

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor
Matt Mallinson

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 Lovings

**Director of
Public Works**
Ed Layton

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C. Robert Buckley

Municipal Judge
Garry L. Helm

Municipal Court Clerk
Cassie Williams

Mallinson Sworn In As City's New Mayor



Newly elected Mayor Matt Mallinson is sworn into office by City Clerk Jana Olivarez-Dickerson.

Matt Mallinson, a fourth generation Creeker, is the new mayor of Sugar Creek.

As a past alderman for the City of Sugar Creek, past president of the Business and Civic Club, and current vice president of the

Independence School District board, Mallinson says the city needs to be run like a business. Further, that with his business experience — he has owned Matt's Medicine Store since 1987 — he can help shape the future of Sugar Creek.

Mallinson was born and raised in Sugar Creek. His family has been in town since the 1860s. It is his ancestor, Abraham Mallinson, for whom Sugar Creek's new elemen-

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City Planning To Go 'CodeRED' This Year

Thanks to a \$5,000 donation from the Sugar Creek Fair and Festival Board, the CodeRED Emergency Notification System is set to go into service between May 15 and June 1 of this year.

The City of Sugar Creek, has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas over the entire covered region. This service is available to all Sugar Creek residents.

Sugar Creek Police Chief Herb Soule said messages to residents using this system can be delivered via home telephone number, cell phone number, text or e-mail. He said there is no direct cost to residents for this service

and the police department will budget for this on an annual basis from now on.

By using the Code Red System, residents will be quickly notified about weather alerts in the area, information about missing or abducted children, boil orders regarding water use and other urgent situations.

While it is voluntary to become part of the system, Soule said that in talks he has given to residents and groups recently, indications are that it is being enthusiastically received.

Soule cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. "If

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Sugar Creek Pays Tribute To Long-Time City Official With An Upcoming Reception For Former Mayor

An era has come to an end in Sugar Creek.

Stan Salva, who served 30 years as either an alderman or mayor of Sugar Creek, lost his bid for re-election.

Salva said he was proud to have served the City of Sugar Creek for so many years, working with an outstanding Board and a very competent City staff. He further stated that he felt that in the 14 years he spent as Mayor much was accomplished for the residents of Sugar Creek. Over \$37 million of new money flowed into the City during his tenure. Some of the more noted accomplishments included:

He was able to pull together an efficient and effective staff at City Hall.

His involvement with bringing that portion of the Kansas City School District within the City of Sugar Creek to the Independence School District.

His work with the \$30 million BP/Amoco settlement that led to the creation of The Bluffs at Sugar Creek.

His work toward the creation of the 9-11 Memorial Park that is currently under construction.

His work on a new public safety campus, including a police and fire department building.

His work toward the construction of a new multi-purpose wellness center currently under design.

And his work on the design of the Lewis and Clark segment linking the City to I-435.

And, personally, he was proud of his involvement with the Mid-America Regional Council and Bridging the Gap and being honored with the David Garcia Award for Environmental Excellence.

Salva also created a Concert in the Park series, which includes the annual Sugar Creek Slavic Festival and has become the Midwest's premier



celebration of Slavic culture.

Last year, the City of Sugar Creek, along with the Sugar Creek Fair & Festival Board, presented Salva with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work with the Slavic Fest and other community activities.

A few weeks ago in a Facebook post, his grandson, Zach Salva, said it best, perhaps: "Very few people, if any, throughout the course of my life have managed to leave more of a lasting impact on me than my Grandfather, Mayor Stan Salva... He has achieved progress in Sugar Creek by leaps and bounds through his honest and sincere dedication to improving the quality of life for its citizens. As a steward not just of economic progress but of cultural remembrance, he has actively sought to encourage the celebration of the rich heritage of our community — both in our family and within the city... Thankfully, we have men like Mayor Salva who can bring us back home, back to where we belong. In

our families, in our communities, in our jobs, and in our lives — all of us need that anchor to bring us back home. For me and my family, Stan Salva is that anchor. I believe he is that anchor for this community, and I couldn't imagine it any other way."

Salva said his post-political career will focus on continuing in his adjunct faculty positions at Avila University and Webster University as a graduate Master of Business Administration Professor of Management and Business ethics. He added that "retirement has never agreed with me."

