

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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Robert Ray

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Municipal Court Clerk

Cassie Williams

Join Us For City's Annual July 4th Parade



Sugar Creek's 74th Annual Fourth of July Parade is set to start at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 4.

The Business and Civic Club is the sponsor of the event. It is the oldest, continuously running parade in Jackson County, if not the entire Kansas City area, said Olinsky.

The parade is set to start at 11 a.m., with line-up starting at 10 a.m. at Sterling and Lexington. The parade will follow its traditional route: from the corner of 24 Highway and Sterling - rain or shine. The parade will proceed north on Sterling from Lexington and end at the Mike Onka Memorial Building.

In addition to the family units, the parade will feature commercial and non-commercial units, marching units, automobile groups and children. About 75 units in all are anticipated.



There is no theme for the parade. Rather, parade organizers want patriotism to inspire those creating floats and marching.

In addition, those in the parade

and planning to distribute candy, are asked to hand out the candy, not throw it.

— See "Fourth Of July Parade" on page 4



Sugar Creek Holds City's First Community Meeting To Discuss Its Present State and Future Goals

Mostly informational in nature, Sugar Creek's first Community meeting was held in May. It was an opportunity for the Mayor and Department Heads to inform the community about the present state of the City as well as the future goals.

"As a city, I can not tell you where we are going until I can tell you where we are," said Dr. Mayor Matt Mallinson, during his portion of the meeting. "We first must evaluate where we are financially and structurally on the major projects before we attempt a solution."

In his comments about the retail project at 24 Highway and Sterling, he said the city has invested almost \$13 million on the project.

"We must determine a proper balance of retail projects that will provide enough rental income as well as sales tax revenue to try to achieve a return on our investment (ROI)."

He said the sales tax of grocery items is at a much lower percentage than non-food items, so it is a balancing act as to how much space should be allowed for groceries as compared to larger sales tax producing items.

The City is pursuing the possibilities of other grants, too, said Mallinson. He flew to Washington DC recently in support of the New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) for this project.

"These tax credits should help bridge the gap between what a project of this caliber should cost and what the city has actually expended on it."

He added that by the time the Tax Increment Financing (TIF), potential other grant(s), and the NMTC, are added The City should be able to pay for this project. He said he is very thankful the board of aldermen has jumped in and helped evaluate all options.

"To make this work we must be very



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aggressive."

Mallinson said, "The New Market Tax Credits are tied to a time line, so this forces the project to either move forward very rapidly, or be abandoned."

Mayor Mallinson said he is not focusing on just one project.

"We must think outside of the box and function in a circular fashion, not linearly," he said. "We are working on many other aspects of our city, especially the finances."

"When the City Administrator and Finance Director come to my office and tell me that we have spent more than we have coming in — deficit spending — for five of the last six years, then we have a problem. When they tell me that we must start making payments on the loans that have been taken out to pay for the 24 Highway and Sterling project next month, we have a bigger problem. When they say the money must come from the general revenue — in an amount equivalent to a new police car each month — then we have a problem that must be addressed immediately.

"It is my responsibility as Mayor to either cut spending or find new revenues for our city. I do not intend to do this on the backs of the existing businesses."

Other financial issues facing the city according to Mallinson include:

- Nine police cars have over 90,000 miles, with several exceeding 100,000 miles.
- The City needs a new fire truck.
- Public works is working with equipment that is being held together with prayers.
- Our hard working employees have not had a decent raise in a long time.
- Sidewalks are in need of repair

— See "City Holds Community Meeting" on page 7



Fifth Annual 'Project Shine' To Take Place On July 13

The Independence School District's fifth annual community volunteer effort, **Project Shine**, is scheduled for **Saturday, July 13th, beginning at 7:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm.**

Project Shine will take place at **Korte Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, Three Trails Elementary, Bridger Middle School, and Nowlin Middle School.**

Each year since the historic annexation of seven schools from the Kansas City School District the Independence community has come together to celebrate community unification by joining in the Project Shine initiative.

More than 1000 volunteers will be present on July 13th to work together, painting, cleaning, and landscaping at five pre-selected

schools in the Independence School District. Project Shine volunteers include business leaders, parishioners of local churches, city officials, community members, and students. Project Shine promotes the community and schools working together to build brighter futures for students and families who live in the Independence School District.

More than half of the volunteers that work at Project Shine each year are veterans of the event, continuing to return each year, many serving as team leaders in one specific area of work for their Project Shine school of choice.

When schools gleam, kids beam!



NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

JULY 4TH CONCERT AND FIREWORKS– July 4th concert at the Mike Onka memorial building begins at 8:00 p.m. Fireworks begin at dusk. Shuttle parking at Evans and Sterling begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring your blanket and lawn chair.

