

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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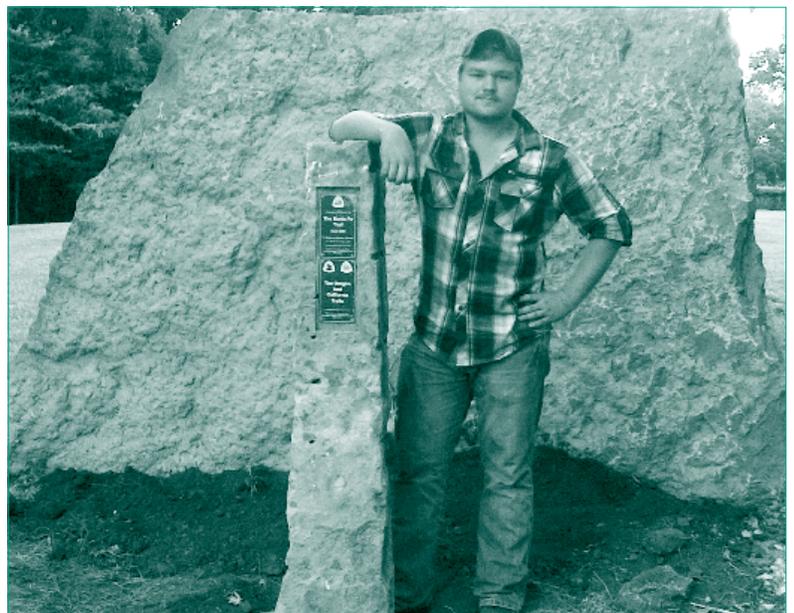
Scout's Project Marks Wayne City Landing

Danny Mallinson completed his Eagle Scout project by placing this lime stone post marker in front of 3118 N. River Blvd.

This is the first lime stone post in proximity to the Wayne City Landing.

"Most wagons that went west up until 1851 came right across this ground," said Danny Mallinson. "From early 1800's until 1851 (when a flood took out the sand bar that was the landing place for the steam ships) westward travelers would arrive by steamship at Wayne City Landing, right down the street from here. On their way to Independence, many would have stopped and watered at the natural springs located on this property. These are the first springs on the trail. Because this is a confirmed route the wagon trains traveled, this property was awarded a lime stone marker to commemorate the Sante Fe, Oregon and California trails."

OCTA (Oregon and California



Trails Association) has received grants to place signage from Wayne City Landing along River Blvd. to the Independence Square to mark these trails. A walking trail (side-

walk) is expected to follow along the same route.

This is truly a historical site and Sugar Creek should be proud that these trails started here.

Sugar Creek Site Part Of Larger Trail Plan

Picture a giant snowball at the top of a hill, all it needs is a nudge for exciting things to happen.

That is where this region is with regard to a hiking-biking-automobile trails project that is anchored here in Sugar Creek.

A trails project with historic, economic and transportation significance that can serve as a model for developers across the country as to how to preserve the 2,000 miles of trails that are known as the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails, according to Travis Boley, Director of The Trails project.

What is being worked on with city, state, federal and sometimes private dollars, said Boley, is fill-in projects along the 40 miles of trail between the key anchor areas that are already established.

Like the Wayne City Landing.

It is all part of a project that has been in the works in the Kansas City area for about 10 years.

It includes the Three Trails Community Improvement District (CID).

It is a project that has included the repositioning of The Red Bridge, as in Red Bridge Road in south Kansas City, and the historic project surrounding it, to the work being done near the old Bannister Mall area including hiking/biking trail work on the bridge over I-435, and a pedestrian bridge over 71 Highway.

The trails project includes the Hart Grove camping site – the last place pioneers camped when leaving for parts West – behind the current Home Depot store near — See "Trail Project Includes City Site" on page 2



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

As the Mayor, it is my responsibility to keep our residents informed of our financial situations.