Salva is a life long resident of the City and has been married for 53 years to his wife, Barbara. They have three sons, all professionals, who have also chosen to make their homes in Sugar Creek. The Salvass also have eight grandchildren.

There will be a reception honoring Mayor Salva in the near future and the public will be welcome. More information on that event will be announced soon.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

YARD WASTE REMINDER– Thursday yard waste procedures:

- Set out yard waste by 7:00 a.m. on Thursday's
- Place items in containers.
- Containers can not be over 65 Lbs.
- Cut, tie, and bundle all brush.
- Do not use wire to tie brush.
- Use Kraft bags - NO PLASTIC BAGS.

Regular household refuse cannot be included in yard waste pickup. If regular solid waste is detected in yard waste collection, it will not be picked up

FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT– A reminder to all residents that water meters can not be turned on by homeowner or a contractors. The department has had some problems with water meters being turned on without authorization. If you need to have the meter turned off for repairs please contact city hall. Public Works will get a work order from City Hall to arrange for turn off of the meter. Thank you for your cooperation.

MAKE YOUR YARD EARTH-FRIENDLY– How we go about lawn care can have a big impact on the environment. With a few simple steps, you can make your lawn earth-friendly — and save time and money, too.

- **Use native plants:** Decrease the mowing area by planting native flowerbeds and shrubs. Native plants require little or no maintenance, and less water, fertilizer and pesticide than grass.

- **Tune up your lawn mower:** Routine lawn maintenance contributes significantly to air pollution in Greater Kansas City.

- **Compost yard waste:** Composting reduces strain on our landfills, water pollution, and provides a nourishing additive for your garden. Consider grasscycling – Recycling grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn instead of bagging and disposing of them has numerous lawn care and environmental benefits.

- **Use lawn chemicals sparingly:** When lawn chemicals are applied improperly, they run off into streams, harming fish and other animals and contaminating our drinking water.

What are common lawn chemicals? Lawn chemicals are the fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and insecticides used in lawn and garden care.

Reducing lawn chemical use. Fortunately, there are some things that you can do to lessen the effect lawn chemicals have on water quality:

- 1) Landscape with native plants, grasses and flower species. A native lawn reduces or eliminates the need for lawn chemicals.

- 2) Test the soil for nutrient deficiencies before using fertilizers.

- 3) Read labels on lawn chemicals carefully and always apply products sparingly. Using extra product does not provide extra benefit.

- 4) Allow proper drying time for liquid chemicals, and never use lawn chemicals before a heavy rainfall is expected.

- 5) Use caution on slopes and lawn edges so fertilizer will not wash into nearby storm sewers or waterways.

- 6) Consider compost or natural lawn chemical alternatives. Composting creates a natural, slow-release fertilizer and soil-enhancing material.

- 7) Contact your county extension service for more information on lawn chemical use.

- **Test your soil:** Have your soil tested before using fertilizers to prevent over application or using chemicals your lawn may not need.

- **Dispose of chemicals properly:** The health and safety of people and animals, as well as the health of our communities and the environment is endangered when household hazardous waste products -- including many lawn chemicals -- are discarded in household garbage, sinks or washed down storm drains.

- **Pick up after your pet:** If not disposed of properly, thousands of pounds of untreated pet waste flows into streams and lakes every time it rains posing a danger to human health and aquatic life.

An Ordinance For Dogs/Cats In The City? Yes Or No?

For some time now the City of Sugar Creek has operated without a Dog/Cat Ordinance requiring vaccination and license/identification tags on animals. Many of the stray or lost animals we are called on are owned by residents of the City, but have no identification tags or implanted chips to identify the animal or owner, so the animals are sent to a shelter.

The City currently contracts with an outside shelter for housing stray dogs and cats. The cost to the city tax payers in the previous fiscal year was over \$10,000.00 for housing stray or lost animals.

The Police Department has approached the City Council for an ordinance requiring all pet dogs and cats be licensed and vaccinated. This would, hopefully, allow the Police Dept. to contact the owner of stray or lost animals and return, rather than sending to a shelter.