2012 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT– The 2012 Consumer Confidence - Annual Water Quality Report for the City of Sugar Creek will NOT be mailed to each individual customer but is available online at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/pdwb/ccr/MO1010773.pdf>. The report can be requested at City Hall, and Public Works building. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water. If there are any questions regarding this report please feel free to contact City Hall 252-4400 or Public Works 252-4413.

EXTRA BULKY REFUSE PICKUP– The next bulky item pick up will begin on July 8. 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. This collection normally takes 4 to 5 working days for the crews to pick-up the entire city. Items need to be out by 7 a.m. on July 8, and no sooner than 72 hours before the pick-up begins.

LANDFILL PERMITS– All residents must show proof of residency when obtaining a landfill permit. Driver's license and your current city utility bill.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE– September 6 & 7, 2013. Residents

will be able to hold a garage sale at their homes without a permit for these dates only, all other garage sales will need to have a permit issued from City Hall. For more information, contact Sue Mikula at 252-4413 EXT. 302.

REFUSE– A couple of reminders... When placing broken glass in your refuse containers, please mark the container as having "GLASS", be sure to have refuse out by 7 a.m. the day of your collection, and put the containers where it can be easily seen and collected by the crews.

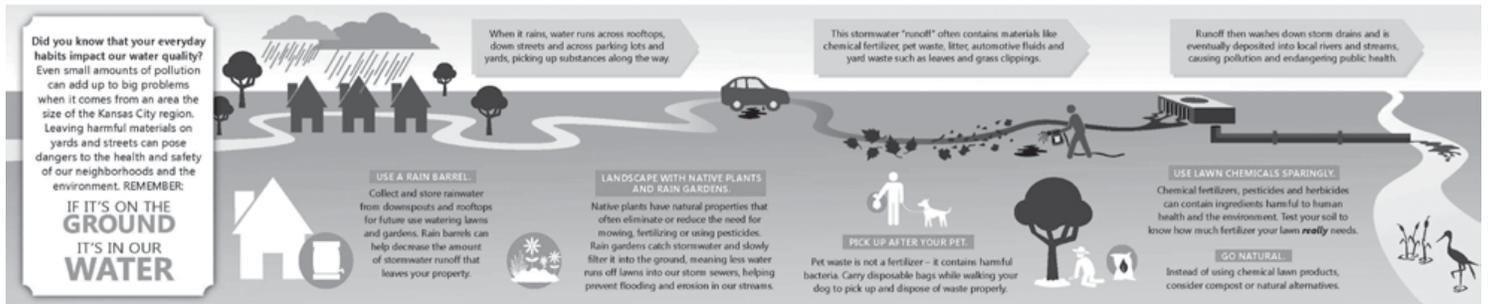
STREET LIGHTS– Report a street light that is not working. Please have the pole number and approximate address of the pole. Call Public Works at 252-4413.

SHARE TREASURED MEMORIES WITH YOUR COMMUNITY– Brick pavers are the perfect way to share the memory of a loved one, or honor those who are still with us today, and will forever be a part of Wells Park. Paver brick orders are placed twice a year and installed once in the Spring and once in the Fall. These embossed bricks will be seen by all who use Wells Park. Many activities are held at the park during the year for participants to see your brick.

Make a lasting tribute to family, friends or colleagues by personalizing a brick in their honor. Your contribution will help "Pave the Way" for ongoing park improvements.

You can get a 4"x8" brick for just \$75.00

For more information please contact Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext. 302, or pick up a brochure at the Public Works or City Hall buildings.



Need a Job? Help Is Now Available In Sugar Creek!



Community Services League's Work Express Program, in partnership with Citizen's Civic Relief Commission (CCRC), will bring their expertise to Sugar Creek beginning, Thursday, July 11.

CSL's Work Express program offers one-on-one career coaching for residents that are unemployed or under-employed. Job seekers will work with a Career Coach to receive individualized attention tailored to their job search. Work Express provides guidance on resume writing, how to interview for a job, on-line job searching, job leads, retaining a job and will provide other assistance as needed. Additionally, at CSL's Noland Road location a variety of classes are offered including job readiness, basic computer, budget as well as other employment seeking topics.

To get involved with Work Express, Kira Davidson, Career Coach, will be at CCRC's Pantry at St. Cyril's Church, 11231 Chicago Avenue on Thursdays from 2 to 3:30. After the initial meeting at the pantry location, regular meetings will be scheduled at CSL's Fairmount location, 800 South Hardy Avenue on Tuesdays from 1 to 3pm, or at CSL at 404 N. Noland Road.