As of the writing of this article, our city council is ready to vote on our budget for the 2014 fiscal year. I regret that our budget is some \$453,000 unfunded, which means we will have to take that amount out of the bank to cover our expenses.

Our reserve is approximately 1.8 million presently. Sugar Creek's fund reserve in 1998 was 4.25 million dollars. Our city has taken money out of the bank almost every year since to cover annual reoccurring costs. Our auditors have issued a concern to our board about the the future of our city if this pattern is not changed.

It is our responsibility to balance our budget. We must either cut spending or increase income.

Our employees have gone without pay increases while having to endure increases in insurance premiums and other expenses.

Lowering expenses any more is not really an option whereas our department heads have already done what they can.

Your city Aldermen and I are working very hard to do what needs to be done to



correct these issues. We have engaged a professional adviser to evaluate existing revenue sources and assist with developing new revenue opportunities. Sugar Creek has many possibilities that we are

very close to making happen, and pursuing others. Please come to our Community Meeting on October 21st., 6:30pm at the Onka Hall to learn more.

— Thank You, Mayor Matt Mallinson

TRAIL PROJECT INCLUDES CITY SITE

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the Bannister complex.

And, it will include historic signage throughout Kansas City, Raytown and Independence to the Wayne City Landing area in Sugar Creek. This signage will be paid for through a grant from the National Park Service and note that travelers – in cars, on bikes or hiking – are along the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails or other historic points of interest. These signs are to be placed in Sugar Creek by October, in Independence this winter and Raytown and Kansas City through next Spring.

Boley speaks quickly with excitement that the trails project will connect with the existing Katy Trail in Missouri, ending near St. Charles, and with the Lewis & Clark Expressway with it's planned recreational trail. Plans also call for a trail to be built along River Boulevard in Sugar Creek. Part of the trail goes through to Gardner, Kan.

Boley hopes that a three-day symposium scheduled for March 13-15 in Independence will be that needed snowball push. The meeting will bring together leaders on the city, state and national levels to talk about ways to connect the existing trails through neighborhoods and on public right of ways to complete those 40 miles of trails through the Kansas City area.

Historical Center Set To Re-Open This Month

The Friends of Sugar Creek (Historical-Center) will re-open the first Saturday in October, after being closed this Summer for repairs and inventory. We are happy to continue serving our community!

We will be trying a new venue this Fall, with a sewing-quilting day, on Tuesdays.

We are asking participants to bring their sewing machines on that day, to work on blocks for a quilt. When the quilt is completed, it can either be sold or auctioned off for the Historical-Center.

We encourage the community to get more involved with our facility and stay in touch with neighbors. We hope to see many new people there, sewing or just visiting with each other. Coffee, tea, juice and snacks will be provided.

Last Fall our 'old-wedding-photos' exhibit was well-received and this Fall we are planning to create a display of old 'Christmas-holiday' photos. If you have any photos that you would care to contribute to this display, please submit your copies by November 16.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

Sugar Creek Public Works currently has the responsibility for solid waste collection of residential solid waste in the city.

The method we use to accomplish this task is to have the workers pick up the refuse on the edge of the road at Sugar Creek residences, and throw the trash into the back of the refuse truck. This procedure is quickly becoming outdated by a better way of doing the job.

We are currently considering contracting with Republic Services to do our solid waste collection. A large portion of injuries are attributed to the current refuse collection program. Republic has reduced injuries by over 90% by purchasing trucks with a mechanical arm to pick up refuse containers instead of having their workers physically picking up the trash and throwing it into the truck.

We can continue to do the solid waste program as we have always done it, but I believe the best and safest way to handle the situation is to have Republic and their automated trucks pick up our solid waste.

We could purchase the same equipment and do the job ourselves but we run the risk of being in the same situation we are in at present with our recycle truck. With the truck out of service we are unable to pick up recycling.

If we contracted with Republic, they would be responsible for finding a replacement truck if their normal truck was out of service and there would be no delays in service.