The Police Department would like your opinion on this matter. Please e-mail the Police Chief at hsoule@sugar-creek.mo.us or call the Police Dept. at 252-7058.

Your city, your thoughts.





MALLINSON BECOMES MAYOR

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tary school — which sits on ancestral land — will be named.

Mallinson went to Sugar Creek Elementary School, Nowlin Middle School and graduated from Van Horn High School in 1976. He attended the University of Missouri Kansas City pharmacy school and graduated from it in 1983.

As mayor, Mallinson said he would encourage residents to be involved with City Hall.

“We have many intelligent residents that have well thought out ideas. I need to find a way to get these minds active in our city.”

The top five things Mallinson said he would like to tackle in his first year are:

1. Getting the City’s finances under control.
2. Finish purchasing the required property for the 24 Highway and Sterling project so appropriate development can be pursued.
3. Search for an appropriate retail unit capable of producing a positive return on our investment.
4. Improve communications between city departments to improve efficiencies.
5. Develop a long-range plan for city improvements such as sidewalks and future re-paving

Mallinson added:

“I am proud to live in Sugar Creek. We have chosen to live here and our children — fifth generation — have chosen to do the same. We have invested in our family businesses (pharmacy, winery and wedding facility) so generations to come will have a positive impact on our community.”

**SUGAR CREEK SHOCKERS
HOME OPENER**
MAY 4 | KAW FIELD | 7:00 P.M.
*Come out and join in the fun and support your home town team!
Admission is \$7 per person, children 13 and under are free*

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.

CITY PLANNING TO GO “CodeRED” THIS YEAR

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your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called.” One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system’s database; this is an extremely important feature.

“No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included,” Soule said urging all residents and businesses to visit either the City of Sugar Creek Website, www.sugar-creek.mo.us/codered, and follow the instructions on the site. Those without Internet access may call the CodeRED hotline at (816) 220-CODE (2633) to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

“CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification.”

— *Police Chief Herb Soule* —

All businesses are encouraged to register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number.

Sugar Creek Police Chief Herb Soule explained, “CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages.”

Soule stated, “CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes.”

Soule said when he heard of such a system, he asked the Missouri Police Chiefs Association to recommend a company. They told him to contact officials in Eureka, Mo., which was one of the first cities to make use of the CodeRed system. They told him there are now 20 cities in the St. Louis area using CodeRed. He has since learned that The City of Blue Springs uses the system as well.

For more information about the CodeRED system, please contact Herb Soule, Police Chief at (816) 252-5560.

DUMPSTER RENTAL

In order to place a dumpster on your property you **MUST** obtain a permit from the Sugar Creek Police Department

Once the permit is obtained, a dumpster can then be rented from Allied Waste (Republic) for a fee of \$130.00. Allied is located at 1220 E. Brookside in Independence MO 64052. Their phone number is 816-254-1470. You may use a different company if you wish, but the rules still apply for any other refuse hauling company.

When the container is full, come to the Sugar Creek Public Works Department and obtain a permit for the landfill to furnish for your hauling company in order for them to take the dumpster to the landfill.

Sugar Creek Public Works hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Courtney Ridge Landfill hours are 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SUGAR CREEK

May 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

BE SURE TO REMEMBER...

- CLUB WALK: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9-10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym
- ZUMBA CLASS: Every Monday and Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m. at the Mike Onka Memorial Building. Cost is \$5.00 per class.
- TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS: Bus service to residents, 60 years or older

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup 7 p.m. Planning/Zoning Commission Mtg. - City Hall	Casino Trip	Pitch, Hit & Run Competition 7 p.m. Shockers Football Kaw Field
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1 6 p.m. Study Session 7 p.m. Council Meeting	Refuse Route 2 12 p.m. Potluck Lunch Mike Onka Hall 6:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg.	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup	Jamesport Day Trip <i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>	7 p.m. Shockers Football Kaw Field
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1 5:30 p.m. SC Sugar Mamas	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friends of Sugar Creek BBQ - Onka Bldg.	Yardwaste Pickup		
26	27	28	29	30		
	MEMORIAL DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed 10 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony - SC War Memorial	Refuse Route 1 <i>Past due notification date</i>	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3 Yardwaste Pickup		