To participate in the program, bring with you: ID, Social Security Card, Household Income and Proof of Residency. If employment assistance is needed before July 11, contact Kira at 816-912-4491 to schedule an appointment.



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

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Those still interested in securing a spot in the parade line up may contact either Justin Davis, 461-4900, or Olinsky, 641-8972.

Orchestra music and fireworks are set for

the evening of July Fourth.

Sue Mikula, Parks and Recreation department supervisor, said Heritage Philharmonic, a 30-piece orchestra, will perform a variety of patriotic music and marches, beginning at 8 p.m.

Following the concert at about 9:30 p.m., Mayor Matt Mallinson will welcome the crowd and a fire works display will conclude

the event.

The night-time events will be at Mike Onka Memorial parking lot, 11520 Putnam. Free shuttle service will be provided from the area of Sterling and Evans beginning at 6 p.m. till after the fireworks. Handicapped parking will be available at the Mike Onka Building.

People are encouraged to bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. Refreshments will be sold.

Sugar Creek Power Outage Information And Updates

This year we have already experienced severe weather which has caused numerous power outages across the city. Many times people call the Police Department to report these outages, which has resulted in a new policy put in place by KCP&L of which citizens need to be aware. KCP&L says that unless it is a public hazard that the dispatchers can not report these issues to the emergency outage line and they must be submitted by the resident. To report your outage you can call 471-KCPL and leave a message after the automated recording or you can go online to www.kcpl.com/reportoutage.

As always, if there is an emergency involving a power line, such as

a transformer on fire, a wire arcing or sparking, or a live line down in the roadway, or any type of threat to a life from the electricity, you can still call the Police Department to report these problems.

Please keep in mind that our dispatchers do not know the schedule or time frame of when power outages will be restored by KCP&L. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Sugar Creek Police Department at 252-5560 or go online to www.kcpl.com to become familiar with the outage report process. Do not wait until the last minute; make sure your family and home are ready when severe weather strikes.

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July 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
	1 Refuse Route 1	2 Refuse Route 2	3 Refuse Route 3	4 FOURTH OF JULY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	5	6
7	8 Refuse Route 1 Bulky Item Pickup 6 p.m. Study Session 7 p.m. Council Meeting	9 6:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Bldg. Refuse Route 2 Community Potluck Mike Onka Hall Cool Treats for Sugar Creek Harrison Park	10 Refuse Route 3	JULY 4TH IN SUGAR CREEK! 11 a.m. Parade 8 p.m. Fireworks	12	13
14	15 Refuse Route 1	16 Refuse Route 2	17 Refuse Route 3	18 Yardwaste Pickup 7 p.m. Planning/Zoning Commission Mtg. - City Hall	19	20
21	22 Refuse Route 1 6 p.m. Study Session 7 p.m. Council Meeting	23 Refuse Route 2	24 Refuse Route 3	25 Yardwaste Pickup <i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>	26	27
28	29 Refuse Route 1	30 Refuse Route 2 6:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg.	31 Refuse Route 3 Starlight Theater	08/01 Yardwaste Pickup		

Past due notification date

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. \$5.00 per class.

CITY OF SUGAR CREEK

MIKE ONKA

MEMORIAL BUILDING

11520 PUTNAM



JULY 4TH

8:00 p.m.

Pre-Fireworks performance with

FIREWORKS



& CONCERT

9:15 p.m.

Mayoral Welcome – National Anthem

Bring your blanket & lawn chair.

9:30 p.m.

Refreshments available for purchase

Fireworks Display

For more information call

816-252-4413 or 816-252-4400

Free Shuttle parking beginning at 6 p.m. and ending after the fireworks.

CITY HOLDS COMMUNITY MEETING

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- Water and sewer lines need maintenance,
- Roads require attention.

He said he and The Board of Alderman are working hard to correct these issues by operating Sugar Creek as a business. Department heads have positive directions in which to proceed and goals to reach.

When asked about The City's financial reserve in the bank, he said, "Our projected reserve is expected to be well less than \$2 million dollars, considerably less than in the past. We do not have near enough to cover our current debts. We are not in the financial place that I or our Board would like us to be, but fortunately I think we still have the opportunity to correct this."

Mallinson concluded with, "I am confident that we have put together the appropriate retail project that will financially work for our situation AND it can now move forward. This is a long-term fix that will have a positive financial effect on our community for generations to come. We have other positive projects such as the Abraham Mallinson Elementary School that will be open for this school year. The signage and actual historic trail along River Blvd from the Wayne City Landing are progressing. Our town has a very large potential for financial growth. The future growth of Sugar Creek promises to be positive."

RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS CHURCH

215 N. Sterling Ave.

Pastor Larry Kuhl | 816-716-8755

Rivers of Living Waters Church welcomes the community to worship with us each Sunday. We are located at 215 N. Sterling. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. Worship service starts at 10:45 a.m. Join us for our annual Pancake breakfast on July 4th, starting at 8:30 a.m. Come and eat pancakes with us and then take in the Sugar Creek 4th of July parade. No fee, but donations are accepted.

SUGAR CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

10800 Kentucky, Sugar Creek, MO 64054

816-461-8721 | Minister: Troy Leland

www.sugarcreekchurchofchrist.org

Please join us each Sunday: 9 a.m.; Bible Classes; 9:50 a.m. Worship; 11am Bible Class; Each Wednesday: 7pm Bible Classes followed by a Devotional.

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 a.m or 5 p.m. Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment. On the second and fourth Sundays, be sure to stay for coffee, donuts and Bible Study after 9:00 a.m. Mass!



At the library...

JULY 2013

■ computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, July 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, July 9 and Thursday, July 11 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, July 16 and Thursday, July 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.

Facebook Basics— Tuesday, July 23 and Thursday, July 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.

iPad Basics— Tuesday, July 30 at 11:00 a.m. Still trying to figure out how to operate your new iPad? Join us for this introductory class on using the Apple iPad.

■ crafts

Quilting For The People— Saturdays, July 13 and July 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

Teen Creek After Hours— Friday, July 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!

Kids Craft— Tuesdays, July 2, July 16 and July 30 at 2:00 p.m. Join us on July 2 to make your very own Gnome Hat; supplies will be provided. July 16, you can make your Picnic Basket Hat with Thumbprint Ants. July 30 make your own Cartouche Necklace. For more information, call Christy at 816-701-3489.

Family Movie— Wednesdays, July 3, July 17 and July 31 at 2:00 p.m. Join us as for a special kid-friendly movie and enjoy a snack. Call Christy for movie details at 816-701-3489.

Zoo To You— Wednesday, July 17 at 2:00 p.m. Visit a small part of the Kansas City Zoo at the Library! Designed to reach all ages, our Zoo Educators will share information about the animal kingdom and the Zoo. Presented with 3 animal ambassadors and touchable animal artifacts, audience members will get an up close opportunity to experience animals in new and memorable ways.

Serengeti Steve— Monday, July 22 at 4:00 p.m. Join us for a special performance by Serengeti Steve and enjoy various reptiles and arachnids from around the globe brought to you in a comical and fun-filled hands-on experience.

Family Story Time and Craft— Wednesday, July 24 at 3:30 p.m. Join us for a special Summer Reading Story Time to learn about Caves. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft. For more information Call Christy at 816-701-3489.

Teen Time Thursday— Every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. It's summer, and time to get busy reading! Come to the library for free activities to fight summer boredom.

■ book clubs

After Lunch Book Club— Thursdays, July 11 and July 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.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group— Wednesdays, July 10 and July 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.

Teen Creek Book Club— Tuesday, July 30 p.m. at 4:00 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!

PLEASE NOTE: THE SUGAR CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4 FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.



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PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - JULY 2013

■ **COOL TREATS FOR SUGAR CREEK – JULY 9:** Looking for a *FREE* fun summer activity for the family and a way to cool off? Join us at Harrison Park on July 9. The events are designed for children ages 2–8. We will have 2 events this summer and visit a different park each month. Enjoy story time, puppet shows, art projects, and live children’s concerts. Don’t forget to bring your lawn chair.

■ **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 – JULY 9:** Come join us for a community event. We will provide brisket, please bring a side dish. Lunch will be at Mike Onka Hall and we will eat at 12:00 p.m.

■ **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.

■ **COMMUNITY STAR:** Do you know someone who has done an outstanding job? We would like to hear from you and do an article in the monthly newsletter about their achievements! This can be about any resident of Sugar Creek or a City of Sugar Creek employee.

■ **SENIOR STARS:** Sometimes older is better. Not only can you com-

mand 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. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no classes July 3 or July 5, 2013.

■ **NEW DINNER THEATER – AUG. 21:** \$38.00 per person; price includes: transportation, lunch, and the production of *The Buddy Holly Story*. We have reserved seats for this production.

■ **WATER GARDEN BUS TOUR – JUNE 23:** Again this year we will visit several water gardens in the Kansas City area. \$20.00 per person, this includes your ticket and transportation. Pre-register by June 9.

■ **ANNUAL RED HAT DAZZLES AND DINING – JULY 18:** Held at Mike Onka Hall. Pre-register by July 11, 2013. Cost for luncheon \$12.00 per person.

■ **STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN:** We will have tickets for July 10, July 24, August 7 and September 11. Cost is \$8.00 per person; price includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited tickets available.

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