—Ed Layton,

City of Sugar Creek Public Works Director

EXTRA BULKY REFUSE PICKUP– The final bulky item pick-up for 2013 will begin on Monday October 7. Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m., but not more than 72 hours prior to that time. 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.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICKUP DISCONTINUED– Until further notice, curbside recycling pickup will be discontinued due to truck maintenance. Residents can use the drop off boxes located at Kentucky Ave and Rick Sutcliffe Dr.

DROP-OFF RECYCLING– Cardboard, paperboard, white paper, and office paper can be CO-MINGLED in the recycling bins that are available for residents to use. Glass can NOT be combined with paper/plastic/tin, there is a separate container for glass. These bins are located in the old pool parking lot on Kentucky and Sterling Terr.

YARDWASTE– Yard waste is considered as an organic matter. Which includes, grass clippings, tree limbs, and leaves. Please consult the calendar and web site for additional information of yardwaste. In November the dates for pick up are

Thursday yard waste procedures:

- Place items in containers not weighing more than 65 lbs. or
- Use Kraft brown paper bags – NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- Cut, tie, and bundle all brush, in 4 ft. lengths.
- Do not use wire to tie brush.
- Do not mix household refuse with yard waste.
- Bundles, Containers & contents, or paper bag contents must not weigh over 65 lbs.

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

DATES FOR YARDWASTE COLLECTION: Nov. 7 & 8; Nov. 21 & 22; Dec. 5 & 6; Dec. 12 & 13; Dec. 19 & 20

—Sue Mikula,

Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

City Hall

Please join us for our community meeting on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mike Onka Memorial Building. Department Heads will be discussing important issues that are happening within their departments.

The newsletter “Sweet Talk” will be going through some improvements. Please note that if you have an obituary that you wish to have published in the newsletter, contact the City Clerk at (816) 252-4400 ext. 128 or jdickerson@sugar-creek.mo.us

If your organization has a fundraiser or community event coming up we will be happy to publish it. This will be on a first come first served basis depending on how much room we have in the monthly newsletter. Please contact the City Clerk, Jana Olivarez-Dickerson at jdickerson@sugar-creek.mo.us

Please visit our website at www.sugar-creek.mo.us to review minutes from Council Meetings. As soon as the minutes have been formally approved by the City Council the minutes will be published on the website.

—Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk

Parks & Recreation

Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation has been very busy we are currently planning the annual Family Fun fest to be held on October 26th, 2013, at Harrison Park. This year the Sugar Creek Optimist club will be attending to repair bicycles and even give some away. We will have safe Trick or Treating, Pony Rides, Hay Rides, Haunted House, Costume Contest and a whole lot of fun for everyone. We also have Club Walk Monday-Fridays 9:00am -10:00am Sugar Creek Gym come join the club and make some new friends or just visit with old ones.

Fall Country Craft and Vendors Fair will be held on Saturday November 9, 2013 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, at the Mike Onka Hall. There will be aisles of handmade arts and crafts, and we will have various vendors available for some early Christmas shopping.

Bus service for Senior Citizens, any senior over the age of 60 or persons on disability, we have a means of transportation in Sugar Creek the 20 passenger bus is equipped with 2 wheel chair spots and lift. We will be operating on Thursdays to transport to and from Local Banks, Post Office, Wal-mart and a stop for lunch, Aldi Grocery Store, Price Chopper Grocery Store, Matt’s Medicine Store, CVS Pharmacy, and for scheduled Doctor’s appointments. Please call ahead to reserve the time and date.