SLAVIC FESTIVAL 2013

Experience two days of music, food, dance and fun at the Sugar Creek Slavic Festival. The 28th annual event is June 7 and 8, here are just some of the highlights:

- Unique dance contest Want to win great prizes and great Slavic food? Record a video with friends of the “Cabbage Roll,” a dance choreographed for the Festival. The top vote getters will perform their dance Saturday and you can submit your video online. Learn more at the Festival website, www.slavicfest.com.
- Grammy Nominee Alex Meixner had so much fun at last year’s festival he’s coming back, and he’s bringing his unique music and energy with him. Catch Alex both nights, and Friday he’ll be joined by teacher and mentor Don Lipovac, a legend in his own right as a member of the Polka Hall of Fame, Tamburitza Hall of Fame and more.
- Expanded entertainment featuring the Sugar Creek Tamburitzaans, Ethnic Dance Troupe, Kolo Kids, Hrvatski Obi aj, Ed Grisnik Group and more.
- Great food from sarma (cabbage rolls) and kielbasa to povitica and kolaches. Plus tasty beverages to wash it all down.
- Thrilling competition Claim the Sausage Royalty crown in our annual Kielbasa Eating Contest. It’s a fast action fight to the finish that only the strongest can conquer.
- Get your groove on Everyone will have the chance to learn one of the traditional Slavic kolo (circle) dances.
- Kids Zone activity area to entertain the little ones.
- Easy Access Free parking and free shuttles.



Spread the word and tell your friends to join the fun at the Midwest’s premier celebration of Slavic heritage. Follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook to get the latest updates about the event!

It’s how we (cabbage) roll!

Friends of Sugar Creek

ANNUAL SPRING

BENEFIT BARBECUE

Wednesday, May 22nd, 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

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.

See www.sugarcreekchurchofchrist.org for more information.



At the library...

MAY 2013

■ computer classes

Computer Basics— Thursday, May 2 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, May 7 and Thursday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. Learn what the Internet and your Internet browser can do for you! Class concentrates on the basics of online searches.

Email Basics— Tuesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 16 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, May 21 and Thursday, May 23 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.

Genealogy Basics— Tuesday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. Discover Your Family Heritage at the Sugar Creek Branch Library! Bring anything that will be helpful in finding more about your family heritage. We will provide a starter pack to get your journey going.

Twitter Basics— Thursday, May 30 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.

■ crafts

Quilting For The People— Saturdays, May 11 and May 25 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, May 9 and May 23 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, May 3, 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, May 8 and May 22 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, May 8 and May 22 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

Teen Creek Book Club— Tuesday, May 28 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 - MAY 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 – MAY 14:** 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 – MAY 10:** 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.
- **TOUR OF IRELAND – NOV. 4:** This will be a 9 day tour, so come on, hop aboard and travel with us! Call for full brochure and pricing.
- **SENIOR STARS:** Sometimes older is better. Not only can you command respect from the younger generation, but you also garner discounts at retail stores, restaurants and movie theaters. We are accepting nominations for Sugar Creek Senior residents over the age of 80.
- **ZUMBA FITNESS:** Every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Held at the Mike Onka Building and taught by Licensed Zumba instructor Krystal Thompson. Cost is \$5.00 per class.
- **JAMESPORT DAY TRIP – MAY 17:** Come join us for a day to Jamesport to tour the town and visit the local shops. Lunch will be included at the Gingrich Dutch Pantry. Space is limited. Pre register before May 10.
- **NEW DINNER THEATER – JUNE 15:** \$38.00 per person; price includes: transportation, lunch, and the production of *Weekend Comedy*, starring Cindy Williams from *Laverne & Shirley*. We have reserved seats in Row 4 center stage for this production.
- **PITCH, HIT AND RUN COMPETITION:** We will host the pitch, hit and run competition this year for ages 7-14; held the first of May; 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.
- **STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN:** We will have tickets for the June 4 showing of Monty Python's *Spamalot*, the outrageous musical comedy lovingly ripped off from the film classic *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Parental guidance suggested; \$8.00 per person, this includes transportation and show ticket. Dinner will be on your own. Limited tickets available; Register before May 31.

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