b> .....	<b>739</b>
<b>Children</b> .....	<b>596</b>
<b>Seniors</b> .....	<b>83</b>
<b>New Families</b> .....	<b>46</b>
<b>Homeless</b> .....	<b>13</b>

Again, our Clients and Volunteers want to thank you for your help, when needed, of your neighbors within our community.

Please keep in mind that we are in need of a couple of Volunteers to help keep the pantry shelves replenished and organized. We are still open Tuesday and Thursdays, 2:00, 3:30 afternoons.



## Zumba® Schedule Update

Last April, the citizens of Sugar Creek were presented with the opportunity to try out Zumba® Fitness classes. These classes were welcomed with open arms and are now a part of many peoples' fitness routines. Due to the positive response, a second class has been added.

Here is an updated schedule of the Sugar Creek Zumba® classes, along with information about classes:

- When:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Where:** Sugar Creek Gym until April 24th, then Onka Hall from April 29th until the weather cools down.
- Cost:** \$5 per class or a 10 class pass for \$50
- Wear:** Comfortable clothing and shoes. Don't forget to bring water.
- Other questions:** Email [krystal@casadefitness.com](mailto:krystal@casadefitness.com)

Forget about the workout, just lose yourself in the music and find yourself in shape at the ultimate dance-fitness party!

**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*



## At the library...

APRIL 2013

### ■ computer classes

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 4 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, April 9 and Thursday, April 11 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.

**Email Basics**– Tuesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 18 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.

**Use the Library to Get That Job!**– Tuesday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. Get helpful tips on job searching and resume building from Eric Petersen, Librarian from the H & R Block Business & Career Center.

**Facebook Basics**– Thursday, April 25 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.

**Powerpoint Basics**– Tuesday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. Are you curious about what Powerpoint can do for you? Join us for an introduction to this multimedia tool that allows you to put together professional presentations.

### ■ crafts

**Quilting For The People**– Saturdays, April 13, and April 27 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

**Ultimate Couponing**– Wednesday, April 10 and March 28 at 11:00 a.m. Join couponing expert Michelle Brown at the Sugar Creek Branch Library as she shares her tips and tricks on being a successful saver.

**After Lunch Book Club**– Thursdays, April 11 and April 25 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, April 5, from 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, April 10 and April 24 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, April 10 and April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

**Teen Creek Book Club**– Tuesday, April 30 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!



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## PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - APRIL 2013

■ **SUGAR CREEK SUGAR MAMAS:** Meet the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. 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 – APRIL 9:** 12:00 p.m., held at Mike Onka Hall, 1520 Putnam. Theme for this will be BBQ; we will provide BBQ Brisket.

■ **CASINO DAY TRIP– APRIL 12:** Travel with us to a local casino for the day! You need to pre-register. Cost: \$5.00 per person.

■ **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 have a guest speaker giving us information on spring plantings.

■ **OIL PAINTING CLASS – APRIL 20:** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Held at the Police and Fire Building, 1001 Heroes Way. All supplies are included take home a beautiful oil painting at the end of the class. Class taught by Certified Bob Ross instructor Jean Libby. Class size is limited to 12 Register early. Cost: \$35.00 per person

■ **TOUR OF IRELAND – NOVEMBER 4:** This will be a nine day tour,

so hop aboard 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.

■ **HIT, PITCH AND RUN COMPETITION:** We will host the pitch, hit and run competition this year for ages 7-14. This will be held the first of May, with date and times TBA. Call if interested to be put on the mailing list.

■ **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 K-18. Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall.

■ **PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS:** Park shelters are open for reservation. The shelter rental rates for 2013 are \$50.00 security deposit that will be returned within thirty days after rental, \$75.00 rental fee. Both fee's must be paid at time of reservation to secure your date. No rate increase for Harrison Park it will remain at \$50.00.

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