—Connie Halastik,

Parks & Recreation Supervisor

**All residents, please remember:
Transportation for Seniors – Bus service to residents, 60 years or older.**

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October 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
	09/30 Refuse Route 1	1 Refuse Route 2	2 Refuse Route 3	3 Yardwaste Pickup	4 4	5 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Party In Pink Zumba Harrison Park
6 Refuse Route 1 Bulky Item Pickup	7 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	8 Refuse Route 2 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court - Police/Fire Bldg. 12:00 p.m. Potluck/Health Fair at Onka Hall	9 Refuse Route 3	10 Yardwaste Pickup 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting - City Hall	11 11	12 6:30 p.m. St. Cyril's Oktoberfest - Onka Hall
13 Refuse Route 1	14 Refuse Route 1	15 Refuse Route 2	16 Refuse Route 3	17 Yardwaste Pickup	18 18	19 19
20 Refuse Route 1	21 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Community Meeting Mike Onka Building	22 Refuse Route 2 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wine, Diva Martinis Christine's Salon	23 Refuse Route 3 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sugar Creek United Methodist Church Ham and Bean Dinner	24 Yardwaste Pickup	25 25	26 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fall Fun Fest - Harrison Park
27 27	28 28	29 29	30 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. St. Cyril's Chili Supper Onka Hall	31 31	<p>REMEMBER...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLUB WALK: Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gymnasium • ZUMBA CLASS: Every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the gymnasium - \$5.00 per class 	
Past due notification date						

Delinquent date for utilities

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of King Remembered

Juanita Mae King, 85, of Sugar Creek, passed away on July 25, 2013 at her residence.

Juanita was born November 8, 1927, in Topeka KS, the daughter of Jown W. Guffey and Marguerite Nadine (Howard) Curtis.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, going to garage sales and thrift shops, watching "Wheel of Fortune" and "Young and the Restless" and spending time floating on the lake in past summers.

She is survived by one daughter, Cynthia Burgin, Sugar Creek; six grandchildren, Heather Haskins, Clinton; Marshall Hendley, Kansas City; Chrissy Wyble, Independence; Warren Nations, Sugar Creek; Jeffrey Nations, Sugar Creek; and Stephen Bloomfield, Sugar Creek; five great-grandsons and five great-granddaughters; one brother, Willard Glen Guffey, Topeka, KS; one sister, Margie Ladish, Longview, TX; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.J. King; daughter, Susan Juanita Graves; grandson, Justin Daniel Burch; and her parents.

WINE, DIVAS AND MARTINIS

Tuesday, October 22 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join Christine's Salon on Sterling for:

- Wine Tasting by Mallinson Vineyards & Hall
- Complimentary and Specialty Priced Services
- Fantastic Prizes and Drawings

Then Step Across The Street To Kross' Lounge for:

- Signature Diva Martinis
- Complimentary Awesome Appetizers
- More Fantastic Prizes/Drawings

*\$5 Recommended Donation • All Proceeds Go To The
Sugar Creek Business and Civic Club Scholarship*

*More upcoming community
events listed on page 6!*



At the library... OCTOBER 2013

■ computer classes

Computer Basics—Tuesday, October 1 and Thursday, October 3 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, October 8 and Thursday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m. Learn what the Internet and your Internet browser can do for you! This class concentrates on the basics of online searches.

E-Mail Basics—Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17 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, October 22 and Thursday, October 24 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, October 29 and Thursday, October 31 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, October 12 and October 26 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, October 18 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. Come and hang out – play on the computers, watch a movie, or just meet up with friends. Food and noise allowed!

Family Movie—Saturday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. Join us as for a special kid-friendly movie and enjoy a snack.

Family Story Time & Craft—Wednesdays, October 9 and October 23 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

■ book clubs

After Lunch Book Club—Thursdays, October 10 and October 24 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, October 9 and October 23 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, October 29 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.

SUGAR CREEK LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Thursday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m

Friday and Saturday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Library is closed



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS!

OCTOBER 5

**Zumbathon at
Harrison Park**

OCTOBER 8

**Potluck/Health Fair
at Mike Onka Hall**

OCTOBER 12

**St. Cyril's Oktoberfest
at Mike Onka Hall**

OCTOBER 23

**Ham & Bean Dinner at SC
United Methodist Church**

OCTOBER 26

**Fall Fun Fest at
Harrison Park**

OCTOBER 30

**St. Cyril's Chili Supper
at Onka Hall**